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Awards announced for Team BCPS Day participants

Students, staff, and supporters looked beautiful in blue!

Towson, MD – Team BCPS Day 2023 on Thursday, January 12, was a vision in blue! Across the county, students, staff, and supporters of Baltimore County Public Schools wore blue and posted photos on social media using hashtag #BCPSblue.

As it does each year, BCPS selects some of the images and videos posted on Team BCPS Day to honor for their creativity and spirit. The following awards have been announced for Team BCPS Day 2023:

<u>Best "Bluebird of Happiness"</u> – Debbie Ford, administrative secretary, West Towson Elementary School

Best Blue Birthday - Officer Schissler, Towson High School

Best Blue Brilliance - The Chatsworth School

Best Blue Penmanship - Fifth District Elementary School Kindergarten students, Katie Cox's class

Best Boys in Blue - Sudbrook Magnet Middle School's Black Boy Joy and Genius group

Best Cool in Blue – Mia Tarver, Arbutus Elementary School

Best True Blue Friends – First Financial Federal Credit Union

Best Head to Toe Blue – Watershed Public Charter School student

<u>Best Headpiece</u> – Rebecca Strumsky's class, Vincent Farm Elementary School

Best Knit 1 Purl 2 – Meadowood Education Center

Best Legislators in Blue (three-way tie) – MD Delegates Nick Allen, Cathi Forbes, Cheryl Pasteur, Aletheia

McCaskill, N. Scott Phillips, and Sheila Ruth; MD Senators Charles Sydnor, Ben Brooks, Shelley

Hettleman, and Chris West; and Senator Ben Brooks and team

<u>Best Lounging in Blue</u> – Mabel, who belongs to Jill Stephenson, Department of Communications and Community Outreach

Best Siblings in Blue - Submitted by Jessica W., Church Lane Elementary School

Best "Spell It Out": B, C, P, and S – Edmondson Heights Elementary School

<u>Best "Superhero"</u> – Patricia Redding, school nurse, Chatsworth School

Best "Taller Than the Teacher" - Towson High School

<u>Best True Blue Pride</u> – Melissa Salkeld and children, Prettyboy Elementary School

Best Wish Upon a Star – Janelle Smith, teacher, Virtual Learning Program

<u>Favorite True-Blue Cheer</u> – Fifth District Elementary School

First Post of the Day – Dina Hall Harden, Grade 6, Perry Hall Middle School

<u>Peekaboo. We See You</u> – Jason Eisenberg, Catonsville Middle School

And as always, Most Adorable – All BCPS students

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 this year's photos in the <u>Team BCPS Day 2023</u> Flickr album.

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