

BALTIMORE CURRICULUM PROJECT'S

ARE YOU SMARTER THAN A BCP 5TH GRADER?



Honoring BCP Outstanding Partners

Baltimore City Public Schools

The Baltimore Ravens

Congressman Elijah Cummings

Senator Bill Ferguson

Legg Mason

Senator Nathaniel McFadden

Mayor Stephanie Rawlings-Blake

Irona Pope (in memoriam)

Thursday, April 16, 2015

6:30pm - 8:30pm

City Springs Elementary/Middle School

Lead Sponsor:



Dinner Sponsors:



The Children's
Bookstore



Program

6:30pm **Doors Open/Dinner Served**

7:30pm **Welcoming Remarks**

Laura Doherty, President, Baltimore Curriculum Project
George Hess, Chairman, Baltimore Curriculum Project

BCP Outstanding Partner Awards

Presented by George Hess

7:45pm **Quiz Show**

8:30pm **Doors Close**

Contestants

Megan Anderson is a professional actor and mom who has been living and working in Baltimore her whole life. She is a longtime member of the Resident Acting Company at Everyman Theatre where she has appeared in over twenty productions including *Crimes of the Heart*, *God of Carnage*, *The Beaux' Stratagem*, *Blackbird*, *Proof* and *Tribes*. Megan has also worked regionally at Center Stage, Round House Theatre, Theater J, Woolly Mammoth Theatre, Rep Stage, and Totem Pole Playhouse. Television/film credits include three seasons as Jen Carcetti on the acclaimed HBO series *The Wire*. She is also an audition coach and teacher, and proud mom to Zoe and Willa.



Prescott Burgess is a personal trainer, youth coach, and former Ravens linebacker. During his time with the Ravens he established himself as a special teams standout, becoming one of their top tacklers in that unit. Before being drafted in the sixth round by Baltimore during the 2007 NFL Draft, Burgess was a standout at the University of Michigan, twice named an All-Big 10 Conference honorable mention in 2005 and 2006. In addition to his work as a personal trainer at Federal Hill Fitness, Burgess is a youth coach and mentor at Coppermine Fieldhouse, teaching kids from ages 3 to 13 not only sports and exercise, but the value of sportsmanship and teamwork.



Robert Heck (Master of Ceremonies): A native of New York City, Robert Heck has worked in the entertainment industry for more than 30 years. His career as an actor and writer includes work in network TV shows, feature films, theater, industrial films and trade shows, as well as commercials and interactive computer presentations. In addition, he has provided creative services to many Fortune 500 companies, government agencies and industry associations. He received a B.S. in Marketing from Fordham University. In 1992 Mr. Heck joined Maryland Public Television (MPT). In an eighteen year career as an on-air host (Bob the Vid Tech), Bob received ten Capital Region Emmy Awards and a national CINE Golden Eagle Award.



Stephanie Rawlings-Blake was sworn in as Baltimore's 49th mayor on February 4, 2010. In November 2011, she was elected to her first full term as Mayor, receiving 87% percent of the vote in the mayoral general election. Mayor Rawlings-Blake has focused her administration on growing Baltimore's population by 10,000 families over the next decade by improving public safety and public education and by strengthening city neighborhoods. Mayor Rawlings-Blake was elected to a top leadership position in the Democratic National Committee (DNC) to serve as Secretary, following the historic reelection of President Barack Obama.



Dr. Gregory E. Thornton comes to Baltimore City Public Schools from Milwaukee Public Schools in Wisconsin, a district similar in size to City Schools, where he served as superintendent from July 2010 to June 2014. The Milwaukee superintendency was the latest in a series of leadership posts Dr. Thornton has held in large urban school districts, and in which he consistently has improved student achievement. He shares Baltimore's commitment to children, and his accomplishments over the years align closely with City Schools' priorities and areas of reform focus. In Baltimore, Dr. Thornton sees an opportunity to sure all students graduate positioned to succeed in college, career training, jobs, and life overall.



August Baker is a 5th grade student at City Springs School. She is 10 years old. She has attended City Springs since kindergarten. Her favorite subject is reading. Her hobbies include reading, writing, and running. She is a member of the Girls on the Run team at City Springs.



Keyon Freeman (alternate) is a 5th grade student at City Springs School. He is 11 years old. He has attended City Springs since pre-kindergarten. His favorite subject is math. His hobbies include playing video games and sports. He is a member of the football team and the debate team at City Springs.



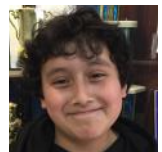
Kayla Le is a 5th grader at Hampstead Hill Academy. She has two older siblings and a dog. Her favorite subject in school is math. She enjoys drawing and playing the violin. Her other interests include running, reading and writing. Kayla also loves to eat!



Devan Lawal is a 5th grader at Hampstead Hill Academy. He is an avid track runner and has gone to 3 different national tournaments. He enjoys playing sports and accompanying his father to poetry shows. Devan loves his family! Additionally, he likes to play outside and on his Wii.



