



PTA Council of Baltimore County, Inc. Accomplishments for 2005/2006



Special Advocacy Activities and Events

- ☞ **PTA Council's 55th anniversary gala celebration** (10/27/05): honored by Maryland PTA, State of Maryland Governor, Baltimore County Council, Baltimore County Executive, Maryland State Senator
- ☞ **Elementary gifted and talented education nights** (March-April/06): in coordination with the Citizens' Advisory Committee for Gifted and Talented Education and BCPS GT Office, one in each of the five areas of Baltimore County; more than 275 parents in attendance
- ☞ **Internet safety night** (5/8/06) presented in conjunction with BCPS Office of Library Information Services and featuring guest speaker Parry Aftab, Esq., nationally-recognized internet safety expert
- ☞ **Student and parent health and safety resource binders** distributed to all BCPS middle and high schools

Leadership Training

- ☞ Two fall workshop sessions (10/10-11/05): Topics included indoor environmental quality – Tools for Schools; Maryland's Parent Advisory Council (M-PAC); PTA bylaws, treasurers, Reflections, newsletters and websites, operations
- ☞ General meeting (1/26/06): BCPS Board of Education members and area assistant superintendents
- ☞ General meeting (3/30/06): BCPS Office of Strategic Planning – enrollments, projections, capacities
- ☞ General meeting (4/27/06): PTA Council elections of officers for 2006/2008
- ☞ Leadership training for new officers (6/8/06)

National PTA Reflections Program –

"I Wonder Why..."

- ☞ 32 PTAs submitted 275 creative entries in dance, film/video, literature, musical composition, photography and visual arts

- ☞ Reflections awards ceremony (3/31/06): 50 awards of excellence and 45 awards of merit

PTA Council Awards Program –

Once Upon a Time...

- ☞ Awards ceremony (5/18/06): awards included unit of excellence, special recognition, outstanding educator of the year, and 'top 12' best programs – reading, volunteer, safety awareness, membership theme, legislative, family involvement, substance abuse, PTA/PTSA newsletter, multicultural, student recognition, PTA/PTSA website, male involvement

Ongoing Advocacy Activities

- ☞ BCPS Board of Education meetings
- ☞ BCPS pre-operating budget hearings
- ☞ Endorsement and implementation of indoor air quality Tools for Schools
- ☞ Endorsement of support for increasing information technology staff in high schools
- ☞ Maryland PTA: summer leadership conference, fall convention, legislative night in Annapolis
- ☞ National PTA: annual convention
- ☞ Maryland's Parent Advisory Council (M-PAC)
- ☞ PTA Council committees: bylaws and procedures, cultural arts/reflections, elementary and secondary curriculum, gifted and talented, health and safety, legislation/issues, membership, parent/family involvement, capital school budget, operating school budget, special education

Ongoing Publications

- ☞ PTA Council Directory – four copies distributed to local PTA presidents
- ☞ PTA Council Bulletin – published monthly from September 2005-June 2006 and distributed to PTA president, treasurer, secretary and principal in each BCPS school and others

BCPS Magnet Programs

Magnet Application Deadline

November 30, 2006

BCPS has scheduled its Open Houses, Assessments, and Information Meetings for the 2007-08 Elementary, Middle and High School Magnet Programs. To obtain the complete schedule of Magnet Programs or for more information, access the BCPS Magnet Programs website, www.bcps.org/offices/omp or call 410-887-4127.