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LBES PTA EAGLE NEWS

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LBES Variety Show This Friday

Come watch our talented students perform this Friday from 7:00-8:30 pm at the 11th Annual Little Bennett Elementary School Variety Show. Our theme this year is "Night at the Oscars" and you won't want to miss this star-studded event. Volunteer positions are still available for this event. If you are interested in volunteering, please [sign up here](#).

As a reminder, all performers must attend the dress rehearsal this Thursday, March 12 from 6:30-8:30. Performers should also arrive no later than 6:30 pm on the night of the show.

Seeking PTA Board of Director Nominations

We are still seeking nominations for PTA Board of Directors for 2020-2022, as well as people who would be willing to serve on the nominating committee. According to MCCPTA, in order for us to maintain a PTA, we must have a president, treasurer and secretary, at minimum. At this point, we only have one of those slots filled and only one additional person who has expressed interest in possibly filling one of the other positions. If we do not nominate new board members by our May meeting of this year we will not be able to have a PTA at LBES next year.

If you are interested in possibly taking on one of these roles, it would only involve one board meeting per month and a few hours per week. If you would like more in-depth information about any of the open positions or are interested in serving on the nominating committee, please email nominatingcommittee.lbespta@gmail.com.

Enrichment Matters Sign Up Deadline on March 16

The deadline to enroll your student in the Spring session of Enrichment Matters classes is coming up next week (March 16). Below is a list of all the classes that will be offered. For descriptions of each, please visit the PTA Web site here: <https://www.lbespta.org/after-school-programs>.

Please sign up online at <https://tinyurl.com/littlebennettenrichment> by March 16. Classes will begin March 24 and run through May 21. If you have any questions regarding the classes offered, please contact the Enrichment Matters Committee Chair, Jennifer Biggs, at vpcommittee.lbespta@gmail.com.

- Intro to STEM using Lego (K-5) - Tuesdays (3/24-5/19)
- Music Ensemble (K-5) - Tuesdays (3/24-5/19)
- Code Minecraft Mods (3-5) - Wednesdays (3/25-5/20)
- Pin it for Fun (K-5) - Thursdays (3/26-5/21)
- Experimentamania - Mad Science (K-5) - Thursdays (3/26-5/21)

MCCPTA 32nd Annual Special Education Recognition

The MCCPTA Special Education Committee is seeking nominations that reflect outstanding contributions to the success of students with disabilities by students, parents, educators, and programs. The criteria for selection and other information are below. Your statement of nomination should provide specific details that

clearly reflect one or more of the criteria for the nominated category, as provided under the Nomination Criteria.

Supporting statements from students, parents, and/or other educators should be included in the Support Statements section.

Please contact SpecialEd@mccpta.org and SpecialEdChair@mccpta.org if you have questions.

KEY DATES

- Nominations are open immediately (use this [nomination form](#)).
- Nominations are due by March 31st, 2020 at midnight.
- Winners will be notified the week of April 6th, 2020.

Awards will be presented at a ceremony on Monday, May 4, 2020, 5:00–9:30 p.m. at Rockville HS.

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Did You Know PTA Does That?

The LBES PTA organizes student recognition events, like the recent Student Recognition March Meeting. These events give our students the opportunity to be honored for serving in our school.

Volunteers Needed: Scholastic Book Fair & Read Across America

There's a jungle springing up and we need your help. Come help our students navigate a jungle of words, illustrations

Spring PTA Survey - We Want to Hear from YOU

The PTA is conducting a brief survey to understand what events you would like to see for next year. It is very important to get community feedback to determine what events families definitely want to see on the calendar.

and new adventures at the Scholastic Book Fair in the LBES Media Center on March 27-April 2. Sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0449AAA722A3FD0-spring>

Journey into the wild to share a story with our eagles as part of our Read Across America program here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0449AAA722A3FD0-read>

The survey takes less than 2 minutes to complete. Please click here to complete the form: <https://forms.gle/P6PYuc9ndoKK6UAp8>.

Community News

Be the Match

We urgently seek your help in assisting a current Whitman HS senior, who is battling an aggressive form of cancer and requires a bone marrow transplant.

Please consider registering with Be the Match as potential bone marrow or peripheral blood stem cell donor (PBSC). It's simple to do. People with a background similar to this student's ethnic background, which is part Filipino and part European, aged 18-44, are thought to be especially good matches. Even if your registration cannot help this student, it likely could help others; any medical team can check the registry for a match. Be the Match may then contact you for further screening for a bone marrow or peripheral blood stem cell (PBSC) match for someone in need.

You must be 18 or older to register.

Please click this link to register: <https://join.bethematch.org/diversematch>

MCPS Let's Clear the Air: Anti-Vaping Symposium

Please mark your calendars and plan to join us at the MCPS Let's Clear the Air: Anti Vaping Symposium on March 28th, 10:00 am to 2:00 pm.

There will be resource tables, beginning at 10:00 am, followed by our keynote speaker and many great breakout sessions to learn more about vaping, get answers to your questions and find help if that is needed.

The [C.O.P.E. trailer](#) will also be on site and providing tours to help adults learn signs of substance use in this mock teen bed/bathroom (no students permitted).

The Anti-vaping Symposium will take place at the Montgomery County campus of Johns Hopkins University.

Respect Fest

Middle and high school students (6th-12th grade) are urged to participate in the upcoming Respect Fest, which strives to raise awareness on healthy teen relationships and dating violence! The event will be held on March 29 from 1:00-4:00 pm at Wheaton Community Recreation Center. For more information about the event, please [click here](#).

District Boundary Study Analysis Update

The Board of Education completed the initial phase of data analysis, community engagement and community outreach events. They are now moving into Phase 2, which will consist of continued data analysis and testing to build on previous analyses, as well as the creation of an interactive tool that examines opportunities and potential trade-offs between key performance indicators such as school facility utilization, student travel and student demographics. Over the next several months, the BOE will conduct multiple regional open meetings across the county (dates and locations TBD). They will also conduct targeted outreach to meet with hard-to-reach communities and other key stakeholders. For more information about this process, please visit <https://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/publicinfo/boundarya>

https://www.facebook.com/ptalittlebennett/?fbclid=IwAR3hsZcb3CBhHkiwIxR6roQMcFypAnHCrYaFRYdLXxR7qmO_QHS0F6CnTE

PTA & LBES Event Calendar

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
March 12	Variety Show Rehearshal (6:30-8:30 pm)
March 13	Variety Show (7-8:30, performers arrive at 6:30)
March 16	Enrichment Matters Sign Up Deadline
March 18, 19, 23	Hearing/Vision Screening for students in Kindergarten & Grade 1
March 23-24	Fifth Grade Maryland Integrated Science Assessment (MISA)
March 27	Early Dismissal - students dismissed at 12:55 p.m.
March 27	Third Marking Period Ends
March 28	MCPS Let's Clear the Air: Anti-Vaping Symposiu (10 am - 2 pm)
March 29	Respect Fest (1:00 - 4:00 pm)
March 30-April 3	Scholastic Book Fair (volunteers needed)
March 31	MCCPTA Special Education Nominations Due

Helpful Links:

[Little Bennett Eagle Newsletter, March 5, 2020](#)

[Little Bennett Elementary School Web site](#)

[Little Bennett PTA Web site](#)

[Little Bennett PTA Facebook page](#)

Questions? Comments? Ideas for the PTA?

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