

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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

This has been a uniquely difficult year for everyone. PTAs have struggled like everyone else. It's hard to believe it's March already, a year since we all were hit with this pandemic. Kids are heading back to school and so it's time for us to start ramping up after what for many was a lost year.

If you haven't already put your nominating committee in place, it's time to do so. They need to be looking for the next officers to keep your PTA moving forward. If you need help with nominations or the election process, contact us. The Council is always here to help you.

If your PTA has not filed their 990 or MD Charitable Tax Form or you need help getting your personal property taxes filed in April,

remember that we can help you with that as well.

PTA Council is here to be a resource to you when meeting IRS, MD Secretary of State and Maryland Comptroller rules, as well as PTA Standards for Continuing Affiliation (SOCA). Simply contact us and we'll send someone to help you.

This is an election year for our council. All positions are open. Please consider stepping up and helping us serve locals in Baltimore County. Not sure where you can help? Know of someone else that you think could help? Have questions about positions? Contact our nominating committee at [nomin@bcptacouncil.org](mailto:nomin@bcptacouncil.org)

Check our website and this bulletin for information on the scholarships

we offer and to submit names for Council Awards including Educator of the Year and Member Recognition. Every PTA should be submitting people for recognition. A little thank you goes a long way toward making people feel appreciated.

Lastly, we're looking for YOUR input as to future programs, forums and events. This is your council and we take direction from membership. Let us know what you need, want or suggest by writing to [baltimorecountypta@gmail.com](mailto:baltimorecountypta@gmail.com).

**WEAR A MASK! SOCIALLY DISTANCE!** Have a great Spring!

*EveryChild. OneVoice.*

*Jayne Lee*  
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## UPCOMING GENERAL MEETINGS!

**Our January meeting was cancelled due to a conflicting BCPS event and was not rescheduled. We do have two General Meetings and Events coming up soon!**

**March 25: Virtual General Meeting & Program: PTA in a Virtual World, 7pm**

This program will feature training and Q&A on holding virtual meetings and elections. Please RSVP ASAP to President Jayne Lee at [baltimorecountypta@gmail.com](mailto:baltimorecountypta@gmail.com) if you'd like to attend. A Zoom meeting invitation will be sent before the meeting.

**April 29: Virtual General Meeting and Elections, 7pm;** as noted in the President's message above, all officer positions are open!

<b>PTA COUNCIL 2020-21 CALENDAR</b>	<b>LEADER'S CALENDAR</b>
<p><b>March 4:</b> Virtual Board of Directors' Meeting, 7pm</p> <p><b>March 21:</b> Virtual Reflections Ceremony, 2pm</p> <p><b>March 25:</b> Virtual General Meeting &amp; Program, 7pm</p> <p><b>April 8:</b> Virtual Board of Directors' Meeting, 7pm</p> <p><b>April 29:</b> Virtual General Meeting and Elections, 7pm</p> <p><b>May 6:</b> Virtual Board of Directors' Meeting, 7pm</p> <p><b>June 3:</b> Virtual Board of Directors' Meeting, 7pm</p> <p><b>June 14:</b> Virtual Council Leadership Training and Council Awards, 7pm</p>	<p><b>MARCH</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continue to pay MDPTA and National PTA membership dues</li> </ul> <p><b>APRIL</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continue to pay MDPTA and National PTA membership dues</li> <li>• Personal Property Tax Returns due by 4/15; all PTAs must file to maintain their incorporation status (<a href="http://bcptacouncil.org/personal-property-taxes/">http://bcptacouncil.org/personal-property-taxes/</a>)</li> <li>• Council Award and Scholarship nominations due 4/30</li> <li>• Publish your nominating committee's slate of officers; check your bylaws for specifics</li> <li>• Elect officers for next school year; see by-laws for correct election month</li> </ul>
<p><b>PTA COUNCIL "OFFICE"</b></p> <p><b>Mailing address:</b> c/o President Jayne Lee, 2311 Sugarcone Rd., Baltimore, MD 21209</p> <p><b>President:</b> Jayne Lee, <a href="mailto:president@bcptacouncil.org">president@bcptacouncil.org</a></p> <p><b>Area VPs:</b> contact information on website</p> <p><b>Secretary:</b> Leslie Weber, <a href="mailto:secretary@bcptacouncil.org">secretary@bcptacouncil.org</a></p> <p><b>Treasurer:</b> John Ryan, <a href="mailto:treasurer@bcptacouncil.org">treasurer@bcptacouncil.org</a></p> <p><b>Committee Chairs:</b> contact information on website</p> <p><b>Website:</b> <a href="http://www.bcptacouncil.org">www.bcptacouncil.org</a></p> <p><b>Facebook &amp; Twitter:</b> <a href="https://www.facebook.com/BCPTAC">https://www.facebook.com/BCPTAC</a> ~ Follow @BCPTA</p>	
<p><b>BCPS PARENT UNIVERSITY EVENTS</b></p> <p><a href="#">Parent University's Schedule of Events!</a></p>	<p><b>BCPS PARENT UNIVERSITY'S FACETIME Newsletter</b></p> <p><a href="#">FACEtime Newsletter: Home Edition</a></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>VIRTUAL REFLECTIONS CEREMONY, MARCH 21 @ 2PM</b></p> <p>The 2020-21 Art in Education, Reflections Program has drawn to a close in Baltimore County. 10 PTAs/PTSAs participated with an outstanding display of entries for the theme "I Matter Because." Units from the following schools submitted entries:</p> <p>Dulaney HS ~ Franklin MS ~ Hampton ES ~ Hereford HS ~ Lutherville Lab ES ~ Prettyboy ES ~ Ridgely MS ~ Rodgers Forge ES ~ Timonium ES ~ Villa Cresta ES</p> <p>We will be holding a virtual art gallery on March 21st at 2pm. We will be contacting families, school administrators, and PTAs/PTSAs with details shortly.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">THANK YOU! Hope Metzler, Reflections Chair (<a href="mailto:reflections@bcptacouncil.org">reflections@bcptacouncil.org</a>)</p>	

