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Community invited to celebrate the new school year at BCPSfest, this Saturday, August 19

WHAT:

The community is invited to join Baltimore County Public Schools in celebrating the coming start of the 2023-2024 school year. <u>BCPSfest</u>, the school system's annual back-to-school festival, will feature many hands-on, family-friendly learning activities; information about employment and community resources; live entertainment by students and staff; photo opportunities with Poe, Ravens cheerleaders, and school mascots; face-painting; Double-Dutch jump-roping; the new welcome center bus for English learners; the Baltimore County Public Library's bookmobile; fire engines; and much more!

WHEN:

Saturday, August 19, from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

WHERE:

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

PARKING:

Festival visitors are encouraged to park (free) at BCPS headquarters/Greenwood, 6901 N. Charles Street, Towson 21204. Park on the large Building E parking lot. BCPS will provide free shuttle buses to and from Carver Center every 15 minutes from 10:45 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Limited free parking will also be available on the Carver Center parking lot accessible from Kenilworth Drive and on Kenilworth Drive.

EVENT DETAILS:

This year's vendors:

Representing BCPS: AFSCME + Area Educational Advisory Councils + Career and Technical Education + College and Career Readiness + Communications and Community Outreach + Community Schools/Community Resources + The Education Foundation of BCPS, Inc. + ESPBC + English for Speakers of Other Languages + English Language Arts + Facilities Support Services – Energy and Sustainability Team + Family and Community Engagement (Parent University bus) + Food and Nutrition Services + Health and Physical Education + Human Resources – Office of Staffing + Kelly Education Services + Library Media Programs and Educational Technology + Magnet Programs + Mathematics + PTA Council of Baltimore County + Performing Arts + Resource Centers for Families + Science + Social Emotional Support + Social Studies + Special Education + TABCO + Title I, Homeless Programs, and Community Schools + Transportation + Visual Arts

Representing the community: Abilities Network + Affordable Connectivity Program +
Baltimore County Board of Elections + Baltimore County Fire Department (fire engine) +
Baltimore County Office of Community Engagement + Baltimore County Public Library
(Bookmobile) + Boy Scouts of America + CASA + CCBC + Chispa – Maryland League of
Conservation Voters + Craving Potato Factory + Families4Families + Fire Museum of
Maryland + First Financial Federal Credit Union + HealthCare Access Maryland + Holt
Park and Center for the Arts + Irvine Nature Center + Just Uniting More People, Inc.
(Double-Dutch culture group) + Kona Ice + Maryland Center for School Safety +
Maryland Insurance Administration + Maryland State Department of Education +
National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Metropolitan Baltimore + Patient First +
Retired and Senior Volunteer Program of Baltimore County + Sam's Club + Sno Blast
DMV

This year's entertainers:

DJ G-MONEY/Three J's Entertainment

Deer Park Middle School Step Team

Eastern Technical High School Cheer Team

Ms. Blue and Golden Man (Grace White, Colgate Elementary)

Randallstown High School Golden Ram Marching Band

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