

Subject: Pink Shirt Day is Weds. Feb. 28th

Date: Tuesday, February 27, 2018 at 9:01:18 PM Eastern Standard Time

From: Veterans Elementary School

To: emilybahharhcpss@gmail.com

Pink Shirt Day....wear something pink....

Stand up to bullying...

Just a reminder that tomorrow (Wednesday) is PINK SHIRT DAY at VES! Pink Shirt Day started in a middle school after a boy was bullied for wearing a pink shirt. Other students stood up for him by wearing pink shirts the next day. Let's all wear PINK to take a stand against bullying!

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Subject: PTA TUESDAY TOPIC - February 27, 2018

Date: Tuesday, February 27, 2018 at 2:09:21 PM Eastern Standard Time

From: Dunloggin Middle School

To: emilybahharhpcss@gmail.com



Dunloggin Middle School

PTA Tuesday Topics

The next PTA meeting will be Monday, March 12th at 7pm in the media center.

RESTAURANT NIGHT TODAY!! FEB 27th

Restaurant night is today, Tuesday, February 27th. Please join family and friends at Chick-fil-A on Execuway from 5:00 - 9:00pm. The PTA will earn 20% of all sales when a flyer is turned in. Please bring the attached flyer.

[DMS Chick-fil-A Feb27 flyer.doc](#)

HEALTH AND WELLNESS EVENING

The PTA will be hosting a Health and Wellness evening for all DMS parents. Mark your calendar's for 7:00 to 8:30pm. Several speakers will be discussing topics related to the challenges of parenting, anxiety, and cyber bullying. Look for additional details in future Tuesday Topics.

LUNAR NEW YEAR DISPLAY

Please check out the Lunar New Year display window in the DMS lobby. This year's Lunar New Year celebration is on February 16th. The display window has wonderful information about this celebration. There is a question/answer sheet for all students to participate. Please pick up a question sheet in the front lobby.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Thank you to all those who have joined the PTA. We appreciate your support. If you have not yet joined, membership forms can be found in the front office and on our website at <http://dmspta.weebly.com>. As a benefit of joining, members can receive 15% off + free shipping for their first order from Boxed, a home goods company.

Boxed delivers bulk size groceries, household items, classroom essentials, kids' products and more at a low cost. There are no membership fees (that's right, no membership fees!). Shop online at Boxed.com or on your phone or tablet using the Boxed app for everything from pantry essentials, snacks and drinks, to soap, shampoo and sunscreen.

For more information and other discounts, visit the MD PTA website at <https://www.pta.org/home/About-Teacher-Association/Benefits-of-PTA-Membership/Save-Money-with-Member-Offers>

Community News

TODAY, FEBRUARY 27th, COMMUNITY CABINET MEETING:

Re-purposed to Discussion of SCHOOL SAFETY and MENTAL HEALTH COMMUNITY FORUM

Join Superintendent Martirano on Tuesday, February 27th at River Hill High School from 7:00 - 8:30pm with school system leaders and county partners to provide information, answer questions and collaborate. Attendees are encouraged to come prepared to share your thoughts about how we can work effectively to ensure student and staff safety and well-being.

In order to ensure adequate spacing, please indicate your intent to attend at

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfMomq9D6Oxt62Z7QQWzgPGNbhBDXPEzQSE9f_8lhe

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Lime Kiln Middle School

Innocence Stolen: Protecting Our Children - March 8th, 6:30p

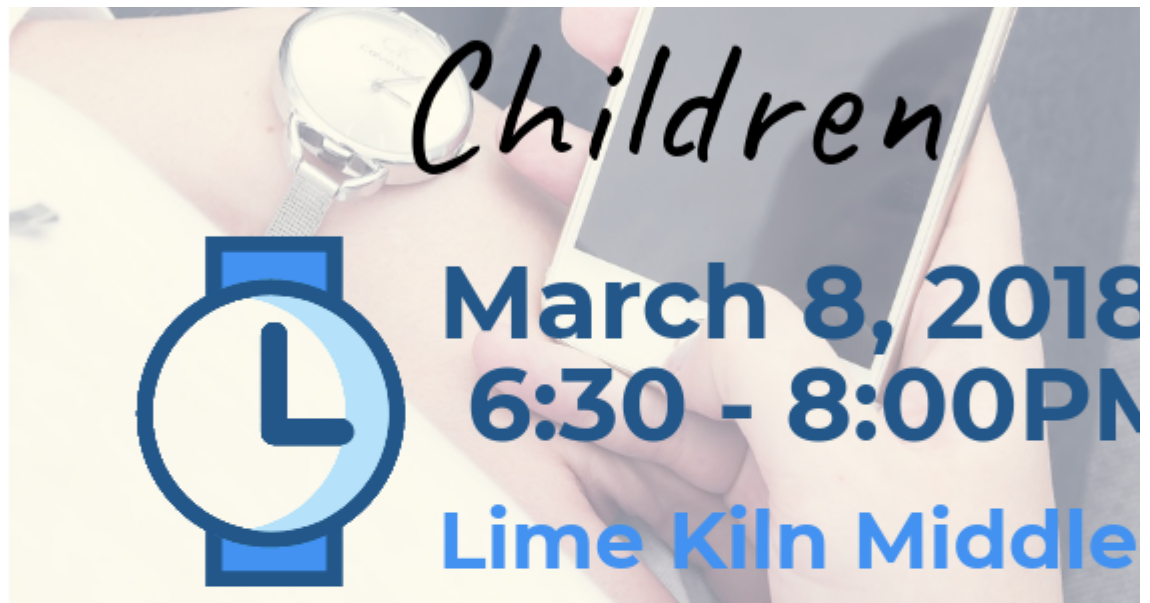
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If you have any questions, please email Karen McV
Karen_McVay@hcpss.org

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PTA Book Fair is next week....

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<http://www.hcpss.org/ves>**

Eagle Express Volume 23, February 22, 2018

Feb. 26-March 2nd	PTA Book Fair- Mini-Auditorium
Feb. 27	Book Fair Bingo- Café-
Feb. 28th	Pink Shirt Day- Wear pink to school
Mar. 1st	Book Fair- Read All Night
March 5-9	2018-2019 Kindergarten and New Student Registration
Mar. 7th	Interims Issued.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL:

The incident in Parkland, Florida impacted all of us last week. The

safety of your children is our number one concern. When these events happen and unfortunately this is way too often, I direct the school team to reassess security protocol at the school. The following adjustments will be made to security protocol at the building.

A. ENTRANCE TO BUILDING: (Effective no later than Thursday 2/22/18)

During the school day, it is our expectation that when someone buzzes to enter the office that the door is not immediately buzzed open.

1. Individual buzzes to get into the school
2. Staff member then asks through the intercom...

“Hello, may I help you?”

They will look up and see who is at the door. If they have any questions about the response or they just do not know an individual, an administrator will be called.

We ask all individuals to enter one or one family at a time. Please... if another individual is waiting at the door or if there is someone behind you, they will be asked to buzz in as well.

3. Parents must sign in at the Lobbyguard Kiosk. Please make sure that when you are in the building, go to where your business is and then return to the office. It is very appropriate for staff to ask, “do you need help getting where you are going”.

4. Please remember to check back into the office to sign out and leave your sticker.

B. Identification- ALL adult individuals entering the building are expected to have some form of identification with them. This is so crucial. You would not believe the number of individuals who have driven here from home or work and do not have their driver's license with them. This is also important if you bring a grandparent of your child or someone else with you, they must also have identification. Only an administrator may approve their presence in the school without identification. School administration reserves the right to deny entry to the building to anyone who does not follow proper protocol.

C. FIRE DRILLS:

There will be adjustments to the way Fire Drills are conducted. Staff have been informed of changes.

D. OTHER DRILLS:

There will be adjustments to the way other drills are conducted. Staff have been informed of changes.

E. Staff will participate in additional training regarding certain types of drills.

F. PERIODIC CLASSROOM CHATS ABOUT SAFETY: These will occur twice during the year to assess student readiness for emergencies. The Student Support Team will lead these discussions in each team.

Of course, we try to prepare for every emergency. These efforts can only be supplemented by what you know about this school and the community we serve. Good “common sense” alertness always will help. We have so many staff that are alert to people, places, and things that just seem out of place. I appreciate the efforts of all the staff and community to address the needs of our students, staff, and school community. Please forgive me for not sending every detail of our response plan, quite frankly, I don’t want every single person to have access to that kind of information. Those who need to know, have the information they need but please know that there are plans and training in place for staff and students.

Seeking Lunch/Recess Monitor for VES!

As we enter the third quarter of the 2017-2018 school year, we are seeking candidates who are interested in a part-time job as a Lunch/Recess Monitor.

Below are a few details regarding the position:

- Monitor and interact with students during multiple recess shifts.

This includes indoor recess and outdoor recess in varying temperatures

- Support and assist students and Paraeducators during multiple lunch shifts
- Monitors work 3.5 hrs per day with a rotating shift time of 10:20am-1:35pm or 11:00am-2:15pm
 - Candidates must be available to work daily at that time
- Compensation is an hourly rate of \$10.50 per hour

We are also in need of substitutes for the lunch/recess position.

If you are interested please COPY and PASTE the link below into a new browser window and apply.

<http://www.hcpss.org/employment/substitute-positions/>

Once candidates have completed the application process, including **all of the required documentation**, please contact me directly so we can monitor the status of your application and schedule an interview. Please contact Katie Carter, Assistant Principal with any additional questions. Her email is kathleen_carter@hcpss.org and the school number is 410-313-1700.

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PTA Book Fair February 26-March 2nd.

Special Events:

- **Bingo Night: Tuesday, February 27th.**

Enjoy contest and games? Our epic Bingo Night is scheduled from 6:30 - 8 PM in the Cafetorium

- **Read All Night: Thursday, March 1st.**

Read All Night, our evening reading event where kids can come in their jammies and listen to stories. The event is open

to all students and we anticipate strong attendance from our lower grades. Read All Night is scheduled from 6:30 - 7:30 PM in the ELA on the Second floor.

EMERGENCY AND WEATHER RELATED SCHOOL CLOSING DETAILS:

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JUMP ROPE FOR HEART 2018:

Last week's Jump Rope for Heart events were a huge success! Our students spent their PE times getting some heart healthy exercise during some fun Jump Rope for Heart stations! They were invited to sign our Jump Rope for Heart wall and tell us why they were jumping! Some wrote about friends or family members that they were jumping in honor of, while others wrote ways that they keep their own heart healthy by having healthy eating habits or daily exercise. Thank you to everyone who did some fundraising for the American Heart Association! **All donations are due to Mrs. Hahn by THIS FRIDAY FEBRUARY 23!!!** Please make sure that you send in your donation envelopes (or any envelope with your child's name and teacher's name written on it) by FRIDAY!!!

I will be sending out a final fundraising number after all donations come in! Thank you, thank you, thank you to everyone who decided to reach out to friends and family to help those with sick hearts!

IT TAKES HEART TO BE A HERO!!!

The page features two vertical decorative bars on the left and right sides. Each bar consists of a wide light gray outer section and a thin blue inner line.

Family Math Night at VES

March 26, 2018

Time: 7:00-8:15 pm

ATTENTION ALL FAMILIES...

Join us for a Family Math Night at VES! Together you will engage with your child(ren) in number routines and tasks that promote reasoning and problem solving. Come experience how we encourage discourse in math class through investigation and visualization.

**Children in grades K – 5 may attend
their grade level presentation with their
parent.**

MATH NIGHT RSVP

Student Name: _____

Grade: _____

_____ Yes, I will attend _____ Number of adults attending
with above child

PLEASE RETURN RSVP TO VES BY March 19th!

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From: Veterans Elementary School

To: emilybahharhcpss@gmail.com

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**School Closed on Friday Feb. 16th and Monday
Feb. 19th.**

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Eagle Express Volume 22, February 15, 2018

Feb. 16th

**SCHOOLS ARE CLOSED FOR STUDENTS.
PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY.**

**Feb. 19th
DAY.**

SCHOOLS AND OFFICES ARE CLOSED. PRESIDENTS'

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL:

Inclement weather days- After carefully reviewing options, the Superintendent wanted to provide you with the following information as well as his rationale about specific days to be used to make up school closings. We understand that any mid-year changes to the calendar can be disappointing, especially to students and families who have already made plans. Please be aware that our primary consideration in making these decisions is a commitment to quality instruction. We also wanted to provide you a level of predictability as we look ahead to the rest of the school year.

- Schools now will be in session on April 4, 5, and 6 and for a half-day on May 18 to make up for the four inclement weather days used.
- If schools are closed for one additional inclement weather day, June 15 will be used.
- State law mandates that the school year must be completed by June 15. If additional inclement weather closings become necessary, HCPSS will petition the Maryland State Department of Education for a waiver of the additional days.

The fifth possible make-up day on June 15 falls on a Muslim holiday. Per Board policy, no activities or exams can be scheduled on this day. This will require all end of school assemblies, promotion ceremonies, celebrations and final exams to be held on June 14 but still require students to attend on the day after. As an educator and a parent, our Superintendent knows that adding an additional day to the end of the school year would not effectively replace the valuable instruction days lost to inclement weather. HCPSS will use June 15 as a last resort to ensure that make up days will truly serve as replacement days for the instruction time that has been lost.

We will continue to carefully weigh all decisions to close school when inclement weather threatens the safety of students and staff, and will notify families and staff as soon as possible should any additional changes to the school calendar become necessary. More information on the [school calendar](#) and [inclement weather closings](#) is available on www.hcpss.org.

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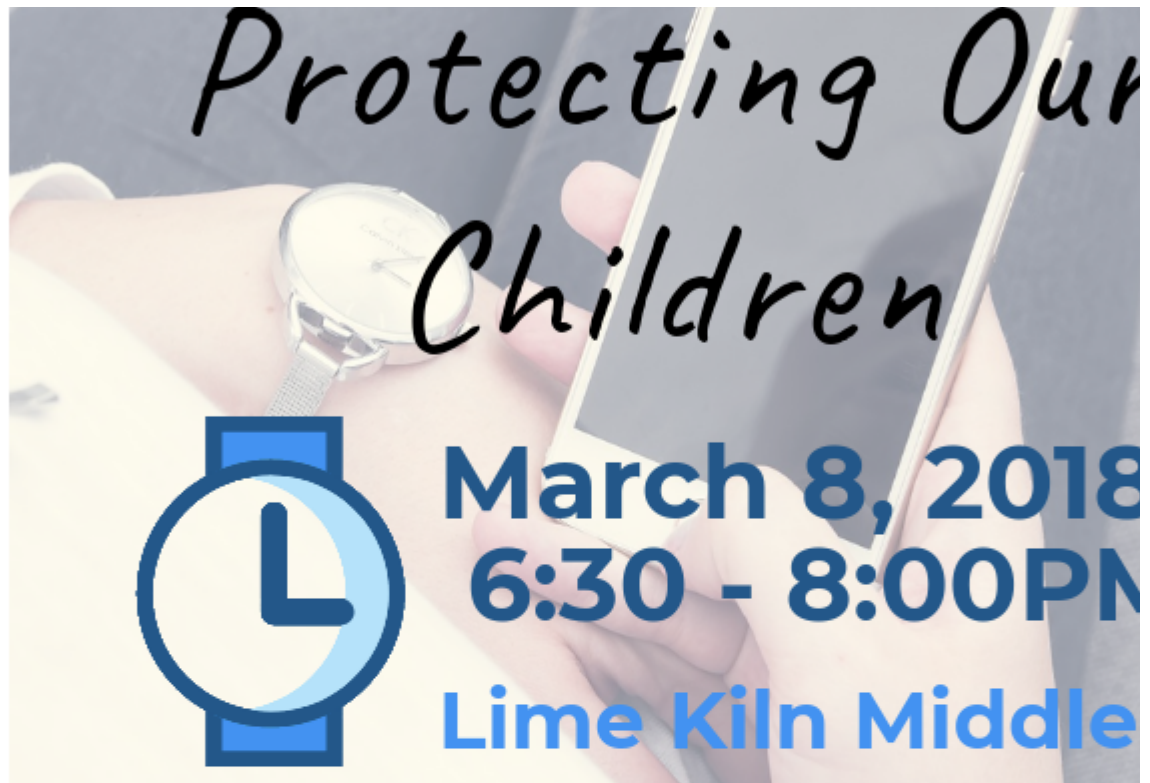
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Date: Friday, February 9, 2018 at 5:02:27 PM Eastern Standard Time

From: Cradlerock Elementary School

To: emilybahharhcpss@gmail.com



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February 9, 2018 Newsletter

PURPLE = NEW

CRADLEROCK ELEMENTARY

Front Office - 410-313-7610 Fax - 410-313-7634

Official School Hours - 8:15 am - 2:45 pm

8:03 am - Students may enter the building.

* Staff are not on duty until 7:55 am

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HCPSS INCLEMENT WEATHER MAKE-UP DAYS

Message from Dr. Michael J. Martirano, Superintendent

Dear HCPSS Community:

Now that we have had a fourth inclement weather related closing, I want to give you an update on the school calendar for the remainder of this year.

Our academic calendar designates five possible inclement weather make-up days:

February 19, April 4, 5, and 6, and June 15. Using February 19 (President's Day) would have required a state waiver, as it is a state mandated holiday, and would have caused significant budget pressures. Instead, the Board of Education has approved the use May 18 in lieu of February 19 as a make-up day.

After carefully reviewing our options, I want to provide you with the following information as well as my rationale about specific days to be used to make up school closings. I understand that any mid-year changes to the calendar can be disappointing, especially to students and families who have already made plans. Please be aware that our primary consideration in making these decisions is a commitment to quality instruction. We also wanted to provide you a level of predictability as we look ahead to the rest of the school year.

- Schools now will be in session on April 4, 5, and 6 and for a half-day on May 18 to make up for the four inclement weather days used.
- If schools are closed for one additional inclement weather day, June 15 will be used.
- State law mandates that the school year must be completed by June 15.

If additional inclement weather closings become necessary, HCPSS will petition the Maryland State Department of Education for a waiver of the additional days.

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HOME SCHOOL CONNECTION SURVEY

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Subject: Message from the Interim Superintendent
Date: Saturday, February 3, 2018 at 3:26:32 PM Eastern Standard Time
From: Howard County Public School System
To: emilybahharhcpss@gmail.com

Dear HCPSS Community,

A recent personnel change has generated increased community discussion about sexual assault, harassment and child abuse, and I feel it necessary to reiterate the message I sent on December 14, 2017 (see below).

We will protect every single person – staff or student – who has been harmed. We strive every day to create a safe learning and working environment in Howard County and every report will be handled with a high level of confidentiality, will be investigated fully, and will result in appropriate action taken.

I have been outspoken about my role as a protector of the children in our care. That has led some to suggest, I “stay in my lane.” With the Board’s full support, please know that I will do everything I can to maintain a safe, nurturing environment for our students. My message at the beginning of the year was clear to our staff and our community: I will not tolerate any harm coming to any one of our children. When matters like this come to my attention, I will always act swiftly and decisively as I have during my tenure as superintendent and “stay in my lane” of protecting children.

I encourage you as parents, staff, students and community leaders to help reinforce this commitment to safety and security that we strive to provide in our schools.

Sincerely,
Michael J. Martirano
Interim Superintendent

From: Michael Martirano
Sent: Thursday, December 14, 2017 12:22 PM
Subject: Message from the Interim Superintendent

Dear HCPSS community,

I am greatly disturbed every day by the public reports of sexual harassment and assault around our country. It is a frightening reminder of the world we live in where this type of behavior has gone unchecked for so many years. This is a predatory form of bullying with tremendous dangers and will not be ignored in the Howard County Public School System.

Anyone can be a victim of sexual harassment or assault. As a father, a man of high moral character and an educator for over 30 years, I view this world through the lens of my children and the 56,000 students I am entrusted to protect here in Howard County. As the interim superintendent of an organization with nearly 9,000 full-time employees, it is also my responsibility to protect our staff.

It is incumbent upon us, as educators, to properly train and empower our students and staff to stop sexual harassment and assault. Preventing inappropriate behaviors requires everyone to have the knowledge and skills to be upstanders who intervene and support a positive school climate for all.

I want to encourage every person in HCPSS to speak out against sexual harassment and assault and to report it. I will stand by your side to put an end to the harassment you are experiencing.

Howard County has gone a long way by advancing very specific language in HCPSS Policy 1020: Sexual Discrimination, which details the behavioral expectations of students and staff as well as processes for reporting unwanted inappropriate acts of harassment or assault. This spring, a committee will be convened to review the policy and find opportunities to strengthen preventative and response measures for the school system. I endorse stronger language in the policy and support the critical role of the Title IX Coordinator in responding to complaints.

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Date: Friday, February 2, 2018 at 5:02:50 PM Eastern Standard Time

From: Cradlerock Elementary School

To: emilybahharhcpss@gmail.com



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Subject: TVMS Newsletter - 2/2/18

Date: Friday, February 2, 2018 at 3:19:09 PM Eastern Standard Time

From: Thomas Viaduct Middle School

To: emilybahharhpcss@gmail.com



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TVMS Newsletter - 2/2/18

Upcoming Events

- February 5 MAP Testing
- February 5 Report Cards Issued
- February 6 PTSA Meeting
- February 8-9, 12 MAP Testing
- February 12 – 15 Acts of Kindness Week
- February 15 National History Day
- February 16 Schools Closed for Students
- February 19 Schools and Offices Closed
- February 23 TVMS School Dance
- March 5 – 9 Book Fair

From the Principal

TVMS Families,

TVMS students and staff enjoyed last Friday's Wolf Pride Celebration to mark the end of the second quarter. Students were given the opportunity to participate in a variety of activities, and the celebration was a true reflection of students demonstrating TVMS Pride. The third quarter has started strong for students, and there are many exciting ventures on the horizon. Beyond the Wolf Den resumes for all enrolled students on February 15th, and TVMS looks forward to holding its second school dance of the year on February 23rd. All proceeds from the "Have a Heart" dance will be donated to the American Heart Association.

TVMS Timberwolves are Born 2B....kind. The week of February 12th is Acts of Kindness Week. TVMS students and staff will be encouraged to do random acts of kindness for their peers and staff.

The safety of our students is of the utmost importance to our staff. When you arrive to pick up your student for early dismissal, you will need to show identification. Per HCPSS policy, we are not able to release a student for early dismissal without identification, which will be verified with the Student Emergency Card on file.

Regards,
Shiney Ann John, Principal

Lost and Found

Winter apparel and lunch boxes are overflowing in lost and found. If your child is missing items, please remind them to check lost and found in the cafeteria. Items not picked up will be donated on Friday, February 16th.

MAP Testing

Testing is scheduled for the winter administration as follows:

- Math MAP: February 5
- Reading MAP: February 8, 9 and 12

We ask that you try not to schedule appointments during your child's test time/day in order to avoid having to take your child from classes to make up the assessment. Also, please make sure your child gets a good night's rest, eats breakfast, and is ready to do their best on each testing day.

