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BCPS events for February 2023

Towson, MD – The following is a schedule of Baltimore County Public Schools' events, meetings, and other important dates for February 2023.

Throughout February

[Career and Technical Education Month](#)

[National African American History Month](#)

Throughout the month, BCPS will recognize Black History Month in schools and offices and on social media. Every school day during February, BCPS will spotlight a Black BCPS graduate on social media. At 3 p.m. every Tuesday in February, BCPS will post Black History Month trivia questions on Instagram Stories ([@teambcps](#)). Stories will be live for 24 hours and will be archived in BCPS Instagram highlights. A recent [BCPS news release](#) details many of the programs and activities related to Black History Month in BCPS.

2022-2023 Racial Justice Poetry Contest accepting entries

Entries are being accepted now through 11:59 p.m. on Wednesday, Mar. 1. Students in Grades 6 – 12 in Baltimore County public, parochial, and independent schools and homeschooled children in Baltimore County can apply. Poems must be original and no more than three pages long. Contest details, prize information, and a submission form can be found on Schoology in the resource folder for teachers of Secondary English Language Arts. Teachers from other content areas may contact Justin DePrima at Dumbarton Middle School or the BCPS English language arts office for access. Non-BCPS students can access the [contest information and forms online](#).

2023 BCPS Stakeholder Climate Survey continues

Through Friday, Mar. 4

BCPS invites students in Grades 3-12, parents/caregivers, staff, and community members to participate in the school system's annual [Stakeholder Climate Survey](#). The brief online survey is available in multiple languages. Survey feedback is used by schools to refine School Progress Plans as well as by BCPS to measure progress toward goals in The Compass strategic plan.

February Dates to Remember

Grand opening of Employee and Retiree Customer Service Center

Beginning Wednesday, Feb. 1

Regular hours: Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, from 8:30 a.m. – 4:45 p.m.; Tuesday and Thursday, from 8:30 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.

Contact at 443-809-1000 or cshelp@bcps.org.

The new Employee and Retiree Customer Service Center will provide BCPS employees and retirees with assistance and solutions to questions regarding benefits, retirement, leaves, certification, and payroll.

Special Education Job Fair

Thursday, Feb. 2, from 4 – 6 p.m.

BCPS headquarters – Greenwood campus, Building E, 6901 N. Charles St., Rooms 114 and 123, Towson 21204

BCPS is hosting an event focused on recruiting special education teachers – all exceptionalities, speech pathologists, physical therapists, occupational therapists, teachers of the deaf and hard of hearing, and teachers of the visually impaired. At the event, prospective employees can visit information booths, participate in interviews, receive application instructions, and learn more about employee benefits. Those interested in attending are encouraged to apply in advance.

2023 Student Choreography Showcases

Thursday, Feb. 2, and Friday, Feb. 3, at 4:15 p.m.

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

The 2023 Student Choreography Showcases is an annual performance opportunity in collaboration with Dr. Adrienne Clancy of Clancyworks Dance Company – a local dance organization. Student choreographers and dancers will participate in a movement workshop class and receive feedback on their choreographic works from Clancyworks artists followed by a showcase performance. Schools participating in the Thursday, Feb. 2, showcase are Franklin High School, George Washington Carver Center for Arts and Technology, Lansdowne High School, and Milford Mill Academy. Schools participating in the Friday, Feb. 3, showcase are New Town High School, Overlea High School, Owings Mills High School, Sudbrook Magnet Middle School, and Windsor Mill Middle School, and. The host school, Patapsco High School and Center for the Arts, will participate on both days. Admission is free for the showcase performances.

Citizens Advisory Committee for Gifted and Talented Education

Thursday, Feb. 2, at 7 p.m.

[Meeting details](#)

Topic: Curricular updates with Kasele Mshinde, director of the BCPS Office of Mathematics, and Megan Shay, executive director of the BCPS Department of Teaching and Learning

Bus Driver and Attendant Recruitment Event

Friday, Feb. 3, at 10 a.m., 11 a.m., and 12 p.m.

Cockeysville Bus Lot, 105 Wight Ave., Cockeysville 21030

BCPS is seeking school bus drivers and bus attendants. Please join us for a recruitment session to learn about the positions and BCPS benefits. Please [apply online](#) before the event. Please be sure to bring the following documents:

- Complete driving record (from MVA Kiosk) - for bus drivers only.
- Driver's license or state identification card

For more information, please call 443-809-7872.

