



# Deer Park Times

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Dear Deer Park Family,

As we head into February, there are many exciting things happening in and around our school community. Please check out our "Looking Ahead" calendar so that you don't miss out on anything.

February is Black History Month and our students will have the opportunity to participate in a variety of activities that will recognize and celebrate the contributions of African Americans throughout our country's history. We will have a Black History Month Program for our culminating event. Look for a flyer to come home with the particulars.

The BCPS On-line Stakeholder Survey opened on Monday, February 5<sup>th</sup>. The views of each of our stakeholders are important to us, and we will use the survey to help determine how best to improve instruction, communications, and other important services." As in last year's survey, the 2024 version is confidential and takes about five minutes to address a number of topics including academic rigor, school culture, safety, and technology. Participants may complete the survey using their smart phones, tablets, or computers. The survey has also been customized so there are different (but related) questions for school-based staff, parents, students in Grades 3-12, community members and central office staff. Team BCPS can't wait to hear from all its members. Please take the time to tell us what you think!

Thank you for your support of a safe and orderly arrival and dismissal. If your child is a car rider in the morning, please adhere to our student drop off spot. This area has been established to ensure the safety of our students. Dropping students off on Lyons Mill Road and having them run across the grassy area and the bus loop is unsafe. If you find that you are unable to wait in line, please pull into a parking space to discharge your child. To avoid congestion, we cannot have cars parked along curbs or double parking behind someone else. **Most of these areas are specifically labeled as fire lanes.** Remember, we all must model what we want our children to practice.

As always, thank you for your continued support. If you need anything, have a question or concern, or want to share some good news, please either call us, send a note or email!

Your partners in education,

Renee A. Jenkins  
Principal

Katie L. Fridley  
Assistant Principal

## PTA Executive Board

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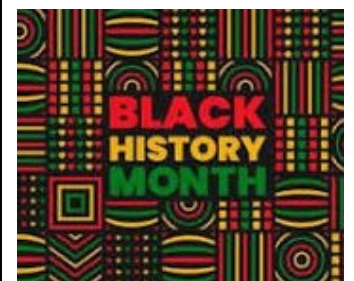
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### **Looking Ahead!**

- **2/9- Systemwide Professional Development Day- Schools Closed for Students**
- **2/19- Schools and Offices Closed- President's Day**
- **2/21 - Parker's Pantry 4-6 p.m.**
- **2/27 - Black History Program 6:30 p.m.**





## Vision Statement



Deer Park Elementary School provides a positive educational environment which nurtures all students while developing critical 21st Century skills.

### **MISSION STATEMENT**

In partnership with community members, our school will provide engaging and inclusive instruction to empower our diverse learning community to become College and Career Ready.

The Deer Park Elementary School learning community is dedicated to:

- D**– Deliberate Excellence
- P** - Positive Partnerships
- E** - Empowering and Engaging Instruction
- S** - Successful Students

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**TOGETHER WE THRIVE!!!**



# Parker's Pantry

Deer Park Elementary School & The Maryland Food Bank

9809 Lyons Mills Road

Owings Mills, MD 21117

Wednesday, February 21, 2024

Time: 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM

*\*Please follow directions of  
volunteers and remain in  
your car. Walkers will follow  
signs to form a line at door.  
While supplies last!*



## Deer Park Elementary PTA

Join us for our Virtual PTA Meeting  
Monday, 2/12 at 7pm

Join Zoom Meeting  
[https://us05web.zoom.us/j/85067677452?  
pwd=HExdJpTgUpLvkdXUocl2XtKw5o9DYC.1](https://us05web.zoom.us/j/85067677452?pwd=HExdJpTgUpLvkdXUocl2XtKw5o9DYC.1)

Meeting ID: 850 6767 7452  
Passcode: 563011



Membership

<https://fspta-00016277.memberhub.com/store>



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<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100095196432402>





# BLACK HISTORY MONTH COMMITTEE



## PRESENTS: THE \*HBCU EXPERIENCE \*HISTORICALLY BLACK COLLEGES & UNIVERSITIES

Join DPES in our annual Black History Program through EDUCATING and EMPOWERING our future leaders!

Date: Tuesday, February 27, 2024

Location: Deer Park Elementary (Cafetorium)

Time: 6:30 pm

Be sure to rock your HBCU, Sorority & Fraternity gear during the EXPERIENCE!



Monday, Feb. 12th  
Melanin Monday:  
Wear different shades of brown

Tuesday, Feb. 13th  
For the culture:  
Wear african print or pan-african colors

Wednesday, Feb. 14th  
Spread the Love!  
Wear Pink or Red to spread love!

Thursday, Feb. 15th  
Black Excellence:  
Dress in your Sunday's Best!

Friday, Feb. 16th  
Blackout Friday:  
Wear all black to signify standing up against social injustice!



It Takes a Village and We Are Here to  
Support!

## Special Education Team

**Mrs. Katie Fridley, Assistant Principal & IEP Chairperson**

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## Tech News!



**TEAM BCPS**  
BALTIMORE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

### BCPS Virtual Day Plans

#### School Year 2023-2024

Days 1-3	Day 4+	10 am & 2:30 pm
<b>Traditional Inclement Weather Days</b>	<b>Transition to Virtual Learning</b>	<b>High School Graduations</b>
Schools are Closed	Schools will operate on a 2-hour delay schedule	Asynchronous Virtual Learning

As a reminder, BCPS devices are to be used in accordance with the Student Handbook. Per administration, students using their devices inappropriately may be assigned alternate work (paper/pencil).



Visit

[https://www.bcps.org/tech\\_support](https://www.bcps.org/tech_support) for assistance.

Laura Lloyd

Megan Swauger



The Area  
Education  
Advisory  
Councils of  
Baltimore  
County

Bring your questions and  
concerns to the next  
Northwest and Southwest  
Joint Education Advisory  
Council meeting as we  
discuss EQUITY in BCPS  
schools!

The Office of Equity and Cultural Proficiency will join us on

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2024**  
**6:30 P.M. VIA ZOOM**

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84920275337?pwd=nArsnkkZt6b9bfxjzYV4slC5bF7yZm.1>

**Meeting ID:** 849 2027 5337

**Passcode:** 547464

**Call in No:** 301-715-8592

The Board of Education's Area Education Advisory Councils hold monthly meetings to discuss timely issues facing Baltimore County Public Schools. Please plan to join TWO of the councils on February 12th at 6:30 p.m. to hear how BCPS is addressing EQUITY within the system and learn more about what YOU can do as a stakeholder. Bring your questions, concerns, and solutions as we spend the evening learning how to advise the board on our community's greatest issues!

Contact us:

Northwest: NorthwestAEAC@bcps.org

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All meeting dates and topics are located on the [BCPS website!](#)