TVMS Watch D.O.G.S. Spring Re-Launch Friday, February 23rd

Attention TVMS dads, grandfathers, uncles, coaches, and other positive male role models:

During the fall semester we were the first middle school in Howard County to launch the nationally recognized Watch D.O.G.S. (Dads of Great Students) program. So far, over a dozen positive male role models have volunteered at TVMS as official Watch D.O.G.S.! We would love to add more role models to our TVMS Watch D.O.G.S. group to assist our staff. Possible opportunities include assisting students during arrival, lunch, and dismissal, and in classrooms.

Help us continue to expand our TVMS Watch D.O.G.S. program by joining us for the Watch D.O.G.S. Spring Re-Launch on Friday, February 23rd, at 6:30 p.m. to learn how you can help. Drop off your child at our school dance, then, stay for refreshments and a brief information session regarding our second semester Watch D.O.G.S. program.

Please R.S.V.P. to Ron Capurso at ron_capurso@hcpss.org. We look forward to meeting many more potential Watch D.O.G.S. at the Spring Re-Launch!

Friendly Front Office Reminders

- **Absences:** Please remember to send in a note on the following day of any absence. Your child should submit the note to their first period teacher.
- **Transportation Changes:** Please send in a note or call the office to change your child's transportation arrangements. Students will *NOT* be permitted to change their transportation until we have documentation from the parent/guardian. No exceptions.
- **Early Dismissals:** Students cannot be called from the classroom for early dismissal until the parent/guardian arrives to sign them out.
- **LobbyGuard Sign-In:** *ALL* visitors must sign in with their license using the LobbyGuard kiosk at each visit. If you do not have your license, your information must be entered manually on the kiosk or by one of the front office staff.
- **Visiting Classrooms:** No visits to the classrooms are allowed unless a pre-arranged time has been established with the teacher.

Yearbooks are on Sale

Order the TVMS 2017-2018 yearbook featuring color photographs that highlights the students and events celebrated throughout the year! Soft cover yearbooks are \$25 through April 2, 2018. Simply click on the link below to learn about all available options: paperback, hardcover, personalized, etc.

Preorder your yearbook today online at ybpay.lifetouch.com (yearbook ID code: 12257818). Orders will also be accepted in the front office.

From the Health Room: Important Immunization Requirements

Effective the first day of school for the school year 2018-2019, 1 dose of Tdap vaccine and 1 dose of Meningococcal vaccine (MCV4) is required by the state of Maryland for all students entering

Grade 7. If we DO NOT receive proof of immunization, your child will be excluded from school. Many students may have already received these immunizations, but the Health Room may not have the updated immunization record. Please contact your child's doctor and send/fax in an updated copy of your child's immunizations to the Health Room, our fax # is (410) 712-6050, or schedule an appointment to have your child receive these immunizations.

If you have further questions, please call the school health room at (410) 313-8714.

PTSA News

Quarter Auction

PTSA is holding their 4th Quarter Auction fundraiser event on May 5, 2018. This is the most significant fundraising event for TVMS. The PTSA is reaching out to our families and staff that may have their own businesses or wish to sponsor a game in honor of their student, class, or staff member. For more information on the Quarter Auction or

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Coat Drive

PTACHC and other Howard County community members are putting together a Care Closet for HCPSS schools to collect coat and other cold weather gear donations. More information will be available in the near future.

Tech Talk Tuesdays

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- What are your three strengths?
- What is your favorite strength?
- How do you show this strength?

We heard immediate and refreshing responses. One student shared that her three strengths are Organizer, Dependability, and Relating. Of these three, she likes Relating the best. She shows this strength by being nice to others.

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Pack Leaders of the Month

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TVMS is proud to recognize our Pack Leaders of the Month. Each month, a student from one of the 12 academic areas will be recognized for displaying the PRIDE traits (Personal Responsibility, Respect, Integrity, Diligence, Excellence). The academic areas include Math, Science, English, Social Studies, Reading, Art, Technology Education, Family and Consumer Science, Health Education, Physical Education, Performing Arts, and World Language. Recognized students will receive a certificate of accomplishment and be acknowledged on the morning news. In addition, students will have their picture posted in the TVMS Alpha Hall of Fame. We look forward to highlighting TVMS students for their individual student strengths in a variety of academic areas.

Pack Leaders of the Month for January

Subject	8th Grade	7th Grade
ELA	Long Vuong	Joleen Nguyen
Math	Jameelah Destry	Karen Abdelsayed
Reading	Nana Akosah	Douglas Osario
Science	Ben Delagarza	Joseph Spelta
Social Studies	Theo Travis-Richmond	Nithish Sivakumaran
Art	Kris Wise	Kyree Price
FACS	Dinma Ebube	Laiba Amer
Health	Irene Lee	Sophie Kang
Performing Arts	Damon Gullion	Suhani Shah
Physical Education	Heaven Thang	Rene Castro Parada
Technology Education	Glo Florentino	Lance Wytko
World Language	Maureen Kwakye-Dankwa	Caleb Bentsil
Subject	6th Grade	
ELA	Rithma Premarathne	
Math	Abigail Zekarias	

Reading	Gbenga Saka	
Science	Justin Christian	
Social Studies	Humail Rizvi	
Art	Stacey Johnson	
FACS	Kanha Jain	
Health	Kamira Aji	
Performing Arts	Ausar Edwards	
Physical Education	Brian Sweeney	
Technology Education	Daniel Ighalo	
World Language	Amani Sheridan	

Policy Corner - Sexual Harassment (*Policy 1020*)

The Board of Education of Howard County is committed to providing an educational and work environment that is free from sexual discrimination. To that end, the Board of Education prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex in its educational program, co-curricular and extracurricular activities, and in the workplace, as required by law.

Employees and third parties share responsibility for the health, safety and general welfare of students; for contributing to a school environment free from sexual discrimination; and for maintaining appropriate relationships with students. Employees, students and third parties may be subject to disciplinary action or consequences for inappropriate behavior of a sexual nature, even when the behavior does not rise to the level of sexual discrimination as defined by prevailing federal and state laws.

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Sexual discrimination includes sexual harassment, sexual assault and sexual violence and is characterized as unwelcome conduct of a sexual nature that interferes with a student's ability to learn, study, work, achieve, or participate in school activities or with an employee's/ third party's term, condition or privilege of employment/relationship with the school system. Sexual discrimination can be committed by a student, employee, or third party.

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Sexual violence is any type of contact that occurs without the explicit consent of the recipient such as fondling, forced sexual intercourse, sexual battery, rape, molestation or incest.

A student who chooses to file a sexual discrimination complaint must do so orally or in writing with a teacher, school counselor, school-based administrator, or the Title IX Coordinator for action in accordance with established procedures. Written complaints are to be completed using the Bullying, Harassment, or Intimidation (BHI) Reporting Form. All such reports must be filed with or forwarded to the Title IX Coordinator who will oversee and support the investigation.

In each phase of complaint resolution, every reasonable effort shall be made to maintain the confidentiality and protect the privacy of all parties. These efforts may be limited by the school system's legal and regulatory obligation to investigate and address allegations of sexual discrimination.

Upon completion of an investigation of a complaint received, the investigator will send a prompt, written report of the findings and actions to be taken, if any, to the appropriate parties. Such reporting will follow established confidentiality guidelines.

Violations of this policy are cumulative; subsequent offenses may affect the nature and severity of the consequences. Use and/or exhaustion of these procedures is not a prerequisite for the filing of complaints with the federal Office for Civil Rights.

Policy Corner - Student Rights' and Responsibilities *(Policy 9020)*

The rights and responsibilities of individuals are preserved through the protection and preservation of the rights of others. Students have a responsibility for their own learning, for their personal conduct and for the manner in which they exercise their rights. Students must accept the consequences of their actions. Students have the responsibility to participate in the educational program offered by their schools and, in doing so, are bound by the policies of the Howard County Public School System.

Students have specific responsibilities and rights related to school attendance, student expression, disciplinary action, due process, search and seizure, student records, student activities, use of school facilities, and non-discriminatory practices.

Tips for School Success – Tips for School Success: Review that Report Card

Pay careful attention to all progress reports, but particularly the first one—it will be coming soon if your child hasn't received it yet. You want to get help for any problem

areas before your child falls too far behind. Ask your child's teacher how grades are determined and for suggestions on how your student can improve. Review grades and the teacher's comments with your child—always starting with something she's doing well, then pointing out areas that need attention, and ending with something positive again.

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Subject: TVMS Newsletter - 1/19/18

Date: Friday, January 19, 2018 at 2:35:19 PM Eastern Standard Time

From: Thomas Viaduct Middle School

To: emilybahharhpcss@gmail.com



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TVMS Newsletter - 1/19/18

Upcoming Events

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| • January 20 | Board of Education Coffee and Conversation |
| • January 24 | Rising 6th Grade Parent Orientation, 6:30 p.m. |
| • January 24 | PTSA Chick-fil-A Night (Bring the attached flyer) |
| • January 26 | TVMS Cozy Wear Day (No Pajamas or Slippers) |
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From the Principal

TVMS Families,

The new year has opened up conversation with our students regarding service and leadership. During our grade-level Academy Meetings, students watched a brief video about Dr. Martin Luther King and explored avenues that they are already contributing to the greater school community and possibilities to serve in the future. As we start 2018, I am encouraging all our timberwolves to think about what they can do to be in service to others.

This week, County Executive Allan Kittleman visited TVMS and participated in a learning circle with our SGA officers. Discussion was held on leadership, current events, government, social topics, world issues, and Mr. Kittleman's journey in public service.

Tomorrow, Saturday, January 20th, TVMS will host the Board of Education's Coffee and

Conversation session at 9:30 a.m. The public is invited to speak informally with the Board members on a variety of topics.

This time of year presents us with the opportunity to welcome a whole new pack of timberwolves to the TVMS family. On January 24th, TVMS looks forward to welcoming parents at our Incoming 6th Grade Orientation. Families will be able to learn about our Middle School Program of Studies, including Band, Orchestra, Chorus, and Gifted and Talented Program. TVMS has much to offer, including our commitment to provide a learning environment where all students connect, collaborate, and create together.

As we prepare for the end of the second quarter on January 26th, TVMS is looking ahead to the second half of the year. Beyond the Wolf Den will resume on February 15th for students participating, and TVMS will hold their second school dance of the year in February.

Mid-year is the perfect time to check with your child to see if there are any supplies or materials they need to replenish. Encourage your child to clean out their binders and start the second semester in an organized and efficient manner.

We are truly fortunate to have such a high achieving group of students, who not only care about their personal success, but also celebrate the success of their peers.

Regards,
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Lost and Found

Winter apparel and lunch boxes are overflowing in lost and found. If your child is missing items, please remind them to check lost and found in the cafeteria. Items will be donated on Friday, February 16th.

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TVMS Watch D.O.G.S. (Dads of Great Students)

Are you a positive male role model with a student at TVMS? Would you like to get more involved at school? If so, consider becoming a TVMS Watch D.O.G. We are looking for dads, uncles, grandfathers, and other men who are interested in helping support the staff and students at TVMS.

The two primary goals of the WATCH D.O.G.S. program are:

1. To provide positive male role models for the students of TVMS.
2. To provide extra sets of eyes and ears to enhance school security and reduce bullying.

Thank you to our most recent Watch D.O.G.S. at TVMS:

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PTSA News

- **Chick-fil-A Night** - January 24th, 5 p.m. to 9 p.m.
 - [Chick-fil-A.pdf](#)
 - Dobbin Location, 6375 Dobbin Rd, Columbia, MD 21045
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- Explain how the individual's behavior is unacceptable.
- Issue a warning letter to the individual.
- Issue a letter that summarizes the disruptive behavior and any prior discussions or warnings and which informs the individual that any further incidents will lead to a formal denial of access.
- Issue a denial-of access letter.

When a denial-of-access letter is issued to the parent of a student enrolled at the school, the letter will explain how the parent may continue to discuss legitimate school issues regarding his or her child.

1-Mile Boot Camp – Saturday, January 20th, 9 a.m. to 10 a.m.

- Sponsored by Every Kid Can Cook. at The Mall in Columbia
- Looking for a fun way to combine healthy eating with a fun fitness activity? Enjoy a walk with your kids at the Columbia Mall with boot camp exercises at our

favorite stores. Exercises are designed for kids and adults of all fitness levels.
Register at www.healthylittlecooks.com/bootcamp.

HC Drug Free Programs

All parents and high school and middle school students looking for a competitive edge are encouraged to attend “**Substance Use and Its Impact on Academic Achievement and Mental Health**” at 7:00 p.m., on January 30th at Howard High School. This research-based program will be presented by Dr. Amelia Arria, the Director of the Center on Young Adult Health and Development at the University of Maryland, School of Public Health. Her most recent work has clarified the impact of substance use, particularly excessive drinking and marijuana use, on academic achievement. This program is in partnership with HC DrugFree, Howard High School PTSA, and Bonnie Branch Middle School PTA. If schools close on January 30th, the program will be held on February 27th.

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Subject: Kindness Matters at THES

Date: Tuesday, January 16, 2018 at 5:45:15 PM Eastern Standard Time

From: Thunder Hill Elementary School

To: emilybahharhcpss@gmail.com

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Thunder Hill Elementary School is proudly joining schools nationwide in an effort to promote kindness, acceptance, and respect. We will be encouraging kindness over the next few weeks by participating in two positive and proactive bully prevention initiatives: *National No Name Calling Week*, January 16 – 19 and *The Great Kindness Challenge*, January 22 – 26.

All students will be given a Choose Kind Challenge Calendar. Students are encouraged to complete the *daily challenge* throughout the month! Students are also invited to make Valentine's Day cards for residents in a local nursing home. Kindness quotes and messages will be shared daily on the morning announcements.

Additionally, Thunder Hill is partnering with Grassroots in Howard County again this year in a campaign called *Change Matters*. Grassroots is Howard County's only 24-hour homeless shelter and crisis intervention center. All of the change collected will go directly to Grassroots to provide services to children and families in our community. All students will attend a presentation on January 18 to learn more about how to help others right here in Howard County.

Thank you for encouraging your child to participate in the kindness activities and for your support in creating a culture of kindness, tolerance, unity, and respect! If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Reeb at Rebecca_reeb@hcpss.org.

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From: Thomas Viaduct Middle School

To: emilybahharhcpss@gmail.com



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TVMS Newsletter - 1/5/18

Upcoming Events

- January 10 TVMS Spelling Bee
- January 15 Schools Closed
- January 15 -19 TVMS Spirit Week: "No Name Calling"
- January 24 Rising 6th Grader Parent Orientation, 6:30 p.m.
- January 26 3-Hour Early Dismissal

From the Principal

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The start of the new calendar year is off to a positive note for both students and staff. It is hard to believe that the end of the second quarter is on January 26th. This date also marks the end of semester one and the first half of the school year. Second quarter report cards will be issued on February 5th. Students have been encouraged to monitor their own grades through Canvas, celebrate areas of success, and work with teachers to improve in areas of academic concern. As always, TVMS staff are committed to your child's success, so please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher with any questions or concerns.

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- 6th Grade – Rohan Warriar
- 7th Grade – Safi Hampton
- 8th Grade – Afua Atta-Poku
- Alternate – Nithish Sivakumaran

The staff started the new year with a special treat from our January's PTSA Sunshine Family. Thank you to Landon Staruk's family for the energy bars welcoming us back from winter break.

Regards,
Shiney Ann John, Principal

News and Events

8th Grade Information Corner

On January 8th and 9th, a lesson will be delivered through science classes regarding high school course recommendations. In order to become more informed with this process, Hammond High School and Long Reach High School invite parents to attend an Information Night. Respective dates are below. Please note this is a date change for Hammond High School from earlier correspondence.

Please contact Ms. Raines if you have any questions or if you need to know the high school in which your child will attend next year.

Calendar:

- **January 8** - Hammond High School Parent Night, 6:30 p.m. (New Date)
- **January 9** - Career Academy Information Night, 7 p.m., at ARL
- **January 10** - Long Reach High School Parent Night, 6:30 p.m.
- **Until January 12** - Students interested in JROTC schedule interviews
- **June 6** - Rising 9th Grades to Visit High Schools

Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps (JROTC) Information

Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps (JROTC) programs are offered at Atholton (Army), Howard (Army), and Oakland Mills (Air Force) high schools. A student who wishes to participate in JROTC, but does not attend one of the schools that offers JROTC, may apply for participation. Each school has a limited number of spaces available. To apply for participation in the 2018-2019 school year, students must contact a JROTC official before January 12, 2018, to schedule an interview. Only students who are interviewed during this designated period will be considered for enrollment.

To schedule an interview, contact the JROTC official for the program of interest:

- Atholton High School: LTC (USA, Retired) William Reinhart, Senior Army Instructor, william_reinhart@hcpss.org or (410) 313-7065
- Howard High School: LTC (USA, Retired) Patricia Marshall, patricia_marshall@hcpss.org or (410) 313-2867.
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Harry Sweeney Kenji Payne Vedat Ozcan Herbert Nicholls

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We invite TVMS parents to join us to watch this exciting morning for students. We ask you to sign in at the LobbyGuard by 8:20 a.m.

6th Grade Spelling Bee Participants	7th Grade Spelling Bee Participants	8th Grade Spelling Bee Participants
Christabel Akolo	Laiba Amer	Kehinde Aloyinlapa
Zuleyha Akpinar	Cameron Brewer	Praise Apanisile
Justin Christian	Rickaya Dennis	Keonna Coleman
Mark Dao	Isaiah Dunn	Damon Gullion
Madison Harrington	Jane Gumiton	Myasia Harter
Sadie Malatesta	Madisyn Jones	Nicholas May
Donavan Moss	Kezia Kumi	Nakya McNutt
Helen Nguyen	Kourtney Kumi	Jelani Omolade
Abdias Tapia Rodriguez	Boluwatife Ogundairo	Emily Par
Emmanuel Sam	Pranav Rajavel	Christopher Shiu
Yi Su	Luisa Wiltrout	Heaven Thang
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This month, we are highlighting: **Organizing**

Students and adults with the strength of **organizing** like to create order in their world. Scheduling, planning, and organizing make life better for them. Organizers like to think about the big ideas and the details. They help themselves and others by pulling all the pieces together.

If your student has the strength of organizing, note the following thoughts:

- Organizers like to make a schedule and stick to it. Keep a calendar to see what you want to do each day as well as looking ahead to the week, month, and year coming up.
- Planning projects and events feels good to an organizer. If your student is working in a group, encourage them volunteer to be the planner and organizer.
- Ask your student how he or she likes to schedule the day.
- Are there ways your student can be helpful by organizing things for you?

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Pack Leaders of the Month

TVMS is approaching the traditional concept of Student of the Month from a different angle. Students and families may not be familiar with this approach to recognizing student leadership by capitalizing on strengths, but TVMS realizes students display strengths in one or more of the academic areas, and we are focused on capitalizing on the power of these individual strengths.

TVMS is proud to recognize our Pack Leaders of the Month. Each month, a student from one of the 12 academic areas will be recognized for displaying the PRIDE traits (Personal Responsibility, Respect, Integrity, Diligence, Excellence). The academic areas include Math, Science, English, Social Studies, Reading, Art, Technology Education, Family and Consumer Science, Health Education, Physical Education, Performing Arts, and World Language. Recognized students will receive a certificate of accomplishment and be acknowledged on the morning news. In addition, students will have their picture posted in the TVMS Alpha Hall of Fame. We look forward to highlighting TVMS students for their individual student strengths in a variety of academic areas.

Pack Leaders of the Month for December

Subject	8th Grade	7th Grade
ELA	Emily Par	Justin Burns
MATH	Austin Stewart	Kourtney Kumi
READING	Khary Keith	Jonathan Williams
SCIENCE		Victoria Benitez
SOCIAL STUDIES	Phillip Giorgilli	Suhani Shah
ART	Casey Tluangi	Yasmine Khetib
FACS	Morgan Prater	Diego Carino
HEALTH	Tony Darco	Brianna Burford
PERFORMING ARTS	Jaylen McClinton	Isaiah Dunn
PHYSICAL EDUCATION	Jordan Hall	Juliana Dadurka
TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION	Flo Florentino	Kendall Francis
WORLD LANGUAGE	Enna Eliason	Danielle Sessoms
Subject	6th Grade	
ELA	Amani Sheridan	
MATH	Donovan Moss	
READING	Karla Virula	
SCIENCE	Robert Randolph	
SOCIAL STUDIES	Darryl Lee	
ART	Alyssa Duncan	

FACS	Geordan Bigalbal	
HEALTH	Allison Silva	
PERFORMING ARTS	Maddy Roy	
PHYSICAL EDUCATION	Keziah Forsah	
TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION	Evan Fobes	
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Student Leadership and Service Opportunity

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- Sharing the Student Voice on School Policy and Community Issues
- Gaining Leadership Skills
- Practicing Community Service
- Working with student leaders from across HCPSS

Come join your fellow student leaders and work together to make Many Students One Voice. For more information please contact cindy_drummond@hcpss.org.

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Tips for School Success – Designate a Study Area

Help your child by providing a quiet, well-lit, low-traffic space for study time. Take it one step further and institute a “communications blackout” policy with no cell phones or instant messaging allowed until schoolwork is done.

Policy Corner - Student Assault and/or Battery on Staff (*Policy 9270*)

In order for learning to take place, the school environment must be safe and orderly. Therefore, any assault and/or battery by a student on a school staff member is strictly forbidden. An assault may be physical, oral, or written. Battery I is the unlawful touching of another person by the aggressor and battery II involves unlawful touching plus a display of blatant disregard for the safety of the staff member or others.

Consequences for an assault violation range from suspension to expulsion. A battery I violation results in suspension of not more than 45 days. A first battery II offense results in a suspension or expulsion. A second battery II offense results in expulsion. A student who violates this policy is ineligible to participate in extracurricular activities for the duration of a suspension or expulsion.

Community News and Programs

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Subject: Principal's Corner

Date: Friday, January 5, 2018 at 2:27:35 PM Eastern Standard Time

From: Mount View Middle School

To: emilybahharhcpss@gmail.com

Principal's Corner

January 5, 2018

Dear Mount View Community,

I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a happy new year. I hope you had a tremendous winter break filled with family, friends and positive experiences. As with most people, the new year is a time for me to reflect, refresh and set resolutions. Part of this process for me involves reviewing the mission of Mount View Middle School and continuing to dedicate my time, effort and resources to this pursuit.

Our Mission

Mount View Middle School is committed to academic excellence as we educate young adolescents in a safe and innovative environment in which we appreciate diversity and promote learning for a lifetime.

I have always striven for this mission in my twenty plus years as a middle level educator. One thing that has changed in that time is the advent of social media. Social media can be a very useful tool for education and understanding. However, it can also be a vehicle of ignorance. Social media has made it too easy for people to hide behind their devices and spread hurtful rhetoric. Rhetoric that has no place in society and is counter to the mission of our terrific school.

Middle School is a unique time for students. They begin to explore their independence and personality in a complex world. Sometimes they do not always understand the implications of their words and actions. A hurtful word, in person or on social media, can have a significant impact on any person. For a middle school student, it can be devastating. That is why I want to assure the community that the caring and dedicated staff of Mount View Middle School will always work towards the mission of our school each and every day. We are a school of talented educators and fantastic students. We will not let ignorance cast a shadow on our excellent school. I also ask that parents and students join us in the effort to ensure that the mission of Mount View Middle School always guides our actions.

