Baltimore County Council



March 2015 BULLETIN

PTA Council of Baltimore County, Inc.

Established 1950

www.bcptacouncil.org

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Maryland PTA: www.mdpta.org National PTA: www.pta.org

yland PTA Engage website at:

www.cqrcengage.com/ npta2md/

Read and react to the action alerts. MDPTA needs every member, every voice to assist in ensuring that the laws being

Simply put, check out the Mar- passed are in the best interests of our children's health, welfare, and safety, and help to provide an environment conducive to learning. Not only does MDPTA need your assistance, National PTA also needs your voice on laws like the Student

Success Act or School Nutrition. Visit National PTA's Engage website:

www.cqrcengage.com/npta2/ home

Emory Young President

PTA COUNCIL REFLECTIONS

Congratulations to all participants! A number of entries received Council Awards of Excellence and moved on to state-level judging. Others received Council Awards of Merit. All award recipients have received a letter of invitation to attend the Council Reflections Awards and Recognition Ceremony on Sunday, March 15 at Cockevsville Middle School.

2015-16 Reflections Theme: "Let Your Imagination Fly..."

PTA COUNCIL GENERAL MEETING

Thursday, March 26, 2015

Perry Hall High School Doors open at 7pm Meeting and Program 7:30-9pm

Four Voting Delegate Cards for the PTA Council General Meeting on March 26

will be mailed in mid-March to local PTAs having paid this year's Council dues. The cards entitle four delegates from each local unit to vote on matters presented to the Council. Each card, signed by the local PTA president and by the delegate, must be presented along with a valid 2014-2015 PTA Membership Card from the same local PTA at registration.

> If you do not receive your cards, please contact Secretary Georgina Clevenger at 410–363-6975 or secretary@bcptacouncil.org

SHOWCASE YOUR **SHINING STARS**

PTA Council Awards Packets were sent to PTAs in February. The nomination deadline is March 26 and the event is April 30.

See page 5 for more details!

SUPPORT FOR LOCALS

If your PTA/PTSA needs assistance, especially with meeting the Maryland PTA Standards of Continuing Affiliation (SOCA) requirements, please contact President Emory Young at

president@bcptacouncil.org

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PTA Council 2014-2015 Calendar

2015 Board of Directors Meetings

7:30pm, Building E, 6901 Charles St.

Thursday, March 5 Wednesday, April 1 Thursday, May 7 Thursday, June 4

All are welcome!

General Meetings and Events
PTAs in good standing receive 4 voting
delegate cards in advance)

March 15, 2015: Reflections Awards Ceremony, Cockeysville MS, 2pm

March 26, 2015: General Meeting, Perry Hall HS, 7pm

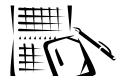
April 30, 2015: Meeting & Council Recognition Awards, 7pm (location TBD)

June 11, 2015: Council Leadership Training, 7pm (location TBD)

BCPS ADVISORY GROUP MEETINGS

- March 2, Career & Technology Education Advisory Council (CTEAC), Building E, 5:30pm
- March 9, Special Education Citizens' Advisory Committee (SECAC), Challenging Behaviors, Building E, 7pm
- March 11, Southeast Education Advisory Council, S.T.A.T Update, Hawthorne ES, 7pm
- March 18, Southwest Area Education Advisory Council, Digital Devices, Catonsville ES, 7pm
- April 13, SECAC, Common Core Standards and Assessments, Building E, 7pm
- April 15, GTCAC, Listening Post, Charlesmont ES, 7pm
- April 15, Southwest Area Education Advisory Council, Legislative Reception, Hillcrest ES, 7pm

PTA/PTSA Leader's Calendar



MARCH

- Attend Reflections Award Reception, 3/15, Cockeysville MS
- MDPTA Scholarship form due 3/16 (see pg. 5 for details)
- Attend PTA Council General Meeting and Program, 3/26, Perry Hall HS
- PTA Council Award nominations due 3/26/15
- MDPTA Leadership Team forms due 3/30 (see pg. 8 for details)
- Continue to pay Maryland PTA and National PTA membership dues
- Share PTA legislative initiatives with members
- Consider sending delegates to the National PTA Convention, 6/25-28, Charlotte, NC (registration in March)

