

## BALTIMORE CURRICULUM PROJECT FACT SHEET

The **Baltimore Curriculum Project (BCP)** is a nonprofit that operates a network of neighborhood charter schools in East Baltimore: City Springs Elementary/Middle School, Hampstead Hill Academy and Wolfe Street Academy.

### Neighborhood Charter Schools

BCP educates **all** children in the neighborhood. Any child living in or moving into a BCP school neighborhood may enroll at any time of the year, at any grade level, without applying through a lottery.

### Empowering Children and Teachers

BCP schools provide a liberal arts education that builds a solid foundation for high school, college, and career. Teachers receive the best research-based educational tools available and the training to use them most effectively.

### Teaching Expertise

BCP is sought out by educators from across the country who seek to learn more about effective instruction.

### Working with Principals to Assess and Address Needs Through a Variety of Research-Based Strategies:

- **Direct Instruction** - research-based curriculum for language arts
- **Core Knowledge** - coordinated humanities content from PreK - 8.
- **In-Class Coaching** - BCP's expert coaches mentor teachers
- **Professional Development** - Customized training for 150+ teachers
- **Recruitment** - BCP recruits/screens teachers to save principals time
- **CHAMPS** - a positive classroom management curriculum
- **Restorative Practices** - a positive conflict resolution model
- **NWEA MAP** - an online assessment that measures student growth
- **Core Knowledge Curriculum** - currently under development
- **Back Office Supports** - financial management, human resources, research, partnerships, fundraising, marketing and more

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# ARE YOU SMARTER THAN A BCP 5TH GRADER?



Friday, April 25, 2014

Reginald F. Lewis Museum



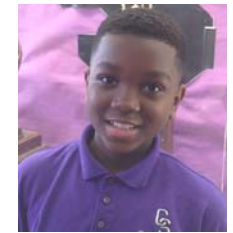
Lucia Given



Aryssa Reid



Chase Hackett



Devin Bradford



Megan Anderson



Tisha Edwards



Jason Newton



Brandon Scott

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## Program

5:30pm

**Doors Open**

6:00pm

**Dinner Served**

7:20pm

**Welcoming Remarks**

Laura Doherty, President, Baltimore Curriculum Project  
George Hess, Board Chair, Baltimore Curriculum Project

**BCP Outstanding Business Volunteer Awards**

*Presented by:* George Hess and  
Kelly Hodge-Williams, Executive Director, Business Volunteers

7:35pm

**Quiz Show**

8:20pm

**Music by The Giggmohr Brothers**

8:45pm

**Silent Auction Ends**

9:30pm

**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 the upcoming 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 3 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.

**Devin Bradford** is a bright, creative and energetic fifth grader at City Springs Elementary Middle School. He has attended City Springs since kindergarten. In class, he can always be counted on to ask inquisitive questions and give thoughtful responses (he even challenges his teachers on occasion, but always in a respectful manner, of course!). He is a top participant on the City Springs Debate Team, consistently taking top honors and awards in debate competitions throughout the city. This year, he won the Martin Luther King, Jr. essay contest conducted by the Baltimore Urban Development League, and read his essay at an event held at the Walters Art Museum. Outside of school, Devin, age 11, enjoys playing football, riding his bike and spending time outside. He aspires to put his intelligence and educational background into use by becoming a scientist or doctor.

**Tisha Edwards** has served as Interim CEO of Baltimore City Public Schools since July 1, 2013. Prior to this she served as Chief of Staff to CEO Andrés Alonso, where she managed City Schools' senior management team and oversaw the implementation of many of the district's most important reform initiatives. Ms. Edwards has focused on education, youth and community throughout her career. Former positions include senior management executive for Empower Baltimore Management Corporation and Founding Principal of Baltimore Freedom Academy. Ms. Edwards earned her Master of Social Work degree from the University of Maryland in 2000 and her law degree from the University of Maryland School of Law in 2001.

11:00am

Resource is followed by another spelling lesson and then **Core Knowledge Read-Alouds**. Today's read aloud features a non-fiction piece about the earth's atmosphere and how it protects the earth from the sun's harmful rays. Last fall all three BCP schools began using Core Knowledge Read-Alouds in the classroom to enrich content knowledge and improve reading comprehension. Every week teachers read content-rich fiction and non-fiction texts to their classes and ask questions in order to build vocabulary and background knowledge. This program is supported by the **Abell Foundation** and the Core Knowledge Foundation.

