

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Maryland PTA: [www.mdpta.org](http://www.mdpta.org)  
National PTA: [www.pta.org](http://www.pta.org)

The PTA Council Advocacy and Legislation Committee has been closely monitoring legislative sessions in Annapolis and DC. A legislative update is included in this bulletin. Some board members will take part in the National PTA Legislative Conference in DC this month.

**Our Reflections Ceremony will take place on Sunday, March 24 at 2pm at Cockeysville Middle.** Attending is a great chance to see beautiful art created by talented BCPS students.

Several days later, we'll host our **General Meeting on March 28 at Loch Raven High. Doors open for registration at 7pm; the meeting and program begin at 7:30pm.**

It's time for your nominating committee to be formed to look for future leaders. Select the Nominating Committee following instructions in Article VI Section 3 of the Local bylaws. Elections are held at the annual meeting as listed in Bylaws Article VI Section 2b and Article XI Section 3.

If you have questions on the process of nominations or elections, please reach out for help.

Your personal property taxes are due in April. Take care to use the proper format as referenced in this bulletin.

***Every child. One voice.***

*Jayne Lee*  
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**410-446-1549**

### **PTA COUNCIL GENERAL MEETING**

**THURSDAY, MARCH 28, 2019**

Loch Raven High School

Doors open at 7pm, meeting and program 7:30 to 9pm

#### **Legislative Update ~ Networking and Q&A Session**

**Student Support Network President Dr. Laurie Taylor-Mitchell** will present on how you can help homeless and food-insecure students by creating a food or "necessities" pantry in your school in partnership with your administration and school social worker.

Presidents who have predetermined delegates should forward names to President Jayne Lee at [president@bcptacouncil.org](mailto:president@bcptacouncil.org), otherwise we will give delegate cards to the first 4 people from your PTA who sign in and present their valid 2018-19 membership cards.

**You can submit PTA Council Award nominations & scholarship applications at this meeting!**

### **BCPS PARENT UNIVERSITY EVENTS**

<http://bcps.org/parentu/schedule/fullSchedule.pdf>

<b>PTA COUNCIL 2018-19 CALENDAR</b>	<b>LEADER'S CALENDAR</b>
<p><b>March 7, 2019: Board of Directors Meeting, 7pm, Greenwood Mansion Boardroom</b></p> <p><b>March 24, 2019: Reflections Ceremony, 2pm, Cockeysville MS</b></p> <p><b>March 28, 2019: General Meeting &amp; Program, 7:30pm (doors open at 7pm for registration), Loch Raven HS</b></p> <p><b>April 4, 2019: Board of Directors' Meeting, 7pm, Greenwood Mansion Boardroom</b></p> <p><b>May 2, 2019: Board of Directors' Meeting, 7pm, Greenwood Mansion Boardroom</b></p> <p><b>May 23, 2019: General Meeting &amp; Council Awards, 7:30pm (doors open at 7pm for registration), location TBA</b></p> <p><b>June 6, 2019: Board of Directors' Meeting, 7pm, Greenwood Mansion Boardroom</b></p> <p><b>June 10, 2019: Council Leadership Training, 7pm, location TBA</b></p>	<p><b>MARCH</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Attend 3/28 PTA Council General Meeting</li> <li>• Continue to pay Maryland PTA and National PTA membership dues</li> </ul> <p><b>APRIL</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Council Scholarship applications due 4/4 (can be dropped off at Board Meeting)</li> <li>• Publish local PTA nominating committee's slate of officers; check your bylaws for specifics</li> <li>• Personal Property Tax Returns due by 4/15; all PTAs must file to maintain their incorporation status</li> <li>• Elect officers for next school year; see bylaws for correct election month</li> <li>• Council Award nominations due 5/2</li> </ul>

### **PTA COUNCIL "OFFICE"**

**Mailing address:** c/o President Jayne Lee, 2311 Sugarcone Rd., Baltimore, MD 21209

**President:** Jayne Lee, [president@bcptacouncil.org](mailto:president@bcptacouncil.org)

**Area VPs:** contact information on website

**Secretary:** Leslie Weber, [secretary@bcptacouncil.org](mailto:secretary@bcptacouncil.org)

**Treasurer:** John Ryan, [treasurer@bcptacouncil.org](mailto:treasurer@bcptacouncil.org)

**Committee Chairs:** contact information on website

**Website:** [www.bcptacouncil.org](http://www.bcptacouncil.org)

**Facebook & Twitter:** <https://www.facebook.com/BCPTAC> ~ Follow @BCPTA

### **FREE VISION SCREENINGS & GLASSES**

April 19th and April 20th, 10am to 7pm (by appointment only 410.602.1567)  
Aqua Vision Care 1006 Reisterstown Rd., Pikesville, MD 21208

