



FACEtime

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Staff Development

Liaisons learn FACE facts at intro training

The FACE office held three successful introductory trainings recently where attendees participated in scavenger hunts for the Parentmobile and Parent University.

This training was for FACE Liaisons who are new or who need an update about available resources.

Among the surprises greeting liaisons during the training was the fanciful door above at Glenmar Elementary School, where the trainings took place.

Those who received the introductory level training recently or in the past may want to attend an additional professional learning that will be scheduled for January 2019. Stay tuned for details.

Parent U's website

Web wisdom

The BCPS Parent University website is a great place to check out timely resources and advice for busy parents and student supporters, especially during the holiday season.

Check out, and share with families, the latest Parent U website updates:

- **Academics** shouldn't take a back seat to the holidays, but it can be a challenge for the students in your family to focus on schoolwork when school is on winter break. There are plenty of resources on the Parent U page to consult that provide tips and ideas for keeping children busy and learning during this festive time. Start with this one: [Learning Activities When Your Child Is Home From School](#).
- **The 2-1-1 Resource** found on the Parent U Health and Wellness page **(Please see Website on page 2)**



The Parent University Show

Schoolology latest focus of Parent U show

For the visual learners among us, the latest episode of "Parent University" has premiered on BCPS-TV. The new episode deals with the school system's new Schoolology information platform, and what you need to know about it.

The episode may be seen on BCPS-TV (Comcast Cable channel 73 and Verizon FiOS channel 34) at 5 a.m. and 7 p.m. daily and 12 noon each day except Sunday. Or you can see it by clicking [here](#). Happy viewing!

It's a Workshop Wonderland

Workshops are one of the best ways to keep abreast of the latest educational advances, informative practices, and useful advice.

[Hosting Request Form](#) to schedule a workshop.

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Parent University is sponsoring plenty of helpful ready-made workshops over the next few months, called "Workshops-to-Host." And there are also many workshops you can download and build to reflect the needs of your own school and audience, called "Workshops-to-Go."

To review available workshops, visit the [FACE Resource Site](#) and view the list of Available Workshops to Host on the BCPS Intranet. Complete the [Workshop](#)



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Let's look at what workshops are available now:

Workshops to Host

- "Resume - Ready. . .Set . . . Interview!" - Learn to create winning resumes, determine career pathways, and use state resources to register and search for jobs. Interview tips will be shared as well.
- "Identifying and Preventing Bullying" - A workshop designed to provide families with definitions of bullying, warning signs, and ways to help children prevent bullying.



- "Conscious Discipline" - presentations for parents introducing techniques to help children succeed at home and strategies to help support the social/emotional learning of students at home.

Workshops to Go

- "Read for Life" - Reading happens everywhere. A series of five 90-minute workshops for parents to explore literacy development for pre-K children, including concepts of print, writing, phonics, comprehension, and oral language.
- "Understanding and Managing Behaviors at Home" - A five-week series of workshops to assist parents with PreK-5 children manage their thoughts and emotions. Children are welcome to attend with parents.

The Resource Centers

Need a resource? You're in luck!

If you can think it, they can make it! No, not Santa's Elves but the staff at the BCPS Resource Centers for Families and Schools, who can create customizable projects, banners, posters, and supplemental learning materials for personal, business, community and school projects.

Consider ordering buttons, family learning books, homework aids such

as make-and-take items for your next family engagement activity or event.

To learn more, visit the Resource Center for Families and Schools on its Facebook page, or call Cindy Baugher at Campfield Early Learning Center at 410-887-1269 or Anna Ogora at Middlesex Elementary at 410-887-0321. Tell them FACE sent you!



Plan on the Parentmobile

The BCPS Parentmobile is a resource like no other. A rolling, retrofitted reference center on wheels, it roams Baltimore County

bringing education and social resources to parents and caretakers who live in areas where work and other issues often make it difficult to visit schools.

What makes it different? Among other things, the Parentmobile carries a compendium of resources found no where else in Baltimore County, including lists of resources that make it easy to access information from the bus.

Check out the list of Parentmobile Learning Resources available on the bus on the BCPS Intranet under the [FACE office](#) tab.

And take a look at some of the upcoming Parentmobile visits across Baltimore County. Is it coming to a neighborhood near you? Would you like it to come to your school? [Click here for a form to request a Parentmobile visit.](#) Here's where the bus is headed next:

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Is an important resource especially during the holidays. Provided by the United Way of Central Maryland, 2-1-1 is the phone number to dial for information, community resources or referrals on a variety of health and human service issues.

Staffed 24/7, counselors provides individuals and families with assistance in accessing food, shelter or emergency housing, medical care, job training, day care, and other needs. Learn more at the [website here.](#)

- **Don't forget your daily Tips.** Even when school's not in session, you can check the [Healthy Tip of the Week](#) and Family Learning Tip each day on the [Academics page.](#) Those tips will have plenty of family learning fun and timely advice over the winter break, so keep checking!

- Mays Chapel Elementary - Friday, Nov. 30, 1-3 p.m., 12250 Roundwood Rd., Timonium 21093.
- Dundalk Christmas Parade - Saturday, Dec. 1, from 4-6 p.m., Dundalk Elementary, 2717 Playfield St., Dundalk 21222.