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BCPS events for February 2024

Towson, MD – The following is a schedule of Baltimore County Public Schools' events, meetings, and other important dates for February 2024.

February observance

- Black History Month
- Career and Technical Education Month

February dates to remember

Ribbon cutting for new Summit Park Elementary School building

Thursday, February 1, at 1:30 p.m.

Summit Park Elementary School, 6920 Diana Rd., Baltimore 21209

Annual 2024 Student Choreography Showcase

Thursday, February 1, at 4 p.m., and Friday, February 2, at 4 p.m.

Patapsco High School and Center for the Arts, 8100 Wise Ave., Dundalk 21222

The annual Student Choreography Showcase is presented in collaboration with Clancyworks Dance Company. Student choreographers and dancers will engage in a movement workshop class, receiving valuable feedback on their choreographic works from Clancyworks artists, culminating in a public showcase performance. Participating schools for the Thursday showcase will be George Washington Carver Center for Arts and Technology, Lansdowne High School, Lansdowne Middle School, Perry Hall High School, and Windsor Mill Middle School. The Friday showcase will feature students from Franklin Middle School, Middle River Middle School, Milford Mill Academy, New Town High School, Overlea High School, Owings Mills High School, and Pikesville Middle School. Students from Patapsco High School and Center for the Arts, serving as the host school, will participate on both days. The community is invited to attend both showcase performances. Admission is free. In addition, the Thursday and Friday performances will be live-streamed on the BCPS-TV YouTube channel.

Annual BCPS Climate Survey begins

Monday, February 5, through Friday, March 8

The annual BCPS Climate Survey has been revised with fewer questions and a focus on school climate and engagement. Students in Grades 3–12, parents/caregivers, community members, and all staff are

asked to complete the survey, which will be accessible from the <u>BCPS home page</u>. The survey will take three minutes or less to complete, is anonymous, and will be available in multiple languages.

National School Counseling Week

Monday, February 5 – Friday, February 9

Sessions for Northeast Area Middle School prospective faculty and staff

Tuesday, February 6, from 6-7 p.m., and Thursday, February 8, from 6-7 p.m. BCPS headquarters/Greenwood, 6901 N. Charles St., Building E, Room 114, Towson 21204 Prospective faculty and staff are invited to learn more about the new Northeast Area Middle School that will be opening in the fall in Rosedale. The session will also address the transfer process and the opportunities and expectations associated with opening a new school. For additional information, please contact Principal Bryan Thanner at bthanner@bcps.org.

Family Support Wednesday

Wednesday, February 7, at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Every Wednesday, the BCPS Department of Special Education welcomes families to participate in Family Support Wednesdays. These <u>Google Meet sessions</u> are an opportunity to find support, connection, and information designed for just parents of young children (birth to age 5) with developmental delays.

Parent University Lunch and Learn Workshop: "Eating Healthy on a Budget"

Wednesday, February 7, from 12:30-1:30 p.m.

In this free online event, Priority Partners will share tips and tricks on how to make nutritious meals on a budget, shop smartly for groceries, and discover affordable alternatives to expensive ingredients. Please register online.

Citizens Advisory Committee for Gifted and Talented Education in Baltimore County

Wednesday, February 7, at 7 p.m.

Meeting details

Topic: "Early College Access Program in 2024-2025 Academic Year"

Systemwide professional development day – Schools closed for students

Friday, February 9

BCPS Black History Month Writing Contest entries due

Deadline: Friday, February 9, by 11:59 p.m.

In celebration of Black History Month, the Office of English Language Arts and the Office of Social Studies are co-sponsoring a writing contest for all students in Grades K-12. A winner will be selected in each of the following grade level bands: Grades K-2, Grades 3-5, Grades 6-8, and Grades 9-12. Prizes for winners are generously provided by The Education Foundation of BCPS. The contest is accepting up to three entries per school. Students interested in participating should speak to their English language arts or social studies teacher. This year's prompt is to choose an African American public figure in the field of visual arts, performing arts, literature, fashion, film, music, architecture, culinary arts, or other field of artistic expression, and to explain how this public figure has contributed significantly and uniquely to their field and how their work has specifically inspired the student and their own future goals.

