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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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

### *What is PTA?*

When someone says PTA, what comes to mind? Fundraising? A ladies' club? PTA is not all about fundraising; it is about child advocacy. What makes PTA so effective on the national, state, and local levels as a child advocacy organization is its membership. We are a membership-driven, volunteer-based organization.

The strength of our voice is in our membership and the success of our programs is in our volunteers. When we talk to political leaders, they may hear us when we

speaking as individuals, but they listen and pay attention when we say we speak for over 31,000 members in the county, over 180,000 members across the state, and nearly 4.3 million members across the nation.

That membership is composed of women and men. Some of those men have taken a leadership role and do more than set-up and clean-up for activities.

National PTA President Otha Thornton has made increasing membership a priority. During Maryland PTA's 100-year celebration, the membership committee is conducting membership campaigns around

the 100-year theme. My challenge to you is to take part in one of those campaigns, grow your local membership and grow our voice. Every child, one voice.

*Emory Young, President*

*P.S. I encourage you to visit your students' schools during*

**AMERICAN  
EDUCATION  
WEEK**  
*November 17-21*



### **Last MD PTA Mandatory Financial Online Training Session**

**November 24, 2014 7:30 to 8:30pm**

additional sessions 11/5, 11/12, and 11/13

For more information, visit:

[www.mdpta.org/bridge\\_training.html](http://www.mdpta.org/bridge_training.html)

### **COUNCIL DUES WERE DUE ON OCTOBER 1!**

For assistance, contact  
Secretary Georgie Clevenger at  
[secretary@bcptacouncil.org](mailto:secretary@bcptacouncil.org)  
or 410-363-6975

### **Need help with your bylaws?** Contact Bylaws and Procedures Chair

Marilyn Ryan at  
[bylaws@bcptacouncil.org](mailto:bylaws@bcptacouncil.org)  
or 410-665-4450

**THANK YOU** to all PTA leaders who attended the Fall Reception/Workshops in October at New Town HS!  
**THANK YOU** to BCPS Superintendent Dr. Dallas Dance and Board of Education President David Uhlfelder for attending!

**PTA Council 2014-2015 Calendar*****Board of Directors Meetings***

**Thursdays @ 7:30pm**  
(except for Wednesday, April 1, 2015),  
Building E, 6901  
Charles St.

**2014**

November 6

December 4

**2015**

January 8

February 5

March 5

April 1\*

May 7

June 4

*All Meetings and Events Open to the Public*

***General Meetings and Events***  
*PTAs in good standing receive 4 voting delegate cards in advance (delegates need PTA membership cards to vote)*  
**LOCATIONS TO BE ANNOUNCED**

**January 29, 2015: Meeting, Program and/or Workshops, 7pm**

**March 15, 2015: Reflections Awards Ceremony, 2pm**

**March 26, 2015: Meeting, Program and/or Workshops, 7pm**

**April 30, 2015: Meeting & Council Recognition Awards, 7pm**

**June 11, 2015: Council Leadership Training, 7pm**

**PTA COUNCIL DIRECTORY CHANGES**

**Page 17 - Chadwick** - add president Theresa Spriggs

**Page 19 - Dundalk Elementary** - add president Blane Wray

**Page 19 - Dundalk Middle** - change president to Patricia Redyk

**Page 22 - Halstead** - add president Shunte Davis

**Page 26 - Milford Mill** - add president Crystal Martin

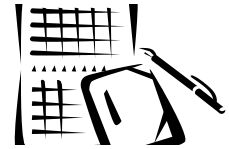
**Page 30 - Randallstown High** - change president to Mina Jenkins

**Page 31 - Sandy Plains** - change president to Michelle Williams

**Page 34 - Timber Grove** - change president to Dawn Wagner

**Page 35 - West Towson** - change spelling of president's name to Roxe

To maintain our policy of limiting PTA contact information for "PTA use only," we do not publish the personal addresses and phone numbers of PTA presidents in the bulletin. If you know of any other corrections that need to be made, please email information to the Directory Editor at [directory@bcptacouncil.org](mailto:directory@bcptacouncil.org).

