

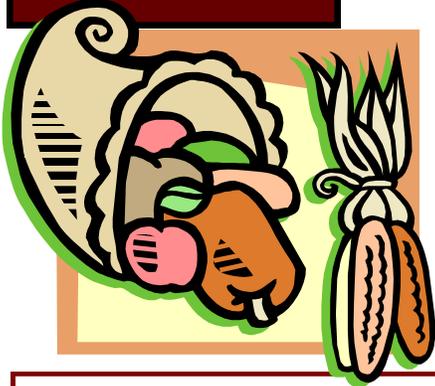


FACEtime

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Meet new FACE Stacey Wade

FACE has a new face! It's **Stacey Wade**, formerly of Norwood Elementary School and now the new administrative secretary for the FACE Office. Welcome, Stacey!

At Norwood, Stacey handled front office and administrative duties and was a FACE liaison and volunteer coordinator. At FACE, she will support volunteer coordinators and FACE liaisons, as well as office record-keeping.

You will get to know Stacey soon, so when you do, be sure to give her a big FACE welcome!



Resources out!

What Our BCPS Families Need to Know

How often do we wish there was some handy way for parents to stay informed on the latest curriculum, the newest teaching techniques, or the most effective ways of keeping school safe and orderly? Or simply that parents had some way of understanding a program or classroom instruction.

Well, there actually is! A series of single-sheet, curriculum-based fact sheets is available to use at school events, PTA meetings, back-to-school nights parent-teacher conferences, and other functions. The first one about AVID

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Resources in!

What would teachers like parents to know?

Our schools and teachers are great about asking parents to tell us what we need to know to better serve our students. But if teachers could tell parents what they want parents to know, what would they say?

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Better communications

Feeling Welcomed

We know what they say about first impressions, right? The same goes for schools and school staff.

In fact, any time a parent comes to your school may be their first visit and first impression. It should be a good one.

As ambassadors to your school building, you have plenty of resources availa-

ble to you through Parent U.
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programs in BCPS, is already produced and will soon be [available here](#) with other resources in the series.

The “What Families Need to Know” series touches on reading comprehension, number concepts and the next generation science standards among other topics.

Easily reproducible, they can be used for targeted events or for general information.

“The FACE Office has worked with a variety of curriculum offices to ensure the material is easily readable and touches on all the topics that parents might be wondering about a certain program or instructional unit,” says Sue Hahn of the FACE Office. “We hope liaisons and parents will make good use of them.”

Look for additional fact sheets rolling out this winter.

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The “Parent University” show on BCPS-TV wants to know! For the next week or so, ask teachers in your school (or poll them by email) what they want parents to know.

Once you have some opinions, send the results via Outlook to “Parent University” host Sue Hahn at parentu@bcps.org.

Then watch “Parent University” to see if your teacher is featured!

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Start by accessing the [“Being Invitational” section](#) of the FACE Office intranet page. There, you can find tips and strategies to put a friendly and encouraging welcome mat out for your parents and community, as well as a variety of welcoming initiatives to use.

The site also includes research into welcoming strategies and sample best practices to use.

You can also obtain an attractive and bold statement of welcome — a “Welcome” poster featuring the word in a variety of languages — by contacting the Middlesex or Campfield resource centers.

Finally, check out our BCPS Resource Centers for supports like the welcome sign above. You can find them by [clicking here](#). Take some time to explore their variety of services and support materials.

Resource Roundup

You need this!

Check out this terrific course; it’s right down our collective alleys.

“Developing and Implementing Effective Parent Involvement Programs” is a hybrid course of three face-to-face meetings and seven online sessions. Participants will earn two MSDE credits.

The course explores how to create true partnerships between schools and families.

Meetings in 2020 will be on Wednesdays, Feb. 19, Mar. 18, and Apr. 22, all at Dundalk High School, with all other sessions online.

Signup begins Thursday, Dec. 5, through the Professional Learning Registration system. Sign up and take your outreach to the next level!

From all your friends

in the FACE Office . . .