APRIL

- Publish local PTA nominating committee's slate of officers; check your bylaws for specifics
- Personal Property Tax Returns due by 4/15/15; all PTAs must file to maintain their incorporation status
- Attend 4/30 PTA Council General Meeting and Awards Program, location TBD
- Elect officers for next school year; see bylaws for correct election month
- Consider sending delegates to MD PTA Convention, 7/17-18, Rockville

CONGRATULATIONS TO BALTIMORE COUNTY G&T EDUCATION WINNERS!

Outstanding Educators in G&T Education: School Administrator

Sue Hershfeld, Fort Garrison ES Mary Madden, Riverview ES Stefanie Fogleman, Hernwood ES Outstanding Educators in G&T Education: Teacher as Leader

Jason Grebe, Perry Hall HS Kathy Lavin Brave, Hernwood ES Joanna Churchill, Gunpowder ES

Student Accomplishment in G&T Education

Christina B., Perry Hall MS



PTA COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE COUNTY, INC. Board of Directors Meeting – February 5, 2015

Treasurer's Report

Beginning Balance: (1/8/15) Checking \$37,038.19
Certificate of Deposit \$15,383.22

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Certificate of Deposit 5,054.47
Receipts +\$359.49
Disbursements -\$107.59

Balance, (2/5/15) Checking

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	Reporting Period 1/8/15-2/5/15	YTD 2014-2015	Adopted Budget 2014-2015
BALANCE FORWARD	\$57,475.88	\$47,454.39	\$47,454.39
RECEIPTS:			
Membership Dues	\$347.00	\$12,801.50	\$14,951.00
Fall Workshop	0.00	1,260.00	2,000.00
Interest	12.49	12.49	20.00
Miscellaneous Income TOTAL RECEIPTS:	<u>0.00</u> \$359.49	0.00 \$14,073.99	50.00 \$17,021.00
TOTAL ASSETS	\$57,835.37	\$61,528.38	\$64,475.39
DISBURSEMENTS:			
Executive Board:			
101 Administration	\$ 0.00	\$0.00	\$ 125.00
103 Copy/Reproduction	0.00	0.00	1,000.00
104 Equipment/Pers. Property Tax		0.00	50.00
105 Hospitality	0.00	0.00	750.00
106 Memorials	0.00	0.00	250.00
108 Postage	0.00	0.00	500.00
109 Supplies	0.00 0.00	6.09 12.00	1,000.00
111 Bank Charges	0.00	12.00	50.00
Publications:			
201 Bulletin	\$107.59	\$282.71	\$ 1,000.00
202 Directory	0.00	2,300.00	2,300.00
204 Web Site	0.00	20.97	1,000.00
Leadership Development:			
301 Fall Workshop	\$ 0.00	\$1,178.83	\$ 2,500.00
302 National Convention	0.00	0.00	3,500.00
304 MCPT Convention	0.00	0.00	1,200.00
306 Workshops & Meetings	0.00	0.00	100.00
307Technical Support	0.00	0.00	250.00
Standing Committees:			
401 Committees	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 100.00
402 Legislation	0.00	0.00	200.00
403 Council Recognition	0.00	0.00	1,500.00
Special Projects:			
604 Reflections	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 2,200.00
606 Membership Incentive	0.00	0.00	1,000.00
607 Council Dues Incentive	0.00	0.00	250.00
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS:	\$ 107.59	\$3,800.60	\$20,825.00
FUNDS TO CARRY FORWARD:	\$57,727.78	\$57,727.78	\$43,650.39

John Ryan Treasurer



INCORPORATION & FILING OF ANNUAL PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX RETURN

In accordance with MDPTA bylaws, all local units must be incorporated. Those local units who are incorporated should have received the 2014 Personal Property Return Form from the Maryland Department of Taxation and Assessments (the form is blue). This form must be filed by **April 15**, **2015**. Please remember that income reported on this form is based on the calendar year, January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014, not your fiscal year.

