

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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

The holiday season is almost here! Happy Holidays to all; enjoy the time with family and friends.

Remember to file your 990 tax form by 11/15 (see pg. 4 for more info). Need help? Contact Treasurer John Ryan (contact info on pg. 5) or MD PTA at 410.760.6221. Also, your MD Charitable Solicitation Annual

Update is due by 12/31 (see pg. 4 for more info).

To check if your PTA is in good standing, call Peggy at MD PTA at 410.760.6221 or PTA Council President Jayne Lee . We're here to help you get back in good standing with the IRS, the State, and PTA.

**Reflections entries are due to PTA Council by 1/3/20.** They

can be handed in before our Board of Directors' meeting on Thursday, 1/2 at 7pm or by emailing Reflections Chair Hope Metzler at [reflections@bcptacouncil.org](mailto:reflections@bcptacouncil.org) to make other arrangements. See pg. 3 for more details!

*Every child. One voice,*  
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### NEW FROM MARYLAND PTA: MEMBERHUB ONLINE TOOL

Maryland PTA is excited to offer MemberHub, an online tool designed to help you run your PTA!

MemberHub is valued at \$1,200/year for other membership organizations, but because MemberHub and MD PTA want to further the PTA mission through technology, we've teamed up to provide MemberHub to all local units, councils, and districts **free of charge**. MemberHub rolled out in October. There will be webinar training for all leaders to cover what MemberHub can do for your PTA to engage families, raise funds, and stay in good standing. **MemberHub's most popular features:**

- ⇒ **Your own e-store.** Sell PTA memberships (including custom & bundled memberships) and fundraise.
- ⇒ **Communication tools to keep families in the loop**, such as email and text capabilities, calendars, sign-ups, file-sharing, and directories.
- ⇒ **Direct connection to Maryland PTA.** Your free account automates dues remittance, membership reporting & state PTA compliance.
- ⇒ **New fundraising opportunities.** MemberHub's Sponsor Share program is simple: send PTA emails to your families and local businesses sponsor the emails.

Questions? Contact Maryland PTA's VP for Membership, Sarah Mugo at [vpmembership@mdpta.org](mailto:vpmembership@mdpta.org).

**SUPERINTENDENT'S NOVEMBER 2019 MESSAGE**

Greetings Team BCPS parents and teachers,

I hope that you had a chance to come share your priorities with me during my first series of Community Conversations at 10 high schools in September and October. That was just the beginning of our ongoing process to work together as a community on the next BCPS strategic plan, a process that will continue into 2020.

October 8 was my 100th day with BCPS, and my 100-Day Entry Plan will be shared with the public shortly. I asked staff to convene four workgroups focused on the goals areas of *Blueprint 2.0*: academics, safety and security, communication, and organizational effectiveness. The resulting feedback from parents, students, community members, and staff will help me determine some next steps for our current school year, as well as budget planning for 2020-2021, and the next strategic plan as mentioned.

Coming soon please don't miss [Parent Preview Night](#) on Tuesday, November 12, at 6 p.m., for Junior Achievement Inspire. This is an opportunity to learn about career paths for your children. The parent event and the JA Inspire event for all BCPS Grade 8 students (November 13-14) will both take place at the Maryland State Fairgrounds.

Please stay connected with us by subscribing to our [weekly e-newsletter](#). I look forward to continuing our conversations!

Sincerely,  
Darryl L. Williams, Ed.D. *Superintendent*

**BCPS PARENT UNIVERSITY**

Full schedule of community events on its website:

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

**BCPS E-NEWSLETTER**

Sign up to receive this weekly information-packed newsletter!

<http://www.bcps.org/news/TeamBCPSNewsletter.html>

**FEEDBACK NEEDED ON SPECIAL EDUCATION STAFFING PLAN**

The MD State Department of Education mandates that all MD school systems provide stakeholder feedback at least annually on Special Education Staffing Plans. Interested BCPS stakeholders may provide feedback to the Office of Special Education. Info on the plan can be found on the Office of Special Education [website](#) ([www.bcps.org](http://www.bcps.org), select Office of Special Education under Offices, then BCPS Staffing Plan on the left-side menu). Direct link to Special Education Staffing Plan [Survey](#).