**TREASURERS: PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX FORM DUE 4/15**

The MD Department of Assessments and Taxation's Personal Property Tax Form is divided into two parts: the **Annual Report (2 pages)** must be filed by all PTAs (income based on 2020 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 2021 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@mpta.org](mailto:office@mpta.org) for a revival packet.

**BALTIMORE COUNTY PTA COUNCIL SCHOLARSHIPS**

**PTA Council offers scholarships (\$500 on average!)  
to 2021 BCPS high school seniors based on the following factors:**

Membership in a PTA in Good Standing ~ Financial Need ~ Academic Record ~ Resume ~ Essay

Please ensure that the application (available here: <http://bcptacouncil.org/scholarships/>) is filled out in its entirety and submitted with all required information, including signatures, by the postmarked deadline of **April 30**.

**The Scholarship Committee will select recipients in May.**

**We offer two special scholarships:**

**The Georgina Clevenger Memorial Scholarship**  
will be awarded to a senior intending to pursue a career in nursing.

**The Marilyn Ryan Memorial Scholarship**  
for a graduating BCPS senior with exceptional volunteering or public service

**CALLING ALL MAKERS!**

As BCPS returns some students to the classroom, students, teachers and staff will have to wear masks at all times. The Baltimore County PTA Council has been working with the maker community to gather donations of cloth masks, and we encourage you to do the same. Because conditions are different at every building, and with every student, needs will vary. We have some masks to share with your PTA, and we have connections to networks that could help gather thousands once we determine need.

If your PTA would like mask donations, or if you'd like help engaging your maker community, please contact **Andra Broadwater, Health & Safety Committee Chair** at [andrajw@gmail.com](mailto:andrajw@gmail.com) or 410-913-7380.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S MARCH 2021 MESSAGE**

Dear Team BCPS educators and families,

As hard as you and your students have been working all school year, this is a back-to-school celebration of sorts, as some of our students begin returning to school buildings for hybrid in-person learning. For some of our learners, this is their first step into our buildings.

I would like to thank our educators for their careful planning and preparation, and our families for their role in the health and safety of our school communities. I hope that our materials related to reopening and hybrid learning, including our [Reopening Plan](#), [COVID-19 webpage](#) (providing videos and short summaries), and [Parent University InfoCenter](#) are helpful to you, and we continue to welcome your feedback at [reopening@bcps.org](mailto:reopening@bcps.org).

Some highlights in our recovery from the ransomware attack are the progress we continue to make with device swaps, the Student Information System, payroll, and report cards.

Our beloved annual [Team BCPS Haiku Contest](#) is now collecting entries with the theme: “change.” I can’t wait to read the winning poems and the compiled book.

Finally, a great way to provide feedback to inform our future is by taking the [Stakeholder Survey](#), which is for students in Grades 3-12, as well as all parents, caregivers, staff, and community members.

As we near spring, I know that we’re all hoping for a continued decrease in COVID-19 transmission, as well as the promise of lovely weather so that we can enjoy the outdoors.

Please take care,  
Darryl L. Williams, Ed.D., Superintendent

**PTA COUNCIL AWARDS**

Each year, the PTA Council of Baltimore County gives local units having paid Council Dues the opportunity to recognize outstanding people and programs. Due to the shutdown, PTA Council will not award Top Programs or Units of Excellence this year. Nomination forms are available to download at <http://bcptacouncil.org/awards/top-program-awards/> and may be emailed or mailed. The following recognitions will be awarded this year:

- ◇ **Special Recognition Awards** to recognize PTA members, parents, school staff members and volunteers for doing a great job.
- ◇ **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.

Our annual awards ceremony is usually held in April, but will be pushed back to our June 14 Leadership Training Event, which will likely be a virtual event.

Questions? Contact Awards and Recognition Committee Chair Christina Pumphrey at [awards@bcptacouncil.org](mailto:awards@bcptacouncil.org)

**MORE BCPS NEWS!**

[BCPS Parent University to host virtual sessions on family yoga, vaping and tobacco education](#) (3/16, 3/17, 3/18)

[Parents, students, staff invited to nominate school counselors to be honored](#) (due 3/12)

[The 2021 BCPS Film Expo and poster contest to accept entries beginning 3/15](#)