THIS REPORT NEEDS TO BE FILED ANNUALLY WHETHER OR NOT YOUR PTA/PTSA OWNS ANY PROPERTY!

For additional assistance with determining incorporation status, filing of the personal property return form, annual audits and all other financial questions please contact the PTA Council of Baltimore County Treasurer, John Ryan, at 410-665-4450 or email treasurer@bcptacouncil.org.

If you have not received your packet, please check your status at the Taxation and Assessment website: www.dat.state.md.us.

- ⇒ Click on Business Data Search
- ⇒ Click on Business Entity Information
- ⇒ Enter either the PTA name as originally submitted OR enter your PTA's Incorporation Number
- ⇒ When you see your PTA, click on general information

This will give you an overview of the status of your PTA. If you find that your charter has been for feited, please contact Maryland PTA for a revival packet. Any non-incorporated PTA, must also contact the MDPTA office for the Articles of Incorporation form. Call 410-760-6621 or email office@mdpta.org.

PTA COUNCIL LEGISLATIVE NEWS CURRENT BCPS-RELATED BILLS BEFORE MARYLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Senate Bill 123: Baltimore County—Public High Schools—Adoption of School Schedule Sponsors: Senators Brochin and Jennings

Authorizing a public high school in Baltimore County to adopt a school schedule for that school; requiring the principal of a public high school to convene a school schedule committee to study and recommend a school schedule; providing for the 20-member school schedule committee and the election and appointment of specified members of a committee; providing for the duties of a school schedule committee; requiring the adoption of a school schedule by a specified vote; etc.

http://mgaleg.maryland.gov/2015RS/bills/sb/sb0123F.pdf

Senate Bill 27: Baltimore County Public Schools—Revocation of Magnet Status—Approval Sponsors: Senators Brochin and Zirkin

Providing that, in Baltimore County, the revocation of the magnet status of a public school approved by the Baltimore County Board of Education after recommendation by the county superintendent does not become effective until the revocation is approved by the majority vote of the Baltimore County Senate and House Delegations to the General Assembly.

http://mgaleg.maryland.gov/2015RS/bills/sb/sb0027F.pdf



PTA COUNCIL AWARDS

PTA Council of Baltimore County will honor the hardworking parents, educators and programs that make local PTA/PTSAs shine at its annual Awards Celebration on Thursday, April 30, 2015. Nomination forms have been sent to all local units. The PTA Council of Baltimore County Board of Directors will review submitted nomination forms to select the winning recipient for each award. Only PTA/PTSAs having paid Council dues are eligible to submit nominations.

The awards packet contains nomination forms for the following awards:

Unit of Excellence Award to honor PTAs who perform tasks that demonstrate they are operating their PTA properly.

Special Recognition Award to give each PTA the opportunity to have one of their members, parents, school staff member and/or volunteers receive countywide recognition for doing a great job.

"Top Program" Awards to give each PTA the opportunity to showcase best programs.

Outstanding Educator of the Year to give each PTA the opportunity to obtain countywide recognition for a member of their school's staff. There will be one Primary and one Secondary Educator of the Year Award presented for the entire county. However, every educator who is nominated will be formally recognized during the ceremony held on April 30. We encourage all PTAs to recognize their hardworking volunteers and educators and showcase their PTA programs that improve the lives of children in Baltimore County.

Submission deadline March 26, 2015; packet available for download at www.bcptacouncil.org; for more information, email awards@bcptacouncil.org

MDPTA OFFERS SCHOLARSHIPS (minimum of \$500) to high school graduates pursuing a career in education in Maryland public schools. Applications were mailed to every Maryland high school Principal/Guidance Counselor. For more information and to download the form, visit:

http://www.mdpta.org/forms.html

Submit the application packet by **4:30 pm, March 16, 2015** to <u>scholarships@mdpta.org</u> or mail to Maryland PTA Scholarship Committee, 5 Central Avenue, Glen Burnie, MD 21061

How Can You Honor That Special Volunteer?

