



# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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

This is our last bulletin of the 2018-2019 school year.

150+ local PTA units, with the support of PTA Council, have done so much for the students of Baltimore County Public Schools! **THANK YOU!**

If you're finishing up your local unit service, **please consider joining the PTA Council of Baltimore County** to support all locals! If you're carrying on as a local board member, remember that we're here to be a resource to you.

Thinking ahead to next year and transitioning to new leadership of

your unit, please consider the following:

~ Send your new officer contact information to us at [directory@bcptacouncil.org](mailto:directory@bcptacouncil.org) (even if there were no changes).

~ Create a financial review (audit) committee to conduct a financial review for the 2018-19 fiscal year. PTA Council is available to help with the process.

~ Conduct a transition meeting between old and new officers.

~ Make sure you filed your Personal Property Tax Return which

was due in April.

~ Plan to attend the June 10th Leadership Training at Loch Raven High. It's free and open to all.

Now's the time to think about your year. Figure out what worked and what may need to be changed. Over the summer set a few realistic goals and create a budget to present to your General Membership at your first General Membership meeting.

*Every child. One voice.*  
Jayne H. Lee  
President  
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## MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Monday, June 10, 7-9pm, Loch Raven High School

Leadership Training for Incoming Officers (Committee Chairs Welcome)

### PTA COUNCIL NEEDS LEADERS

to fill various board and committee positions. Let's make PTA Council a stronger voice for BCPS students!

If interested, please contact  
Nominating Committee Chair, Frances Craig  
[nominationne@bcptacouncil.org](mailto:nominationne@bcptacouncil.org)

### REMEMBER TO SUBMIT ...

the name, address, number(s) & email of all 2019-20 officers (President, VP, Secretary, Treasurer) by emailing [directory@bcptacouncil.org](mailto:directory@bcptacouncil.org)

**PTA COUNCIL GENERAL MEETING****Thursday, May 23, 2019****7:30pm (doors open at 7pm)****Loch Raven High School**

A quorum is needed to conduct PTA Council business! Ask your PTA President about being a voting delegate! 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 four people from your PTA who sign in and present their valid 2018-19 membership cards. Membership cards must be presented to obtain a voting delegate card and only four members from each PTA can vote.

**PTA COUNCIL NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

We'll elect a Nominating Committee in June. Five members are needed, one from each BCPS geographic area. Becoming a Committee member is a great first step to getting involved in the Council. You'll help identify candidates for board and officer positions.

If interested, please contact Frances Craig at [nominationne@bcptacouncil.org](mailto:nominationne@bcptacouncil.org).

**MIND OVER MATTERS: It Starts with Me, It Ends with Us**

Free program for adults about student mental health and substance abuse

Tuesday, May 14, 5 to 8pm

Sheraton Towson, 903 Dulaney Valley Rd., Towson, MD 21204

Featuring keynote Speaker Frank Kros and Workshops

**Invitation-Only BCPS School Bus Driver & Attendant Recruitment**

Wednesday, May 29, 1pm

Baltimore County Public Library – Perry Hall Branch

9685 Honeygo Blvd., Perry Hall, MD 21236

To apply please visit: <https://a1-3.applitrack.com/bcps/onlineapp/>

Bus driver candidates (must be at least 21): bring complete driving record (from MVA Kiosk)

All candidates: bring driver's license or state ID

## NEWS FROM PTA COUNCIL'S DIVERSITY & INCLUSION COMMITTEE

~ Look for Diversity & Inclusion resources to be added to the PTA Council website.

~ Think about adding a Diversity & Inclusion Committee to your PTA board!

~ Maryland Special Education Parent Involvement Survey due May 17! <https://www.mdparentsurvey.com/>

~ Decoding Dyslexia MD workshops to learn about differences in reading instruction:  
[https://www.decodingdyslexiamd.org/events/guided-reading-explicit-systematic-reading-instruction-workshops-offered?mc\\_cid=1fd9deb1b2](https://www.decodingdyslexiamd.org/events/guided-reading-explicit-systematic-reading-instruction-workshops-offered?mc_cid=1fd9deb1b2)

~ BCPS Special Education Resource Center Workshops:  
<https://files.constantcontact.com/0bb37973601/ee7bdb8a-1104-4ea7-9025-dca67825cea4.pdf>

~ May 10 Screening of “No Letting Go” at Sheppard Pratt Conference Center sponsored by NAMI Metro Baltimore:  
<https://www.sheppardpratt.org/events/event/no-letting-go-film-screening-at-sheppard-pratt/2019-05-10/>