National School Counseling Week

Monday, Feb. 6 – Friday, Feb. 10

Deadline for Principal of the Year and Assistant Principal of the Year nominations

Monday, Feb. 6, at 6 p.m.

BCPS staff, parents, and community members are invited to nominate outstanding schoolhouse leaders to be named Principal of the Year and Assistant Principal of the Year for 2023-24. A principal and assistant principal will be recognized for each level: elementary, middle, and high. Awards will be presented in April at a ceremony where the Teacher of the Year will also be named. Please use online nomination forms to nominate a principal or assistant principal.

Special Education Citizens Advisory Committee meeting

Monday, Feb. 6, from 7 – 8:30 p.m.

[Meeting details](#)

Topic: Planning summer opportunities

SOLE Defined dance performances

Tuesday, Feb. 7, and Wednesday, Feb. 8

Gordon Center for Performing Arts, 3506 Gwynnbrook Ave., Owings Mills 21117

More than 800 BCPS middle and high school students will see special private performances by the Washington, D.C.-based SOLE Defined dance company. This activity is part of a month-long celebration of Black Dance in America hosted by the Gordon Center in collaboration with the Baltimore Black Dance Collective, Baltimore County Public Schools, and local dance artists. Tickets for the public performances at the Gordon Center during “Take a Leap 2023: Celebrating Black History Month Through Dance” can be found [online](#). Use promo code DANCE50 and save 50 percent on tickets.

Grounds Worker II Recruitment Event

Wednesday, Feb. 8, at 1:30 p.m.

Hunt Valley Workforce Development Center, 11101 McCormick Rd., Suite 102, Hunt Valley 21031

BCPS is hosting an in-person recruitment session for prospective grounds workers. The event will include an information session, interview, and pre-employment scheduling. Interested applicants should [apply online](#) before the event, and they will be invited to the next session and any thereafter if they cannot attend the first. For more information, please call 443-809-7872.

Building Service Worker Recruitment Event

Wednesday, Feb. 8, at 2:30 p.m.

Hunt Valley Workforce Development Center, 11101 McCormick Rd., Suite 102, Hunt Valley 21031

BCPS is hosting an in-person recruitment session for prospective building service workers. The event will include an information session, interview, and pre-employment scheduling. Interested applicants should [apply online](#) before the event, and they will be invited to the next session and any thereafter if they cannot attend the first. For more information, please call 443-809-7872.

"Stop The Bleed" Training

Wednesday, Feb. 8, at 6:30 p.m.

Prettyboy Elementary School, 19810 Middletown Rd., 21053

All parents and caregivers of BCPS students and all BCPS staff are encouraged to participate in a free, 90-minute "Stop the Bleed" course. The course trains participants to recognize a bleeding emergency, then

pack wounds and use tourniquets to help stop the bleeding until first responders arrive. [Registration](#) is free, and space is limited.

Cafeteria Worker Recruitment Event

Thursday, Feb. 9, from 2 – 4 p.m.

The American Job Center at the Liberty Center, 3637 Offutt Rd., Randallstown 21133

BCPS is hosting an in-person recruitment session for prospective cafeteria workers. The event will include an information session, interview, and pre-employment scheduling. Interested applicants should [apply online](#) before the event, and they will be invited to the next session and any thereafter if they cannot attend the first. For more information, please call 443-809-7872.

Black History Month Writing Contest

Deadline for entries: Friday, Feb. 10

The BCPS Offices of English Language Arts and Social Studies are co-sponsoring the annual [Black History Month writing contest](#). 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 will be provided by The Education Foundation of BCPS. Students are asked to write in response to the following quotation from Ketanji Brown Jackson, the first Black woman to serve as a U.S. Supreme Court Justice: "Our children are telling me that they see now, more than ever, that, here in America, anything is possible." Students are asked to write about an African American activist, artist, athlete, author, musician, scientist, or other public figure who has helped them see that anything is possible. Only four entries will be accepted from each school. More information is available in an [online flyer](#). Students are encouraged to ask their English language arts and social studies teachers for additional information.

Northwest Area Education Advisory Council Meeting

Monday, Feb. 13, at 7 p.m.