**ATTENTION TREASURERS**

The format for the Personal Property Tax Form has been revised by the Maryland Department of Assessments and Taxation. The form is divided into two parts: the **Annual Report (2 pages)** must be filed by all PTAs (income based on 2018 calendar year); and the **Personal Property Tax return (3 pages)** must be filed only by those PTAs, if any, that actually own personal property.\*

All PTAs should check the "Domestic Non-Stock Corporation" block at the top of the page and then complete Sections I, II, III, and IV. The address for mailing the form is located at the top of Page 1 of the form. Also, please forward a copy to Maryland PTA at 5 Central Avenue, Glen Burnie, MD 21061.

The forms are only available online and can be found here: [www.dat.state.md.us/](http://www.dat.state.md.us/). Click on Forms & Applications and then scroll down to Annual Reports and Personal Property Tax Returns and select the 2019 Form Annual Report. The personal property tax return can also be accessed at this location.

Questions? Contact John Ryan, Treasurer (410-665-4450 or e-mail [treasurer@bcptacouncil.org](mailto:treasurer@bcptacouncil.org))

\*In accordance with MD PTA bylaws, all PTA units must be incorporated, meaning a Personal Property Tax Form must be filed annually. Failure to file can result in fines and loss of corporate status. If your PTA's charter has been forfeited, please contact MD PTA at 410-760-6221 or [office@mdpta.org](mailto:office@mdpta.org) for a revival packet.

**BALTIMORE COUNTY PTA COUNCIL SCHOLARSHIPS**

We offer scholarships to 2019 BCPS high school seniors. The following factors will be considered:

- ⇒ Membership in a PTA in Good Standing
- ⇒ Financial Need
- ⇒ Academic Record
- ⇒ Student Resume
- ⇒ Essay

Please ensure that the application (**available on our website: Awards -> Scholarships**) is filled out in its entirety and submitted with all required information, including signatures, by the postmarked deadline of **April 4, 2019**. **The Scholarship Committee will make the selection of scholarship recipients in April.**

**The Georgina Clevenger Scholarship** honoring our long-time PTA Council Secretary will be awarded to a senior intending to pursue a career in medicine.

**MARYLAND PTA SCHOLARSHIPS**

MD PTA offers \$1,000 scholarships to high school seniors planning to pursue a career in education in Maryland schools. There are no restrictions on the college or university. Applicants must fill out the application in its entirety and forward all required information, including signatures, by Monday, April 15, 2019 to: Maryland PTA Scholarship Committee, 5 Central Ave., Glen Burnie, MD 21061 or electronically to [info@mdpta.org](mailto:info@mdpta.org) by 4:30pm on Monday, April 15, 2019

**DOWNLOAD APPLICATION HERE:** <http://mdpta.org/scholarships/>

**PTA COUNCIL AWARDS**

We will honor hardworking volunteers, educators, and programs at our annual Awards Celebration on Thursday, May, 23, 2019, location TBA. Nomination forms are available to download at [www.bcptacouncil.org](http://www.bcptacouncil.org). PTAs having paid Council dues are eligible to submit nominations for:

- ◇ *Unit of Excellence Award* to honor PTAs who prove they are operating their PTA properly.
- ◇ *Special Recognition Awards* to recognize PTA members, parents, school staff members and volunteers for doing a great job.
- ◇ *“Top Program” Awards* to give each PTA the opportunity to showcase their best programs.
- ◇ *Outstanding Educator of the Year* to recognize a school staff member. There will be one Primary and one Secondary Educator of the Year Award presented for the entire county. Every educator who is nominated will be formally recognized during the ceremony.

**Deadline to submit nominations is May 2;** can be dropped off at the March 28 General Meeting at Loch Raven HS or PTA Council Board Meetings on April 4 or May 2 at the Greenwood Mansion Boardroom, or mailed to:

**Committee Chair Christina Pumphrey (9240 Woodcreek Ct., Baltimore, MD 21234).**  
Questions? Christina Pumphrey [awards@bcptacouncil.org](mailto:awards@bcptacouncil.org)

**National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Baltimore****#IWillListen Event for Baltimore County High School Students**

**Saturday, March 23, 2019 8:30am to 1:30pm**

**Christian Temple Church, 5820 Edmondson Ave., Catonsville, MD 21228**

Register by March 11 (can register late, but space won't be guaranteed) by emailing

Suzie Brashler at [sbrashler@namibaltimore.org](mailto:sbrashler@namibaltimore.org) or calling her at 410.435.2600.