11:45am

After Read-Alouds, Mary has more reading and language arts and then she is ready for lunch and recess. During lunch, she talks with her **Big Brother Big Sisters** mentor, a CareFirst employee. Last summer Business Volunteers Maryland fostered a partnership between **CareFirst**, City Springs and BCP to provide mentoring and other supports for students.

1:20pm

The afternoon brings math instruction and firm-up, a chance for Mrs. Jones to reinforce what Mary has learned during the day. Math instruction is a great example of how BCP's education model is flexible enough to meet the unique needs of each school community. Although there are many commonalities across our schools, for math City Springs uses DI, Hampstead Hill uses Singapore Math, and Wolfe Street Academy uses the City Schools curriculum.

3:00pm

Mary can't wait for the bell to ring so that she can go to her after-school program. At Wolfe Street Academy the program is operated by BCP and supported by a grant from the **Family League of Baltimore**. Mary will work on her homework, have a snack, learn about Science Technology Engineering and Math (STEM), and then participate in an exciting enrichment activities such as Robotics, Jazz Dance, Mexican Folkloric Dance, Chess, String Instruments, Soccer, or Radio Broadcasting. Mary looks forward to third grade, when she will be old enough to participate in the BCP Tennis League, which is supported by **USTA** and the **Baltimore Ravens**.

5:30pm

The day wraps up with a nutritious dinner provided by the Family League of Baltimore. Mary can't wait for tomorrow, when her entire class will be attending a BSO concert, made possible through BCP's partnership with **Legg Mason**.

Mary has had a full day. Behind-the-scenes BCP staff members have been hard at work supporting her teachers and principal with training, coaching, mentoring, curriculum development, research, teacher recruitment, financial management, administrative support, fundraising, purchasing, payroll, human resources, marketing, partnership-building, and more...

## A Day in the Life of a BCP 1st Grader

**7:30am** When Mary arrives at school she is greeted by a friendly staff member who was likely **recruited** with the help of Jon McGill, BCP's Director of Academic Affairs.

The day begins with a rousing assembly to energize Mary for the day ahead.

**8:00am** After Mary returns to class, she participates in a **Restorative Circle** where students take turns answering a question posed by their teacher, Mrs. Jones. As they share "one exciting thing that happened over the weekend" or "who is their hero and why", they are strengthening their relationships with Mrs. Jones and one another.

Restorative Circles are part of Restorative Practices, an approach to conflict resolution and school culture that emphasizes positive relationships over punishment. We implemented Restorative Practices in our schools in 2007 with support from **OSI-Baltimore** and the **Goldsmith Family Foundation**. The effect on behavior and school culture has been dramatic.

**8:15am** Mary's first class is reading and language arts. Her teacher, Mrs. Jones, uses the **Direct Instruction** curriculum, a research-based program, BCP brought DI to City Schools in 1996. DI has been used effectively to teach students from all backgrounds for over 40 years. All Mary knows is that she and her classmates are engaged and excited about learning.

Mary's classroom is orderly and she understands what is expected of her. Mrs. Jones uses a classroom management curriculum called **CHAMPS**, which helps her set clear expectations for her students and creates a classroom environment conducive to learning. She learned to use CHAMPS during a week-long **summer training** provided by BCP and she is glad to have this tool in her toolbox.

Mrs. Jones is a first year teacher. Today, **BCP Academic Coach** Brenda Kahn is observing her class. After school Brenda will provide Mrs. Jones with written feedback and discuss **strategies for improving instruction and classroom management**. Mrs. Jones is extremely grateful for the training, curriculum, and coaching support she receives from BCP Academic Coaches like Brenda, Marvelyn Johnson, and Sue Lattimore.

Tomorrow afternoon, Mrs. Jones will attend the monthly **Novice Teacher Think Tank** created by Brenda and Sue to give new teachers a place to share their successes and challenges. The BCP coaches help our first year teachers quickly gain the skills they need to be successful in the classroom.

