BCPS schools to welcome parents, community for American Education Week

Towson, MD – Baltimore County Public Schools will celebrate American Education Week 2022 from Monday, Nov. 14, through Friday, Nov. 18, with countywide and school-based activities designed to showcase teaching and learning and encourage engagement in BCPS schools. All Team BCPS members are encouraged to tweet photos during the week using the hashtag #bcpsAEW.

On Wednesday, Nov. 16, the school system will recognize Education Support Professionals Day, and on Friday, Nov. 18, Substitute Educators Day.

During the week, most schools will host a variety of special events and set aside specific times for parents and caregivers to visit their children’s classrooms.

“Each year, we look forward to American Education Week and to welcoming community members into our schools,” said BCPS Superintendent Dr. Darryl L. Williams, “but our welcome extends beyond the week. The success of BCPS requires collaboration among families, schools, and the community, and we encourage individual volunteers and business partnerships year-round.”

One special event this American Education Week will be a Youth Apprenticeship Employer Interest Meeting. This event will be held on Wednesday, Nov. 16, from 3 – 5 p.m. at Patapsco High School and Center for the Arts, 8100 Wise Ave., Dundalk 21222. Employers interested in growing their workforce, recruiting new talent, and mentoring students are invited to attend to learn more about the Apprenticeship Maryland Program. The program is coordinated by the BCPS Office of Career and Technical Education in collaboration with the Maryland Department of Labor. Registration is required.
Throughout the week, BCPS offices will offer workshops for parents and caregivers:

**Lunch & Learn: Eating Healthy on a Budget**
Monday, Nov. 14, at 12:30 p.m.
During this virtual lunchtime session, parents and guardians can learn tips and tricks on offering their families healthy and budget-friendly food choices. The workshop is presented by the BCPS Office of Family and Community Engagement and Priority Partners. [Registration](#) is required. Those who register will receive a link to the meeting via email 24 hours before the event.

**Lunch & Learn: E-CPR**
Tuesday, Nov. 15, at 12:30 p.m.
This training will help families learn “E-CPR,” Emotionally Connect Partner and Respond, when faced with someone who is experiencing a mental health emergency/emotional crisis. Participants will learn warning signs to look for and will have the opportunity to practice some of the strategies taught. This 60-minute virtual presentation is for adults and is presented by BCPS Office of Mental Health Services. [Registration is required](#). A link to the workshop will be emailed to registered participants 24 hours before the event.

**Virtual Workshop: “The Teenage Brain”**
Tuesday, Nov. 15, at 6 p.m.
During this workshop, participants will explore the mysterious teenage brain – including research about how the teenage brain functions and strategies and coping skills to support teenagers’ academic and social-emotional success. The workshop is presented by the BCPS Office of School Climate and Culture. [Registration](#) is required. Those who register will receive a link to the meeting via email 24 hours before the event.

**Special Education Resource Center workshop: ABLE Accounts: A Savings Tool to Promote Independence and Financial Stability for Your Child’s Future**
Wednesday, Nov. 16, at 7 p.m.
Maryland ABLE is a way to help people with qualifying disabilities and their families save and invest in tax-free accounts and prepare for the future without losing state or local benefits such as SSI and Medicaid Waiver services. Participants in this virtual workshop will learn about eligibility criteria, enrollment, account management, tax benefits, and how to use an ABLE account to pay for qualified disability expenses. The workshop is presented by the BCPS Special Education Resource Center and will be led by Kelly Nelson, outreach and communications manager for Maryland ABLE. [Registration is required](#).
Baltimore County Public Schools, the nation’s 22nd largest school system, is focused on raising the bar and closing gaps to prepare our students for the future. Thanks to innovative and talented leaders, teachers, staff, and students, BCPS celebrates many honors.