Give the Maryland PTA Lifetime Achievement Award, which supports the Maryland PTA Scholarship Fund. Since the early 1950's, Maryland PTA has designated that the fees received for this award be used to support the fund, which provides scholarships to Maryland high school seniors pursuing a career in education. The Maryland PTA Lifetime Achievement Award is the highest honor Maryland PTA can bestow to the person who daily lives out his/her commitment to children and youth. Download form:

http://www.mdpta.org/bridge_membership.html

Give a National PTA Life Achievement Award, the highest honor from the nation's largest child advocacy organization, to the person who daily lives out his/her commitment to children and youth. The fee for presenting the Life Achievement Award supports the National PTA Endowment Fund. Download form:

http://www.pta.org/programs/content.cfm?ItemNumber=2915&navItemNumber=511



STAY UP-TO-DATE ON WHAT'S HAPPENING IN BALTIMORE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

PTA leaders and members are encouraged to attend Board of Education meetings (schedule on p. 9) to hear about what's going on in BCPS. If you are unable to attend, you can watch meetings live online at:

http://www.bcps.org/video/liveStream.html

Subscribe to TeamBCPS Newsletter: www.bcps.org/news/TeamBCPSNewsletter.html

Read Superintendent Dance's Deliberate Excellence Blog: http://deliberateexcellence.wordpress.com/

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IS YOUR TEEN IRRITABLE OR ANGRY TOO MUCH? Johns Hopkins Hospital's Division of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry Relationships, Outbursts, and Anger Research Study (ROAR)

This National Institutes of Health-funded study looks at whether Interpersonal Psychotherapy (IPT) (talk therapy) can improve mood and relationships.

Who qualifies:

- ⇒ Teens ages 12-17 residing with parent or legal guardian; English-speaking family
- ⇒ Chronic irritability or anger; outbursts; meets criteria for severe mood dysregulation

Call 410.550.9014 or email ROAR@jhmi.edu for more information. Leslie Miller, M.D., Principal Investigator

BALTIMORE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Need help paying for services?

The Baltimore County Department of Health Cancer Program provides free cancer screenings (breast, cervical, and colon) to county residents who are uninsured, under-insured, and meet program guidelines. With cancer being the second leading cause of death in Maryland, we are spreading the word so eligible residents can take advantage of the free services we provide. **Call 410-887-3456 for more information.**

Are parents in your school interested in FREE Parenting Education Classes? Active Parenting Now and Active Parenting of Teens Groups are currently forming

The Baltimore County Department of Health offers free parenting education assistance (6-week program) to all County residents. You can make a difference by learning how to:

- ⇒ Become an "Active" Parent
- ⇒ Use problem solving strategies and anger management
- ⇒ Model and encourage lifelong healthy behaviors
- ⇒ Use opportunities to share with and learn from other parents
- ⇒ Build strong healthy families and communities
- \Rightarrow Give your child the best possible foundation for a successful future

For more information, contact Rhondalynn Gross 410-887-3828 or rgross@baltimorecountymd.gov



INFORMATION FROM THE BALTIMORE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH BUREAU OF BEHAVORIAL HEALTH 410-887-3828

MARIJUANA: FACTS PARENTS NEED TO KNOW

The marijuana controversy in recent years has created a decreased perception of the harm caused by marijuana, especially among teens. The annual Monitoring the Future survey shows that teen use of marijuana is directly related to how safe teens perceive the drug to be. Since research has shown that brain development continues into the mid-20s, there is legitimate concern that the adolescent brain may be more vulnerable to the negative effects of marijuana than the adult brain. As adults, it's important to be informed about marijuana and its consequences.

