

## **FACEtime**

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Marketplace

# Stakeholder Survey flyers available here

nce a year, BCPS asks stakeholders to give us a gradel 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.

#### News Flash!

New Parent U show spotlights preparing for future success

heck 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 <u>click here for the online version</u>.



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)



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**

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

- Padonia Park Pop-Up —
   "Nurturing Creativity" at 6
   p.m., Feb. 20, at 2006 Jenifer 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**, <u>click here</u> or go to the <u>Parent U</u>

<u>home page here!</u>

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 <u>available here</u>. The survey will be available on the <u>BCPS home page</u> 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."

# Subscribe to the BCPS e-newsletter

ant to stay in the know about all things BCPS?
Looking for a way to make sure your school community stays up to-date about all things BCPS?

The weekly BCPS e-newsletter, sent exclusively to those who subscribe, features weekly messages from Superintendent Dr. Darryl L. Williams, important dates for the upcoming week,



and news and feature stories about schools, students, system initiatives, the Education Foundation, Parent University, and more.

Consider <u>subscribing to the enewsletter here</u>, and make sure your school community can, too!

### Lost in translations?

o 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.
- <u>Videos about registration, magnets, and pre-k programs</u>.

Look for more translation resources on the FACE office page, Parent Resource Table, on the <u>BCPS Intranet page here</u>.

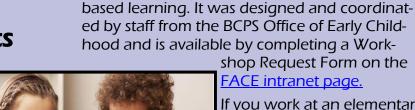
#### Resource highlight

#### New workshop targets

writing readiness

new workshop that focuses on writing readiness is available now.

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



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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