**American Education Week is November 18-22**

*Remember to visit your children's schools!*

**MARYLAND PTA PARENT NOMINATIONS FOR STATE BOE DUE NOV. 15!**

Read about it on our website: <http://bcptacouncil.org/mdpta-accepting-nominations-to-state-boe-due-11-15/>

**NATIONAL PTA'S ANNUAL REFLECTIONS PROGRAM**  
**2019-20 Theme: "Look Within"**

Hello, Everyone! Reflections "Look Within" is underway and I'm hearing great things from our teachers, parents and local Reflections Chairs! It's all about "Reflect, Create & Celebrate"!

So far we have 9 schools participating this year! Are you listed? You can check to see if you registered by going here: [bit.ly/HMSreflect](http://bit.ly/HMSreflect), then go to Schools. Easy! Email me if you're participating and I don't have you listed so that we can share ideas.

Is it too late to join? No, but we shouldn't delay! I can help you jumpstart your program today! The entry due date to PTA Council is 1/3/20. Just let me know when you're ready to turn in your winning entries; we can meet up for the exchange or you can drop off submissions before our January Board of Directors' meeting on 1/2/20 at 7pm at the BCPS Greenwood Mansion.

Many thanks, everyone, and I look forward to seeing all the artwork on display this March 22, 2020 at our County Reflections celebration (location to be announced)!

Hope Metzler, M.Ed.

Reflections Chair, Baltimore County PTA Council

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**SOME BACKGROUND ON THE PROGRAM ...**

Reflections offers students Pre-K to Grade 12 the opportunity to create original works of art in 6 categories: **dance choreography, film production, literature, musical composition, visual arts, and photography.**

A total of 4 entries per age division (Primary (Pre-K-Grade 2), Intermediate (Grades 3-5), Middle (Grades 6-8), High (Grades 9-12), Special Artist (All Grades)) in each of the 6 categories can be submitted to PTA Council for judging in early January.

Entries receiving County Awards of Excellence are forwarded to Maryland PTA for judging. The state forwards Outstanding Interpretation entries to National PTA for judging. Participants are recognized at each level.

**Visit [www.mdpta.org](http://www.mdpta.org) and click on "Reflections" for more information.**

**FINANCIAL REMINDERS**

**Your first dues payment to Maryland PTA was due on October 31st.** If it hasn't been mailed, please send it in. Invoices were sent with your cards and dues should be paid to MDPTA monthly, as sold. If you run out of cards, pay the invoice balance and call MDPTA for additional cards.

The **Financial Review Report** (audit) of your unit's 2018-19 books was due on October 31st. Please send copies of the review and final financial statement to MDPTA. Scan documents and email to [office@mdpta.org](mailto:office@mdpta.org) or mail to Maryland PTA, 5 Central Ave., Glen Burnie, MD 21061. If you need advice on conducting a review, please contact Treasurer John Ryan at [treasurer@bcptacouncil.org](mailto:treasurer@bcptacouncil.org).

**Council dues bills** were sent all units in September and were due on October 1. Please send in your unit's dues as soon as possible. They're based on last year's membership and are only paid once a year. Mail payments to: PTA Council Treasurer John Ryan 3014 Sixth Ave. Baltimore, MD 21234. Email questions to [treasurer@bcptacouncil.org](mailto:treasurer@bcptacouncil.org).

**Your federal tax forms are due by November 15th.** If your gross receipts are under \$50,000, you are eligible to file the 900N, known as the e-postcard. This must be filed online. For most of you, the 990-EZ can be filed (for those with gross receipts under \$200,000). For those with gross income over \$200,000 and below \$500,000, the IRS Form 990 is necessary. Anyone eligible to use the 990-N or 990-EZ can choose to file Form 990. If you aren't sure which form to use or need help with forms, contact our treasurer, John Ryan.

**Your Maryland Charitable Solicitation Annual Update is due by December 31st.** The form is mailed with a signed copy of your 990 or 990-EZ or Form COF-85 if you used the 990-N. It may be easiest to get it done at the same time as your 990 so you don't get busy with the holiday season and forget. Contact John Ryan if you need help.