Free to attend. Participants receive breakfast, lunch, and resource guide, and will engage in discussions and activities related to mental health and wellness.

**SUPERINTENDENT SEARCH SURVEY: Available til March 22**

<http://www.bcps.org/board/SupSearch/>

**BCPS ANNUAL TEACHER JOB FAIR!**

Recruiting ALL teachers, including Career & Technology, ESOL, Math, Science, Spanish, Special Ed.

**Saturday, April 6, 8:30am to 12:30pm**

**New Town High School**

**4931 New Town Blvd., Owings Mills, MD 21117**

<http://www.bcps.org/jobs/>

**SUPERINTENDENT'S MARCH 2019 MESSAGE**

Dear BCPS parents and educators,

The month of March brings, hopefully, warmer weather and longer days, along with our cherished annual [BCPS Haiku Contest](#). Students have until March 29 at 4:45 p.m. to enter the contest, which has unleashed an absolute explosion of creativity across grade levels and schools. Nearly 2,000 students from 91 schools submitted a haiku [last year](#). This year's winners will be announced by press release on International Haiku Poetry Day, which is April 17. A book of favorite haiku including the winners will be published, featuring student art.

Also this month, [our schools are celebrating Youth Art Month](#) with exhibitions appearing all across the county, everywhere from schools and offices, to businesses and community organizations. Our commitment to the visual arts reinforces our focus on literacy across the subject areas and healthy school climates.

As always, one simple way to stay updated on the wonderful things happening in Team BCPS is to subscribe to our [Team BCPS weekly e-newsletter](#). Don't miss a thing!

Sincerely, Verletta White *Interim Superintendent*

**BCPS IS HIRING SUPPORT STAFF!****Recruitment Event: March 25, 2019**

Baltimore County Workforce Development Center  
11101 McCormick Rd., Suite 102, Hunt Valley, MD 21031

BCPS is accepting applications for: Bus Drivers and Attendants, Cafeteria Workers,  
Grounds Workers, Building Service Workers

**Visit the BCPS Job Board to apply:**

- ⇒ Visit <https://applitrack.com/bcps/onlineapp/>
- ⇒ Click on categories under vacancies
- ⇒ Click on job to which you would like to apply
- ⇒ Read job description then click "apply" in upper right-hand corner
- ⇒ Follow instructions to create online application
- ⇒ Be sure to "submit" application

**BENEFITS: full-time positions available; advancement opportunities; competitive benefits; tuition reimbursement**

**Baltimore County PTA Council Legislative Update**

We have been working with Maryland PTA's Advocacy Committee on many bills this legislative session. Below are just a few examples:

*HB = House Bill   SB = Senate Bill*

HB 53/ SB 131- County Boards of Education- Clarifying that the authorization for a county board of education to extend the length of the school year, for any reason, for up to 5 school days beyond June 15 without approval from the State Board of Education or any other entity is not subject to additional conditions. **Support**

HB 87- State Board of Education - Membership - Teachers and Parent- Altering the membership of the State Board of Education to add two regular members who are certified teachers and a parent of a student enrolled in a public school in the State. **Support**

HB 110- Student Health and Fitness Act- Requiring a public school student in elementary school to be provided a daily program of physical activity totaling 150 minutes each week to include physical education and developmentally appropriate, moderate-to-vigorous activity, including recess. **Support**

HB 367/ SB 536- Public Safety - Education - Firearm Funding- Prohibiting a county board of education or public school from spending any money from any source to directly or indirectly provide a teacher with a firearm. **Support**

HB 690/ SB 734- Ready to Read Act- Beginning in the 2020-2021 school year, this bill requires county boards of education to ensure that a student is screened to identify if the student is at risk for reading difficulties. The bill also requires that county boards of education provide supplemental reading instruction, progress monitoring, notice and reports to a parent or guardian as well as requiring county boards to provide resources on their websites. **Support**

HB 911/ SB 930- Unaccompanied Minors in Need of Shelter - Consent to Shelter and Supportive Services- Providing that a certain unaccompanied minor in need of shelter has the same capacity as an adult to consent to shelter and supportive services. **Support**

SB 218- Summer SNAP for Children Act- Provides a SNAP supplement for children in very low-income families of \$30 per child in each of the summer months (June, July, and August) and \$10 per child in December. **Support**