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Mark your calendars for BCPSfest 2022, Baltimore County's biggest and best back-to-school festival

Students and families invited to participate

What: Join Baltimore County Public Schools for a free outdoor festival – [BCPSfest](#) – to kick off the 2022-2023 school year.

- Enjoy fun hands-on activities.
- Take a break in our Story Time Tent with special guest readers, including Superintendent Dr. Darryl L. Williams, Board of Education Chair Julie Henn, BCPS Teacher of the Year Alicia Amaral Freeman, a Baltimore Blast player, and student and community leaders.
- Get up close and personal with an antique fire engine.
- Try on firefighter equipment.
- Play with robots.
- Create with cardboard.
- Launch a paper rocket.
- Be entertained by talented BCPS students and staff.
- Learn more about BCPS programs, services, and employment opportunities.
- Learn more about taking college classes for free.
- Visit the BCPS Parentmobile to learn more about supporting student success.
- Receive a gift bag if you are one of the first 500 students who visit at least 10 vendors.
- Get a COVID vaccine from the Baltimore County Health Department.

And much more!

When: Saturday, August 20, 2022, from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. (*Rain date: Saturday, Aug. 27*)

Where: George Washington Carver Center for Arts and Technology
938 York Rd., Towson 21204

Parking: Free limited parking will be available on the Carver Center parking lot accessible from Kenilworth Drive.

Additional free parking will be available at BCPS headquarters/Greenwood, 6901 N. Charles St., Towson 21204. Park on the lot in front of Building E. BCPS will provide free shuttle buses to and from Carver Center every 15 minutes from 10:45 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Participants are also encouraged to travel to the event via [the Baltimore County circulator -- The Loop](#). The closest stop to the school campus is stop 40 on the orange line.

Background: This year's vendors include:

From BCPS

Career and Technical Education + College and Career Readiness + The Education Foundation of BCPS + English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) + English Language Arts + Facilities Support Services + Food and Nutrition Services + Human Resources, Recruitment and Staffing + Kelly Education Services + Library Media Programs & Educational Technology + Magnet Programs + Mathematics + Parent University + Performing Arts + Physical Education + Science + Social Studies + Teachers Association of Baltimore County (TABCO) + Title I + Transportation + Visual Arts

From the community

Abilities Network + Baltimore County Board of Elections + Baltimore County Family Child Care Association + Baltimore County Fire Department + Baltimore County Health Department + Baltimore County Public Library + Community College of Baltimore County + Fire Museum of Maryland + First Financial Federal Credit Union + Irvine Nature Center + Maryland 529 + Maryland Center for School Safety + National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Metro Baltimore + Patient First

This year's entertainers are:

- [Girls Quartet](#) (award-winning a cappella and barbershop quartet whose members include a BCPS educator and a BCPS graduate)
- [Morgan Gonce](#) and [Sophia Bryter](#) (George Washington Carver Center for Arts and Technology)

- Overlea Voices (Overlea High School)
- The deer band, featuring [Reed Spaulding](#) (Towson High School)

(Editor's note: The BCPSfest logo accompanies this release.)

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