- ⇒ Marijuana is a gateway drug that can lead to other drug use and addiction.
- ⇒ The marijuana of today is much more potent and addictive than in past years. Marijuana's potency is at the the highest level in more than 30 years. According to research, 17% of marijuana users who begin smoking marijuana in their teens will become addicted. This percentage increases to 25% to 50% among daily users.
- ⇒ Like tobacco smoke, marijuana contains toxic substances that can damage the lungs, heart and reproductive system.
- ⇒ Studies show that marijuana affects memory, learning and the ability to focus.
- ⇒ Regular marijuana use has been linked to mental health problems in young people, such as anxiety and depression.
- ⇒ Marijuana affects reaction time, concentration, judgment, and coordination, just as alcohol does. The risk increases when marijuana is used in combination with alcohol and other illegal substances which is a common occurrence among teens.

The 2013 Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS) indicated that 16.5% of Baltimore County 8th grade students and 51.3% of 12th grade students admit to smoking weed, a slang term for marijuana. These are both higher than the State averages. It is important to recognize that changes in behavior may be signs that warrant further investigation. Withdrawal, depression, fatigue, careless grooming, hostility, and deteriorating relationships with friends and family may be signs of drug use. Other signs may include changes in academic performance, increased absenteeism or truancy, loss of interest in favorite activities, and changes in eating or sleeping habits. It's important to rule out other causes before jumping to conclusions about drug use.

An individual actively using marijuana may exhibit the following signs:

- o Dizziness, difficulty walking
- o Laughing/giggling for no apparent reason
- o Red, bloodshot eyes
- o Inability to recall recent experiences
- o Onset of sleepiness as the early effects of the drug fade

Talk honestly, openly and often with your teen. Know the facts so you can dispel the myths. Establish firm rules of no marijuana or other drug use with clear and consistent consequences.

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FINANCIAL REVIEW:

Every PTA must conduct an annual financial review for its financial year and send a copy to MD PTA, 5 Central Ave, Glen Burnie, MD 21061. Refer to MD PTA "Cash Encounters" for financial review report format and sample report.

IRS 990: Every PTA is required to file annually by November 15th. If annual gross income was \$50,000 or less you can e-file the 990 e-postcard. Provide a copy of 990 filing to MD PTA. For assistance in filing the IRS 990 please contact MD PTA at 410-760-6221.

INSURANCE: Every PTA is required to have insurance coverage through BB&T. Enrollment forms for 2014-2015 coverage were sent to all PTAs. The form can also be downloaded at www.mdpta.org. *Current coverage ends on 6/30/15*.

BYLAWS: Need to be reviewed at least every 3 years and submitted to MD PTA for approval. A copy of the bylaws template was included in the leadership mailing sent to local PTAs.

INCORPORATION: Every PTA must be incorporated in the state of MD. To maintain your incorporation status, a Personal Property Tax Return must be filed by April 15th each year whether or not your PTA/PTSA owns any property. Check your status at the Taxation and Assessment website at www.dat.state.md.us. Contact MD PTA at 410-760-6221 for assistance.

PTA COUNCIL "OFFICE"

Mailing address:



Cockeysville Middle School 10401 Greenside Drive Cockeysville, MD, 21030

Interschool mail: indicate "Attn: PTA

Council, Cockeysville MS"

President: Emory Young president@bcptacouncil.org **Secretary:** Georgie Clevenger secretary@bcptacouncil.org

Treasurer: John Ryan treasurer@bcptacouncil.org **Committee Chairs:** in directory and on website

Website: www.bcptacouncil.org

Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/BCPTAC

Twitter: Follow @BCPTA

MEMBERSHIP

- ⇒ MEMBERS CAN BE ENROLLED ALL YEAR LONG
- ⇒ ENROLLED MEMBERS MUST BE ISSUED THEIR CARDS IN A TIMELY MANNER
- ⇒ 2014-2015 PTA MEMBERSHIP VALID UNTIL 9/30/15

The MD and National PTA portion of each enrolled member's dues should be remitted to MD PTA on a monthly basis. A new invoice will be issued monthly for any cards that are outstanding until all cards are paid for or the remaining cards are returned to the MD PTA office.

