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## True blue students, staff, supporters earn prestigious Team BCPS Day 2022 awards

Towson, MD – Nothing can keep Baltimore County Public Schools’ families, staff, and community members from going blue on Team BCPS Day 2022. This year’s celebration, on Jan. 13, yielded a wave of blue pride as photos featuring #BCPSblue were shared on social media.

Team BCPS Day, a celebration of the schools, students, and staff of BCPS, takes place each year on the second Thursday in January. View a round-up of photos in the [Team BCPS Day 2022 Flickr album](#).

BCPS is pleased to announce the recipients of the following awards for distinguished achievement on Team BCPS Day:

### All in the Family

[Best Morning Snuggle](#) – Katie Cox, Kindergarten teacher, Fifth District Elementary, with two of her children, Reese, Grade 3, and Hailey, Grade 1, Sparks Elementary

[Best Multigenerational Blue](#) -- Debbie Ford (right), administrative secretary, her daughter, Amanda Pfeffer (left), Kindergarten teacher, and Juliana Pfeffer, Grade 1 student and A. Pfeffer’s daughter, West Towson Elementary

[Best Turtle Pride](#) – Marvin Miller II and Mackenzie Miller, father and sister of Vinny Miller, Kindergarten student, Watershed Public Charter

### Style and Substance

[Best Hat](#) – Elizabeth Ciganek, vocal music teacher, Elmwood Elementary

[Best Socks](#) – Justin Pugh, vocal music teacher, Pine Grove Elementary

[Best Tutus](#) – Jason Barnett, principal; Allie Stein, Grade 4 teacher; and Beth Gleitsmann, library media specialist, West Towson Elementary

[Biggest Glasses](#) – Dae'Shawn Mayberry, Grade 4 student, Mars Estates Elementary

### **Beyond the Schoolhouse**

[Hall of Fame Business Partner](#) – First Federal Financial Credit Union staff

[Best Legislative Action](#) – State Delegates Benjamin Brooks, Sr., Eric Ebersole, and Michele Guyton

### **Creative Corner**

[Best Handmade Lettering](#) – Gary Braham, science teacher, Lansdowne High

[Best Color Wheel](#) – Meadowood Center staff

[Best Paper Puppets](#) – Rebecca Strumsky's Grade 1 class, Vincent Farm Elementary

[Best Customized T-Shirts](#) – Christen Warble, Kindergarten teacher, Vincent Farm Elementary

[Coolest Border and Masks](#) – The Department of Equity and Cultural Proficiency

[Best Royalty](#) – West Towson Elementary Kindergarten team

### **In Formation**

[Highest Precision](#) – Bedford Elementary students

[Lined-up and Ready to Go](#) – Grade 5 students from Diana Tedesco's class, Westchester Elementary

### **Making Connections**

[Best Friends](#) – Members of the Boys to Men mentoring group and Officer B., school resource officer, Westchester Elementary

[Blue Through and Through](#) – Students and staff at Windsor Mill Middle

### **Follow the Leader**

[Best Alumni Pride](#) -- Terry Church, Kindergarten teacher, and Leah House, school nurse, Rodgers Forge Elementary

[Best Dual Loyalties](#) – Tamera Harris Murphy, assistant principal, Edmondson Heights Elementary

[Best Blue Backdrop](#) – Kevin Jennings, Jr., principal, New Northeast Elementary

[Best Socially Distanced Photobomb](#) – Shawna Jones, social-emotional learning teacher, and Andrea Derrien, principal, Chatsworth (Elementary)

And as always, Most Adorable – All BCPS students

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