It is our belief that education, compassion and appreciation of diversity will continue to make Mount View the best middle school in the country. I am including a few links to provide additional information for your reference.

[13 Tips for Monitoring Kids' Social Media](#)

[POLICY 8080: RESPONSIBLE USE OF TECHNOLOGY AND SOCIAL MEDIA](#)

[HCPSS No Bullying PSA](#)

It continues to be an honor to serve you as the principal of Mount View Middle School. Please feel free to contact me if I can be of assistance.

Sincerely,

Allen Cosentino

Principal

Mount View Middle School

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Subject: Important Message from FQMS

Date: Wednesday, December 20, 2017 at 12:23:31 PM Eastern Standard Time

From: Folly Quarter Middle School

To: emilybahharhcpss@gmail.com



Folly Quarter Middle School

Important Message from FQMS

December 20, 2017

Dear Parents/Guardians:

We have been made aware of an anonymous Instagram account posting inappropriate content related to FQMS students. Please know that we take these type of incidents seriously and are working with the HCPSS School Security Office to investigate and respond in accordance with the HCPSS Code of Conduct and Board Policy #8080 – Responsible Use of Technology and Social Media. The Security Office staff works with the Howard County Police Department when social media attacks or acts of bullying could be considered criminal offenses.

HCPSS has taken a strong position on all acts of bullying, and particularly cyber bullying. While this particular incident is unfortunate, we would like to take this opportunity to encourage you to discuss appropriate use of social media with your child and the impact their words and actions could have on others. Additional information on how to report instances of bullying and relevant policies can be found at

<http://www.hcpss.org/no-bullying>.

As always, please do not hesitate to reach out to the FQMS administration, counseling staff, or your student's teachers should you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Scott Conroy, Principal

Lori Willoughby, Assistant Principal

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Subject: TVMS Newsletter - 12/15/17

Date: Friday, December 15, 2017 at 2:21:11 PM Eastern Standard Time

From: Thomas Viaduct Middle School

To: emilybahharhcpss@gmail.com



Thomas Viaduct Middle School

TVMS Newsletter - 12/15/17

Upcoming Events

- December 18 - 6th Grade Winter Concert
- December 20 - Interims Issued
- December 22 - TVMS Spirit Day: Winter Wear
- December 23 - Winter Break Starts
- January 2 - Schools Reopens
- January 10 - TVMS Spelling Bee

From the Principal

TVMS Families,

Our talented 7th and 8th grade chorus, band, and orchestra students shined at their Winter Concert last night at Hammond High School. It is not too late to hear the musical talents of TVMS students at the 6th grade Winter Concert at Hammond High School on Monday, December 18th.

Due to the HCPPS announcement that all Howard Public Schools were dismissing 90 minutes early today for the inclement weather forecast, the seventh grade field trip to Medieval Times was cancelled, and information regarding possible rescheduling will be

forthcoming.

Our 8th grade students will begin high school articulation when they return from winter break. They will begin working on their high school registrations with teachers and counselors over the next couple of weeks. More information will be coming home with students in the coming weeks. For 8th grade students interested in JROTC in high school, detailed information is in this email.

We will honor the students for first quarter earning Principal, Gold, or Silver Honor roll at the "Sweet Success" Celebration on December 20th. We know many of our students receive honors outside of school through various clubs, sporting teams, and volunteer service. We are truly fortunate to have such a high achieving group of students, who not only care about their personal success, but also celebrate the success of their peers.

Interims will go home with student next Wednesday, December 20th. Please take a moment to review it with your student and encourage him/her to set goals over the winter break that will help them finish the second quarter strong.

The last two months have been filled with celebrations and acts of giving by our students, showing "Timberwolves are Born 2 Be"...The food drive in November and December have been a tremendous success and will benefit our Howard County community. Thank you to everyone for your generosity and kindness and for going the extra mile to encourage others.

As 2017 comes to a close, we are grateful for the opportunity to serve this incredible community and look forward to all the New Year has to offer for our students, staff, and families. Best wishes for a safe, healthy, and rich holiday season!

Regards,
Shiney Ann John, Principal

Power of 1 Advisory Council

The goal of the Power of 1 Advisory Council is to elevate student voice at Thomas Viaduct Middle School and to collaboratively work with Administration on matters that directly affect students. If you are interested in being a member of this group, please pick up an application from the front office. Completed applications are due to the front office by Wednesday, December 20th.

Please Welcome...

We are pleased to announce the opening of the TVMS School Mental Health Program

(SMHP). The SMHP is a collaborative effort of HCPSS, Howard County Health Department, and the University of Maryland Center for School Mental Health. Ms. Priscilla Robinson, LGPC, will be at TVMS on Mondays and Wednesdays.

Ms. Robinson will offer an array of services, including individual counseling, family counseling, consultation with teachers and Student Services staff, and referrals for community resources. With a focus on social and emotional well-being to improve academic performance, Ms. Robinson will receive referrals from the TVMS Student Support Team. If you have concerns regarding your child, or would like to find out more about the SMHP, please contact Ms. Robinson at priscilla_robinson@hcpss.org or Dr. Alesia Blosser, TVMS School Psychologist, alesia_blosser@hcpss.org.

We are also happy to share that TVMS has received a Black Student Achievement Liaison position. Mr. Vincent James will be at TVMS on Tuesdays and Thursdays and will be serving as our BSAP Liaison. The BSAP Liaison collaborates with students, staff, families, and community members to accelerate the academic achievement of all African American students. Mr. James can be reached at Vincent_james@hcpss.org. Mr. James, Ms. Robinson, and Dr. Blosser can also be reached by calling 410-313-8711.

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News and Events

The Council of Elders of the Black Community of Howard County

The Council of Elders of the Black Community of Howard County (TCOE), in collaboration with HCPSS, sponsors an annual Celebration of Academic Achievement to acknowledge students of African and African-American heritage currently in grades 4 through 9.

On Tuesday, December 19th, The Council of Elders in Howard County will recognize 94 Thomas Viaduct Middle School students who earned A's or B's for all four quarters in mathematics and English Language Arts during the 2016-2017 school year. The celebration will take place at Reservoir High School at 7:00 p.m.

*The HCPSS Black Student Achievement Program has already sent out invitations to

students who will be Student invitations have already been sent to students who will be recognized at the celebration.

Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps (JROTC) Information

Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps (JROTC) programs are offered at Atholton (Army), Howard (Army), and Oakland Mills (Air Force) high schools. A student who wishes to participate in JROTC, but does not attend one of the schools that offers JROTC, may apply for participation. Each school has a limited number of spaces available. To apply for participation in the 2018-2019 school year, students must contact a JROTC official before January 12, 2018, to schedule an interview. Only students who are interviewed during this designated period will be considered for enrollment.

To schedule an interview, contact the JROTC official for the program of interest:

- Atholton High School: LTC (USA, Retired) William Reinhart, Senior Army Instructor, william_reinhart@hcpss.org or (410) 313-7065
- Howard High School: LTC (USA, Retired) Patricia Marshall, patricia_marshall@hcpss.org or (410) 313-2867.
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News from the Art Department

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Honoring the Process at Walters Museum - Casey Tluang

6th Grade Showcase at the Board of Education

Refia Ozcan
Alyssa Duncan
Leo Ruihong
Luis Carino
Bethzy Mejia Amaya
Ingrid Rivas Melgar

Yearbooks are on Sale - Discount Price until January 31st

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Here are some questions to ask a Relator:

- Will you tell me about your friends?
- What do your friends like to do?
- What do you like about your friends?

- How are you different from them?
- How are you the same?
- How do you relate best: one-on-one or in groups?
- With whom do you relate best: younger children, peers, or adults?

Kiara is a TVMS student with **Relating** as one of her strengths. She stated that she likes socializing. She explained, “I like having this as a strength because it is really me. I can get along with different kinds of people.” Another student, Irene, shared that **Relating** means, “You have a similarity with someone else. You can do activities with people who you have something in common with.”

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Subject: SES Back to School Newsletter

Date: Friday, December 15, 2017 at 10:10:26 AM Eastern Standard Time

From: Swansfield Elementary School

To: emilybahharhcpss@gmail.com

Swansfield Announcements 12/15/17

**Early Dismissal Today
Beginning at 1:30 pm
PTA Dance Tonight Cancelled**

Schools Are Dismissing 90 Minutes Early Today Due to Weather. Swansfield Begins Dismissal at 1:30 pm.

The PTA Dance This Evening Has Been Cancelled.

December 18 - December 22 - 5 Days of Kindness (see more below)

Monday December 18 - Chick-fil-A Restaurant Day at Columbia Mall (see flier attached below)

Wednesday December 20: Interim Reports Go Home

Wednesday December 20 and Thursday December 21: Kindergarten Field Trip, Central Library

Monday December 25 through Monday January 1, 2018: Winter Break, Schools Closed

Visit Chick-fil-A Monday December 18

Enjoy lunch or dinner at the Columbia Mall Chick-fil-A and 20% of all purchases will be donated to the Swansfield PTA. See the attached flier below for more information.

[Chik-fil-A Restaurant Night.pdf](#)

5 Days of Kindness and PJ Day

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Kindness Week Activities:

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- Kindergarten: Amen B, Bruce T,
- 1st Grade: Vanessa U, Aiden J, Bena-Jene,
- 2nd Grade: Arianna A, Kinley A, Edwin M, Hope M,
- 3rd Grade: Sean M, Chase D, Kamaryn V, Yosselin T
- 4th Grade: Tiffany J, Brandon R, Da'bria S, Aiden T,
- 5th Grade: Adia D, Caroline S, Raynard D, Colin M, Nick V

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Subject: Message from the Interim Superintendent

Date: Thursday, December 14, 2017 at 12:29:25 PM Eastern Standard Time

From: Howard County Public School System

To: emilybahharhcpss@gmail.com





Dear HCPSS community,

I am greatly disturbed every day by the public reports of sexual harassment and assault around our country. It is a frightening reminder of the world we live in where this type of behavior has gone unchecked for so many years. This is a predatory form of bullying with tremendous dangers and will not be ignored in the Howard County Public School System.

Anyone can be a victim of sexual harassment or assault. As a father, a man of high moral character and an educator for over 30 years, I view this world through the lens of my children and the 56,000 students I am entrusted to protect here in Howard County. As the interim superintendent of an organization with nearly 9,000 full-time employees, it is also my responsibility to protect our staff.

It is incumbent upon us, as educators, to properly train and empower our students and staff to stop sexual harassment and assault. Preventing inappropriate behaviors requires everyone to have the knowledge and skills to be upstanders who intervene and support a positive school climate for all.

I want to encourage every person in HCPSS to speak out against sexual harassment and assault and to report it. I will stand by your side to put an end to the harassment you are experiencing.

Howard County has gone a long way by advancing very specific language in HCPSS Policy 1020: Sexual Discrimination, which details the behavioral expectations of students and staff as well as processes for reporting unwanted inappropriate acts of harassment or assault. This spring, a committee will be convened to review the policy and find opportunities to strengthen preventative and response measures for the school system. I endorse stronger language in the policy and support the critical role of the Title IX Coordinator in responding to complaints.

So to our students, I ask you to seek out a trusted adult to report harassment or assault. To our parents, I encourage you to have these hard discussions

with your children about what constitutes harassment and to empower them to speak up. To our staff, please, talk to a trusted colleague or contact Human Resources. If you are uncomfortable reaching out to a colleague, please do not hesitate to contact me directly. It is unacceptable behavior and we will protect every single person – staff or student – who has been harmed.

We strive every day to create a safe learning and working environment in Howard County. I am proud of the work we do to help and empower each other and our children.

Sincerely,

Michael Martirano

Interim Superintendent

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Subject: Cultural Arts Assembly- Dr. Recess

Date: Friday, December 8, 2017 at 2:32:44 PM Eastern Standard Time

From: Centennial Lane Elementary School

To: emilybahharhcpss@gmail.com

Dr. Recess Assembly

Dear CLES Families,

Today your child had an in-school assembly sponsored by the Cultural Arts Committee of the PTA.

The Dr. Recess Assembly & Playground Games program is an on-site assembly and games program that promotes the importance of being active and living a healthy life by using developmentally appropriate games to teach social/emotional skills, thinking skills, and motor skills to elementary school children. It was created by award-winning teacher and author, Curt Hinson, Ph.D., as part of the Trouble-free Playground program. The program allows schools to improve the health and fitness levels of children by teaching them appropriate games and activities to play during recess. There are many benefits to the school as a whole, as well as to the individual students, including:

- Less conflicts on the playground
- Better use of recess time by students
- Reduction in BULLYING on the playground
- Students participate in safer playground games
- Fewer playground injuries
- Improved student morale and motivation
- New fun and exciting games to play during recess
- Improved self-esteem through active participation at one's individual level

Dr. Recess is always a favorite with our students - be sure to ask your child about what they learned today!

Thank you,

The Physical Education Team and the Cultural Arts Committee

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Subject: Swansfield News 12/8/17

Date: Friday, December 8, 2017 at 9:49:49 AM Eastern Standard Time

From: Swansfield Elementary School

To: emilybahharhcpss@gmail.com



Swansfield Elementary School

Swansfield Announcements 12/8/17

Upcoming Events:

**Wednesday December 13: Advanced Band & Orchestra Concert,
2:15 pm and 6:30 pm**

**Friday December 15: PTA Holiday Dance, 7:00 - 9:00 pm (see more
below)**

December 18 - December 22 - 5 Days of Kindness (see more below)

Wednesday December 20: Interim Reports Go Home

Wednesday December 20 and Thursday December 21: Kindergarten Field Trip, Central Library

Monday December 25 through Monday January 1, 2018: Winter Break, Schools Closed

Ordering Your School Portraits Online

If you received your child's proofs or wish to place a reorder, you now have the option to order pictures online following the directions below:

- Click here: http://onlineorders.classicphoto.com/login_shoot
- Enter your **Student Image Access Key** (found on your proof information sheet)
- Begin shopping!
- If you have any questions please call Classic Photography Customer Service at (800)-869-9515 ext.112.

Picture retakes were done last Friday. These proofs will be available in a few weeks.

Dental Clinic Consents Due Monday, December 11

Consent forms went home this past Monday for the Dental Clinic coming to school January 23, 24 and 25. Please complete and return to school Monday or as soon as possible. The health room would also appreciate the help of two volunteers for each day of the clinic. Please contact them if you are able to help.

5 Days of Kindness and PJ Day

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Flyers with more information will be coming home in Monday folders. If you have any questions, please contact Alesia Richter, School Counselor, at alesia_richter@hcpss.org or call 410-313-6907.

Young Authors' Contest

Students in grades 2 - 5 are invited to submit original poems or short stories for SoMIRAC's 2017-18 Young Authors' Contest. Short stories may range from 300 words to no more than 800 words. Poems must consist of a single poem in any style from a minimum of 25 words to no more than 150 words. **Guidelines are noted in the attached flier below. Please review these carefully.** Also attached is a cover sheet that students **MUST** submit with their entry and which requires the signatures of the student, their parent, and their teacher. **All entries are due to Reading Specialist Ms. Greenwood by December 15, 2017.**

[Young Authors' Contest.docx](#)

[YA Student Cover Sheet.docx](#)

Join the Fun at the PTA Holiday Dance

Come out Friday, December 15 from 7:00 to 9:00 pm. DJ'Onna will be back with her dance beats and the PTA will be selling drinks and snacks. Admission is free but all students must have a parent or guardian chaperone. Cash donations will be accepted at the door. All donations and proceeds from the snack bar will be donated to Swansfield's Blessings in a Backpack program, which provides weekend food to some of our students.

Volunteers are needed to set up, clean up and donate treats. Please visit the PTA website at www.swansfieldpta.org to find the SignUp Genius for this event.

Congratulations Spotlight Winners

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- PreK: Amara N, Boris G
- Kindergarten: Winifred C, Dhamon S, Logan C, Kedus E
- 1st Grade: David A, Juan C, Rylan R, Saniya D, Brooklynn R, Remi O
- 2nd Grade: Liam M, Lameda F, Trust W, Kacey R, Aaron A, Juliette D, Michelle A, Ayden D, John B
- 3rd Grade: Tafari B, Evelyn H, Liah K, Cameron F, Annalie O, Terell S, Maya R
- 4th Grade: Kaiden P, Julian O, Rayden T, Angelina E, Nicole G, Beverly P

- 5th Grade: Chrispin D, Sofia D, Alan L, Dimitri L, Diana R, Calista Z, Jeffrey M, Juan G, Axel C

Update Your Family File Information

HCPSS uses Family File for parents/guardians to complete emergency information. Parents/guardians must verify and/or update information for each child, and can do so by logging in to [HCPSS Connect](#) and selecting the Family File tab and then clicking on Family File. Resources on how to access Family File may be found [online](#). Parents who have forgotten their login credentials may click the "Forgot Password" link on the sign in page.

Volunteers/Chaperones Must Complete Training

All volunteers and field trip chaperones in HCPSS schools must complete the online training course prior to volunteering (see link below), print a completion certificate and return it to the front office. If you are unable to access online a printed version is available at school.

<http://ses.hcpss.org/support>

Connect With Our PTA

Learn more about upcoming PTA activities, how you can get involved, and even join the PTA if you haven't done so already. Visit <http://swansfieldpta.org/>

Click here <http://swansfieldpta.org/committees-newsletters/newsletters/> to read the latest PTA newsletter.

Community News and Programs

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Subject: TVMS Newsletter - 12/1/17

Date: Friday, December 1, 2017 at 2:45:43 PM Eastern Standard Time

From: Thomas Viaduct Middle School

To: emilybahharhcpss@gmail.com



Thomas Viaduct Middle School

TVMS Newsletter - 12/1/17

Upcoming Events

- December 4 - JumpStart Information Session
- December 5 - PTSA Meeting
- December 8 - TVMS Spirit Day: Grade Level Color Competition

- December 14 - 7th and 8th Grade Winter Concerts
- December 15 - 7th Grade Field Trip to Medieval Times
- December 18 - 6th Grade Winter Concert
- December 20 - Interims Issued
- December 23 - Winter Break Starts
- January 2 - Schools Open from Winter Break
- January 10 - TVMS Spelling Bee

From the Principal

TVMS Families,

We hope the Thanksgiving break was enjoyable and relaxing for our TVMS families. We were excited to see many parents meet with staff for parent/teacher conferences prior to the break. We are proud of the connections we have created with students and families. Our staff wishes to thank the TVMS PTSA for the meal provided on November 21st during parent/teacher conferences. Our PTSA continues to be a great support to our students, staff, and community.

Our eighth grade students will begin high school articulation meetings this month. Students will begin working on their high school registrations with teachers and counselors over the next couple of weeks. More information about high school will be sent home with students in the coming weeks.

Our Winter Concerts will be held on December 14th for seventh and eighth grade musicians and on December 18th, for sixth grade musicians. Both concerts will be held at Hammond High School at 6:30 p.m., and will feature the TVMS chorus, band, and orchestra students. We hope you can join us to hear our very talented TVMS musicians.

Thank you to our TVMS students, staff, and families for the canned goods contributed during the "Thankful Food Drive," which were delivered to Grassroots this week. The generosity and kindness of the TVMS family shines through once again. Our staff is appreciative of the Sunshine Family treats provided by PTSA families. A special thank you goes out to the family of George Mansaray, 8th grade student, for the delicious cupcakes provided staff today.

Regards,
Shiney Ann John, Principal

News and Events

TVMS are Born 2B....Supportive

Our timberwolves are howling back to show their support from December 4 - 15, students, staff, and families have the opportunity to participate in a food drive Students

may drop off food items in their first period teacher's classroom or in the front office.

TVMS Watch D.O.G.S. (Dads of Great Students)

Are you a positive male role model with a student at TVMS? Would you like to get more involved at school? If so, consider becoming a TVMS Watch D.O.G. We are looking for dads, uncles, grandfathers, and other men who are interested in helping support the staff and students at TVMS.

The two primary goals of the WATCH D.O.G.S. program are:

- 1) To provide positive male role models for the students of TVMS.
- 2) To provide extra sets of eyes and ears to enhance school security and reduce bullying.

[Click here for more information and to register.](#)

Thank you to our most recent Watch D.O.G.S. at TVMS:

Eric Turner	Jude Aidam	Kevin Davis	James Turner
Leo Walker	Tyrese Johnson	Matheno Howell-Bey	

For questions, please contact our Watch DOGS coordinators, Ron Capurso at ron_capurso@hcpss.org or Jose de la Mar at jose_de_la_mar@hcpss.org.

JumpStart Information Sessions: December 4 - 7

The Howard County Public School System invites parents and students to attend an information session to learn more about JumpStart, the expanded early college and dual-enrollment program. The expansion includes new programs offered to all HCPSS students designated to attend Centennial, Howard, Long Reach, Oakland Mills and River Hill high schools for the 2018–19 school year.

Families will learn more about the benefits of JumpStart and opportunities available to students through enrollment in early college and dual-enrollment courses while still in high school. HCPSS and Howard Community College staff will be available to answer questions. More information on JumpStart can be found online at <http://www.hcpss.org/jumpstart/>.

JumpStart Information Nights are scheduled from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. at the locations below. Registration is not required. Families may attend any of the sessions below.

- **Monday, December 4**
 - Thomas Viaduct Middle School
 - Howard High School
- **Wednesday, December 6**
 - Long Reach High School

- Oakland Mills High School
- **Thursday, December 7**
 - Bonnie Branch Middle School
 - Elkridge Landing Middle School

Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps (JROTC) Information

Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps (JROTC) programs are offered at Atholton (Army), Howard (Army), and Oakland Mills (Air Force) high schools. A student who wishes to participate in JROTC, but does not attend one of the schools that offers JROTC, may apply for participation. Each school has a limited number of spaces available. To apply for participation in the 2018-2019 school year, students must contact a JROTC official between November 28, 2017, and January 12, 2018, to schedule an interview. Only students who are interviewed during this designated period will be considered for enrollment.

To schedule an interview, contact the JROTC official for the program of interest:

- Atholton High School: LTC (USA, Retired) William Reinhart, Senior Army Instructor, william_reinhart@hcpss.org or (410) 313-7065
- Howard High School: LTC (USA, Retired) Patricia Marshall, patricia_marshall@hcpss.org or (410) 313-2867.
- Oakland Mills High School: Major (USAF, Retired) Roger Gauert, Air Force Instructor, roger_gauert@hcpss.org or (410) 313-6945

Yearbooks are on Sale - Discount Price until January 31st

Order the TVMS 2017-2018 yearbook featuring color photographs that highlights the students and events celebrated throughout the year! Soft cover yearbooks start at \$20; after January 31st, the price will increase to \$25. Simply click on the link below to learn about all available options: paperback, hardcover, personalized, etc.

Preorder your yearbook today online at ybpay.lifetouch.com (yearbook ID code: 12257818). Orders will also be accepted in the front office.

Tech Talk

Do you need help accessing student academic information or communicating with staff using HCPSS technologies?

Thomas Viaduct will now offer technology help sessions each month for parents & guardians and/or students who want assistance with HCPSS Connect, Canvas, Synergy, and communication tools.