Jose Orellana is a 5th grade student at Wolfe Street Academy. He is 10 years old and has been a student at Wolfe Street since Kindergarten. His favorite subject is math. He loves how numbers work and "fit together." He enjoys soccer and baseball. Jose has been a part of the Wolfe Street Academy chess team for the past two years. Jose loves to run, jump and is an expert on the RipStik.



BCP Outstanding Partner Awardees

The Baltimore Curriculum Project would like to thank the following **Outstanding Partners** for supporting the creation of the City Springs Community Athletic Complex.

Baltimore City Public Schools was instrumental in this project's success. BCPS has been a BCP partner since 1996. Their support exemplifies City Schools' commitment to ensuring that all students graduate from high school ready for college, career training, and life success in the 21st century.



The Baltimore Ravens, in partnership with the National Football League Foundation and LISC, awarded BCP a \$200,000 grant to support the project. The Ravens have been steadfast BCP partners since 2007, when they built a KaBOOM! playground at Collington Square School.



Congressman Elijah Cummings has been very supportive of this project. He gave an inspiring speech at the Legg Mason Fundraiser for the Athletic Complex on March 28, 2013 and also spoke at the Athletic Complex Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony on September 15, 2014.



Senator Bill Ferguson sponsored the bond bill that resulted in a Maryland State capital grant of \$55,000 for the project. Delegate Luke Clippinger, Delegate Peter A. Hammen, and Delegate Brian K. McHale co-sponsored the bond bill.



Legg Mason has been a faithful BCP partner for over eight years. They hosted a fundraiser for the Athletic Complex at the Legg Mason Tower in Harbor East on March 28, 2013. Featured speakers included U.S. Congressman Elijah E. Cummings, Coach for America Founder Joe Ehrmann, Legg Mason CEO Joe Sullivan, and City Springs students Ronald Wingate and Breyana Wade. WMAR-TV sports anchor Keith Mills served as MC. Legg Mason provided \$5,000 in underwriting for the event and an additional \$10,000 grant to support the Athletic Complex.



Senator Nathaniel McFadden supported this project at a pivotal moment. A week after the Baltimore Sun published an article about the proposed Athletic Complex, Senator McFadden called Principal Rhonda Richetta to inform her that he had a \$50,000 donation for the athletic complex from an anonymous donor. Senator McFadden credited long-time community activist Irona Pope with motivating him to support the project. "Ms. Pope worked tirelessly to empower the families of East Baltimore," said Senator McFadden. "Before she passed in 2009, she told me to take care of City Springs School. When I read Liz Bowie's article about City Springs in The Sun a few weeks ago, her words came back to me."



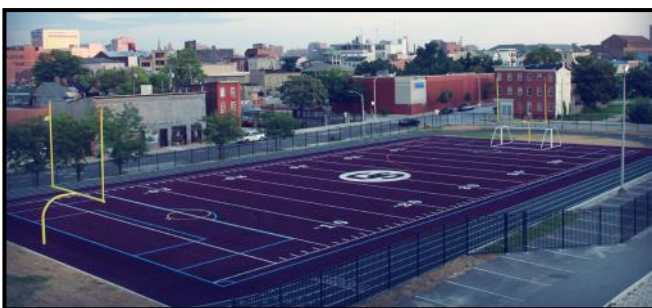
Mayor Stephanie Rawlings-Blake has been a longstanding supporter of the Baltimore Curriculum Project and fully supported the Athletic Complex. She is a regular speaker at all of the BCP schools. This is the third time the Mayor has competed in *Are You Smarter than a BCP 5th Grader?*



Irona Pope's appeal to Senator Nathaniel McFadden eventually led to the \$50,000 anonymous donation, which jumpstarted the project. Ms. Pope worked for Baltimore City Public Schools for 36 years - 34 as a parent liaison. She was one of six parents who found the money and lobbied to build City Springs EMS. Her many accomplishments included helping 44 people move out of Perkins Homes Public Housing and into their own homes; working with residents to found a food co-op; and running a weekly peer mediation group for City Springs students.



Ms. Pope in 2006 with her City Springs EMS Peer Mediation Class



We would like to thank the following people and organizations for supporting this event:

2015 HONORARY COMMITTEE

Muriel Berkeley, Laura Doherty, Bailey Fine, George Hess, Larry Matlack, Rachel Mazyck, Mike Niccolini, and Toby Pitts.

SPONSORS

Venable Foundation (Lead Sponsor), Mama's on the Half Shell (Dinner Sponsor), Nacho Mama's (Dinner Sponsor), Baltimore's Child, Baltimore Guide, Charm City Ice, Chesapeake Employers Insurance, The Children's Bookstore, Congressional Bank, Executive Insurance Benefits, Heaven 600, Leonard Paper Company, McGraw Hill Education, Northwest Evaluation Association, and Summit Business Technologies.