Joint meeting of the Southwest and Northwest area education advisory councils

Monday, February 12, at 6:30 p.m.

Meeting details

Topic: "Equity"

Board of Education meeting

Tuesday, February 13, at 6:30 p.m.

BCPS headquarters/Greenwood – Building E, 6901 N. Charles St., Towson 21204 Information about attending and making public comments at meetings can be found on the Board's website.

Family Support Wednesday

Wednesday, February 14, at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.

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National School Resource Officer Appreciation Day

Thursday, February 15

Parent University Lunch & Learn Workshop: "Forging Relationships: Best Practices for Communicating with Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Families"

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

This virtual workshop will be presented by the Center for Family Success Center for Family Success. Please <u>register online</u>.

Parent University Lunch & Learn Workshop: "This is Hard! How to Help Your Child Do Hard Things and Persevere in the Face of Challenges"

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

Presented by Mariposa Education, this virtual workshop will offer support to parents as they encourage their children to do difficult things. Presenters will share the language to use to help children build self-motivation. Please register online.

Presidents' Day/Washington's Birthday – Schools and offices closed

Monday, February 19

Family Support Wednesday

Wednesday, February 21, at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.

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Special Education Hybrid Job Fair

Wednesday, February 21, from 4-6 p.m.

Attend in person at BCPS headquarters/Greenwood, 6901 N. Charles St., Building E, Towson 21204 OR join virtually on Microsoft Teams

At this hybrid event, BCPS is seeking to recruit special educators, speech and language pathologists, occupational therapists, and physical therapists. <u>Online applications</u> are encouraged.

"Sankofa: Celebration of African Americans' Achievements"

Friday, February 23, from 5-8 p.m.

Winfield Elementary School recreation center, 8300 Carlson Ln., Windsor Mill 21244 Sponsored by the Baltimore County Department of Recreation and Parks, this event will feature speakers, community resource tables, vendors, and a living history program to celebrate Black legacy and progress. Admission is free, and refreshments will be provided. Please register to attend.

Second Annual Black Excellence Systemwide Celebration

Saturday, February 24, from 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Perry Hall High School cafeteria, 4601 Ebenezer Rd., Nottingham 21236

The BCPS Black Excellence program supports students as they learn about the people, places, and events within the Black experience. Students can assess their knowledge through a book study, a school-based competition, and/or development of a presentation. During the systemwide celebration, students will display presentations they developed in response to the research prompt or the books they read. Community members, families, and other students will have the opportunity to ask students about their presentations.

Southeast Area Education Advisory Council meeting

Monday, February 26, at 7 p.m.

Chesapeake High School library, 1801 Turkey Point Rd., Baltimore 21221

Topic: "Artificial Intelligence"

Board of Education meeting

Tuesday, February 27, at 6:30 p.m.

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Family Support Wednesday

Wednesday, February 28, at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.

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Family Support Wednesday: Special session

Wednesday, February 28, from 2-2:45 p.m.

On the last Wednesday of each month, the BCPS Department of Special Education hosts a <u>Google Meet session</u> specifically for caregivers of micro-preemies and children with special health care needs. The session is an opportunity to find support, connection, and information.

Ribbon cutting for new Red House Run Elementary School building

Thursday, February 29, at 2 p.m.

Red House Run Elementary School, 1717 Weyburn Rd., Rosedale 211237

COMING SOON

BCPS Job Fair

Tuesday, March 12, from 4-7 p.m.

Timonium Fairgrounds, 2200 York Rd., Timonium 21093

BCPS is hiring teachers, paraprofessionals, additional adult support workers, building service workers, grounds workers, maintenance employees, school nurses, speech language pathologists, occupational therapists, physical therapists, school psychologists, school social workers, bus drivers, bus attendants, food service workers, and school counselors. All 176 schools, centers, and programs will be represented, and interviews will be conducted. Those interested are encouraged to bring their resumes and to begin the online application process before the job fair.

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