Tech Talk Tuesdays will take place from 8:00 a.m. to 8:30 a.m., and again from 3:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., on the dates below. There is no need to call ahead; simply check in at the front office and come to the Media Center. Tech Talk Tuesdays are run by Wendy

McNeill (Media Specialist) and Keith Janelli (Instructional Technology Teacher) with assistance from Jose de la Mar, Hispanic Achievement Liaison.

- December 12th
- January 16th
- February 13th
- March 13th
- April 17th
- May 15th

Celebrate TVMS Pride by participating in Spirit Day on Friday, December 8th!

Show your grade level Wolf Pride by wearing your grade's color in the TVMS Spirit Day - Color Competition:

8th Grade - Blue

7th Grade - White

6th Grade - Gray

Grow Strong - Presence

At TVMS, we are committed to celebrating the strengths of our students. Throughout the school year, students are learning about their individual strengths. The Strengths Explorer describes 10 strength themes: Achieving, Caring, Competing, Confidence, Dependability, Discoverer, Future Thinker, Organizer, **PRESENCE**, and Relating. Although students have each of these strengths within themselves, certain themes have been identified as their **top three** strengths.

This month, we are highlighting the strength of **PRESENCE**

For many of us, **PRESENCE** is a difficult quality to cultivate in our lives. We may feel rushed and busy much of the time, with little time to focus on the things that really matter. The impending holiday season can heighten this feeling. It is difficult to give people the attention and focus they deserve when we are distracted by numerous responsibilities and by our devices! The strength of **PRESENCE** can remind us to take the time to connect with others mindfully.

*"The most precious gift we can give others is **our presence**."* Thich Nhat Hanh

Alpha Staff Recipients

Is there a TVMS staff member who is making a difference in your student's life? Please nominate them for Alpha Staff. Eligible to be nominated are teachers, counselors, office staff, custodial, and administrative staff. Staff can be nominated in the classroom and/or school community.

Forms may be picked up in the Front Office, requested via email

at michelle_mackall@hcpss.org, or found online at the TVMS website, <http://tvms.hcpss.org/about/staff-award>.

Board of Education Seeks Community Input on Superintendent Search

The Howard County Board of Education is seeking public input as it moves forward with the process of selecting a permanent superintendent, who will be appointed to a four-year term to commence on July 1, 2018. Community members are invited to submit desired leadership characteristics and priorities by completing a survey. The survey responses will be shared with the Board of Education.

- The online survey is available at the HCPSS [website](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/S2Z5FXR).
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/S2Z5FXR>.
- Paper copies may also be [downloaded](#) from the website. Printed responses from the paper survey will be collected through noon on Wednesday, December 6th.
(<http://www.hcpss.org/f/news/superintendent-community-input-2017.pdf>).

The Board of Education will host two forums for the public to attend and provide direct input on the superintendent search process. The last forum will be held on December 5th from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m., at Wilde Lake Middle School, 10481 Cross Fox Lane, Columbia, MD 21044.

In May 2017, the Board appointed current Interim Superintendent Dr. Michael J. Martirano to a one-year term, which extends through June 30, 2018. The Board vote on August 17th to move forward with the process to select a permanent superintendent, and a public hearing was held on September 28th.

Share Your Student Voice

All HCPSS students are invited to attend the Howard County Association of Student Councils' meetings every month, the 2nd Wednesday of the month, for 30 minutes before the meeting.

In addition, Howard County Student Member of the Board of Education (SMOB), Anna Selbrede, will be holding an open forum at Homewood School on Wednesday, December 13th, from 6:30 to 7:00 p.m. The forum is open to all HCPSS students to talk or to voice any questions or concerns. Refreshments are provided! For more information, email Anna Selbrede at student_member@hcpss.org and follow @Hocosmob on Instagram and Twitter.

The Council of Elders of the Black Community of Howard County

The Council of Elders of the Black Community of Howard County (TCOE), in collaboration with HCPSS, sponsors an annual Celebration of Academic Achievement to acknowledge students of African and African-American heritage currently in grades 4 - 9.

TVMS students will be celebrated on December 19th at Reservoir High School at 7:00 p.m.

Career Academies Information Sessions

Learn how the Career Academies provide high school students with opportunities to earn college credit, scholarships and industry certifications, participate in worksite and mentorship experiences, and become creative problem solvers by participating in hands-on project based learning. Career Academies invite middle/high school students and their families to an information session on January 9, 2018, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. For more information, visit the [website](#).

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Commission Student Essay Contest - Deadline Extended to December 8, 2017

The Howard County Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Commission invites Howard County middle and high school students to participate in the Commission's annual Student Essay Contest. The winners will be recognized at the Commission's Annual Celebration on Sunday, January 14, 2018, at Reservoir High School, 11550 Scaggsville Rd, Fulton, MD 20759.

To be eligible for the contest, students must be a Howard County resident and in either middle or high school. Essays must be typed and double-spaced, in the Microsoft Word format, and it needs to include the following information: student's name, address, telephone number, email address, name of school, and student grade. Middle school student essays are to be between 500 to 750 words in length, while high school student essays must be between 750 to 1,000 words. Essays will be judged on content, connection to Dr. King's work, spelling, grammar, and sentence structure.

Students with disabilities may submit entries that address the essay question through use of other media (posters, pictures, etc.). All submitted essays and entries become the property of the Commission.

For their entry, students are to reflect upon Dr. King's statement, which is the event theme this year: *"If I cannot do great things, I will do small things in a great way."* And the essay question is ***"How do you translate Dr. King's vision in today's times?"*** Based on this statement, students are asked to focus on both the present and the future, how Dr. King inspired them to work towards a greater cause.

All completed nomination forms must be emailed or postmarked by 5:00 p.m., Friday, December 8, 2017, to Dr. MLK Student Essay Contest, c/o Howard County Office of Human Rights, 6751 Columbia Gateway Drive, Suite 239, Columbia, MD 21046, or emailed to SubmissionsMLK@howardcountymd.gov.

Essay finalists and their respective school will be notified by email and phone. Their names will be posted on the Commission's

webpage, <https://www.howardcountymd.gov/Departments/County-Administration/Human-Rights/Boards-and-Commissions>, by January 5, 2018. First, second, and third place high school student winners will be awarded \$300, \$250, and \$200, respectively. First, second and third place middle school student winners will be awarded \$250, \$200, and \$150, respectively.

For more information or questions, contact Farheen Sheik in the Office of Human Rights at 410-313-6467 or email fsheik@howardcountymd.gov.

Policy Corner - Civility (Policy 1000)

The Board has set clear expectations for civil behavior that supports a safe, engaging, and supportive environment on school property and at school-related activities. Unacceptable behaviors include but are not limited to:

- Rude, insulting, or demeaning language and/or actions
- Persistently unreasonable demands
- Intrusive and/or interruptive behavior
- Displays of temper
- Harassment and intimidation
- Threatening and/or abusive gestures and behavior

Each individual is responsible for behaving in a civil manner and for cooperating in resolving incidents of uncivil behavior. When resolution is not reached through cooperative agreement, either party involved may cite this policy and notify the other person that they are ending the conversation or the interaction and removing themselves from the situation by ending a phone call, walking out of the room, or requesting the other individual to leave the room

For a complete description of policies, refer to the *Student & Parent Handbook 2017-18*.

Tips for School Success - Civility

Practicing good manners relates to a student's personal behavior. Saying "please" and "thank you," letting others go first, and sharing when necessary are all examples of proper actions at the personal level.

Civility comes to life when we think beyond the personal and push outward to others. A few examples:

- Expecting students to show respect for others in the classroom and beyond.
- Being willing to listen to others as they share their views.
- Being considerate and practicing restraint when criticizing the beliefs and choices of other people.

Many people think civility applies only to behavior, but the word itself points to a larger

meaning. Looking beyond your classroom, civility is important to teach as it speaks to the idea that we all belong to something larger than ourselves.

Instead of merely focusing on the idea of a child controlling their behavior to please their teachers, instead help the students see themselves as part of a greater good.

Community News and Programs

Please visit the Community News and Programs page (<http://www.hcpss.org/community-news-and-programs/>) on the HCPSS website for announcements of upcoming events and programs sponsored by non-profit organizations.

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Subject: Swansfield News 11/21/17

Date: Tuesday, November 21, 2017 at 5:10:09 PM Eastern Standard Time

From: Swansfield Elementary School

To: emilybahharhcpss@gmail.com



Swansfield Elementary School

Swansfield Announcements 11/21/17

Upcoming Events:

Wednesday November 22 through Friday November 24: Schools Closed for All Students

Tuesday November 28: PTA/SES CommUNITY Meeting, 7:00 pm

Friday December 1: Picture Retake Day (see more below)

December 5, 6, 7: CogAT Testing for 3rd and 5th Grade Students (see more below)

Friday December 8: 1st Grade Field Trip, Toby's Theatre

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Book Fair Continues through December 1

SADDLE UP AND READ at our Scholastic Book Fair which opened this week and continues through December 1 in our Library Media Center. Students can shop at the beginning of school all next week. You can also shop the fair online through December 8 at <http://www.scholastic.com/bf/swansfield>. All items will ship directly to the school free of charge. Thanks for supporting our Swansfield readers and our library! See you at the Book Fair!

Picture Retakes Scheduled for December 1

On Friday, December 1, photographers will return to photograph new students, and anyone who was absent or not satisfied with their portraits from the original photography session. Students requesting a retake simply need to bring the original package to the photographer on December 1 in order to have their picture retaken. New students and absentee students will receive a new order form to place orders. They should bring the completed form with payment to the photographer.

CogAT Testing Scheduled for December 5th, 6th, 7th

On December 5th, 6th and 7th, all third and fifth grade students will participate in the Cognitive Abilities Test (CogAT). The CogAT is a group-administered abilities test that measures students' reasoning abilities, which they develop through in-school and out-of-school experiences. It is not designed to test a student's academic achievement, but their potential.

The test is made up of three batteries - Verbal, Quantitative, and Nonverbal. Each battery takes approximately 30 minutes to complete. The CogAT helps educators understand a student's cognitive strengths and weaknesses and assists with adapting instruction to meet the needs and abilities of each student. No special preparation is required. Just send your child to school ready to learn as you do daily.

The Gift and Talented Education Program will use the data from the CogAT as one criterion for placement into fourth grade Gifted/Talented mathematics classes and middle school Gifted/Talented content classes. Students' individual scores will be reported to parents in late February/early March.

Please contact Lauren Beaman (lauren_beaman@hcpss.org) if you have any

questions about your child's involvement with the CogAT assessment.

Young Authors' Contest

Students in grades 2 - 5 are invited to submit original poems or short stories for SoMIRAC's 2017-18 Young Authors' Contest. Short stories may range from 300 words to no more than 800 words. Poems must consist of a single poem in any style from a minimum of 25 words to no more than 150 words. **Guidelines are noted in the attached flier below. Please review these carefully.** Also attached is a cover sheet that students MUST submit with their entry and which requires the signatures of the student, their parent, and their teacher. **All entries are due to Reading Specialist Ms. Greenwood by December 15, 2017.**

[Young Authors' Contest.docx](#)

[YA Student Cover Sheet.docx](#)

Bully Awareness Month Observed

Swansfield observed several days in October during Bully Awareness Month with the help of Students for Safe Schools, our 4th and 5th grade student leadership group that works with Mrs. Richter, our school counselor, to promote and plan anti-bullying activities throughout the school year.

Mrs. Richter taught character education lessons in each classroom throughout October and November. As developmentally appropriate, the lesson goals and objectives included the following:

1. Strategies of self-advocacy skills to help avoid and/or deter peer conflict. All students in grades 1 through 5 should be able to explain what it means to "debug". Ask them to teach you.
2. Is it Bullying? What is it? This is a great resource for adults and children and can help us all support students to navigate their social world. Please see the attached flier.
3. What behaviors could be considered bullying? Often times students do not realize how hurtful and long lasting gossip and unkind words can be. This topic is heavily emphasized in 4th and 5th grades.
4. Creating positive and supportive relationships with other students.

We will continue to focus on character traits that encourage kindness and civility in our school and community. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Richter at 410-313-6907 or alesia_richter@hcpss.org

[Is It Bullying.pdf](#)

Congratulations Spotlight Winners

We congratulate our Spotlight Winners for the past two weeks. These students have demonstrated they follow our school rules and are Safe, Respectful and Responsible.

- PreK: Jasmine D, Yeilyn G
- Kindergarten: Derick F, Seiden D, Bruce T
- 1st Grade: Meliyha W, Jazzy R, Hermione B
- 2nd Grade: Michaela T, Fitsum A, Anthony M, Esona A
- 3rd Grade: Brandon S, Jayden W, Stefany O, Arrie S
- 4th Grade: Laylana S, Tiffany B, Rashad L
- 5th Grade: Brooke K, Zach R, Austin C, T'Aija L, A'Maunte G

Update Your Family File Information

HCPSS uses Family File for parents/guardians to complete emergency information. Parents/guardians must verify and/or update information for each child, and can do so by logging in to [HCPSS Connect](#) and selecting the Family File tab and then clicking on Family File. Resources on how to access Family File may be found [online](#). Parents who have forgotten their login credentials may click the "Forgot Password" link on the sign in page.

Volunteers/Chaperones Must Complete Training

All volunteers and field trip chaperones in HCPSS schools must complete the online training course prior to volunteering (see link below), print a completion certificate and return it to the front office. If you are unable to access online a printed version is available at school.

<http://ses.hcpss.org/support>

Please Observe Our Car Loop Procedures

To ensure the safety of our school community, we ask that you please observe the traffic pattern we have established for student drop-off and pick-up in our car loop. Thank you for your help with this! Please view and print the attached:

[SES Car Loop Procedures.pdf](#)

Connect With Our PTA

Learn more about upcoming PTA activities, how you can get involved, and even join the PTA if you haven't done so already. Visit <http://swansfieldpta.org/>

Click here <http://swansfieldpta.org/committees-newsletters/newsletters/> to read the latest PTA newsletter.

Community News and Programs

Please visit the Community News and Programs page at <http://www.hcpss.org/community-news-and-programs/> for announcements of upcoming events and programs sponsored by non-profit organizations.

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Subject: CMS PTA Newsletter 11.21.17

Date: Tuesday, November 21, 2017 at 1:30:28 PM Eastern Standard Time

From: Clarksville Middle School

To: emilybahharhcpss@gmail.com

Clarksville Middle School PTA Newsletter

clarksvillemiddlepta.ch2v.com

CMS SOCIAL – LIP SYNCH BATTLE:

The CMS PTA is hosting its second ever Lip Synch Battle during lunches on Friday, December 8th. Three (3) student acts and one (1) teacher act will be accepted for each lunch period to battle for the championship belt. Acts can be solo performers or groups, but all student performers must be in the same grade. Interest forms are available in the media center and in the cafeteria, and need to be turned into Mrs. Earle. Acts will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. Please contact the PTA's Student Social Chair if you have any questions at BethAnna_Varson@Verizon.net.

UPCOMING RESTAURANT FUNDRIASER – AT RIVER HILL GRILL:

Mark your Calendar.

Please support CMS PTA by dining or catering from ***RiverHill Grille*** on ***Wednesday November 29th***.

Their contact information: 6040 Daybreak Circle, Clarksville, MD 21029 ***Phone (410)531-7900***

River Hill Grill will donate a percentage of proceeds of orders received from CMS parents and supporters between ***5:30 pm to 8:30pm***

BOOKFAIR IS GOING ON NOW THROUGH DECEMBER 1ST:

Book Fair is going on now. We need lots and lots of volunteers to help run the fair and raise money for our school. The kids love the fair every year and with everyone's help it will be a success.

online shopping is now open at
<http://www.scholastic.com/bf/clarksvillemiddleschool>

www.scholastic.com

Visit our school's homepage to hear the latest Book Fair news, RSVP for events, sign up to volunteer, and more!

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080949aaa62fa6ff2-scholastics>

THANK YOU CMS FAMILIES:

Thank you to everyone for supporting our school and Homewood by providing pies. What a great way to thank our staff and Homewood for all they do!

Thank you to everyone who donated items for the staff dinner on tonight. Without your help, it would not be a success! The staff always appreciates the opportunity to take a quick break from conferences while enjoying a meal with colleagues.

MEMBERSHIP AND FUNDRAISING:

Sign up to Support the CMS PTA on Amazon.com, especially before you make all of those cyber Monday purchases. Go to <https://smile.amazon.com>. Amazon will donate .5% of your eligible purchases to the PTA.

Purchase a Coupon book that benefits the PTA <http://www.ourcommunitycouponbook.com/>. Select CMS PTA when making your purchase. Your coupon book will be delivered to your student at school after you make your purchase.

It is not too late to join the CMS PTA. Letters were sent home last Friday to all families that have not yet joined the PTA. If you received a letter, we really need your support to meet this year's membership and fundraising goals. Please join on-line today at <http://www.clarksvillemiddlepta.my-pta.org/>. Remember only PTA members receive hard copy directories and they are going out soon. Contact our membership chair Debbie Merwitz at dmerwitz@gmail.com if you have questions about PTA membership.

CAC UPDATE:

CAC: The November CAC meeting hosted Jame LeMon and his colleagues to address anti-bullying and the parent concern reporting process. Mr. LeMon reiterated that HCPSS has a zero tolerance position on bullying, and his team provided copies of the reporting forms in the event children, teachers & staff or third parties are victims or witness incidents of bullying. Policy 1060: Bullying, Cyberbullying, Harassment and Intimidation may be accessed via: <http://www.hcpss.org/f/board/policies/1060.pdf>.

Next CAC General Meeting: December 6, 2017 @ 7pm, Topic: Redistricting w/ Renee Kamen, Office of School Planning.

WHAT HAS PTA BEEN UP TO?:

Dinner was provided for the CMS staff during conferences on November 21st

Book Fair is going on now through December 1st

DATES TO PUT ON YOUR CALENDAR:

NOVEMBER 29th – River Hill Grill Restaurant Fundraiser

NOW - DECEMBER 1st - Book Fair

HAVE A QUESTION, NEED A FORM, WANT TO CONTACT US??:

Go to our website for up to date information on what's happening at CMS - <https://clarksvillemiddlepta.ch2v.com/>. If you are a member of Facebook, don't forget to like the **Clarksville Middle School PTA Facebook Page!**

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Subject: HCPSS News - 11/15/17

Date: Wednesday, November 15, 2017 at 3:46:02 PM Eastern Standard Time

From: Howard County Public School System

To: emilybahharhcpss@gmail.com





Nominate an Outstanding Principal or Teacher!

Nominations [are now open](#) for the Howard County Public School System 2018 Principal of the Year and Teacher of the Year awards. Submissions are due by January 10, 2018.



Board Seeks Input on Superintendent Search

The Howard County Board of Education is [seeking public input](#) as it moves forward with the process of selecting a permanent superintendent. The [online survey](#) closes at 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, November 22. [Paper copies of surveys](#) may be downloaded and returned until noon on Wednesday, December 6.



Special Education Teacher Position Input

As a part of the process to develop a robust special education teacher job description, community members are [invited to submit](#) desired characteristics of an outstanding special educator and to suggest interview questions by completing a brief [online survey](#). Responses will be collected until 4:30 p.m., Monday, November 27.



Staff Focus: Elizabeth Pak

For violinist [Elizabeth Pak](#), teaching young students to blossom as musicians is a dream come true. Pak leads the orchestras and string ensembles at Glenwood Middle School and Triadelphia Ridge Elementary School, where she encourages her students to discover the fun in music, express themselves, relieve stress and be the best musicians they can be.

Upcoming Events

Community Advisory Council Meeting

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Piano Sale

Friday, November 17 or Saturday, November 18, by appointment only, [Maryland Piano](#)

HCPSS families and staff are [invited to attend](#) a special appointment-only opportunity to purchase pianos, previously used by HCPSS schools, at a fraction of their original price. To schedule an appointment, contact Maryland Piano at 410-804-5284 or

marylandpiano@gmail.com.

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Subject: Community Message - Follow-up, 11/8/17

Date: Wednesday, November 8, 2017 at 4:09:46 PM Eastern Standard Time

From: Oakland Mills High School

To: emilybahharhcpss@gmail.com



Oakland Mills High School

Follow-up on Sunday Evening's Message

Dear Oakland Mills Community,

I wanted to follow-up on the message I sent Sunday evening regarding a social media post that generated significant attention in our community.

While we continue to investigate the post in question, it is important that we maintain a supportive environment so every student at Oakland Mills is able to focus on their

responsibilities as a student without fear of intimidation, bullying, or threats. Although we recognize the sensitivity and harm the social media post has created, we are still working with the Howard County Police Department to investigate the post. In the meantime, I want to caution the community that jumping to conclusions or making assumptions based on incomplete information can too often lead to saying hurtful words that we cannot take back. I ask that you help support the Oakland Mills staff by talking with your child at home. Please help them understand that words can indeed hurt, to be very careful about what they post on social media, and to refrain from rushing to judgement.

As Dr. Martirano has said several times over the last few weeks: bullying and intimidation of any kind will not be tolerated in the Howard County Public School. Just like we are taking the social media post seriously and taking necessary action, the administration will take disciplinary action against students who chose to bully – whether in person or online – according to the HCPSS [Policy 1060](#). At Oakland Mills, we want to provide a safe, nurturing environment for all students and staff. I appreciate your support.

Kathy Orlando
Principal

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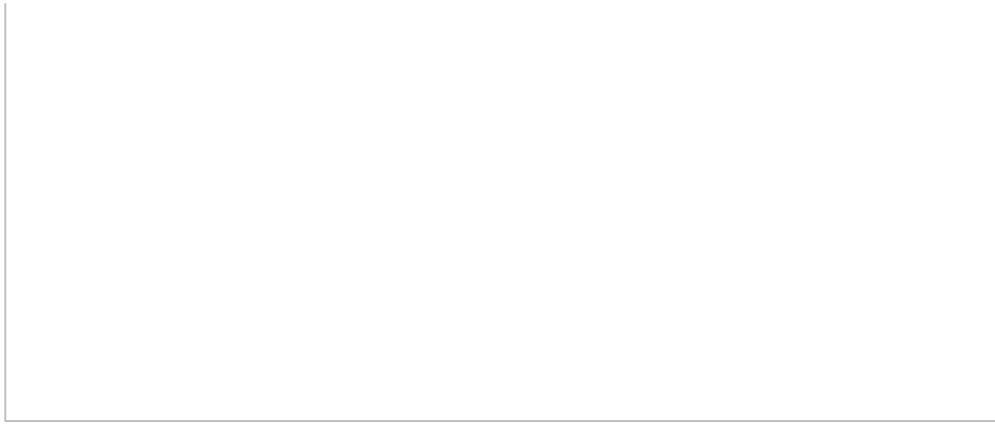
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Board of Education Considers 2018–2019 Academic Calendar Proposals

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American Education Week

American Education Week, November 13–17, is an opportunity to celebrate public education and honor individuals making a difference in ensuring that every child receives a quality education. It is a great time to visit your child’s school and see staff and students in action. Please check your school newsletter for specifics.





Bright Minds Foundation Grant Awards Support Innovative Classroom Projects

Fourteen teachers and staff [were recognized](#) last week for receiving funding for innovative instructional projects to enhance students' learning experiences.