MD PTA dues are \$1.75 per member/year, National PTA dues are \$2.25 per member/year (total of \$4.00). Additional cards can be obtained (after making a payment for 75% of the initial invoice) by calling the MD PTA office at 410-760-6221.

MD PTA Membership Information http://www.mdpta.org/bridge_membership.html

National PTA Membership Toolkit http://www.pta.org/members/content.cfm?ItemNumber=3107

NEWS FROM MDPTA: COME JOIN THE TEAM!

This year MDPTA will be celebrating 100 years of advocating for youth. The Nominating and Board Development Committee (nominating@mdpta.org) is seeking individuals who would like to continue our legacy by joining the Leadership Team. We ask that you consider applying for one of these positions:

President Elect; VP for Leadership Development; VP for Legislation; VP for Councils; Secretary; Treasurer; 3 members for the Nominating and Board Development Committee; 2 Student Representatives

Deadline for applying is 4:30pm on Monday, March 30, 2015.

Download the MDPTA Letter of Interest, http://www.mdpta.org/bridge news.html

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Information published in the Council BULLETIN is meant to be passed along to your membership!

Articles may be reprinted in local PTA newsletters by adding the credit:

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Calendar Reminders

MARCH		April 13	Schools Reopen	
March 2	CTEAC Meeting, 5:30pm	April 13	SECAC Meeting, 7pm	
March 3	BOE Meeting, 7pm	April 15	GTCAC Meeting, Charlesmont ES, 7pm	
March 5	PTA Council BOD Meeting, 7:30pm	April 15	Southwest Area Education Advisory Council	
March 9	SECAC Meeting, 7pm		Meeting, Hillcrest ES, 7pm	
March 11	Southeast Education Advisory Council	April 21	BOE Meeting, 7pm	
	Meeting, Hawthorne ES, 7pm	April 23	Distribution of Report Cards	
March 17	BOE Meeting, 6:30pm	April 30	PTA Council Annual Council Recognition	
March 15	PTA Council Reflections Awards,		Awards, Location TBD, 7pm	
	Cockeysville MS, 2pm			
March 18	Southwest Area Education Advisory			
	Council Meeting, Catonsville ES, 7pm			
March 26	PTA Council General Meeting,	Our Nominating Committee is seeking PTA leaders		
	Program and/or Workshops, Perry Hall HS, 7pm			
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APRIL			tions. If interested, contact	
April 1 Third Marking Period Ends,			,	
	Spring Break Begins for Students		ommating Committee Chair	
	at the End of the Day		Frances Craig at	
April 1	PTA Council BOD Meeting, 7:30pm	n n	omination@bcptacouncil.org	
April 3	Spring Break Begins			

Board of Education (BOE) meetings held on Tuesdays at Building E (formerly ESS Building), Greenwood Complex, 6901 Charles St., Towson unless otherwise noted (www.bcps.org/board)

BOE meetings can be viewed online at http://www.bcps.org/video/livestream.html

BOE Advisory & Public Comment: Speaker sign up required that evening prior to start of meeting

PTA Council Board of Directors (BOD) meetings held on Thursdays at Building E (except for April 1)

Career and Technology Education Advisory Council (CTEAC) Meetings held on Mondays at Building E (http://www.bcps.org/offices/cte/pdf/CTEAC dates.pdf)

Citizens' Advisory Committee for Gifted and Talented Education (GTCAC) meetings held on Wednesdays at various locations (http://www.bcps.org/offices/gt/pdf/CAC-Calendar.pdf)

Special Education Citizens' Advisory Committee (SECAC) meetings held on Mondays at Building E. (http://www.bcps.org/offices/special_ed/pdf/SECAC-MeetingSchedule.pdf)