2015 GALA PLANNING COMMITTEE AND VOLUNTEERS

Laura Arvizu, Muriel Berkeley, Laura Doherty, Bailey Fine, George Hess, Brenda Kahn, Jeff Krick, Sue Lattimore, Jon McGill, Heather Mitchell, Tobi Morris, Mike Niccolini, Jennifer Schugam, Brandon Scott, Larry Schugam, Angela Scott, and Scott Wolgamuth.

The *Are You Smarter than a BCP 5th Grader?* theme song was written and recorded by Larry Schugam. Thank you to City Springs EMS Music Teacher Bradley Gartrell for recording the student vocals and mixing down the recording.

Special thanks to WBFF Fox 45 for featuring a mini - Quiz Show with our students on this morning's news and to Gerry's Tire Services for providing parking for this event.



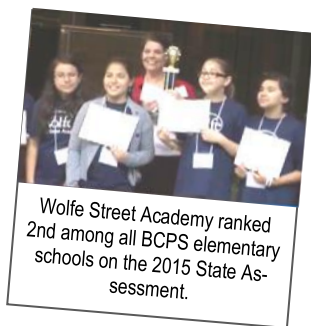
The Baltimore Curriculum Project (BCP) operates a network of neighborhood charter schools in Baltimore City.

Neighborhood Charter Schools

BCP converts existing schools into neighborhood charter schools. As conversion charters, BCP schools serve neighborhood zones. Any child living in the neighborhood may enroll without applying through a lottery.

Empowering Children

BCP schools provide **every** child with a liberal arts education that builds a solid foundation for high school, college, and career. We firmly believe that *“If the child hasn't learned, the teacher hasn't taught.”*



Wolfe Street Academy ranked 2nd among all BCPS elementary schools on the 2015 State Assessment.



The BCP/USTA Tennis League is sponsored by USTA and the Baltimore Ravens and the Baltimore Ravens.

Empowering Teachers

BCP provides teachers with the best research-based tools available and customized training to use those tools effectively. Educators from around the country look to BCP to learn about effective instruction.

Empowering Schools

Since 1996, BCP has brought an array of effective educational programs to Baltimore including CHAMPS, Restorative Practices, NWEA, and Core Knowledge.

A Replicable Education Model

Because BCP neighborhood charter schools serve the same children as traditional public schools, our model will work in any school.



CareFirst/American Heart Association Teaching Garden At City Springs EMS



The BCP Education Model

- **Direct Instruction:** a research-based curriculum that teaches to mastery
- **Core Knowledge:** coordinated Core Knowledge content from PreK - 8.
- **In-Class Coaching:** expert coaches provide one-on-one teacher mentoring
- **Professional Development:** customized training for over 150 teachers
- **Recruitment** - recruiting and pre-screening teachers saves principals time
- **CHAMPS** - a positive classroom management curriculum
- **Restorative Practices** - a school culture and conflict resolution model
- **NWEA MAP** - an online assessment that measures student growth
- **BCP Middle Grades Curriculum** - a web-based Core Knowledge curriculum
- **Back Office Supports** - financial management, human resources, partnerships, fundraising, and more...



The Leading Minds series, in partnership with Loyola University Maryland's School of Education, engages local stakeholders and national experts in discussions of cutting-edge educational issues in order improve K-12 education.

Emergency Management Support

From securing pro-bono legal counsel to replacing a boiler, BCP's staff are always ready, willing and able to help our schools address the unexpected challenges that arise throughout the school year.

Partnerships

BCP actively engages with community and corporate partners to bring additional resources, programs and volunteers to our schools. Our Premier Partners include:

Special Projects

BCP provides support for a variety of special school projects such as Hampstead Hill Academy's \$3 million Early Learning Wing Renovation and the City Springs EMS Community Athletic Complex.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Muriel Berkeley, Ph.D.
Jacquelyn Duval-Harvey, Ph.D.
Matthew Facchine
Bailey Evans Fine
Ryan Galloway, CPA
George Hess (Chairman)
Bernarda Kwaw
Larry Matlack
Rachel Y. Mazyck, Ph.D.
Heather L. Mitchell
Michael Niccolini
Anne S. Perkins
H. Canfield (Toby) Pitts (Treasurer)
Stuart O. Simms, Esq. (Secretary)
Georgie Smith
Thiru Vignarajah

PRINCIPALS

Matthew Hornbeck, Hampstead Hill Academy
Dr. Rhonda L. Richetta, City Springs Elementary/Middle School
Linda Taylor, Govans Elementary School
Mark Gaither, Wolfe Street Academy

STAFF

Laura Doherty, President and Chief Executive Officer
Jeffrey Krick, Director of Student Support Services
Sue Lattimore, Academic Coach
Wayne Lawson, Database Specialist
Jon McGill, Director of Academic Affairs
Tobi Morris, Marketing and Development Associate
Larry Schugam, Executive VP and Chief Development Officer
Angela Scott, Human Resources Administrator