



FACEtime

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Marketplace

Stakeholder Survey flyers available here

Once a year, BCPS asks stakeholders to give us a grade! Through the annual Stakeholder Survey, students, parents, BCPS staff, and community members can all weigh in on a variety of questions centering on how well BCPS is providing a world-class education to its students.

As always, we need FACE liaisons to let their school communities know about the survey and encourage them to take five minutes to complete it.

(Please see *SURVEY* on P. 2)

News Flash!

New Parent U show spotlights preparing for future success

Check out the new episode of "Parent University" on BCPS-TV. And let your school community know that the new show has plenty of informational and inspirational content about preparing for success after BCPS.

Join host Sue Hahn as she talks with local partners like Alban and explores opportunities for students like Junior Achievement.

Catch "Parent University" on BCPS-TV (Comcast 73 or Verizon 34) or [click here for the online version](#).



For students in Grades 3-12, and all parents, staff, and community members

Your feedback guides our budget, staffing, and programs

Take the survey at www.bcps.org



- Only takes 5 minutes
- Use any computer, device, or phone
- 16 languages available for students, parents, and community

Save the date

Upcoming Events

Winter's wonderful for activities throughout BCPS. Spread the word!

- **Padonia Park Pop-Up** — "Nurturing Creativity" at 6 p.m., Feb. 20, at 2006 Jennifer Rd., 21030.
- **Phonics for K-3** – Mar. 3, Essex Library, Mar. 12 Towson Library, Mar. 18, Woodlawn Library. All dates begin at 6:30 p.m.

For the full Parent U Calendar, [click here](#) or go to the [Parent U home page here!](#)

Special education

Check out these winter workshops

The Special Education Resource Center is offering another great series of workshops this winter for parents of children with special needs.

The free workshops cover topics ranging from understanding anxiety to behavior management at home and Tourette Syndrome.

To publicize topics and times, [download the flyer here](#) and remember that registration is required and space is limited.

Survey *(Continued from Page 1)*

The survey will be available from Jan. 27 to March 1, and it and info about it are [available here](#). The survey will be available on the [BCPS home page](#) as well after Jan. 27.

The anonymous survey takes five minutes and is used to tell BCPS what it is doing well and what it could improve.

Jessica Ahmed, FACE Liaison at Campfield Early Childhood Center, says convenience and giving parents a reason to

complete the survey are the main motivators.

She recommends:

- Use incentives like a raffle.
- Have laptops to use at arrival, dismissal, and after-school events.
- Use flyers and a “robocall” from the principal.

“The main thing is that parents are busy and in a rush,” Ahmed says. “Making it faster and easier for them is key.”



Lost in translations?

Do you know where to go for accurate and reliable translations, including many of the Parent U resources online? Check out the links to translated materials below:

- [The Family & Community Engagement Policy 1270.](#)
- [Systemic resources translations are available here.](#)
- [Videos about registration, magnets, and pre-k programs.](#)

Look for more translation resources on the FACE office page, Parent Resource Table, on the [BCPS Intranet page here](#).

Resource highlight

New workshop targets

writing readiness

A new workshop that focuses on writing readiness is available now.

The workshop covers everything from writing building blocks to the benefits of play-



based learning. It was designed and coordinated by staff from the BCPS Office of Early Childhood and is available by completing a Workshop Request Form on the [FACE intranet page](#).

If you work at an elementary school, consider this and other workshop ideas as a way of connecting with parents and staff alike.

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