**10:15am** After a brief spelling lesson, Mary heads to resource. This could be Spanish, music, art, physical education, computer lab, or a nutrition class like "Food for Life" at Hampstead Hill Academy or the new **American Heart Association** Teaching Garden class at City Springs EMS, which was made possible by CareFirst.

**Lucia Given** is an 11-year-old 5th grader who attends Wolfe Street Academy. Her favorite subjects are Math, Reading and Science. Lucia also loves sports. In her free time, she likes to ride her RipStick and play soccer. One last thing, Lucia always studies hard!

**Chase Hackett**: I am a fifth grader at HHA. I have an older brother, Mason, in 8th grade. My favorite subject is math. I play basketball five days a week. I also love bacon!

**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.



**Jason Newton** joined WBAL-TV 11 News in 2013 as co-anchor of WBAL-TV 11 News Today. Prior to WBAL, Jason was an anchor and reporter at sister-station WISN-TV and WBOC-TV. In 2006, he earned an Associated Press award for "outstanding in-depth reporting" covering the efforts of Maryland firefighters to help clean up and restore order to Slidell, La., one of the hardest hit communities by Katrina. Jason served on the teaching staff in the broadcast department at the University of Maryland Eastern Shore. He has a degree in broadcast journalism from the Philip Merrill School of Journalism at the University of Maryland-College Park. A native of Baltimore, Jason is married with two sons. He enjoys playing golf and watching Ravens football.

**Aryssa Reid**: I am a fifth grader at HHA. I have two older brothers, Brandon and Scott. Brandon is in 7th grade and Scott is a freshman in high school. My favorite subject is math. I like pizza and I like being outside. I love sports, especially baseball and softball. I like to hang out with friends.

**Brandon Scott** was sworn in as City Councilman for the 2nd District on December 8, 2011. Elected at the age of 27 Brandon is the youngest person ever elected to the new single member district City Council. As a proud Baltimorean, Brandon Scott is a graduate of MERVO High School and St. Mary's College of Maryland. He was selected as one of The Daily Record's Twenty in their Twenties in 2012. Brandon serves as the City's representative on the College Bound Foundation's Board and is a former member of Park Heights Renaissance's Board of Directors. He also serves as the Vice Chair of the City Council's Public Safety Committee.

## BCP Outstanding Business Volunteer Awards

The **Baltimore Curriculum Project and Business Volunteers Maryland** created **The BCP Outstanding Business Volunteer Awards** to honor individuals from local businesses who have dedicated their time and talent to supporting City Schools.

**Business Volunteers Maryland** is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization with a focus on connecting companies and individuals to results-focused volunteerism while fulfilling the needs of nonprofit organizations for talented, mission-driven volunteers. For more information visit: [www.BusinessVolunteersMD.org](http://www.BusinessVolunteersMD.org)



**Carolyn Dorsey** works for CareFirst BlueCross BlueShield in the Sales Division. She has also worked for the YMCA and the United Way. Carolyn has a passion for education, children, and community service. Carolyn serves as a mentor with the Big Brothers Big Sisters Program at City Springs Elementary/Middle School. She also serves on Business Volunteers' INSPIRE team at City Springs, which implements strategies to "inspire" students to attend school every day.



**Mohannad "Mo" Jishi** is Group Vice President of Finance for the Wealth and Institutional Services Division of M&T Bank and Wilmington Trust. He is an active member of the Bank's leadership team, currently chairing the Wealth and Institutional Services Division's Incentive Committee while also participating as a member of several corporate steering committees. Mo was matched with Hampstead Hill Academy Principal Matt Hornbeck through Business Volunteers' PENCIL Affiliate Program. Mo helped Principal Hornbeck develop a school finance "dashboard," allowing him to assess the school's financial health on a regular basis. This improved system laid the groundwork for the school to begin long-range planning activities.



**Trent Zivkovich** helps lead Whiteford, Taylor & Preston's Environmental Law practice and is co-chair of its Clean Energy Technology Group. He is also a licensed professional geologist, a former Project Manager for a general contracting and land development firm, a former Project Manager for environmental consulting firms, and past chair of the Environmental Law Section of the Maryland State Bar Association. Trent led a Business Volunteers GIVE team, which supported career and college readiness at Wolfe Street Academy.



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