StoryStrong HCPSS

Explore [StoryStrong](#) narratives by staff and students that address common themes of diversity of ideas, backgrounds and experiences, and of purpose and drive.



Staff Focus: Lora Koehler

Hammond Middle School Media Specialist Lora Koehler is most driven by encouraging collaboration and providing access. Learn more about Lora in the latest [Staff Focus](#).

Upcoming Events

Howard County Association of Student Councils Meeting

Wednesday, November 8, 7–8:30 p.m., [Homewood Center](#)

All HCPSS middle and high school students are invited to the [November general meeting](#) of the Howard County Association of Student Councils. HCASC unites Howard County middle and high school students seeking to teach leadership, represent students and impact the community.

Career Academies Information Session

Thursday, November 9, 7–9 p.m., [Applications and Research Laboratory](#)

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IEPs: The Basics and Beyond

Thursday, November 9, 7–9 p.m., [Harper's Choice Middle School](#) Art Room; or Friday, November 10, 10 a.m.–Noon, [Ascend One Building](#), Patuxent Room

HCPSS parents are invited to this [free workshop](#) to learn about and share ways for families to be active members of the IEP team and participate meaningfully in the process.

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Subject: TVMS Newsletter

Date: Friday, November 3, 2017 at 3:55:42 PM Eastern Daylight Time

From: Thomas Viaduct Middle School

To: emilybahharhcpss@gmail.com

TVMS Newsletter

November 3, 2017

Upcoming Events:

November 6	Registration Opens for Parent / Teacher Conferences Open
November 7	Vision and Hearing Re-Screening

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November 7	PTSA Meeting
November 10	End-of-Marking Period
November 13 – 17	American Education Week
November 13 - 17	Week of Gratitude
November 17	Report Cards Issued
November 20 – 22	Parent / Teacher Conferences
November 28	Fall Picture Make-Up Day

A Note From the Principal

This week has been a busy and productive week for our students. TVMS timberwolves spirit was fully on display as students celebrated National Bullying Prevention Week with a different theme each day to celebrate our differences and build unity. Our 6th grade students created, collaborated, and connected at their Outdoor Education experience this week at NorthBay while 8th grade students enjoyed an in-door Terrapin Adventures field focused on teamwork and spreading kindness within TVMS. Encore Nursing Home at Turf Valley will receive the tray favors fashioned by our 8th grade students for enjoyment by the residents while a local animal shelter will receive the homemade dog toys created by students. Thank you to our staff and parent chaperones for making both of these experiences real-world learning opportunities for our students.

The marking period ends on November 10th and report cards will be issued on November 17th. Reminder, parent/teacher conference scheduling opens on November 6th. Detailed instructions are available in this newsletter edition. If you need additional assistance, please email Ms. Nicholson in Student Services at nicole_nicholson@hcpss.org or call her at 410-313-8247.

HCPSS celebrates American Education Week November 13th through 17th. This is a wonderful opportunity to visit TVMS and experience a day in the life of your middle school student. We hope you are able to join us during the week.

Please have your student check lost and found for missing items. Tables with items will also be set up at the Parent/Teacher Conferences. Any items not retrieved will be donated to a charity on Wednesday, November 22nd.

Regards,

Shiney Ann John, Principal

Parent/ Teacher Conferences – November 20th – 22nd

We look forward to seeing many of you during the Parent/Teacher Conferences scheduled for November 20th – 22nd. When you enter the building, we will have a table set up with schedules for your conferences. The staff member on duty will be glad to assist you and provide a map of our building. Instructions to sign up for conferences can be found [here](#).

Please note, registration opens on Monday, November 6th, and the last day to register for conferences at HCPSS Connect is Friday, November 17th.

American Education Week – November 13th – 17th

Howard County Public Schools celebrate American Education Week, November 13th through 17th. TVMS invites parents and guardians to attend any of their student's classes during the week to experience a day in the life of a middle school student.

- Please bring your I.D. with you to sign in using Lobby Guard in the front office.
- It is helpful if you bring a copy of your student's schedule.
- We do ask you to refrain from taking photos or videos during your visit.

As parking is limited, we suggest the following schedule to make your visit more enjoyable:

- November 13 – 14 6th Grade Families
- November 15 – 16 7th Grade Families
- November 16 – 17 8th Grade Families

We are proud of our school and look forward to your visit during American Education Week!

TVMS Food Drive to Benefit Grassroots Crisis Intervention Center

Our timberwolves are howling back! Until November 22nd, students, staff, and families have the opportunity to participate in a food drive to benefit Grassroots Crisis Intervention Center.

Students may drop off food items in their first period teacher's classroom or in the front office. Parents may also bring food items to parent-teacher conferences in November. Requested items include canned foods (especially soup), sealed tea bags, sugar, coffee, powdered creamer, individual snack packs (for kid lunches), and cereal. Thank you for your support.

Federal Impact Aid Survey Forms – Due November 28th

HCPSS receives funds from the federal government to operate and maintain our schools and enrich our school programs for students enrolled in the HCPSS prior to the deadline and if parents are employed on federally owned property in the State of Maryland or are an active duty member of the military anywhere in the world. If this applies to your family, please complete the form and have your student return no later than the November 28th deadline.

TVMS School Store

The School Store opened on October 27th. Throughout the school year, students earn Den Dollars for showing P.R.I.D.E. (Personal Responsibility, Respect, Integrity, Diligence and Excellence). The School Store features many different items that students are able to purchase using their Den Dollars.

Donations to the store are welcome. Please spend no more than \$5 when purchasing an item to donate. Our students appreciate your support!

Yearbooks Are on Sale – Discount Price Until January 31st

Order the TVMS 2017-2018 yearbook featuring color photographs that highlights the students and events celebrated throughout the year! Soft cover yearbooks start at \$20; after January 31st, the price will increase to \$25. Simply click on the link below to learn about all

available options: paperback, hardcover, personalized, etc.

Preorder your yearbook today online at ybpay.lifetouch.com (yearbook ID code: 12257818). Orders will also be accepted in the front office.

Grow Strong - Future Thinkers

Throughout the school year, students learn about their strengths' themes and how to use their strengths toward personal success and goals. Although students have each of these strengths within themselves, certain themes have been identified as their top three strengths. We will be highlighting the ten strength themes in order to allow you to become more familiar with each-achieving, caring, competing, confidence, dependability, discoverer, future thinker, organizer, presence, and relating.

This month we are highlighting: CARING

Students especially talented in the CARING theme enjoy helping others. Students with caring as one of their strengths are known for being kind and thoughtful. They encourage others, share with them, and help them learn. We can increase this strength in our students by practicing these action items:

- Celebrate your students' helpful actions.
- Remind your student that his or her caring talents make the world a better place.
- Share ways that you try to be helpful in your own daily life. These conversations will help spark his or her thinking about everyday ways to help.
- Brainstorm ideas about how your student can exercise this strength inside and outside of school.

"The simple act of caring is heroic." ~ Edward Albert

Grow Strong makes it possible for students to clearly "name" their positive qualities, which helps them build their confidence in and out of school. We look forward to continuing to "Grow Strong" together this school year!

Alpha Staff

Is there a TVMS staff member who is making a difference in your student's life? Please nominate them for Alpha Staff. Eligible to be nominated are teachers, counselors, office staff, custodial, and administrative staff. Staff can be nominated in the classroom and/or school community.

Forms may be picked up in the Front Office, requested via email at michelle_mackall@hcpss.org, or found online at the TVMS website, <http://tvms.hcpss.org/about/staff-award>.

Congratulations to our newest Alpha Staff Recipients:

Ron Capurso	Jacqueline Bates	Alison Daniels	Anica
Perez			

Student Delegate Opportunity

Are you passionate about student leadership? Are you someone who wants to voice your opinions and make a difference? Do you want to be a part of making history? If you answered

yes to any of these questions, you are the right person to step up for the Student Delegate leadership opportunity.

This year, we are thrilled to introduce the first ever Student Member Convention where two candidates will be selected to run for the position of Student Member of the Board of Education (SMOB). The SMOB serves alongside adult members of the Board of Education and advocates for the voice of the students. Your voice is needed!

Each middle and high school will select student delegates to attend the convention at Wilde Lake High School on April 18, 2018. Two candidates, who best amplify the voice of the students, will be selected to run for Student Member of the Board of Education.

To apply to be a delegate to represent our school, please let Mrs. John know you are interested in this leadership opportunity. All interested students must complete an application and ask two teachers to complete an evaluation form as part of the application package. Application packages may be found in the Front Office and are due to Mrs. John by November 30th, 2017. An application and evaluation sheet are attached to this message: [Application](#) and [Student Delegate Evaluation](#).

PTSA

The next PTSA meeting is Tuesday, November 7th, at 6:00 p.m., in the Media Center. All are welcome, and we encourage your students to attend. Visit the PTSA website at www.tvmspts.org.

Winter Items Available For Families In Need – November 4th

Howard County students and their families who are in need of winter coats and accessories will be able to obtain them on November 4th from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Long Reach High School.

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Share Your Student Voice

All HCPSS students are invited to attend the Howard County Association of Student Councils' meetings every month, the 2nd Wednesday of the month, for 30 minutes before the meeting.

In addition, Howard County Student Member of the Board of Education (SMOB), Anna Selbrede, will be holding an open forum at Homewood School on Wednesday, November 8th, from 6:30 to

7:00 p.m. The forum is open to all HCPSS students to talk or to voice any questions or concerns. If you cannot make the November meeting, mark your calendar for December 13th. Refreshments are provided! For more information, email Anna Selbrede at student_member@hcpss.org and follow @Hocosmob on Instagram and Twitter.

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Commission Student Essay Contest

The Howard County Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Commission invites Howard County middle and high school students to participate in the Commission's annual Student Essay Contest. The winners will be recognized at the Commission's Annual Celebration on Sunday, January 14, 2018, at Reservoir High School, 11550 Scaggsville Rd, Fulton, MD 20759.

To be eligible for the contest, students must be a Howard County resident and in either middle or high school. Essays must be typed and double-spaced, in the Microsoft Word format, and it needs to include the following information: student's name, address, telephone number, email address, name of school, and student grade. Middle school student essays are to be between 500 to 750 words in length, while high school student essays must be between 750 to 1,000 words. Essays will be judged on content, connection to Dr. King's work, spelling, grammar, and sentence structure.

Students with disabilities may submit entries that address the essay question through use of other media (posters, pictures, etc.). All submitted essays and entries become the property of the Commission.

For their entry, students are to reflect upon Dr. King's statement, which is the event theme this year: *"If I cannot do great things, I will do small things in a great way."* And the essay question is ***"How do you translate Dr. King's vision in today's times?"*** Based on this statement, students are asked to focus on both the present and the future, how Dr. King inspired them to work towards a greater cause.

All completed nomination forms must be emailed or postmarked by 5:00 p.m., Friday, November 17, 2017, to Dr. MLK Student Essay Contest, c/o Howard County Office of Human Rights, 6751 Columbia Gateway Drive, Suite 239, Columbia, MD 21046, or emailed to SubmissionsMLK@howardcountymd.gov.

Essay finalists and their respective school will be notified by email and phone. Their names will be posted on the Commission's webpage, <https://www.howardcountymd.gov/Departments/County-Administration/Human-Rights/Boards-and-Commissions>, by January 5, 2018. First, second, and third place high school student winners will be awarded \$300, \$250, and \$200, respectively. First, second and third place middle school student winners will be awarded \$250, \$200, and \$150, respectively.

For more information or questions, contact Farheen Sheik in the Office of Human Rights at 410-313-6467 or email fsheik@howardcountymd.gov.

Policy Corner - Responsible Use of Technology and Social Media (Policy 8080)

Students must act in a responsible, civil, ethical, and appropriate manner when using technology for HCPSS-sanctioned activities. Students may not reveal personally identifiable information (e.g., home phone numbers, addresses, or social security numbers) except in specific circumstances where such information is required to complete academic assignments. In such circumstances, prior written consent from the parent or legal guardian of the student is required. Schools will identify times and places for online activities. Schools will also ensure that signed HCPSS parent permission forms (Responsible Use of Technology Agreement/

Internet Use Permission Form) for each student are collected and kept on file. Students will access only those network resources for which they have obtained permission, using the account assigned to them.

Students will not create, access, download, store, or print content that:

- Depicts profanity, obscenity, the use of weapons, terrorism, or violence.
- Promotes use of tobacco, drugs, alcohol, or other illegal or harmful products.
- Contains sexually suggestive messages.
- Is sexually explicit or obscene.
- Depicts gang affiliation.
- Contains language or symbols that demean an identifiable person or group or otherwise infringe on the rights of others.
- Causes or is likely to cause a disruption to school activities or the orderly operation of the school.
- Contains rude, disrespectful, or discourteous expressions inconsistent with civil discourse or behavior.
- Constitutes bullying, cyberbullying, harassment, or intimidation in violation of Policy 1040 Safe School Environments, or Policy 1060 Bullying, Cyberbullying, Harassment, or Intimidation.

For a complete description of the policy, refer to the *Student & Parent Handbook 2016-17*.

Tips for School Success - Take Care of Technology Equipment

Students must take care of the technology equipment, which can be viewed as a privilege. It is also important for students to learn to protect the technology resources (Cennamo, Ross, and Ertmer, 2010). Malware such as viruses, worms, and Trojan horses are even more prevalent today because of the increased use of email, fax, blogs, social media, etc. Students should be alert and active at all times when encountering suspicious messages, links, pop-up windows, etc. to prevent computers from being infected with malicious software (Cennamo et al., 2010). Students should immediately let their teacher know if there may be malware on a computer, so that any problems can be addressed right away. For more tips, please visit the [website](#).

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Subject: Patapsco Newsletter 11/03/17

Date: Friday, November 3, 2017 at 3:33:42 PM Eastern Daylight Time

From: Patapsco Middle School

To: emilybahharhcpss@gmail.com

PM KNIGHT NEWSLETTER 11-03-17

From the Principal's Desk...

Parent/Teacher Conferences are scheduled for November 20-22, 2017. Parents/guardians across the school system will continue to use the Synergy Conference Management module to schedule parent-teacher conferences online, print a schedule of appointments, and opt to receive email reminders of appointments. Synergy Conference Management provides a simple user interface and easy navigation. From Tuesday November 7th, 6:00 am through Wednesday, November 15th, 11:59 pm, parents/guardians can log into HCPSS Connect to view and select available time slots to meet with teachers.

The purpose of this conference window is to allow parents/guardians the opportunity for a quick meet and greet with staff to discuss general student progress. Accordingly, each conference slot is ten minutes long. If you have a pressing concern, you are strongly encouraged to contact the teacher to discuss it outside of the conference window. *Synergy Conference Management* allows users to schedule time with individual teachers. When creating your schedule, be certain to build in travel time from one conference to the next, as it is important to stay on schedule. We do not recommend scheduling your conferences back-to-back as you will lose meeting time while traveling from one classroom to the next.

To permit access to our staff by all parents with interest, **we ask that parents schedule conferences *only* for those classes for which there are concerns.** Unlike your experience in elementary school, middle level educators do not have a slot for each and every student. So, please be strategic about who you'd like to see and mindful of the need for your neighbors to have the same access.

For step by step directions, please refer to the [user guide posted to the county website](#). We look forward to seeing you during conference week. Should you have any questions or require assistance scheduling your appointments during the scheduling window, please contact Vanessa Hooks, Student Services Secretary, by calling 410-313-2850 or via email at Vanessa_Hooks@hcpss.org. For questions about availability or course specific questions, please contact the teacher directly.

The week immediately preceding conferences is American Education Week and our second week for Back to School Days. Feel free to come and visit one or more of your student's classes.

Now go buy those batteries for your smoke detectors. Daylight Saving Time ends on Sunday!

Sincerely,
Cindy Dillon

UPCOMING EVENTS

11/05/17 - Daylight Saving Time ends : [More Upcoming Dates](#)

Wednesday, November 8th, 7-8pm Patapsco Middle School

Join us for an evening with staff from the Family Center for an interactive presentation on: *The Risks of Tipping the Scales: Striking a Balance Between Academic Success and Emotional Health*. This event is open to families from Patapsco Middle School, Hollifield Station, St. Johns Lane and Waverly Elementary Schools.

[Click here](#) to learn more about the Family Center.

Book Fair Order Forms

The order forms were sent home with your student today.

Volunteer for Our Annual Book Fair!

November 13th – 20th in the Library Media Center.

[Sign up](#) to assist students with their purchases. All money raised helps support school technology and the library.

FEDERAL IMPACT AID SURVEY

Federal Impact Aid forms were sent home with students. Completed forms, signed and dated, should be returned to school by November 8, 2017.

Patapsco Food Drive

November 1- 17

All donations will go to the Howard County Food Bank. [Read more.](#)

Research and Creative Productions Seminar

Do you have a topic you are passionate about and want to learn more? Do you have an interest or problem and want to research the possible solutions? If you love research or just want to learn more about something that you enjoy, you should consider participating in a Research Investigation and Creative Production! A seminar designed to allow you the freedom to look into issues, and topics that interest you! Interested? Information and permission forms are outside Room D9 on the FYI board. Forms are due by the end of November 10. For additional information contact Samantha_Glass@hcpss.org

National Bullying Prevention Month

Every October, schools across the country join the nationwide campaign, STOMP Out Bullying™ in observing National Bullying Prevention Month. [Read more.](#)

From the Art Room

Do you have any old utility paint brushes lying around? Even those sad old brushes that are hopelessly irredeemable, 1.5 to 2.5 inch brush, or thereabouts, 1 inch is too small. [Read more.](#)

Volunteer at the Patapsco Turkey Trot!

November 20

The P.E. Department is looking for 10-15 parent volunteers to help monitor the annual Turkey Trot, a one-mile fun run for the entire student body. Parent volunteers will meet in the gym between 7:45am-8:00am where they will be assigned stations along the route on school grounds and in the adjacent neighborhood. The race begins at 8:30am and the event wraps up in approximately one hour, so parents should be free to go around 9:30-9:45am. Please visit the [SignUp](#) or contact Caroline Bodziak at cbodziak@aol.com.

2018 yearbooks are available online NOW!

Go to jostensyearbooks.com to order.

8th Grade Shirt Order Forms

The order forms are out for class t-shirts!!!! Orders and money are due on 11/12/17.

If you wish to order directly from CustomInk and pay online with a credit card, visit:

<https://www.customink.com/g/twm0-00b7-m26s>

If you would like to order and send cash/check in to school, please complete:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdaJgTRAYrTPzzjpMsmWOnclBlsR5VvreQgzxS56kscR4UtEA/viewform?usp=sf_link

Please email Ms. Salsman with any questions.

Please note, the design on the group order form is not finalized. They would not make adjustments until after the order was placed.

Professional learning Book Clubs

We are excited to invite you to join us this year for our professional learning through book clubs. The teachers will be participating in four different professional books which we invite you to purchase and participate as equal members.

[Read more.](#)

PTA NEWS

PTA Meeting Wednesday, November 15 (7pm)

- The PTA would like to recognize all the families and staff who contributed to the Howard County Coat Drive! Many children and adults will have a warm winter thanks to your donations. Thank you!
 - The PTA Hospitality Committee will be providing the Patapsco Staff lunch during Parent/Teacher Conferences on Monday, November 20, 2017. The PTA will provide sandwiches however, we are asking for side items from parents. We appreciated all donations very MUCH! [SignUpGenius](#)
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School Spirit Committee

The current chair of the School Spirit Committee who organizes all the Fun Knights is graduating from Patapsco this year. We are looking for someone interested in shadowing her and picking this great committee up next year.

Contact Caroline Bodziak at cbodziak@aol.com for more information.

[PTA Membership](#)

Like us on Facebook – search Patapsco Middle School PTA.

[MUSIC BOOSTERS](#)

Come join us at our next meeting on Tuesday, November 14th at 7pm in the Media Center. (01/09, 02/13, 03/13, 04/10, 05/08)

There are no meetings scheduled for December or June.

Concert Closet: The PMS Music Boosters are accepting donations of gently used long-sleeved, button-down, collared white oxford dress shirts, black dress pants, black skirts, and black dress shoes for our Concert Closet. We are in desperate need of size 14 & 16 oxford shirts, and girls pants and skirts of any size. If you're having trouble finding the concert attire your child needs, please e-mail their Music Teacher so they can set up a time to browse the closet. Thanks to so many of you who have already sent in donations this school year!

Volunteers Needed for Orchestra Concert: Patapsco Music Parents, we still need volunteers for the Orchestra concert, November 16! Please sign up below if you can help out. Thank for your continued support!

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0c49afab28a4f49-orchestra>

Congratulations to ORCHESTRA, who are the winners of the Battle of the Box Tops! The next battle will take place in January, so save up those box tops and collect them from family, friends, and neighbors so that your ensemble can

be victorious!

Chorus Ride Share

Do you have a student in Chorus and are looking for a way to help out? The Music Boosters are starting a **"Give a Ride"** program, so students whose parents are in need of transportation to and from rehearsals and concerts can access information for other parents who are willing to give rides. Parents who sign up are able to indicate how many students they can transport, how far they are willing to drive, and for which events. We could use the help of as many parents as possible to ensure that all of our students have equal access to course requirements. Thank you for your consideration. Sign up here to help another family: <http://tinyurl.com/givearide>

Don't forget to check out our Patapsco Music Boosters [website](#). Come check us out! You can also always reach at patapscomusicboosters@gmail.com or on Facebook at facebook.com/patapscomusicboosters/

COMMUNITY NEWS

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Basket BINGO at Mt. Hebron High School

Calling all BINGO lovers! The Mt. Hebron High School Viking Backers booster club is sponsoring its annual Basket Bingo on Friday, November 17 from 7:00-10:00pm (doors open at 6:00pm) at The Lodge in Catonsville. Tickets are \$30.00 which includes admission and 20 cards. Bring extra pocket change because there will be special games, raffles, and concessions for sale! Purchase tickets online at www.vikingbackers.org/.

Kennedy Krieger Institute

Behavioral Psychology

We can bring out the best in children. Evening appointments and free parking at four convenient locations. Call 443-923-7508.

Prudential Spirit of Community Award

No matter what your volunteer project, we want to hear about it [read more.](#)

HELP US EARN EASY MONEY FOR OUR SCHOOL!

CONTACT US

Main Office	410-313-2848
Fax	410-313-2852
Guidance	410-313-2850
Health Room	410-313-2574

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WEB: pms.hcpss.org

TWITTER: [@hcpss_pms](#)

FACEBOOK:

www.facebook.com/pms.hcpss.org

CALENDAR: patapsco.middle.hcpss@gmail.com

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Subject: THE EMMS TALENT SHOW!

Date: Wednesday, November 1, 2017 at 3:05:01 PM Eastern Daylight Time

From: Ellicott Mills Middle School

To: emilybahharhcpss@gmail.com

THE EMMS TALENT SHOW!

We are excited to announce we will have our very own Talent Show here at The Mill in January, 2018!

