



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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

It's hard to believe that the holidays are upon us! PTA Council wishes you Happy Holidays and hopes you enjoy safe quality time with family and friends even in these trying times.

We're sorry this issue is reaching you a bit late. We were waiting for updates about the National PTA/Maryland PTA situation. I can report that at a 11/9/2020 hearing in Federal Court, the NPTA motion to dissolve MDPTA's Temporary Restraining Order against them was granted. This allows NPTA

to continue its actions to protect its name and trademark. As soon as we get official word from NPTA as to how they'll proceed, we'll share that information with you.

### YOU ARE NOW ABLE TO MEET VIRTUALLY!

Remember to file your 990 tax form by 11/15 and your MD Charitable Solicitation Annual Update by 12/31 (see pg. 4 for info). Treasurer John Ryan can help.

To see if your PTA is in good

standing with the IRS, State and PTA, call MDPTA at 410.760.6221 or me. We're here to help.

### Reflections entries are due to PTA Council by 1/4/21.

Please contact Reflections Chair Hope Metzler at [reflections@bcptacouncil.org](mailto:reflections@bcptacouncil.org) for assistance with virtual submissions. See pg. 3 for more details!

*Every child. One voice,*  
Jayne H. Lee, President  
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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 available to local units **free of charge!**

#### 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 at [vpmembership@mdpta.org](mailto:vpmembership@mdpta.org).

**SUPERINTENDENT'S NOVEMBER 2020 MESSAGE**

Greetings Team BCPS parents and teachers,

As we end the first marking period, I am seeing engaging teaching and learning in virtual classrooms all across the county. Thank you for your support of students during this unprecedented time.

We continue to plan with the Baltimore County Health Department to bring small groups of students back to school buildings for in-person learning when it is safe to do so. We will proceed with a safe reopening for students two weeks after we meet the established parameters from the [state](#) and our [COVID-19 School Opening Score](#). Please continue to check our [website](#) for updates to our Reopening Plan.

Our comprehensive supports for all students include [student meals at no cost](#), devices and hot spots available through schools, [tech support](#), and our yearlong [Mind Over Matters](#) campaign to support student and staff wellness. Additionally, staff have access to our [Employee Assistance Program](#) for mental health and work/life supports including childcare options.

Your strong connections to your school community are so important to moving us forward. Let's continue to work together. Once again, thank you for your partnership during this crisis on behalf of our students.

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 WEEKLY E-NEWSLETTER**

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

**American Education Week is November 16-20!**

American Education Week offers the opportunity to celebrate public education and honor individuals making a difference in ensuring that every student receives a quality education. Read more: <https://www.nea.org/resource-library/american-education-week-november-16-20-2020>

**Parent University FACetime Newsletter Home Edition  
November, 2020**

**READ IT HERE:**

<https://www.smore.com/su2j5>

## **2020 VIRTUAL REFLECTIONS & THEME SEARCH: "I Matter Because"**

Hello, everyone! November is the last month for local PTAs to participate in Reflections this year. Most PTAs have their deadline around Thanksgiving to give themselves one month for judging.

**Due Date:** Winning entries are due to the PTA Council by Jan 4th.

**Entries:** It is recommended to be open and flexible with accepting entries. Many Reflection Chairs open their own Google account, such as [yourpta.reflect@google.com](mailto:yourpta.reflect@google.com) (example) to accept entries. If the family does not have a Google account, Dropbox is another excellent tool for collecting documents. Contact me for more ideas, if needed.

**Participants:** The following schools have indicated that they are participating. Please let me know if you are participating and not on my list.

Fifth District ES PTA, Franklin Middle PTA, Hampton ES PTA, Hereford HS PTSA, Loch Raven HS PTSA, Lutherville Lab PTA, Prettyboy ES PTA, Ridgely Middle PTA, Rodgers Forge ES PTA, Timonium ES PTA, Villa Cresta ES PTA, Warren ES PTA

**Social Media:** I highly encourage you to use all of your social media channels to promote Reflections this year - Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, etc. All of the logos and graphics you need can be found at <http://bcptacouncil.org/resources/reflections/>. \*Follow the Info & Forms button to use with students, parents, teachers, judges and the community at large.