**PTA/PTSA Leader's Calendar****NOVEMBER**

- Federal Income Tax Return (Form 990EZ or Form 990N): due on or before Nov. 15
- Pay MD PTA and National PTA membership dues monthly
- Distribute cards to your members
- Continue work on Reflections Program
- MD PTA Online Financial Training Sessions; final session on November 24
- Celebrate American Education Week November 17-21

**DECEMBER**

- Annual Update of Registration Form for MD Charitable Organizations: due on or before December 30 (include Certification Form, Form 990 or COF 85, list of board members, and fee if required; [www.sos.state.md.us.charity](http://www.sos.state.md.us.charity))
- Pay MD PTA and National PTA membership dues monthly
- Distribute cards to your members
- Continue work on Reflections Program; submissions due to PTA Council by January 5, 2015 for county-level judging

**PTA COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE COUNTY, INC.**  
**Board of Directors Meeting – November 6, 2014**  
 Treasurer's Report

|                                       |              |
|---------------------------------------|--------------|
| Beginning Balance: (10/2/14) Checking | \$29,657.20  |
| Certificate of Deposit                | \$15,383.22  |
| Certificate of Deposit                | 5,054.47     |
| Receipts                              | +\$10,269.00 |
| Disbursements                         | - \$3,684.01 |
| Balance, (11/6/14) Checking           | \$36,242.19  |
| Certificate of Deposit                | \$15,383.22  |
| Certificate of Deposit                | \$5,054.47   |

|                                  | Reporting Period<br><u>10/2/14-11/6/14</u> | YTD<br><u>2014-2015</u>  | Adopted Budget<br><u>2014-2015</u> |
|----------------------------------|--|--------------------------|------------------------------------|
| BALANCE FORWARD                  | \$50,094.89                                | \$47,454.39              | \$47,454.39                        |
| <b>RECEIPTS:</b>                 |  |                          |                                    |
| Membership Dues                  | \$9,009.00                                 | \$11,655.50              | \$14,951.00                        |
| Fall Workshop                    | 1,260.00                                   | 1,260.00                 | 2,000.00                           |
| Interest                         | 0.00                                       | 0.00                     | 20.00                              |
| Miscellaneous Income             | <u>0.00</u>                                | <u>0.00</u>              | <u>50.00</u>                       |
| <b>TOTAL RECEIPTS:</b>           | \$10,269.00                                | \$12,915.50              | \$17,021.00                        |
| <b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>              | <b>\$60,363.89</b>                         | <b>\$60,369.89</b>       | <b>\$64,475.39</b>                 |
| <b>DISBURSEMENTS:</b>            |  |                          |                                    |
| 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                                       | 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                     | 6.09                                       | 6.09                     | 1,000.00                           |
| 111 Bank Charges                 | 3.00                                       | 9.00                     | 50.00                              |
| Publications:                    |  |                          |                                    |
| 201 Bulletin                     | \$175.12                                   | \$175.12                 | \$ 1,000.00                        |
| 202 Directory                    | 2,300.00                                   | 2,300.00                 | 2,300.00                           |
| 204 Web Site                     | 20.97                                      | 20.97                    | 1,000.00                           |
| Leadership Development:          |  |                          |                                    |
| 301 Fall Workshop                | \$1,178.83                                 | \$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                             |
| 307 Technical 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                             |
| <b>TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS:</b>      | <b><u>\$3,684.01</u></b>                   | <b><u>\$3,690.01</u></b> | <b><u>\$20,825.00</u></b>          |
| <b>FUNDS TO CARRY FORWARD:</b>   | <b>\$56,679.88</b>                         | <b>\$56,679.88</b>       | <b>\$43,650.39</b>                 |

John Ryan  
Treasurer

**FINANCIAL**

**REVIEW:** Every PTA/PTSA is required to conduct an annual financial review for its financial year and to 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 a Sample Report.*

**IRS 990:** Every PTA/PTSA 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 Maryland PTA/PTSA is required to have insurance coverage through BB&T. Enrollment Forms for 2014-2015 coverage were previously sent to all PTA/PTSAs. This form can also be downloaded at [www.mdpta.org](http://www.mdpta.org) *Current coverage ends on 6/30/15; do not let your insurance coverage lapse.*

**BYLAWS:** Need to be reviewed at least every 3 years and submitted to MD PTA for approval. *A copy of the new By-laws Template was included in the "White Box" leadership mailing sent to local PTAs.*

**INCORPORATION:** All local PTAs/PTSAs must be incorporated in the state of Maryland. 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](http://www.dat.state.md.us). *If your PTA/PTSA is not incorporated or the incorporation needs to be revived, contact MD PTA at 410-760-6221.*

