### MAY IS MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH

## BCPS ALERT Week of May 11 – 17

# Each week in May, BCPS will share tips and resources to use during the month

## May 11: Who can you talk to when you have a bad day? Identifying support systems.

Support systems and mental health <a href="https://www.mentalhealth.gov/talk/people-mental-health-problems">https://www.mentalhealth.gov/talk/people-mental-health-problems</a>

#### May 12: Go outside for a walk/Grounding

https://www.healthline.com/health/grounding-techniques#physical-techniques

#### May 13: Creative Expression and your Mental Health

Creativity as a wellness practice <a href="https://www.psychologytoday.com/us/blog/arts-and-health/201512/creativity-wellness-practice">https://www.psychologytoday.com/us/blog/arts-and-health/201512/creativity-wellness-practice</a>

#### May 14: Healthy Eating Habits

Diet and how it affects mental health <a href="https://www.mentalhealth.org.uk/a-to-z/d/diet-and-mental-health">https://www.mentalhealth.org.uk/a-to-z/d/diet-and-mental-health</a>

#### May 15: How sleeping affects your mood

https://www.mhanational.org/blog/sleep-deprivation-effects-mind-and-body

#### May 16: Scheduling "Me Time"

Five signs it is time to take a mental health break <a href="https://health.usnews.com/health-care/for-better/articles/2019-01-30/when-to-take-a-mental-health-break">https://health.usnews.com/health-care/for-better/articles/2019-01-30/when-to-take-a-mental-health-break</a>

#### May 17: "Unplug and Unwind"/Self Care Sunday

How blue light from electronics affects mental health <a href="https://www.mhanational.org/blog/how-blue-light-affects-mental-health">https://www.mhanational.org/blog/how-blue-light-affects-mental-health</a>

To request assistance, please call the BCPS Mental Health Hotline: 754-321-HELP (4357)

A mental health professional will respond to your request in a timely manner.

For more information, please visit

<u>browardschools.com/mentalhealthservices</u>.

BCPS Employee Assistance Program: 754-322-9900

National Suicide Prevention Lifeline: 1-800-273-TALK (8255)



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