The Application Process:

- One application must be submitted per group.
- Groups may have no more than FIVE students.
- Students are limited to one performance.
- All performers must have parent/guardian sign lime green permission form and submit this form to the Front Office.
- All performers must complete the ONLINE application.
- Complete the application from your GAFE account.
- The application can be found [HERE](#)

Important Dates:

- Online Application & Permission Forms due to Front Office 11/10
- Auditions (10 minute intervals) 3:15 – 5:15pm 11/29
- Practices Wednesdays 3:15 – 4:30pm (12/6, 12/13, 12/20, 1/3)
- Dress Rehearsal 3:15 – 5:15pm 1/10
- Talent Show @ 7:00pm (EMMS Cafeteria) 1/12

Students must have their own transportation from all Talent Show related activities and MUST BE PICKED UP ON TIME.

Proceeds from the ticket sales will benefit STOMP OUT BULLYING (www.stompoutbullying.org)

If students have any questions, they can see Ms. Burke (Portable 5) or Ms. Waugh (C/R 20).

Ellicott Mills Middle School | 4445 Montgomery Road, Ellicott City, MD 21043 | 410-313-2839 | emms.hcpss.org

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Subject: National Bullying Month Video

Date: Tuesday, October 31, 2017 at 8:28:55 AM Eastern Daylight Time

From: Lake Elkhorn Middle School

To: emilybahharhcpss@gmail.com



Lake Elkhorn Middle School

National Bullying Prevention Month Video - 10/31/17

National Bullying Prevention Month Video

Today Tuesday, October 31st , during period 1, a video with Dr. Martirano was aired. The video will address the topic of bullying, and it will feature the importance of Grace's Law, the harms of bullying, self-injurious behavior, including suicide, and the role of the bystander shifting to being an upstander.

These topics are important to discuss with our students, and we are aware that they can also be sensitive topics to discuss. Student Services staff will be available to provide any needed support. Please do not hesitate to contact Student Services if you have any questions or concerns.

At LEMS School, we are committed to creating a culture of kindness and caring. If you or your students have concerns please reach out to your grade level administrator.

6th Grade: Ms. Carmean

7th Grade: Ms. Nitsch

8th Grade: Mr. Dorsey

Please click this link for a preview of the HCPSS video.

<https://vimeo.com/238634184>

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Subject: Centennial High School Notices

Date: Monday, October 30, 2017 at 2:38:40 PM Eastern Daylight Time

From: Centennial High School

To: emilybahharhcpss@gmail.com



Centennial High School

Centennial High School Notices

CHS News and Events

New news/events are in **RED**

LAST CHANCE TO ORDER SCHOOL SPIRIT WEAR

The Boosters online store will be closing for this school year on Wednesday, November 1st (and will not reopen until August, 2018) so place your order for holiday gift giving TODAY!. We will be selling our in stock inventory during November conferences, but this is your last chance to order those online only items as well as everything else we offer. Our in stock inventory is LOW so don't wait, ORDER TODAY. <http://www.tinyurl.com/centennialstore>

Field Hockey Playoffs

Come out to Mount Hebron at 3:30 today to cheer on the Eagles as they continue in the playoffs! Wear red and be loud! Go Eagles!

G/T Parent Academy: Navigating the College Admissions Process

Tuesday, November 7, 7–8:30 p.m., Howard High School

Attendees will discover how to prioritize the things that can best impact the college application and admissions process, including steps for preparation, key conversations to have as a family, and the best ways to prepare for the outcomes.

Are you interested in finding out more about the increasing opioid epidemic in Howard County. The Korean American Parent Association (KAPA) and the PTSA invite you to attend a **Howard County Drug-Free Education and Training** program at Centennial high School on Tuesday, November 7th at 7pm in the CHS auditorium. This important program is sponsored by My Life Foundation (www.Mylifefoundation.org), a non-profit organization. Please RSVP to heesun@gmail.com if you would like to attend.

Howard County Drug-Free Education and Training – Please mark your calendar for this important event. Dr. David Bomenka (from the Baltimore City Police Department) and the Howard County Health Department will jointly present a seminar to educate parents about prescription drug abuse and accidental drug overdose. Get educated about the dangers that drugs present to our community and our children so you can take action. Please RSVP via heesun@gmail.com with the number of people attending.

Date/Time: November 7, 7:00pm

Place: CHS Auditorium

1. Subject: 'About Prescription Drugs - Introduction to Methadone'
Presenter: Dr. David Bomenka (Baltimore City Police Department)
2. Subject: Opioid Response Training (Drugs and Opioid overdose response training and education)
Presenter: Seante Hunt from Howard County Health Department

CHS Yearbook

Prices only go up from here. [Yearbook - CHS.jpg](#)

Regional Playoff games

Boys Soccer:

Tuesday, October 31, CHS vs Atholton, 7:00 PM

Admission: \$6.00 Only blue MPSSAA passes accepted.

CHS Wingspan

The Wingspan, the Centennial Newspaper, has just published their first issue. A digital copy of the issue has been uploaded to their website (<https://chswingspan.files.wordpress.com/2013/02/online-issue-pdf-no-bleeds.pdf>) Please go check it out!

Attendance Area Adjustment Process

The Board of Education wants to make sure that all residents are aware of the Attendance Area Adjustment Process that has been underway for a number of months. [Read more](#)

Bullying Prevention Message

To view the County's video [click here](#).

CHS Cheerleaders Fundraiser

Think pink and help support the cure! The CHS Cheerleaders are selling pink Centennial Eagles breast cancer awareness shirts for \$8 each. Supplies are limited, so please contact rebecca_clark@hcpss.org to get yours! A portion of all proceeds will be donated to the American Cancer Society.

CHS 5K Turkey Trot

Come Run/Walk the CHS 5K Turkey Trot and 1K Kid's Run on Sunday November 12, 2017 at 9am.
[Read more](#)

Community News

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Subject: Weekly Announcement 10/30

Date: Monday, October 30, 2017 at 11:21:35 AM Eastern Daylight Time

From: Lake Elkhorn Middle School

To: emilybahharhcpss@gmail.com



Lake Elkhorn Middle School

Weekly Announcement - 10/30/17

Halloween

Halloween is a regular school day at Lake Elkhorn Middle School, and students should wear appropriate clothing to school aligned with the HCPSS Dress Code. Costumes, masks and props are to be left at home. Thank you for understanding.

Update Family File!

HCPSS uses Family File for parents/guardians to complete emergency information.

Parents/guardians must verify and/or update information for each child, and can do so by logging in to <http://www.hcpss.org/connect/>

and selecting the Family File tab and then clicking on Family File.

Once logged in, parents/guardians will be asked to provide or update the following information:

Student information

Parent/guardian contact

Emergency contacts

Medical information

Arrival/dismissal procedures

Media release (photo approval)

Data confidentiality

PTA/PTSA directory

Changes of address may not be made through Family File. If you have recently moved, please contact your Student Services as soon as possible.

THE CANVAS PARENT MOBILE APP FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL PARENTS HCPSS is excited to share a new mobile app, Canvas Parent, designed to help parents/guardians monitor their children's progress on the go. The app allows parents to check grades, review assignments and events, view course announcements, see a weekly calendar, and set student activity alerts, such as missing assignments or grades above or below a set threshold. Parents can easily swipe between profiles to view information for multiple children. The Canvas Parent app requires parents to go through an easy one-time account set up. Parents/guardians will need their child's login credentials during initial set up to create the connection. Parents can use the Canvas Parent app on all iOS and Android devices. View the [Canvas Parent Android Guide](https://community.canvaslms.com/docs/DOC-7885) at <https://community.canvaslms.com/docs/DOC-7885> and the [Canvas Parent iOS Guide](https://community.canvaslms.com/docs/DOC-7886) at <https://community.canvaslms.com/docs/DOC-7886> for complete details.

Please note that the Canvas Student app (red/orange icon) is no longer supported for parents/guardians, who now should use the Canvas Parent app (blue icon). Grades and assignments are available for middle and high school levels only.

PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

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FARMS Deadline for MSDE Calculations October 31: FARMS eligibility is a key indicator of various funding that your school receives. October 31st is the deadline for which the state uses to determine funding by calculating the number of students eligible for Free and Reduced-price meals. The Food and Nutrition Office has sent out several reminders to households who received Free or Reduced-price meals last year encouraging them to re-enroll. Please remind your school community to apply for meal benefits by either filling out a paper application found in each school or applying online at www.myschoolapps.com. Families are most welcome to apply after October 31, but just know that those applications are not included in school funding calculations.

Student Activities Fundraiser with Paparazzi Jewelry. Fundraising event for Lake Elkhorn Middle School. Help us raise funds for this student Activities! Every purchase earns 25% of the sales to go toward helping the school with much needed supplies and support.
<https://paparazziaccessories.com/party/70335/join/>

Picture Make-up Day: For students who missed picture day School Pictures will be returning to LEMS Thursday, November 2nd for make-up pictures. All students who did not get a picture taken last month should report to the Cafeteria at 8:00am for a quick photo opportunity.

Peace, Love, & Pink! Ladies First will be selling Wearable Cancer Items on sale during lunches: October 16th-30th.

Cancer Awareness Spirit Week: October 30th-November 3rd

Monday Lounge Day: Relax in your favorite sweats and t-shirt

Tuesday Cancer Color Wars: 8th Grade All Black (Melanoma), 7th Grade Dark Blue/Lavender (Colon/All Cancers), and 6th Grade White/Gray (Lung/Brain)

Wednesday Dress for Success to Impress: Dress in your Sunday best

Thursday: Wacky Tacky Day

Friday Pink Out Day: Head to toe pink.

Student Member of the Board Open Forum: Howard County Student Member of the Board of Education (SMOB) Anna Selbrede will be holding an open forum for any and all HCPSS students to voice any questions, concerns, or just talk. Anna is happy to discuss anything from school lunches to sports to current political events to the Hunger Games.

The next forum will be held at the Homewood School on November 8th. Refreshments will be provided! If you'd like more information, email student_member@hcpss.org and don't forget to follow @Hocosmob on Instagram and Twitter.

HCPSS Bullying Prevention Message

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LEMS IMPORTANT DATES

Fri Nov 10 End of Quarter 1- 3hr Early Dismissal (11:50am)

Mon-Fri Nov 13-17 American Education Week

Fri Nov 17 Quarter 1 Report Cards Issued

Mon Nov 20 Parent/Teacher Conferences – EMMS Dismisses at 11:50am

Tue Nov 21 Parent/Teacher Conferences – EMMS Dismisses at 11:50am

Wed Nov 22 Parent/Teacher Conferences – NO SCHOOL for students

Thu- Fri Nov 23-24 Thanksgiving Break

Box Tops: Help support LEMS by collecting and submitting Box Tops. There are many ways to earn cash for your school with Box Tops!

- Purchase any of the hundreds of products with Box Tops. [See the complete list.](#)
- Send Box Tops to your School. To make it easier, use one of our fun [collection sheets.](#)

Ms. Moore has met with several student groups who are interested in participating and host several wonderful activities and Box Tops is a way to help offset cost.

HCPSS Community News

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Date/Time: November 7, 7:00pm

Place: CHS Auditorium

1. Subject: 'About Prescription Drugs - Introduction to Methadone'

Presenter: Dr. David Bomenka (Baltimore City Police Department)

2. Subject: Opioid Response Training (Drugs and Opioid overdose response training and education)

Presenter: A staff from Howard County Health Department

Howard County Drug-Free Is Looking for Parent/Adult Volunteers, so whether you have an hour a month or 10 hours a week to volunteer, please email only to Admin@hcdrugfree.org to let us know your availability. Be sure to say if you can type, are willing to drive to pharmacies or liquor stores, and if you have any special skills or interests.

Policy Corner:

Please remind your students about the following:

1. The importance of using crosswalks to safely cross the many busy streets around our school. Sometimes students are in a hurry and also do not look before crossing the street.
2. Demonstrating safe walking home behaviors. Your help with reinforcing these safety tips is appreciated. I appreciate your support with this.

“Community Notices” events are neither sponsored nor endorsed by the Howard County Public School System."

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Subject: ELMS - Halloween Expectations

Date: Monday, October 30, 2017 at 10:45:19 AM Eastern Daylight Time

From: Elkridge Landing Middle School

To: emilybahharhcpss@gmail.com

Halloween Expectations

Please remind students that they should not be dressed in costumes for school tomorrow. Masks, hoods, and other accessories should be left at home. We are hoping most of our students will decide to dress for our Wear Blue Day in support of National Bully Prevention Week.

Thank you-

ELMS Staff

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Subject: WoES Wildcat Press Updates 10-29-17
Date: Sunday, October 29, 2017 at 8:45:44 PM Eastern Daylight Time
From: Worthington Elementary School
To: emilybahharhpcss@gmail.com
Attachments: Portable Network Graphics image, Portable Network Graphics image



Worthington Elementary School

WoES Wildcat Press Updates 10-29-17

October

- 31 - Halloween Parade, 10:00 am

November

- 2 - 5th Grade Field Trip - Mount Vernon
- 9 - Turkey Trot
- 10 - End of Marking Period - Early Dismissal @ 12:55 pm
- 15 - PTA Meeting, 7:00 pm
- 17 - Report Cards Issued
- 20 - Parent/Teacher Conferences - Early Dismissal @ 12:55 pm
- 21 - Parent/Teacher Conferences - Early Dismissal @ 12:55 pm
- 22 - Parent/Teacher Conferences - Schools Closed for Students
- 23 & 24 - Thanksgiving Holiday - Schools Closed for Students & Staff
- 29 - "A Mathematics Mindset for the 21st Century Parent Night @ 6:30 pm

December

- 1 - Young Author's Contest Entries Due
- 13 - PTA Meeting, 7:00 pm

HALLOWEEN DAY:

Our Halloween Parade and Parties will be held Tuesday, October 31st. Both exciting events will be in the morning. Our parade will begin at 10:00 AM on the blacktop followed by the classroom parties from 10:30-11:15 AM. All are invited to the annual Halloween

Parade. Come hear music and admire the many costumes that some of the students and staff members may wear. Students are allowed to wear their costumes to school. Please no masks that will obstruct your child's vision, no costumes with weapons, blood or frightening images are permitted at school. Please make sure that if your child has PE on Tuesday, October 31st, to please send in sneakers!!! Also, when visiting school this day, please be mindful where you PARK your car. Visitors coming to see the parade, will sign in at the front entrance of the school, obtain a visitor's sticker and report to the blacktop.

If you do not want your child to participate in the Halloween parade/activities, please contact Iris either by calling the front office (410.313.2825), sending in a note or emailing her at iris_feinberg@hcpss.org. She will forward the names of students to Mrs. Southern, who will have an alternative program during this time. We will follow a modified lunch and Related Arts schedule on the 31st. Therefore, lunch times will be slightly different than our normal lunch schedule for each grade level on the 31st.

WoES SUPPORTS CANDY FOR THE COURAGEOUS AGAIN!

CANDY FOR THE

COURAGEOUS



**Donate your extra
wrapped Halloween
candy to our military
troops worldwide!**

Please bring any extra unopened Halloween candy to school in a ziplock bag between Nov 1-3, 2017. We will be giving the candy to the USO at BWI airport, so that they can give it to our troops before they travel overseas. Feel free to also write letters/cards to the troops, which will be given to our military.



TURKEY TROT

Mark Your Calendars! Our Turkey Trot is Coming Soon!

WoES Turkey Trot will be held on **Thursday, November 9th during all Grade-Level Related Arts classes (Rain Date-Friday, November 17th)**. Students have been working hard in their Physical Education class to build their stamina and endurance! Additional information was sent home with students on Friday, October 27th.

Thank You!

Hannah Closson and Whitney Smith

The Howard County Reading Council Proudly Sponsors the 2017-18 Young Authors' Contest

Students in grades 2-5 are invited to submit an original poem and/or short story for the contest. Entries are due December 1. Submission guidelines and required cover sheet are posted on our Canvas Team Pages. Please contact our Reading Specialist, Mrs. Hasseltine, with any questions at virginia_hasseltine@hcpss.org

FEDERAL AID FORMS

Federal Aid Forms were distributed this week. ONLY..... parents that work on federal property or are in the military **NEED** to return the form to school. All other families can recycle the form at home! The school does not need the form back. For those families that should send the form back to school, please remember to **sign the form and fill out the box as to where you work or which division of the military you serve.**

Federal Aid Forms need to be sent back to school by **November 8th**.

INDIVIDUAL PICTURES/RETAKES

November 16th is Retake Picture Day. If your child was absent the day pictures were taken, your child will have his/her picture taken by Strawbridge on the 16th. If you are not satisfied with the photo package you received, please send the envelope in to school on November 16th and new pictures will be taken. If you are in need of a payment envelope, please have your child come to the Front Office to pick one up.

THANK YOU PTA STAFF APPRECIATION COMMITTEE: Last week, the staff was

treated to a huge, healthy and heartfelt surprise from the PTA. The committee members stocked the staff refrigerator with delicious goodies and decorated the staff lounge, too! Everyone enjoyed opening the refrigerator and finding a tasty treat. Our staff is **VERY** lucky to have such a generous PTA. **THANK YOU! THANK YOU!**

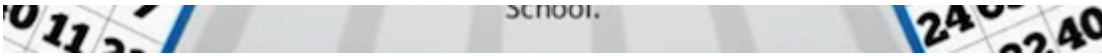
BLUE PINKY PROMISE: Thank you to our staff and parents who supported our students in taking the No Bullying Blue Pinky Promise during their recess shifts on October 23! Our parent volunteers helped make this a successful activity! Next time you visit Worthington, be sure to take a look at our No Bullying Blue Pinky Promise posters displayed in our lobby!

BASKET BINGO AT MT. HEBRON HIGH SCHOOL - DON'T MISS IT!

A promotional poster for a 'Basket Bingo' event. The central text is contained within a large black downward-pointing triangle. Above the triangle, five colorful bingo balls are shown with numbers 11, 15, 24, 13, and 76. Below the triangle, several bingo cards are partially visible, showing numbers and the word 'BINGO'. The event details are listed in the center of the triangle.

MT. HEBRON HIGH SCHOOL
VIKING BACKERS BOOSTER CLUB
BASKET BINGO
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17 2017
7PM
Doors open at 6PM
\$30 per person
The Lodge in Catonsville
2832 Nine Mile Circle
Catonsville

Tickets can be purchased online at
www.vikingbackers.org
All proceeds benefit student sports teams,
clubs and organizations of Mt. Hebron High School



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Subject: Long Reach From the Desk of the Principal, October 27, 2017

Date: Friday, October 27, 2017 at 5:14:31 PM Eastern Daylight Time

From: Long Reach High School

To: emilybahharhcpss@gmail.com



Long Reach High School

Long Reach Weekly News October 27, 2017

The weekly news digest from LRHS. See below for important information for the Long Reach community:

[Click here for the Full LRHS News Feed](#)

[Click here for the Calendar for Athletics, Fine Arts, and other school events](#)

Highlight of the Week:

From the Desk of the Principal:

Dear LRHS,

Last night we hosted the Howard County Cheerleading Championships. On hand to support our Varsity and JV teams were a number of LRHS students, parents, and staff. I knew that our students athletes had the talent to win, but it was up to them to perform at their highest level. However, once they took the floor, there was no doubt who would win the championship. Please join me in congratulating the new Howard County Cheerleader Champions...the LRHS Lightning!

Our cheerleading team have reminded our school community that goals can be met through hard work, dedication, and perseverance. I would also like to acknowledge our parents and coaches for their tireless commitment and support. Thank you for all that you do!

The Baltimore Sun story that includes our team's winning performance can be seen by going to <http://www.baltimoresun.com/news/maryland/howard/sports/ph-hs-howard-county-cheerleading-championship-20171026-story.html>

#lrhspride & #dayatthereach

- Taylor (Class of 2020), a member of this year's Championship Team was featured in the school system's Story Strong initiative towards the end of last school year. Go to <http://storystrong.hcpss.org/stories/taylor-friendship-cheer/> to see her wonderful message of friendship and resiliency.
- Congratulations to our JV Cheerleading team for placing 3rd at last night's County Championships!

- [Click here](#) to see moments of yesterday's #OneLongReachDay

Sincerely,

Joshua R. Wasilewski

Principal

Other Highlights selected for you:

1. **LRHS's OutReach after school academic support program** is starting Thursday, November 2nd. Session 1 will run from 11/2/17 to 1/4/18, every Tuesday & Thursday. If your child needs help in ELA 9, ELA 10, or Algebra 1, please sign him/her up using the following link [Read more](#)
 2. **National Bullying Awareness Month:** We are coming to the conclusion of National Bullying Awareness Month and want to ensure that we continue to pay attention to the need to take care of each other, treat people with kindness, and report any behavior that harms others. Anti-Bullying Video: [Read more](#)
 3. **School Library Update:** Our school library has been working hard to update and broaden our resources for students. Working with the Howard County Public Library, we are now providing a new and convenient way to check out books and access their resources with the online A+ Student Cards. [Read more](#)
 4. **ARL Shaddow Days:** Current 9th and 10th graders who have interest in any of the programs below can attend a field trip to see the programs in action on November 7-9. Interested students would enroll in the ARL programs for the 2018-2019 school year. [Read more](#)
 5. Senior Meeting Notes 10/16 Period 2 [Read more](#)
 6. HCPSS uses **Family File** for parents/guardians to complete emergency information. Parents/guardians must verify and/or update information for each child, and can do so by logging in to [HCPSS Connect](#) and selecting the Family File tab and then clicking on Family File. [Read more](#)
 7. **Howard County Drug Free** updates: [Read more](#)
 8. **Senior Class:** Restaurant Fundraisers for the Fall...[Read more](#) **Senior Dues:** As preparations continue to be made for a fun and exciting Senior Year, your help is needed. Due to the rising costs of the voted activities, senior dues for the Class of 2018 will be \$80. In order to ease the burden of a one-time payment (though it is NOT discouraged), a payment schedule of \$20.00 increments is listed below. [Read more](#)
 9. **Safe Driver Presentations:** Permission for students to drive and park vehicles on school system property is a privilege, not a right. In order to be granted this privilege, students must obtain a student parking permit each school year. [Read more](#)
 10. Check out photos from the Reach today by following [#dayatthereach](#) or on our website, and see the richness of the Long Reach experience. [Read more](#)
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Date: Friday, October 27, 2017 at 3:08:46 PM Eastern Daylight Time
From: Mount View Middle School
To: emilybahharhcpss@gmail.com
Attachments: Portable Network Graphics image, JPEG image



Mount View Middle School

The Viewpoint

October 27, 2017

National Bullying Prevention Month Video

Every October is National Bullying Prevention Month. At Mount View we are committed to creating a culture of kindness and caring.

Next week video with Dr. Martirano will be shown which addresses the topic of bullying. The importance of Grace's Law, the harms of bullying, self-injurious behavior, including suicide, and the role of the bystander shifting to being an upstander will be featured.

These topics are important to discuss with our students, and we are aware that they can also be sensitive topics to discuss. Student Services staff will be available to provide any needed support. Please do not hesitate to contact Student Services if you have any questions or concerns.

Halloween

Halloween is a regular school day at Mount View, and students should wear appropriate clothing for school. Costumes, masks and props are to be left at home. Thank you for understanding.

