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BCPS events for February 2022

Towson, MD – The following is a schedule of Baltimore County Public Schools’ events, meetings, and other important dates for February 2022.

Throughout the school year

- [Free meals available](#) in all schools for all BCPS students.
- Free meals available for all [Virtual Learning Program students](#). (Meals must be ordered in advance.)
- Latest information on [schools moved to virtual learning](#) because of COVID-19.

Throughout February

- [Black History Month](#)
Black History Month Trivia Tuesdays will be posted on the @teambcps Instagram story every Tuesday in February at 3 p.m. Stories will be live for 24 hours and will also be archived on the @teambcps Instagram profile.
- [2022 BCPS Stakeholder Climate Survey](#)
The annual BCPS Stakeholder Climate Survey will be conducted through Friday, March 4. Feedback from this comprehensive survey guides the district’s budget, staff, and programs. The survey is open to students in Grades 3 – 12 as well as all parents/caregivers, staff, and community members, and is available in multiple languages.
- [School Board Nominating Commission accepting applications](#)
The school board is accepting applications for the Board’s four at-large seats for the 4-year term beginning December 2022. The application is posted on the [BCPS website](#) and applications will be accepted through Wednesday, March 2, until 4 p.m. For more information, contact Tracy Gover in the Board of Education office at 443-809-4177.

Dates to Remember

Student Member of the Board Town Hall

Tuesday, February 1, at 5:30 p.m.

Students are invited to participate in the monthly SMOB Town Hall. The subject for February is “BCPS Activities: Let’s Talk About Opportunities for Student Leadership, Clubs, and More.” The Google Meet code is SMOBTOWNHALL.

Release of elementary and middle school [magnet](#) decisions for 2022-2023 school year

Friday, February 4

Report cards distributed

Monday, February 7

Special Education Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting

Monday, February 7, from 7 – 8:30 p.m.

Dr. Tana Hope of The Child and Family Therapy Clinic at Kennedy Krieger Institute will speak on the topic “Help, My Child is Anxious!” The [online meeting](#) is open to all.

[Board of Education meeting](#)

Tuesday, February 8, at 6:30 p.m.

Northwest/Southwest Area Education Advisory Council Meeting

Monday, February 14, at 7 p.m.

The topic of the [Zoom meeting](#) will be community schools.

Deadline for BCPS Black History Month Writing Contest

Wednesday, February 16

In celebration of Black History Month, the Office of Social Studies and the Office of English Language Arts with the support of the Education Foundation of Baltimore County Public Schools are co-sponsoring a writing contest for all students in Grades K-12. Entries are due by Wednesday, February 16. For details about how to enter, students are encouraged to speak to an English language arts or social studies teacher at their school. Winners will be notified by Wednesday, February 23.

Parent University Lunch & Learn: “Building Self-Esteem and Willpower”

Wednesday, February 16, at 12:30 p.m.

This session will address how the skill of choice-making along with the power of free will support the building of self-esteem and willpower in children and adults. Strategies for how to support impulse control and autonomy through offering choices will be shared and discussed. [Registration](#) required.

Career and Technical Education Virtual Career Fair

Wednesday, February 16, from 5 – 7 p.m.

Please [apply online](#) before the event. For more information, call the Office of Staffing at 443-809-7872.

Schools and offices closed for Presidents’ Day/Washington’s Birthday

Monday, February 21

Black History Month Virtual Events: The Legendary Ingramettes

Tuesday, February 22, at 9 a.m.

The Legendary Ingramettes are a family band of gospel singers and social justice seekers. In this program, the all-female quartet will sing and share stories from their home church in Petersburg, Virginia. This program will include a short video about the group followed by a conversation with the

leader of the band, the Rev. Almeta Miller, moderated by Jon Lohman, Ph.D. This program is tailored toward upper middle and high school students. It is presented on [Zoom](#) through a collaboration between BCPS and [Creative Alliance](#).

[Board of Education meeting](#)

Tuesday, February 22, at 6:30 p.m.

Black History Month Virtual Event: Balla Kouyate

Friday, February 25, at 10:15 a.m.

Keeper of an unbroken 800-year lineage of West African oral historians and musicians known as *djeli*, Balla Kouyate is a master of the *balafon*, the predecessor to the xylophone. This unique opportunity to visit with a master musician and oral historian will be tailored to middle school and lower high school students. The program will include a short video about Kouyate created in his current home community of Boston, Massachusetts, followed by a conversation with Kouyate, moderated by musician Brooks Long. The program will be presented on [Zoom](#) through a collaboration between BCPS and [Creative Alliance](#).

Special Education Resource Center Transition Chats: SSI/ABLE/Financial Issues

Monday, February 28, at 6 – 7:30 p.m.

This online discussion is designed to address the needs of parents/caregivers of students with special education needs who will be transitioning out of BCPS. [Registration](#) required.

Southeast Area Education Advisory Council

Monday, February 28, at 7 p.m.

The meeting topic will be community schools.

Hawthorne Elementary School library, 125 Kingston Rd., Baltimore 21220

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