~ May 27 Temple Grandin event in Baltimore/D.C. area:  
<https://www.fhautism.com/about-our-autism-conferences/an-evening-with-temple-grandin-washington-dc-may-27-2019/>

## PTA/PTSA Leader's Calendar

### MAY

- Continue to pay MDPTA and NPTA dues
- Elect PTA officers for next school year; see bylaws for correct election month
- PTA Council Board Meeting, May 2, 7:30pm, Greenwood Mansion Boardroom
- PTA Council General Meeting, May 23, 7:30pm, Loch Raven High School

### JUNE

- PTA Council Board Meeting, June 6, 7:30pm, Greenwood Mansion Boardroom
- PTA Council Leadership Training, June 10, 7pm, Loch Raven High School
- End of PTA fiscal year, close books
- Insurance coverage ends June 30

### JULY/AUGUST

- Attend MDPTA Convention, July 26-27, Maritime Institute, Linthicum
- Prepare final report for previous fiscal year
- Plan for financial review, prepare budget
- Choose PTA committee chairs, fill remaining board positions
- Treasurer transition; complete signature cards at PTA's bank
- Send financial review to Maryland PTA, 5 Central Ave, Glen Burnie, MD 21061.  
*Refer to MD PTA “Cash Encounters” for financial review report format and sample report.*

## PTA COUNCIL “OFFICE”

**Mail:** c/o President Jayne Lee, 2311 Sugarcone Road, Baltimore, MD 21209

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

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

**Area VPs and Committee Chairs:** contact information on website

**Website:** [www.bcptacouncil.org](http://www.bcptacouncil.org) ~ **Facebook:** <https://www.facebook.com/BCPTAC> ~ **Twitter:** @BCPTA

**Maryland PTA Insurance Training Webinars  
from Knight Insurance Services**

For all Webinars:

Conference Call Number: 302-202-1110

Access Code: 404685

RSVP: [manuelh@knightins.net](mailto:manuelh@knightins.net)

May 1, 7pm: Wrapping Up PTA School Year; Insurance Activities and Planning

May 8, 7pm: Understanding the PTA Crime Policy

May 15, 7pm: MD PTA Insurance Resources

May 22, 7pm: Quick Overview of 2019-2020 MD PTA Insurance Program

**Maryland PTA 104th Annual Convention  
July 26 & 27, 2019**

Maritime Conference Center

692 Maritime Blvd.

Linthicum, MD 21090

SAVE THE DATE! More information to follow soon!

**BCPS PARENT UNIVERSITY**

**Family Expo 2019: Galaxy of Learning**

**Out of this World Adventures for the Whole Family!**

Community Resources, Virtual Reality, NASA STEM Space Kits, Parentmobile, Free Give-Aways; Tips and Resources for Reading and Learning During the Summer!

**May 2**, Owings Mills Library, 21117, 5-7pm

**May 16**, Lanscape@Lansdowne High School, 21227, 5-7pm

**May 22**, Randallstown Library, 21133, 6-8pm

**May 23**, Rosedale Library, 21237, 5-7pm

**May 28**, North Point Library, 21222, 6-8pm

**May 30**, Woodlawn Library, 21207, 6-8pm

**SUPERINTENDENT'S MAY MESSAGE**

Dear BCPS parents and educators,

May is a month of celebrations. Our students' many accomplishments and honors will be on display as schools and offices begin to host end-of-year student ceremonies.

In addition, National Teacher Appreciation Week is May 6-10, with National Teacher Day on Tuesday, May 7. I am so thankful to our teachers for guiding our young people toward success throughout the school year.

The last day of school for our graduating seniors is Friday, May 24. I can't wait to congratulate the Class of 2019 when they walk across the stage! For more information, please see our [High School Graduation Schedule](#).

The [Team BCPS weekly e-newsletter](#) keeps you up-to-date on news and happenings from around the county. Subscribe to stay in-the-know!

Sincerely, Verletta White, *Interim Superintendent*

**Educators, Administrators, PTA Leaders Invited to First-Ever****BCPS Behavior Summit****"Pathways to Success: Creating a Nurturing Climate for ALL"****Thursday, May 9, 4:30 to 8:30pm****Sollers Point Technical High School**

- ⇒ Keynote address from CJ Blair, founder of Got Gifts Outreach, a Maryland-based organization providing a range of services to youth
- ⇒ Student discussion panel
- ⇒ Breakout sessions on: alternatives to suspension; mediation and conflict resolution; restorative practices; schoolwide behavior plans; culturally responsive instruction; power of positive relationships

**Each BCPS middle and high school may send a team of 5 participants that includes 2 administrators, 2 teachers, and 1 PTA member.**