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Ring Factory Elementary Maryland Blue Ribbon Celebration Scheduled

Ring Factory Elementary School was one of only six schools in the state of Maryland to be named a 2012 Blue Ribbon School. The Blue Ribbon Schools program is a state and national program that recognizes and honors schools that exhibit high performance and/or significant improvement in reading and mathematics achievement as measured by state assessments. Selected schools are either very high achievers, scoring in the top ten percent or above in reading and mathematics, or economically disadvantaged schools that are achieving in the top 40% or higher and are significantly closing achievement gaps in reading and mathematics.

Ring Factory, a high achieving school, excels with over 98% of its students proficient and above in both reading and mathematics. The school has been designated a Maryland Physical Education Demonstration School for 2011-13 and is a recipient of the 2008 Maryland Character Education School of the Year Award. It has high family involvement and numerous corporate sponsorships. In addition, the school is a Professional Development School (PDS) associated with Towson University. Students are consistently recognized for their volunteer and philanthropy work in the community. Ring Factory Elementary is proud of its award-winning teachers and the fact that it was the first elementary school in Harford County to have a Steel Drum Group, which, with the school's Fox Choir, received numerous awards. The school's Destination Imagination (DI) team competed at the global competition in 2011.

When: Friday, March 23, 2012

9:30 - 10:30 a.m.

Where: Ring Factory Elementary School

1400 Emmorton Road Bel Air, MD 21014

What: Ring Factory Elementary School Maryland Blue Ribbon Celebration/Assembly

Who: Interim State Superintendent Dr. Bernard J. Sadusky

Harford County Board of Education President Dr. Leonard D. Wheeler Harford County Superintendent of School Dr. Robert M. Tomback

Local Elected Officials

Parents, students and teachers of Ring Factory Elementary School

And, many others