**PTA COUNCIL "OFFICE"****Mailing address:**

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10401 Greenside Drive  
Cockeysville, MD, 21030

**Interschool mail:** indicate "Attn: PTA Council, Cockeysville MS"

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**Treasurer:** John Ryan [treasurer@bcptacouncil.org](mailto:treasurer@bcptacouncil.org)  
**Committee Chairs:** contact information in directory

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

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

**Twitter:** Follow @BCPTA

**Our Nominating Committee is seeking ...**

PTA leaders to fill various board and committee positions. If you're interested in serving or know of an excellent candidate, please contact

**Nominating Committee Chair Frances Craig at**  
[nomination@bcptacouncil.org](mailto:nomination@bcptacouncil.org)

**Hosting a PTA Event at Your School?**

Refer to the BB&T Insurance Summary and Loss Prevention Guide sent to all insured PTAs and posted on [www.mdpta.org](http://www.mdpta.org).

**Red Light: PROHIBITED**

**Yellow Light: CAUTIONARY**

(certain conditions must be met, contact insurance broker in advance)

**Green Light: APPROVED**

**EVENTS REQUIRE A BCPS SCHOOL-USE FORM to be submitted:** [www.bcps.org/system/policies\\_rules/FORMS\\_EXHIBITS/1000SERIES/FORM1300\\_Form\\_A.pdf](http://www.bcps.org/system/policies_rules/FORMS_EXHIBITS/1000SERIES/FORM1300_Form_A.pdf)

**READ BCPS SCHOOL-USE GUIDELINES here:**

[www.bcps.org/apps/FacilitiesUse/FacilitiesUseGuidelines.pdf](http://www.bcps.org/apps/FacilitiesUse/FacilitiesUseGuidelines.pdf)

**CROWD MANAGEMENT TRAINING:**

[www.mdsp.org/Organization/StateFireMarshal.aspx](http://www.mdsp.org/Organization/StateFireMarshal.aspx) OR  
<http://www.crowdmanagers.com/>

This 2-hour session costs \$20 and is a valid PTA expense.

## 2014-15 MD PTA Membership Information

[http://www.mdpta.org/bridge\\_membership.html](http://www.mdpta.org/bridge_membership.html)

- ⇒ 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

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

## MEMBERSHIP CARDS

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.

## NATIONAL PTA'S ANNUAL REFLECTIONS PROGRAM

**2014-15 THEME: "The world would be a better place if ..."**

*The Reflections Program provides opportunities for students to express themselves and to receive positive recognition for their artistic efforts.*

Students Pre-K to Grade 12 are invited to create original works of art in six categories: dance choreography, film production, literature, musical composition, visual arts, and photography.

**The deadline** to forward local PTA entries for Council-level judging is **Monday, January 5, 2015**. PTAs must set deadlines well ahead of this date to allow adequate time to complete judging and properly prepare entries for **delivery to Cockeysville MS. A LOCAL MUST BE "IN GOOD STANDING" TO PARTICIPATE.**

**A total of four 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 six art categories can be submitted by a local PTA/PTSA to the Council for county-level judging.

Entries receiving County Awards of Excellence are forwarded to MD PTA for state judging. The state then forwards Outstanding Interpretation entries for National PTA judging. Participants are recognized at each level of judging. **Students must adhere to General Student Participation Rules as well as the rules for their specific arts area.** Please refer to the MD PTA Reflections booklet sent to each local PTA/PTSA President or download at [www.mdpta.org](http://www.mdpta.org); click on the link for "Reflections".

**THE STUDENT ENTRY FORM IS NOW ONLINE**

**Submit your Reflections Coordinator's name, email, and phone number to  
[president@bcptacouncil.org](mailto:president@bcptacouncil.org)**

**Baltimore County Public Schools (www.bcps.org)****MAGNET SCHOOL DEADLINE, NOVEMBER 25**

Applications must be submitted online, postmarked, or hand-delivered by this date to the Office of Magnet Programs. Hand-delivered applications must be received in the Office of Magnet Programs by 4:30pm on 11/25/14. *Applications postmarked, hand-delivered, or received without a legible postmark after the deadline are not processed.*