**TO-DO LIST****NOVEMBER**

- Federal IRS 990 due Nov. 15
- Pay MDPTA and National PTA membership dues monthly
- Distribute cards to your members
- Work on Reflections Program
- Celebrate American Education Week Nov. 18-22

**DECEMBER**

- Annual Update of Registration Form for MD Charitable Organizations due Dec. 31; see finances section of PTA Council website for more info
- Pay MDPTA and National PTA membership dues monthly
- Distribute cards to members
- Work on Reflections Program; submissions due to PTA Council 1/3/20 for county-level judging

**2019-20 PTA COUNCIL CALENDAR**

***General Meetings and Special Events***  
*PTAs in good standing receive 4 voting delegate cards*  
*(delegates need PTA membership cards to vote)*

**January 30, 2020: Meeting and Program, location TBA, 7pm**

**March 22, 2020: Reflections Ceremony, location TBA, 2pm**

**March 26, 2020: Meeting and Program, location TBA, 7pm**

**April 30, 2020: Meeting and Program, location TBA, 7pm**

**June 11, 2020: Council Leadership Training, location TBA, 7pm**

***Board of Directors' Meetings***

**Thursdays @ 7pm in Greenwood Mansion Boardroom  
6901 Charles St., Towson**

**2019:**  
November 7, December 5

**2020:**  
January 2, February 6, March 5,  
April 2, May 7, June 4

**HOW TO FIND US!**

**Mailing address:** c/o President Jayne Lee 2311 Sugarcone Rd., Baltimore MD 21209  
 (When using **interschool mail**, put Attn: PTA Council, Cockeysville MS on envelope)

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

**Facebook:** <https://www.facebook.com/BCPTAC>

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**OFFICER CONTACT INFORMATION (AND OFFICERS) NEEDED!**

Maryland PTA and PTA Council need contact information for all Presidents, VPs, Treasurers, and Secretaries. Share information with PTA Council by emailing [directory@bcptacouncil.org](mailto:directory@bcptacouncil.org). Share information with MDPTA by downloading their Local Contact Information Form: <http://mdpta.org/forms.html>

*Interested in joining the PTA Council board and serving at the County level?* Please contact **Frances Craig** at [nominatianne@bcptacouncil.org](mailto:nominatianne@bcptacouncil.org)

## **Citizens Advisory Committee for Gifted and Talented Education (GT CAC)**

GT CAC is a community of parents, educators, and students who meet once a month to discuss issues relevant to gifted and talented education in BCPS. Our advocacy efforts provide parents and students with a voice within BCPS so that their concerns about GT education will be heard. Part of our efforts include collecting the issues that parents and students identify and presenting them to BCPS and to the Board of Education.

We are always looking for new members to keep our important work going. If you have an interest in GT education, it only takes coming to 4 of our meetings to become a member. Please come and see if we are a good match for your interests! We host speakers who present to our members on topics that are important to the GT community. Some of the speakers and topics we have scheduled for the 2019-20 school year include:

- ⇒ 11/6/19: Kevin Connelly, Executive Director of Performance Management and Assessment to discuss data and the GT student; 7pm in Bldg E, Rm 114, Greenwood Campus, 6901 Charles St, Baltimore, MD 21204
- ⇒ 12/4/19: Dr. Darryl Williams, BCPS Superintendent; 7pm in Bldg E, Rm 114, Greenwood Campus, 6901 Charles St, Baltimore, MD 21204
- ⇒ 2/5/20: Community Superintendents George Roberts, Christina Byers and Dr. Racquel Jones and Student Member of the Baltimore County Board of Education Omer Reshid; 7pm at Pikesville High, 7621 Labyrinth Rd, Baltimore, MD 21208
- ⇒ 4/1/20: Keri Guilbault, Ed.D, Asst Professor of Gifted Education at Johns Hopkins University and recipient of 2019 National Assoc for Gifted Children Early Leader Award will speak about acceleration and GT students; 7pm in Bldg E, Rm 114, Greenwood Campus, 6901 Charles St, Baltimore, MD 21204

Check our website (<https://bcpsgtcac.wordpress.com/>) for any changes or additions to the schedule, take a look at our resources, read our most recent blog posts, and see what we are sharing with the Board of Education!

### **NEWS FROM BCPS & CCBC: UPCOMING (& ONGOING) EVENTS & PROGRAMS!**

- ⇒ BCPS's Year-long "Mind Over Matters" Student Mental Health Campaign
- ⇒ CCBC ESOL Family Literacy Program Winter Schedule: Begins November 11 at locations around county
- ⇒ Junior Achievement Inspire Parent Night on Preparing for Success After BCPS (Topics Geared to Grades 4-12): November 12, 6-8pm, Timonium Fairgrounds, 2200 York Rd., Timonium, MD 21093
- ⇒ National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Baltimore: NAMI Basics 6-Week Education Program for Parents/Caregivers: Begins November 7, 6-8pm, Relay Elementary, 5885 Selford Rd., Halethorpe, MD 21227

**For more info & flyers visit:**

<http://bcptacouncil.org/from-bcps-and-ccbc-important-upcoming-events-programs/>