[Meeting details](#)

Topic: Grading and Reporting

Southwest Area Education Advisory Council Meeting

Monday, Feb. 13, at 7 p.m.

[Meeting details](#)

Topic: Meet and greet Board members of Districts 1 and 2

[Board of Education meeting](#)

Tuesday, Feb. 14, 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.

Career and Technical Education Virtual Job Fair

Wednesday, Feb. 15, from 5 – 7 p.m.

BCPS is hosting a virtual Career and Technical Education Job Fair. Representatives from the CTE Office will be available to answer questions about the positions. Human resources representatives will be available to answer questions about the hiring process and next steps. To attend the fair, please visit the [recruitment events website](#) on the day of the event.

"Grandparents Raising Grandchildren" Workshops

Wednesday, Feb. 15, at 6:30 p.m. (Virtual Dinner and Discussion) – [register online](#)

Thursday, Feb. 16, at 12:30 p.m. (Virtual Lunch and Learn) – [register online](#)

The "Grandparents Raising Grandchildren" workshop will identify specific needs of grandparents who are raising and/or supporting grandchildren. Topics will include the following:

- Acknowledging the challenges faced by grandparents raising grandchildren
- Discussing strategies for building a home-school partnership
- Accessing resources to support student academic and social/emotional development

Central Area Education Advisory Council meeting

Wednesday, Feb. 15, at 7 p.m.

[Meeting details](#)

Topic: Special Education Services

Bus Driver and Attendant Recruitment Event

Friday, Feb. 17, at 10 a.m., 11 a.m., and 12 p.m.

Cockeysville Bus Lot, 105 Wight Ave., Cockeysville 21030

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

Monday, Feb. 20

Recorded speeches available from Student Member of the Board finalists

Tuesday, Feb. 21

Recorded speeches from the candidates will be available online, on social media, and in selected English language arts and social studies classes beginning on February 21. The finalists are Nick Dimitriadis, Grade 11, Towson High School; Kayla Drummond, Grade 11, Parkville High School; and Nathan Harris, Grade 11, George Washington Carver Center for Arts and Technology. On March 23, BCPS middle and high school students will cast ranked-choice votes to select the 2023-2024 SMOB. More information is available in a [BCPS news release](#).

Grounds Worker II Recruitment Event

Tuesday, Feb. 21, at 1:30 p.m.

Eastpoint Workforce Development Center, 7839 Eastpoint Mall, Baltimore 21224

BCPS is hosting an in-person recruitment session for prospective grounds workers. The event will include an information session, interview, and pre-employment scheduling. Interested applicants should [apply online](#) before the event, and they will be invited to the next session and any thereafter if they cannot attend the first. For more information, please call 443-809-7872.

Building Service Worker Recruitment Event

Tuesday, Feb. 21, at 2:30 p.m.

Eastpoint Workforce Development Center, 7839 Eastpoint Mall, Baltimore 21224

BCPS is hosting an in-person recruitment session for prospective building service workers. The event will include an information session, interview, and pre-employment scheduling. Interested applicants should

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Bus Driver and Attendant Recruitment Event

Thursday, Feb. 23, at 10 a.m., 11 a.m., and 12 p.m.

The American Job Center at the Liberty Center, 3637 Offutt Rd., Randallstown 21133

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Black Excellence Program Closing Event

Saturday, Feb. 25, from 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Loch Raven High School, 1212 Cowpens Ave., Baltimore 21286

The Black Excellence Program is an extracurricular BCPS activity that teaches students about the people, places, and events that have been important throughout the Black experience in America. The program has three key components during the 2022–2023 school year: a book study, a school-based competition, and the development of presentations. Schools and students may participate in one, two, or all three components of the program. The program will conclude with a systemwide public event to showcase presentations students developed in response to the books they read or the 2022-2023 independent research prompt: “Breaking Barriers and Innovation: How have others created the world I live in today?”

Southeast Area Education Advisory Council

Monday, Feb. 27, at 7 p.m.

Sandalwood Elementary School library, 900 S. Marlyn Ave., Essex 21221

Topic: Blueprint update

[Board of Education meeting](#)

Tuesday, Feb. 28, at 6:30 p.m.

BCPS headquarters/Greenwood – Building E, 6901 N. Charles St., Towson 21204

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[BCPS Office of Athletics events](#) can be found online.

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