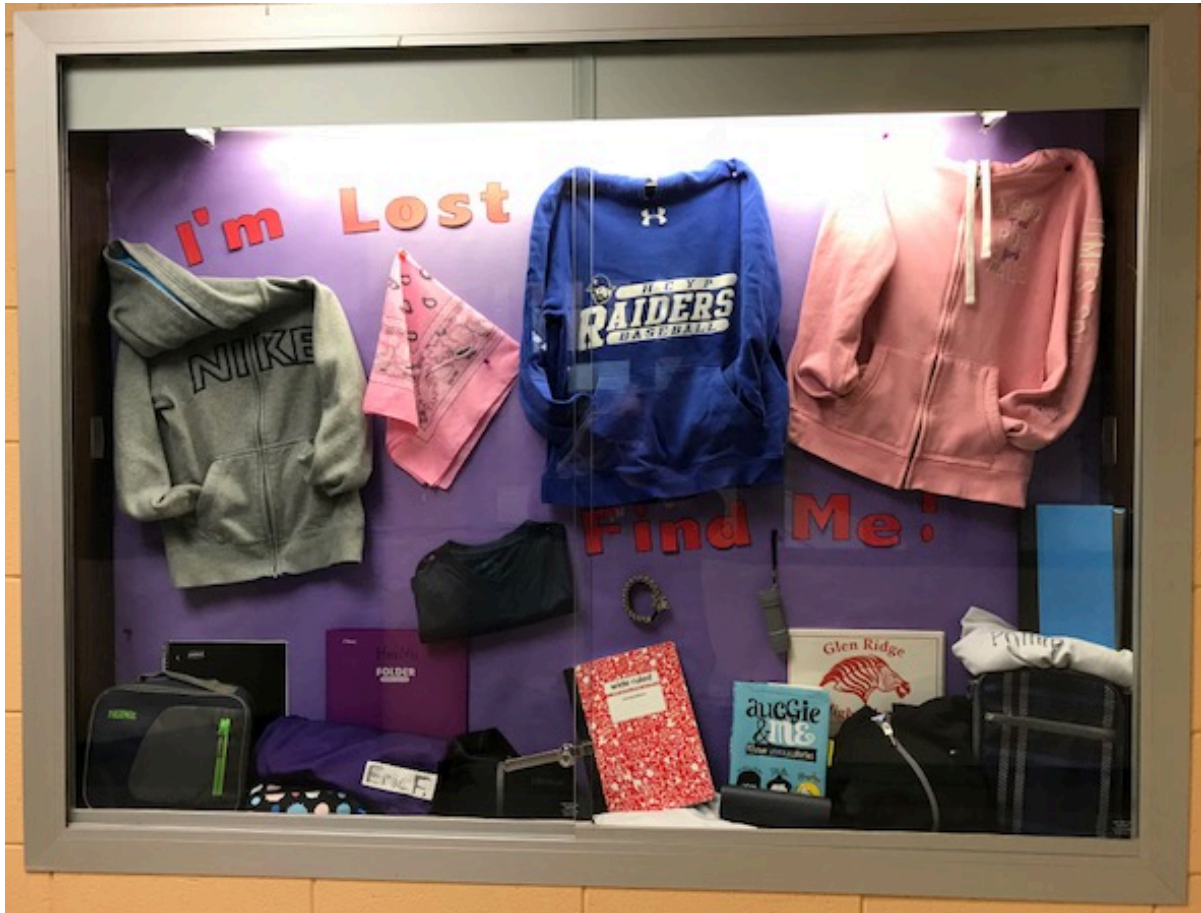
Young Authors' Contest

The Young Authors' Contest is underway. Students may submit an original short story or poem to enter the contest. Specific guidelines and cover sheets are available from Mrs.

DeMoss or any ELA teacher and they can be downloaded from the links below.. All entries are due by December 5, 2017.

[YAC Cover Sheet](#) [YAC Guidelines](#)

I'm Lost! Find Me!



It's surprising how many items accumulate in our Lost and Found bins! If you recognize any of these treasures, please send your student to the office to reclaim them! There are items in the bins... please encourage your kids to look for their stuff.

You Can Still Order Pictures Online

Visit mylifetouch.com to order school pictures online using **Picture Day ID: MJ017135Q0**. This site will accept orders for 48 hours after pictures are taken.

PTA News



SAVE THE DATE for our first MVMS Teen Night! Friday, November 17th, from 7-9pm. Featuring DJ Billy Zee with the latest music videos, live camera, Wii Just Dance follow videos via a big screen, and giveaways. Pose in the Photo Booth with friends and take the snapshots home for keepsakes! Basketball in the gym! Bring cash \$\$\$\$! Henna designs. Pizza, snacks, and beverages available for purchase! ***MVMS students only*** *Tickets will be sold during lunch the week of 11/13. \$5 for tickets.*

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED - We need volunteers to make this evening great for the students. Please [click here for volunteer spots](#) and more information. Thank you!

Gift of Thanks

Let the MVMS Staff know how much you appreciate them AND help the PTA earn money!

[Learn more about the Gift of Thanks program](#)

Download the [Gift of Thanks order form](#) (staff listing)

Questions? Contact [Connie Hennings](#) (410.418.5835)

Due: Friday, November 10th

Community News

The MRHS Music Foundation Sale

Apple, Pumpkin and Cherry Pie, Cider and Rolls for Thanksgiving and more from Baugher's Orchard and Bakery in Westminster. You can support our music program

and a local farm at the same time!

[Click here](#) for the sales flyer. [Order online here](#) through Thurs. Nov. 2, with delivery on Tues. Nov. 21 at MRHS tentatively 12:30pm-2:30pm. (Delivery time subject to change.) Thank you for supporting Music at Marriotts Ridge High School!

A Message from HC Drug Free

This Saturday, October 28 is the next convenient drive-thru medication and “sharps” (needles, syringes and EpiPen) collection, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the Wilde Lake Village Center parking lot. Adult and teen volunteers are welcome; just report in that day. Community service hours available! Howard County Police will receive, secure and transport your medications for proper disposal and medical staff will handle your sharps for proper recycling. For more information, contact [HC DrugFree](#) (443-325-0040.) In partnership with the Howard County Public School System, HC DrugFree has prepared a three minute video for parents/adults to view. As you may be aware, Howard County is not unlike many areas facing an opioid crisis. We strongly encourage you to [view this important message](#).

For more information, contact [HCDrugFree](#) at Admin@hcdrugfree.org or 443-325-0040.

Upcoming Dates

November

10	Schools close 3 hrs early - end of marking period
17	Report Cards Issued
20, 21, 22	Parent Teacher Conferences
23, 24	Schools closed - Happy Thanksgiving!
29	Winter Band Concert, 7pm, MRHS Auditorium

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From: Centennial High School

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Centennial High School

Centennial High School Notices

CHS News and Events

New news/events are in **RED**

Principal's Newsletter for October 27, 2017

See what's happening at CHS. [Read more](#)

Today, we ran a successful "Duck, Cover & Hold" drill for impending severe weather.

Howard County Drug-Free Education and Training – Please mark your calendar for this important event. Dr. David Bomenka (from the Baltimore City Police Department) and the Howard County Health Department will jointly present a seminar to educate parents about prescription drug abuse and accidental drug overdose. Get educated about the dangers that drugs present to our community and our children so you can take action. Please RSVP via heesun@gmail.com with the number of people attending.

Date/Time: November 7, 7:00pm

Place: CHS Auditorium

1. Subject: 'About Prescription Drugs - Introduction to Methadone'

Presenter: Dr. David Bomenka (Baltimore City Police Department)

2. Subject: Opioid Response Training (Drugs and Opioid overdose response training and education)

Presenter: A staff from Howard County Health Department

CHS Yearbook

Prices only go up from here. [Yearbook - CHS.jpg](#)

Regional Playoff games

Boys Soccer:

Tuesday, October 31, CHS vs Atholton, 7:00 PM

Admission: \$6.00 Only blue MPSSAA passes accepted.

CHS Wingspan

The Wingspan, the Centennial Newspaper, has just published their first issue. A digital copy of the issue has been uploaded to their website (<https://chswingspan.files.wordpress.com/2013/02/online-issue-pdf-no-bleeds.pdf>) Please go check it out!

Attendance Area Adjustment Process

The Board of Education wants to make sure that all residents are aware of the Attendance Area Adjustment Process that has been underway for a number of months. [Read more](#)

Bullying Prevention Message

To view the County's video [click here](#).

CHS Cheerleaders Fundraiser

Think pink and help support the cure! The CHS Cheerleaders are selling pink Centennial Eagles breast cancer awareness shirts for \$8 each. Supplies are limited, so please contact rebecca_clark@hcpss.org to get yours! A portion of all proceeds will be donated to the American Cancer Society.

October is National Principals Month

Governor Hogan has issued a proclamation declaring October Principals month in Maryland. [Read more](#)

DINING FOR DOLLARS FUNDRAISER. Oct. 1-Oct. 31. Glory Days Grill

Bring your family or meet friends for a delicious lunch or dinner at Glory Days Grill! [Read more](#)

CHS 5K Turkey Trot

Come Run/Walk the CHS 5K Turkey Trot and 1K Kid's Run on Sunday November 12, 2017 at 9am. [Read more](#)

Community News

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Subject: Swansfield News 10/27/17

Date: Friday, October 27, 2017 at 1:54:39 PM Eastern Daylight Time

From: Swansfield Elementary School

To: emilybahharhcpss@gmail.com



Swansfield Elementary School

Swansfield Announcements 10/27/17

Upcoming Events:

Saturday October 28: Swansfield Fall Festival, 3:00 - 6:00pm

Tuesday October 31: Halloween Parade

Friday November 3: 1st Grade Field Trip, Robinson Nature Center

Friday November 10: 1st Marking Period Ends. No Pre-K for Students; All Other Students Dismiss Early at 12:10 pm

Tuesday November 14: BSAP Greet, Meet and Educate Workshop, 6:30 - 8:30 pm

Friday November 17: Awards Assemblies and Visitor Day in Celebration of American Education Week (more information to come)

FitnessThon Fundraiser Concludes Today

Swansfield's FitnessThon Fundraiser concluded at school today. If your child forgot to turn in their FitnessThon Fundraiser envelope it's not too late....please have him/her bring it to school Monday.

- Every child who got at least one donation will receive a FitnessThon charm.
- Every child who raised \$25 or more will earn a Swansfield FitnessThon t-shirt.
- The top three earners will win rewards from our Swansfield administrative team, such as an afternoon of basketball with Mr. Carter, an ice cream party with Ms. Beaman, or a pizza party with Mrs. Porter.

- The grade that earns the most will win a popsicle party.

All money raised will help support programs such as cultural arts assemblies, school dances and much, much more. A huge THANK YOU to everyone for your support of this fundraiser and our school!

Bring Your Family and Enjoy the Fun at Our Fall Festival this Saturday From 3:00 - 6:00 pm

Bring the entire family to the first Swansfield Fall Festival, this Saturday, October 28. Enjoy pumpkin painting, face painting, food, a giant slide, moon bounce, sports games, a kiddie corral with activities for the little ones, a community art project, trunk or treat, and more!

Huge thanks to all who have signed up to volunteer. We still need more people to help. Visit our PTA website at www.swansfieldpta.org to find the volunteer signup.

We hope to see you Saturday!

Halloween Parade/Alternate Activity Planned for Next Tuesday, October 31

Visitors are welcome to watch the students parade in their costumes around the school next Tuesday, October 31, for Halloween. **Visitors can begin to line up around the perimeter of the school at 2:10 pm. The parade will begin at 2:20 pm.** The attached flier, recently sent home, contains more important information. An alternate activity is planned for this time for those students whose families do not celebrate Halloween.

Please note that in order to keep our school safe and secure, we will not be inviting parents into the building prior to or following the parade. Students should bring costumes they can wear over top of their clothing and that they can put on with minimal assistance from staff. No costumes involving makeup, fake blood, weapons or masks are allowed.

[Halloween Flier.pdf](#)

Please Complete Federal Impact Aid Survey

Every year the school system asks parents to complete this survey as HCPSS is eligible to receive federal funds to enrich school programs based on students whose parents/guardians work on federal property in Maryland or are active military personnel. Surveys, which went home earlier this week, must be completed using a No. 2 pencil and are due at school by November 8. If you need an additional form or would like further information please call the front office at 410-313-6907.

Update Your Family File Information

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Resources on how to access Family File may be found [online](#). Parents who have forgotten their login credentials may click the “Forgot Password” link on the sign in page. If you need additional assistance, please fill out this [Connect Help Form](#)

Please Observe Our Car Loop Procedures

To ensure the safety of our school community, we ask that you please observe the traffic pattern we have established for student drop-off and pick-up in our car loop.

Please view and print the attached:

[SES Car Loop Procedures.pdf](#)

Thank you for your help with this!

HCPSS Bullying Policy

Swansfield Elementary School and the HCPSS Board of Education are committed to providing a safe and nurturing school environment that values diversity and commonality. Acts of bullying, cyberbullying, harassment or intimidation are prohibited because these actions compromise the learning environment and well-being of students, staff and community members. The HCPSS Bullying, Harrassment and Intimidation Form can be downloaded [HERE](#) or a paper copy is available at the school.

Reports can also be submitted online at [Sprigeo.com](#) where the report will automatically be forwarded to an administrator. To learn about the HCPSS policy on bullying (policy 1060) and the efforts we make to provide each student with a positive learning environment, please visit our [HCPSS School Culture & Climate](#) webpage.

Congratulations Spotlight Winners

We congratulate our Spotlight Winners for the past two weeks. These students have demonstrated they follow our school rules and are Safe, Respectful and Responsible.

- PreK: Skai T, Adaora N, Ayva P, Austin E
- Kindergarten: Vincent O, Kendell M, Cassidy B, Laila M, Da'mond G, Maddox D,
- 1st Grade: Skye M, Nasir P, Jared C, Jesus C, Zulma M, Colin S,
- 2nd Grade: Jabria J, Nicole C, Saga B, Anthony GF, Chloe T, Kasey M, Ximena R, Chase L

- 3rd Grade: Kristin A, Kimaya H, Kalienne B, Saniyah L, Folu O, Dereck L, Jada W, Amber B,
- 4th Grade: Kiya J, Jayden L, Jos D, Queenj'na T, Aaliyah B, Alfred J, Noah G, Dylan S
- 5th Grade: Taniya F, Lazarus S, Keily SZ, Landon O, Tatianna T, Aryeh M, Kayla T, Kieron R, Alex G, Diana N

Field Trip Payments and Permission Slips Cannot Be Accepted Past Due Dates

Parents, as school field trips begin to be scheduled, please note that all permission slips have a due date for payment and the signed permission form to be returned. It is important that you comply with this date. We will not be able to accept any payments or permission slips past the due date. If you have any questions regarding this, please call the school office.

Volunteers/Chaperones Must Complete Training

All volunteers and field trip chaperones in HCPSS schools must complete the online training course prior to volunteering (see link below), print a completion certificate and return it to the front office. If you are unable to access online a printed version is available at school.

<http://ses.hcpss.org/support>

Connect With Our PTA

Learn more about upcoming PTA activities, how you can get involved, and even join the PTA if you haven't done so already. Visit <http://swansfieldpta.org/>

Click here <http://swansfieldpta.org/committees-newsletters/newsletters/> to read the latest PTA newsletter.

Community News and Programs

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Date: Friday, October 27, 2017 at 10:23:03 AM Eastern Daylight Time
From: Pointers Run Elementary School
To: emilybahharhcpss@gmail.com
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Pointers Run Elementary School

Here is a message title - Date

Calendar Updates

OCTOBER

31 - Halloween Parade 2:30pm

NOVEMBER

02 - PTA meeting - 7pm

03 - Field Trip - 1st Grade - Sharps Farm

03 - Field Trip - 4th Grade Art - National Bldg. Museum

03 - International Food Festival - 6:30 - 8:30pm

07 - Fall individual Pictures - Retake/Absentees

10 - SCHOOLS CLOSE 3 HRS EARLY - End of 1st marking period

13-21 - Book Fair

15 - LAST Walking Wednesday

16 - Book Fair Family Night 4pm

17 - Report cards issued

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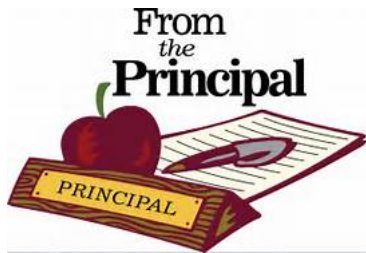
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Community News and Information



Message from Mrs. Schruefer

I loved seeing so many of our children, staff, and volunteers wearing orange on Wednesday to show w to see PRES united for kindness, acceptance, and inclusion. Each day I see children going out of their to celebrate this and recognize our students for showing their PRES PRIDE. If you are looking for boo young readers please check out this website: [Books to Model Empathy and Compassion](#)



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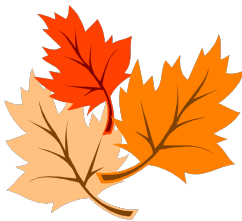
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If you would like to learn about our 2017-2018 School Improvement Process and see our plan for cont 2017 at 6:15 pm (before the PTA meeting).

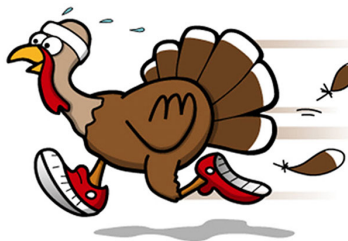


Halloween on October 31st

Our annual Halloween parade will begin at 2:30 pm. We encourage all families to come watch our children on the soccer field outside for the parade. After the parade, children will enter back into the building. Any parent attending the party after the parade will need to sign in at a table by the front of the building. Every parent visiting will be asked to visit the classrooms. Please do not bring siblings to the classroom. Due to the amount of visitors we have had in the past, we will be mindful of how many visitors come to the classroom due to security. Please remember to be respectful of the school and not include masks or any props that resemble a weapon. Costumes should be able to be put on and taken off easily. So, we cannot apply heavy make up in the classroom.



Alternate Fall Party: Tuesday was the deadline for the alternative party if you do not have a classroom Halloween celebration. Please contact the school if you missed this deadline. Please remember that if you choose for your child to participate in the parade and classroom party.



Turkey Trot Run and Food Drive

Monday November 20th for grades K (10:45), 1 (11:45) and 2 (9:45)

Tuesday November 21st for grades 3 (10:45), 4 (11:45) and 5(9:45)

Turkey Trot food collection is from now until November 21st!!

See the [attached flier](#) for more information



Message from the School Nurse

Flu season is upon us. Please see attached flier for more important information. [Flu Letter](#)

***REMINDER* This Saturday, October 28 is the next convenient drive-thru medication and “sharp collection,” from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the Wilde Lake Village Center parking lot. Adult and teen v** Community service hours available! Howard County Police will receive, secure and transport your medication. We will handle your sharps for proper recycling. For more information, contact HC DrugFree at Admin@hc 0040.



From the Media Center

The Wild West Book Fair will be at PRES from Nov. 13-21, 2017

This year, we are excited to offer presales of the latest in the *Diary of a Wimpy Kid* s

Complete the [attached form](#) and return to the media center no later than Oct. 31st.

Cash or checks made payable to: PRES (add 6% sales tax to your order)

Once the fair begins, we will send the books home with students.



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From: Worthington Elementary School

To: emilybahharhcpss@gmail.com



Worthington Elementary School

BULLYING AWARENESS AND **PREVENTION MONTH**

Million Misfit Sock March - Tomorrow!

TOMORROW, our school is going to participate in the annual anti-bullying / youth empowerment movement known as the Million Misfit Sock March!

Students are asked to wear misfit socks for the purpose of celebrating what makes you different and taking a stand against bullying. Many kids hide their differences for fear of being teased or bullied. Taking a stand as a school community sends a strong message that being unique and standing out from the crowd matters! The goal of the movement is to get a million people to participate.

Let's stand up, be counted, and show that we are MISFIT STRONG!

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From: Thomas Viaduct Middle School
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Please click this [link](#) for a preview of the HCPSS video.

Mix It Up at Lunch Day

On Wednesday, October 25th, students at TVMS participated in a lesson about cliques at school. This allowed students to generate conversations around ways to welcome all students and form new friendships as well as practice communication skills. All these skills will help us continue to develop a welcoming and nurturing environment.

On **Tuesday, October 31st**, students will join more than one million other students across the country and around the world to help break down social barriers by participating in the 1st annual Mix It Up at Lunch Day. The event, launched by the Teaching Tolerance project in 2002, encourages students to sit with someone new in the cafeteria for one day but to incorporate the day into yearlong efforts to promote a healthy school climate. Cafeterias are the focus of Mix It Up because that is where a school's social boundaries are usually the most obvious. Teaching Tolerance Director Maureen Costello said, "When people step out of their cliques and get to know someone, they realize just how much they have in common."

Spirit Week

The following activities will also take place next week (October 30th - November 3rd) as part of Bullying Prevention Month:

October 30 - TVMS Spirit Day: Wear any color blue (National Bullying Prevention color)

October 31 - Pink Out Day, Mix It Up At Lunch

November 1 - Wacky Tacky Day: Let's celebrate the differences in everyone

November 2 - Color Competition: Wear TVMS colors to show that we stand united against bullying (8th blue, 7th white, 6th grey)

November 3 - Sports Team Day: Timberwolves team up to be kind to others

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This Fall is an exciting time of year at CHS and your membership will directly support our students, staff and community as we celebrate traditions and make new ones. [Read more](#)

October is National Principals Month

Governor Hogan has issued a proclamation declaring October Principals month in Maryland. [Read more](#)

CALLING ALL AMAZON SHOPPERS!!!

Did you know that there's a SPECIAL Amazon link for Centennial High School, and that the PTSA will earn a percentage of every purchase you make at no extra cost to you?! [Read more](#)

DINING FOR DOLLARS FUNDRAISER. Oct. 1-Oct. 31. Glory Days Grill

Bring your family or meet friends for a delicious lunch or dinner at Glory Days Grill! [Read more](#)

CHS 5K Turkey Trot

Come Run/Walk the CHS 5K Turkey Trot and 1K Kid's Run on Sunday November 12, 2017 at 9am. [Read more](#)

Community News

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Date: Thursday, October 26, 2017 at 7:50:04 AM Eastern Daylight Time
From: Mayfield Woods Middle School
To: emilybahharhcpss@gmail.com

National Bullying Prevention Month Video - Friday, October 27, 2017

October is National Bullying Prevention Month. At Mayfield Woods Middle School, we are committed to creating a culture of kindness and caring.

On Friday, October 27 during homeroom, a video with Interim Superintendent Dr. Martirano will be shown, which addresses the topic of bullying. The importance of Grace's Law, the harms of bullying and self-injurious behavior including suicide, and the role of the bystander shifting to being an upstander will be featured.

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If you would like to learn more and preview the video, [click here](#) to visit the HCPSS website's page regarding Dr. Martirano's work with bullying prevention and a link to the video. You may also [click here](#) to view the video directly.

Please do not hesitate to contact Student Services if you have any questions or concerns at 410-313-5025.

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Date: Wednesday, October 25, 2017 at 6:48:29 PM Eastern Daylight Time

From: Thomas Viaduct Middle School

To: emilybahharhcpss@gmail.com

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Interim Superintendent Meets with State Board of Public Works

Dr. Martirano and members of the Board of Education last week [presented](#) the school system's capital budget request to the Maryland Board of Public Works.