**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](http://www.bcps.org/news/TeamBCPSNewsletter.html)

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

**Download BCPS Now Mobile App:** [www.bcps.org/news/mobileapp.htm](http://www.bcps.org/news/mobileapp.htm)

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**BCPS Resource Centers for Families and Schools are committed to supporting student achievement by providing:**

- instructional resources and services for students, families, educators, and community members
- assistance to parents in locating and identifying educational resources in BCPS and the greater community
- encouragement for the development of learning environments that reflect and celebrate a sense of multiculturalism and that foster positive attitudes and perceptions about learning in all students
- a wide range of training, in-service, and teacher and parent development activities designed to support student learning
- educational support activities and resources for adult education centers, area colleges, child care centers, and other community-based organizations
- support to schools and PTAs as they design parent involvement activities to reach school goals
- information and support for parents and families of English Language Learners (ELL)

**Northwest Area:**  
**Campfield Early Childhood Center**  
6834 Alter Street  
Baltimore, MD 21207  
410-887-1269

**Northeast Area:**  
**Middlesex Elementary School**  
142 Bennett Road  
Baltimore, MD 21221  
410-887-0321  
**Centers open at 8:30am M-F**

Visitors to **CAMPFIELD AND MIDDLESEX** will have access to a variety of equipment, supplies, and materials to produce educational items with the support of experienced staff. Consumable materials are charged at replacement cost. Equipment and materials available: **27" Laminator, Copier, Letter and Shape Cutters, Color Poster Printer, Button Maker, Clip Art Books, Resource Books**

**Especially for Parents/Families:** information, parent materials and workshops, meeting space

**Special Education Resource Center**  
**White Oak School**  
8401 Leefield Rd. Rm. 100  
Baltimore, MD 21234  
410-887-5443

**Hours: 9am-4pm M-F**  
lending library of articles newsletters, books, and videos on topics such as special education law, types of disabilities, support groups, and recreational materials.

Join our listserv at:  
BaltoCo-SECAC@yahoogroups.com  
to stay informed of our meeting schedule, upcoming events, and resources.

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**Meetings usually held on second Monday**

of the month

(September through June) at

Building E, Room 114, BCPS

Greenwood Campus, 6901 N.

Charles St., Towson, 7-9pm

**ALL MEETINGS OPEN TO**

**THE PUBLIC**

## **What is a Special Education Citizens' Advisory Committee (SECAC)?**

A SECAC is established by the school system to seek meaningful input from parents, community partners, service providers, educators and administrators on local issues relative to the provision of a free appropriate public education and the achievement of students with disabilities.

To work most effectively, a SECAC operates as a partnership between parents and families, community leaders and organizations, educators and administrators. A local SECAC enables a local director of special education to collaborate with others on local issues and has the potential to facilitate positive changes in the delivery of special education services and the achievement of students with disabilities.

Since 1978, the Baltimore County SECAC has provided a forum for issues pertaining to children with disabilities. Our members advocate at the county, state and federal level to make recommendations and assist BCPS about issues including the education budget, inclusion, assessments, support services and other issues concerning children and special education services.

## **PTA COUNCIL CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION REPORT**

- ⇒ **Minority Education:** Registration for The MD State Black Saga Competition is open. The competition will be held on Saturday, March 14, 2015. Visit the Black Saga website at [www.blacksaga.org](http://www.blacksaga.org) for more information.
- ⇒ **Special Education:** See above for details on how to get involved and stay up-to-date on Special Education in Baltimore County Public Schools.
- ⇒ **Gifted & Talented Education:** New to GT? Send your questions and concerns to PTA Council Curriculum and Instruction Chair Tobi Pulley at [curriculum@bcptacouncil.org](mailto:curriculum@bcptacouncil.org).
- ⇒ **Visit The Citizens Advisory Committee for Gifted and Talented Education in Baltimore County, Maryland (GT CAC)** website at [www.bcpsgtcac.wordpress.com](http://www.bcpsgtcac.wordpress.com) to learn more about what's going on with G&T education.

## **Prevention Focus**

### **Setting Priorities During the Holidays...Keeping Your Children Safe**

The holidays are just around the corner with the flurry of activity that usually occurs this time of year. Shopping, planning and attending holiday parties, religious celebrations, etc., may involve parents being away from home more than usual. Research shows that unmonitored teens are four times more likely to use marijuana or engage in other risky behaviors, such as underage drinking, sexual activity, and cigarette smoking. Being aware of this increased risk can help parents prioritize their time during the holiday season and prepare to keep kids safe.