For more tips & tricks, please contact me at [reflections@bcptacouncil.org](mailto:reflections@bcptacouncil.org).

Thank you and best wishes!  
Hope Metzler, Council Reflections Chair

### **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.**

**PTA COUNCIL'S HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMITTEE:  
CALLING ALL MAKERS!**

While we don't know exactly what it will look like, BCPS is preparing for the eventuality of in-person classes. The Health and Safety Committee of the PTA Council of Baltimore County would like to help your PTA partner with the "makers" in your community to create and donate face masks to help protect students, families, and staff. We are working on accessing mask kits we can help you distribute, and the district is also encouraging homemade cotton masks.

We can help coordinate donations of:

- finished masks
- 100% cotton fabric
- elastic
- cord stoppers
- maker kits (pending)

As you pick sizes, remember eventually these will be for kids of all sizes (and potentially staff, too!) so we have a full range of needs. And while we don't have specific patterns requirements, here are a some possibilities:

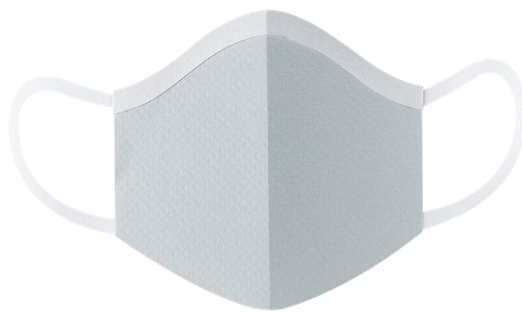
<https://seekatesew.com/3d-mask-template/>

<https://sustainmycrafthabit.com/diy-kids-face-mask-with.../>

[https://www.madebybarb.com/.../fitted-face-mask.../...](https://www.madebybarb.com/.../fitted-face-mask.../)

If you need fabric or supplies, or have questions or suggestions, please feel free to contact Andra Broadwater, Health and Safety Committee Chair, [andrajw@gmail.com](mailto:andrajw@gmail.com) or 410-913-7380.

Stay well!



**FINANCIAL REMINDERS**

**Your first dues payment to Maryland PTA was due on October 1st.** Invoices should be paid to MDPTA monthly.

The **Financial Review Report** (audit) of your unit's 2019-20 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. Due to the pandemic, dues are \$1 for the 2020-21 school 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).

**Past years' council dues:** Some units owe dues from last year. They will receive late dues invoices, which are due to PTA Council by 12/15. If you need help with payment options or have questions, please contact us.

**Your federal tax forms are due by November 15th.** If your gross receipts are under \$50,000, you're eligible to e-file the 900N, known as the e-postcard. For most units, 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. Here's a link to IRS FAQs: <https://www.irs.gov/charities-non-profits/annual-electronic-notice-form-990-n-for-small-organizations-faqs-when-to-file> For help, 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. 16-20

**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 1/4/21 for county-level judging

**2020-21 PTA COUNCIL CALENDAR*****General Meetings and Special Events***

*PTAs in good standing receive 4 voting delegate cards in advance of each scheduled General Meeting (delegates need PTA membership cards to vote)*

*Due to the pandemic, all events will be virtual until further notice*

**January 28, 2021: Meeting, Program, and/or Training, 7pm**

**March 21, 2021: Reflections Ceremony, 2pm**

**March 25, 2021: Meeting, Program, and/or Training, 7pm**

**April 29, 2021: Meeting, Program, and/or Training, 7pm**

**June 14, 2021: Council Leadership Training, 7pm**

***Board of Directors' Meetings***

**Thursdays @ 7pm in Greenwood Mansion Boardroom**

**6901 Charles St., Towson (now virtual; please contact us if you'd like to attend)**

**2020:**

November 5, December 10

**2021:**

January 7, February 4, March 4, April 8, May 6, June 3

**HOW TO FIND US!**

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**Twitter:** Follow @BCPTA

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**Area VP Southeast Area:** Will Feuer, [avpsenc@bcptacouncil.org](mailto:avpsenc@bcptacouncil.org)

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

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