Youth of all ages can enjoy being a part of holiday preparations. Making and wrapping gifts, cleaning, decorating, accompanying you on shopping expeditions, cooking/baking and serving others are all ways families can spend quality time together. Why not consider using these times together to discuss what's important in your child's life, the pressures they are experiencing, and their plans for the holidays, etc.? Children who are more connected to their parents are less likely to use alcohol or other drugs.

Below is a list of suggestions on how to interact with your child, not only during the holidays, but all year round.

Parents may be tempted to be less vigilant during the holidays, but avoid mixed messages. Let youth know that alcohol use is illegal and unacceptable for anyone under the age of 21 – **Period**. Teens are more likely to drink and binge drink away from their parents if they have been provided alcohol before by their parents.

Discuss – “what would you do if ...” offered alcohol or other drugs. Knowing ahead of time how to respond can give your child confidence when suddenly faced with difficult choices.

Be a great listener and refrain from making comments until your child has had a chance to express how they feel. Avoid preaching or lecturing. If you disagree with them, try asking additional questions about why they believe what they do. Use teachable moments such as an item in the news/media about substance abuse, impaired driving, etc.

Your child is watching. They form opinions/values based not only on what you say but on what they observe. If you host a party, be responsible. Offer non-alcoholic beverages and don't let adult friends drive impaired. Some of the most dangerous days of the year on our nation's roadways are between Thanksgiving and New Year's Day.

If your child finds themselves in an uncomfortable situation, they have to know you have their back and they can call you anytime for a ride home. You can talk about the situation later. The priority is the safety of your child.

Resources:

[www.madd.org/underage-drinking/the-power-of-parents](http://www.madd.org/underage-drinking/the-power-of-parents)

[www.underagedrinking.samhsa.gov](http://www.underagedrinking.samhsa.gov)

[www.baltimorecountymd.gov/Agencies/health/healthservices/substanceabuse/non\\_alcoholic\\_beverages.html](http://www.baltimorecountymd.gov/Agencies/health/healthservices/substanceabuse/non_alcoholic_beverages.html)

**Baltimore County Department of Health, Bureau of Behavioral Health 410-887-3828**

***SEE THE PTA COUNCIL WEBSITE FOR DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH  
TIPS ON HOSTING RESPONSIBLE PARTIES***



# BULLETIN

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## PASS IT ON!

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

Nov 3 Professional Development Day, schools close 3 hours early  
Nov 4 Election Day, schools closed  
Nov 5 (Wed) BOE Meeting, 7pm  
Nov 5 MD PTA Online Financial Training, 7:30pm  
Nov 6 PTA Council BOD Meeting, 7:30pm  
Nov 12 MD PTA Online Financial Training, 7:30pm  
Nov 13 MD PTA Online Financial Training, 7:30pm  
Nov 14 Elementary Conference Day, elementary schools closed  
Nov 17-21 American Education Week  
Nov 18 BOE Meeting, 6:30pm  
Nov 24 MD PTA Online Financial Training, 7:30pm  
Nov 25 Magnet School Deadline (more on p. 6)  
Dec 1 CTEAC Meeting, 5:30pm  
Dec 2 BOE Meeting, 7pm  
Dec 3 GT CAC Meeting, 7pm, location TBD  
Dec 4 PTA Council BOD Meeting, 7:30pm  
Dec 12 Professional Development Day, elementary and middle schools close 3 hours early  
Dec 16 BOE Meeting 6:30pm  
Dec 23 Winter Break begins at end of school day

\*All **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](http://www.bcps.org/board))

\***BOE meetings can be viewed online. Visit <http://www.bcps.org/video/liveStream.html>**

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

\*All **PTA Council Board of Directors (BOD)** meetings held on Thursdays at Building E

\***Career and Technology Education Advisory Council (CTEAC)** Meetings held on Mondays at Building E

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

### **EVENT NOTICE: "RAISING DRUG-FREE KIDS"** **with former Baltimore County Drug Czar Mike Gimbel**

Hosted and Sponsored by Maryland Addiction Recovery Center

A monthly educational seminar for parents, children, families, educators, and professionals to learn about new trends in street drugs, preventive education, treatment resources, and drug testing.

Seminars held first Wednesday of each month at 7pm  
Maryland Addiction Recovery Center, 110 West Rd., Suite 410, Towson, MD 21204