HCPSS, Students and Community Come Together to Eliminate Bullying

Interim Superintendent Martirano, joined by parent Christine McComas and members of the Board of Education, led a [bullying prevention event](#) to rid schools and communities of destructive bullying behavior.



Staff Focus: Nicole Meshbesher

Patapsco Middle School and Thunder Hill Elementary School Psychologist Nicole Meshbesher can list a multitude of reasons why she loves her job: the variety, the collaborative problem solving, and the opportunities to make a schoolwide impact and learn from her colleagues and students. Learn more about Nicole in the latest [Staff Focus](#).

Upcoming Events

BSAP College and Career Opportunity Night: Empowerment Through Entrepreneurship

Wednesday, October 25, 5:30–9 p.m., [Long Reach High School](#)

The Black Student Achievement Program hosts this [event](#) for Grades 8–12 students and their families. The program will feature a keynote speaker, school counselor sessions and focused information sessions.

HCPSS Seeks Citizen Members for Ethics Panel

Deadline to apply: Monday, October 30

The [Ethics Panel](#) oversees the school system's Ethics Regulations, advises the Board on matters related to conflict of interest and

financial disclosure, and provides advisory opinions to employees on the applicability of the Ethics Regulations to specific situations.

Open Enrollment for Qualified Health Plans

| Wednesday, November 1–Friday, December 15

HCPSS families needing health insurance [may apply](#) for a private (qualified) health plan or Medicaid coverage.

Academic Enrichment Fair

| Saturday, November 4, 9–11:15 a.m., [Long Reach High School](#)

Parents and students are [invited to learn](#) about the wide range of enrichment offerings for students in kindergarten through 12th grade. HCPSS and community representatives will be on hand to share information regarding the numerous opportunities that span all content areas.

G/T Parent Academy: Navigating the College Admissions Process

| Tuesday, November 7, 7–8:30 p.m., [Howard High School](#)

Attendees [will discover](#) how to prioritize the things that can best impact the college application and admissions process, including steps for preparation, key conversations to have as a family, and the best ways to prepare for the outcomes.

Career Self-Discovery Workshop for Transitioning Students

| November 8, 8:30 a.m.–2:30 p.m., [Roger Carter Community Center](#)

This [interactive workshop](#) teaches families to use Self-Guided Discovery™ to guide work experiences, academics, skills training, after-school employment, and school to work transition.

Career Academies Information Session

Thursday, November 9, 7–9 p.m., [Applications and Research Laboratory](#)

[Learn how](#) Career and Technology Education Career Academies provide high school students with opportunities to earn college credit, scholarships and industry certifications, participate in worksite and mentorship experiences, and become creative problem solvers by participating in hands-on project based learning.

IEPs: The Basics and Beyond

Thursday, November 9, 7–9 p.m., [Harper's Choice Middle School](#) Art Room; and Friday, November 10, 10 a.m.–Noon, [Ascend One Building](#), Patuxent Room

HCPSS parents are invited to this [free workshop](#) to learn about and share ways for families to be active members of the IEP team and participate meaningfully in the process.

Choose Civility Coding Challenge and Hackathon

Saturday, November 11, 8:30 a.m.–6 p.m., [Howard County Library, Miller Branch](#)

Open to those in grades 6–12, teams of students, innovators, creators and others [are invited](#) to develop ideas and generate solutions for community challenges. All skill levels welcome to this collaborative computer programming event. [Register](#) by 5 p.m. on Friday, October 27.

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Essay Contest

Deadline for submissions: Friday, November 17

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Subject: ELMS - Bully Prevention Week

Date: Wednesday, October 25, 2017 at 12:35:13 PM Eastern Daylight Time

From: Elkridge Landing Middle School

To: emilybahharhcpss@gmail.com

Bully Prevention Week

October 20 - November 3

ELMS is planning the following activities for Bully Prevention Week:

Monday, October 30 - Paint your pinkie blue as a promise to stand up to bullying

Tuesday, October 31 - Wear blue (national bully prevention color)

Wednesday, November 1 - Wear funky socks and/or shoes to "stand" up to bullying

Thursday, November 2 - Hat day

Friday, November 3 - Wacky tacky day, mix it up at lunch

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Subject: Unity Day

Date: Tuesday, October 24, 2017 at 3:01:14 PM Eastern Daylight Time

From: River Hill High School

To: emilybahharhcpss@gmail.com

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Wednesday, October 25, 2017

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Regional Playoff games:

Girls Soccer:

Thursday, October 26, CHS vs Long Reach, Thursday, October 26, 6:00 PM

Boys Soccer:

Tuesday, October 31, CHS vs Atholton, 7:00 PM

Admission: \$6.00 Only blue MPSSAA passes accepted.

Attention Seniors:

Lifetouch will be here on 10/25, 10/26 and 10/27 for the FINAL Senior Portrait session. Any student that has not had his/her senior portrait taken by Lifetouch to date received an appointment card in the mail. If you lost your appointment card, you can check the schedule posted outside the cafeteria. PLEASE, arrive in the CHS auditorium 5 minutes prior to your appointment time. If you need to reschedule your appointment, call Lifetouch immediately at 410-644-7700.

All senior portraits must be submitted by January 1st, 2018. If you missed the spring senior session, summer senior session and cannot make the fall senior session, then you will need to visit Lifetouch at their studio in Baltimore. If you choose to use an outside photographer, please have the photographer submit yearbook images prior to the January 1st deadline.

If you should have any questions, please email kristin_lavender@hcpss.org

ALL STUDENTS

Are you interested in working backstage on lights, sound, costumes, run crew, or marketing for our fall show? Come to an interest meeting on October 25th at 2:15pm in the theatre room, 802. See Ms. Carlsen with questions or email her at kcarlsen@hcpss.org.

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CHS Wingspan

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Date: Tuesday, October 24, 2017 at 9:02:10 AM Eastern Daylight Time

From: Manor Woods Elementary School

To: emilybahharhcpss@gmail.com

MWES Unity Day - 10/25/2017

Wear Orange on Unity Day

UNITY DAY:
Together against bullying. United for kindness,
acceptance and inclusion. Wednesday, October 25,
2017

Want to unite against bullying?

It's easy.
**Wear orange on Wednesday,
October 25!**

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Subject: TSES~Mix it Up Day and Veterans' Day

Date: Monday, October 23, 2017 at 4:46:59 PM Eastern Daylight Time

From: Talbott Springs Elementary School

To: emilybahharhcpss@gmail.com



Talbott Springs Elementary School

TSES~Mix it Up Day and Veterans' Day

Talbott Springs Families,

I hope that everyone had a great Monday!

1. This Thursday, TSES is honoring Bully Prevention month by having 'Mix it Up' Day! All students and staff members are invited to wear mixed up outfits (some children call this Wacky Tacky Day). In addition, during lunch, students in 4th and 5th grades will be asked to sit with students from different peer groups than the ones that are their typical group. There will be adult facilitators with the groups to foster conversation as the

students familiarize themselves with more children in their grade level.

2. On November 10, 2017 TSES would like to honor the students who have family members who have served or who currently serve in any branch of the United States Military. Please use this [link](#) to access a Google Form that asks for the name of your child, his or her grade, the name and relationship of the family member who either served or is serving in the military and your email address (in the event that we have a question). Mrs. Sansone (School Counselor) is the only person with access to the responses to the document.

Please use both events as an opportunity to have a conversation with your child. Talk with your child about the benefits of learning about others and how much we can learn by listening. For Veterans Day, please talk with your child about the value of those who serve our country. Thank you so much for your participation in both of these events as we work together as a school community to ensure that our students learn empathy towards others!

If you have any questions about either of these events, please feel free to call me, Mr. Linkins or Mrs. Sansone.

Have a wonderful evening,

Nancy Thompson

Principal

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Subject: PRES Unity Day

Date: Monday, October 23, 2017 at 12:38:37 PM Eastern Daylight Time

From: Pointers Run Elementary School

To: emilybahharhcpss@gmail.com

Pointers Run ES UNITY DAY

We will show our support of Unity Day this
Wednesday October 25, by asking our students and
staff to wear **orange**.

Please talk to your children about the significance of this important day.

For additional information please click on link.

<http://www.pacer.org/bullying/nbpm/unity-day.asp>

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Spirit Days: In effort to increase awareness and give back to our community, starting in November, we have decided to attach each of our spirit days with a local charity. We will have a designated day for collections for the various charities. Stay tuned for additional information.

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Subject: Unity Day - Together Against Bullying
Date: Monday, October 23, 2017 at 12:00:26 PM Eastern Daylight Time
From: Dayton Oaks Elementary School
To: emilybahharhcpss@gmail.com
Attachments: Portable Network Graphics image



Dayton Oaks Elementary School

Unity Day - 10/25/17

Please wear **orange** to show that we stand together against bullying and are united for kindness, acceptance and inclusion.

Wednesday, October 25, 2017

Mark your calendar for next year's event! Wednesday, October 24, 2018

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Subject: Patapsco Knight Newsletter 10/20/17

Date: Friday, October 20, 2017 at 2:00:56 PM Eastern Daylight Time

From: Patapsco Middle School

To: emilybahharhcpss@gmail.com

PM KNIGHT 10-20-17

From the Principal's Desk...

I want to start by thanking the countless family members who have supported our school activities over the last few weeks. From helping out at our PTA Fun Knight in both formal and

activities over the last few weeks. From helping out at our F.A.T. on Knight in both formal and informal ways, to attending the first Restaurant Knight, to coordinating drop off or pick up of students for the 6th grade Outdoor Ed experience, to the ultimate sacrifice of actually going on that trip and helping to chaperone over 200 sixth graders who attended. To each of you we send you our heartfelt thanks and gratitude. The message you send to our students and staff when you take time out to help and participate in these school events is critical to our mission. Thank you for supporting us and for being an active partner in our community effort to educate and care for our students.

Next week, on Wednesday, October 25th, we will be participating in National Unity Day sponsored by The National Bullying Prevention Center. We will demonstrate our commitment to take a stand against bullying by wearing orange. “**ORANGE** provides a powerful, visually compelling expression of solidarity,” said Paula Goldberg, Executive Director of PACER Center. “When hundreds of individuals in a school or organization wear orange, the vibrant statement becomes a conversation starter, sending the unified message to kids to know that they are not alone.” To learn more about this campaign, visit <http://www.pacer.org/bullying/>. On the 25th, join us in wearing orange: ‘UNITY DAY: Together against bullying. United for kindness, acceptance, and inclusion.

Continuing our color theme to round out the month and finish strong, on October 31st, we will also participate in **PINKtober** in recognition of the fight against Breast Cancer. On this date, we’re asking everyone to wear pink. I know what you’re thinking, “But, that’s Halloween!” I know that. So? Wear pink anyway. It’ll be fun! We don’t do costumes in middle school anyway.

On the subject of the holiday that has become a reason to stuff our faces with mini-sized candy treats, I won’t be sending another regular Knight before then, so I’m going to need to address the candy situation now. You know what I’m talking about, the importance of rationing those 250 pieces of candy the average Trick-or-Treat pumpkin holds (-or- the equivalent of three pounds of sugar -or- 9,000 calories for those of you who count them). We believe middle school students are at about the right age to forgo the streets in favor of passing out candy, but we know that is definitely not a popular thing to say. Nevertheless, there are students who will participate in the modern day traditions of Halloween, and we need your help with monitoring the amount of candy your student brings to school over the next few weeks. A good rule of thumb is to permit about two or three pieces per day, enough for personal consumption. Please be aware, excessive quantities of candy will be confiscated and disposed of. As a final word on Halloween, if your student is still trick-or-treating, please make sure you review safety rules with them. Although we may believe we don’t need to repeat ourselves, trust me, it can not do any harm to be explicit.

On the heels of Halloween, we get to experience another fall tradition on November 4th: Daylight Saving Time. The American Academy of Sleep Education (yep, that’s a thing), recommends that we take this opportunity to increase our sleep. Makes total sense! Here are the tips identified by Thomas Heffron in his article “Fall back to an earlier bedtime as daylight saving time ends” posted on the academy website:

Here are some tips to take advantage of the fall time change:

- Wait to change your clocks until it is time to get ready for bed.
- Go to bed at your normal bedtime.
- Just before getting into bed, set your clocks back one hour.
- Wake up at your normal time in the morning.
- Take note of how much better you feel after an extra hour of sleep.
- Continue to go to bed each night at the earlier bedtime.

[Read the full article here.](#)

In addition to using this opportunity to improve the quality and quantity of our sleep, you should also pick up batteries while you're purchasing those bags of Halloween treats. Use those batteries to replace those in your smoke detector. Consider this routine important not only as a safety, but also as a sleep safeguard. Everybody knows the batteries in the smoke detectors only die in the dead of the night!

Sincerely,
Cindy Dillon

UPCOMING EVENTS

10/25/17 -Vision and Hearing Screening for 8th gr. & new students (**please bring eyeglasses to school**) : [More Upcoming Dates](#)

From the Health Room

Vision and Hearing Screening October 25

Vision and Hearing Screening will take place on Wednesday, 10/25/17 for all 8th graders and any new student to Maryland. If your student wears glasses, please make sure they bring them to school for the screening.

HCPSS BSAP College & Career Opportunity Night Empowerment Through Entrepreneurship

Wednesday, October 25, 2017 5:30 pm - 9:00 pm
Long Reach High School 6101 Old Dobbin Lane Columbia, MD 21045

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Join us for an evening with staff from the Family Center for an interactive presentation on: *The Risks of Tipping the Scales: Striking a Balance Between Academic Success and Emotional Health*.

This event is open to families from Patapsco Middle School, Hollifield Station, St. Johns Lane and Waverly Elementary Schools.

More details about the evening to follow! Mark your calendars. [Click here](#) to learn more about the Family Center.

From the Art Room

Do you have any old utility paint brushes lying around? Even those sad old brushes that are hopelessly irredeemable, 1.5 to 2.5 inch brush, or thereabouts, 1 inch is too small. I seriously do not care what condition it is in. In fact, brand new is not as desirable, but I'll certainly take it if you happen to be swimming in them. I would like to thank you in advance for your assistance, and look forward to creating with your children!, Ms Mitchell.

Volunteer for Our Annual Book Fair!

November 13th – 20th in the Library Media Center.

[Sign up](#) to assist students with their purchases. All money raised helps support school technology and the library.

Volunteer at the Patapsco Turkey Trot!

November 20

The P.E. Department is looking for 10-15 parent volunteers to help monitor the annual Turkey Trot, a one-mile fun run for the entire student body. Parent volunteers will meet in the gym between 7:45am-8:00am where they will be assigned stations along the route on school grounds and in the adjacent neighborhood. The race begins at 8:30am and the event wraps up in approximately one hour, so parents should be free to go around 9:30-9:45am. Please visit the [SignUp](#) or contact Caroline Bodziak at cbodziak@aol.com.

[Intramural Program](#)

Intramurals will begin during the month of October to continue throughout the year. Announcements are made during the morning news. Space is limited in many of our programs, so students should pay attention to the announcements and follow the directions for signing up. Please check our web-site for updated information.

Professional learning Book Clubs

We are excited to invite you to join us this year for our professional learning through book clubs. The teachers will be participating in four different professional books which we invite you to purchase and participate as equal members. [Read more.](#)

[PTA NEWS](#)

PTA Meeting Wednesday, November 15th from 7-8 pm in the Media Center.

Winter Coat Drive

HCPSS and the Patapsco PTA are sponsoring a Winter Coat Drive to provide students in our own school community (and their families) with winter coats, gloves, hats and other winter wear. Please bring your CLEAN coats and other winter wear items to school **BY OCTOBER 24** and leave in the collection boxes in the foyer. Items are needed for male/female and all ages. The PTA will sort and deliver the coats on October 25 for distribution the following week.

Thank you for contributing and keeping Howard County warm this winter! For more information, please contact Caroline Bodziak at cbodziak@aol.com.

School Spirit Committee

The current chair of the School Spirit Committee who organizes all the Fun Knights is graduating from

Patapsco this year. We are looking for someone interested in shadowing her and picking this great committee up next year. Contact Caroline Bodziak at cbodziak@aol.com for more information.

[PTA Membership](#)

Like us on Facebook – search Patapsco Middle School PTA.

[MUSIC BOOSTERS](#)

Come join us at our next meeting on Tuesday, November 14th at 7pm in the Media Center. (01/09, 02/13, 03/13, 04/10, 05/08)

Please mark your calendars now. There are no meetings scheduled for December or June.

Concert Closet: The PMS Music Boosters are accepting donations of gently used long-sleeved, button-down, collared white oxford dress shirts, black dress pants, black skirts, and black dress shoes for our Concert Closet. If you're having trouble finding the concert attire your child needs, please e-mail their Music Teacher so they can set up a time to browse the closet. Thanks to so many of you who have already sent in donations this school year!

Congratulations to ORCHESTRA, who are the winners of the Battle of the Box Tops! The next battle will take place in January, so save up those box tops and collect them from family, friends, and neighbors so that your ensemble can be victorious!

Chorus Ride Share

Do you have a student in Chorus and are looking for a way to help out? The Music Boosters are starting a **"Give a Ride"** program, so students whose parents are in need of transportation to and from rehearsals and concerts can access information for other parents who are willing to give rides.

Parents who sign up are able to indicate how many students they can transport, how far they are willing to drive, and for which events. We could use the help of as many parents as possible to ensure that all of our students have equal access to course requirements. Thank you for your consideration. Sign up here to help another family: <http://tinyurl.com/givearide>

We are also thrilled to roll out our new Patapsco Music Boosters [website](#). Come check us out! You can also always reach at patapscomusicboosters@gmail.com or on Facebook at facebook.com/patapscomusicboosters/

[COMMUNITY NEWS](#)

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Basket BINGO at Mt. Hebron High School

Calling all BINGO lovers! The Mt. Hebron High School Viking Backers booster club is sponsoring its annual Basket Bingo on Friday, November 17 from 7:00-10:00pm (doors open at 6:00pm) at The Lodge in Catonsville.

Tickets are \$30.00 which includes admission and 20 cards. Bring extra pocket change because there will be special games, raffles, and concessions for sale! Purchase tickets online at www.vikingbackers.org/.

This is one of the Viking Backers' primary fund raisers that helps support all of the sports teams, clubs, and student organizations at Mt. Hebron High School. This annual event is a sell-out so invite all your friends and mark your calendars!

Kennedy Krieger Institute

Behavioral Psychology

We can bring out the best in children. Evening appointments and free parking at four convenient locations. Call 443-923-7508.

Prudential Spirit of Community Award

No matter what your volunteer project, we want to hear about it [read more.](#)

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Subject: AHS Newsletter 10-20-17

Date: Friday, October 20, 2017 at 11:37:26 AM Eastern Daylight Time

From: Atholton High School

To: emilybahharhcpss@gmail.com



Atholton High School

AHS NEWSLETTER 10-20-17

Atholton Community,

Federal Impact Aid Survey forms will be distributed to students next week. HCPSS is eligible to receive funds from the federal government based on the number of completed forms received. Please complete a form for each student in your household and have them return it to their 1st period teacher or to the front office by November 17th.

This past week we hosted an event to raise awareness of bullying prevention efforts and launch a renewed focus on anti-bullying and reporting. Dr. Martirano launched a video PSA he created with Christine McComas. Cynthia Vaillancourt and Bess Altwerger were present and the presentation was very touching. Students from our Bully Free Forever club did an activity with the group and shared some heartfelt experiences. We are extremely proud of Mrs. Grady, the BFF club sponsor, and all the students that were present.

We hope you'll join us for the Field Hockey Playoffs at 5:00pm on Tuesday, October 24th at Reservoir High School. MPSAA playoff games are \$6.00 for individuals 7 years of age and older.

Regards,

JoAnn C. Hutchens

Pizza with the Principal October 25, 2017 7pm in Media Center

Come out and meet our Principal, JoAnn Hutchens and hear about her vision for Atholton HS and ask questions. Pizza and drinks will be served! To RSVP and submit your question, please use this [link](#). Questions? Email president@atholtonpts.org. We look forward to seeing you!

WINTER SPORTS

Students interested in *Winter Sports* should attend the Winter Sports meeting during Raider Time on Wed., Oct. 25th. Sign-ups will be available in the cafeteria during lunch shifts on Mon., Oct. 23rd and Tues., Oct. 24th.

Parents/guardians can complete required forms, upload physicals and proof of residency documents, and complete the eligibility process by following this link:

<http://www.hcpss.org/connect/>. Students must have all forms filled out prior to tryouts and will not be allowed to participate if forms are missing or are incomplete.

For more Winter Sports tryout information click on:

<http://ahs.hcpss.org/news/2017/10/winter-sports>

PICTURE DAY INFORMATION

November 15th - Underclass picture make-up day. Students that did not get their photo taken should report to the Wrestling Room on November 15th to get their picture taken. The photographer will be here from 7:25AM until 2:30PM.

November 16th and 17th - Senior portraits will take place in the Auditorium. Please keep an eye out for a mailer from Prestige Portraits. The mailer will include your

students date and time. If your student has already been photographed an appointment time will not be mailed. In the event you do not receive a mailer, the yearbook class will deliver appointment times to students during the week of November 6th. Please keep in mind that this is the last time Prestige Portraits will visit Atholton. If this final appointment is missed you will have to go to Lifetouch in Baltimore, or use an outside photographer to have a portrait included in the yearbook.

THE GIFTED AND TALENTED MENTOR PROGRAM is currently looking for a mentor in the mechanical engineering field. Students selected for the program study off campus as an intern in a self-selected area of interest. Students visit the mentor site for approximately four hours per week, based on a schedule that is convenient for the mentor.

If you are interested in working with a G/T research student, either as an engineering mentor for this school year, or in another capacity in the future, please email Lynette Burns at Lynette_Burns@hcpss.org. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

INTERESTED IN PERFORMING IN THE AHS SPRING MUSICAL whose title cannot be published until Nov. 1? Come to the auditorium for the Musical Audition Workshop on Wednesday, Oct. 25 at Raider Time. Find out the name of our secret show (duh duh duh, snap, snap) and get audition forms and information.

Our AHS fall play is *The Tempest*, the classic comedy-drama by William Shakespeare. You will understand and enjoy our version! A storm rages, and a king and his party are tossed into the sea. On the shore, a sorcerer and her daughter await. Magic, monsters, love, and forgiveness abound in this play. We promise stage magic and low comedy! "We are such stuff as dreams are made on..." Prepare for amazing sights and blazing poetry!

To order tickets, go to <https://search.seatyourself.biz/webstore/accounts/atholton/buy->

[tickets?d=1](#)

For more information about the shows, visit <https://www.atholtondrama.org/>

THE SPACE RAIDERS, Atholton's robotics team, invites you to visit our home base for our open house event on November 2 from 4:30-6:30 PM. Come meet the team, see a world class robot, and learn about how we operate! We will be demonstrating our robot, hosting student testimonials, displaying our competition pit, and providing refreshments. There will be activities for all ages. Please come by with your family and friends and take advantage of this amazing STEM opportunity! For more information, please visit: <https://marylandstemfestival.org/events/atholton-robotics-spaceraiders-open-house/>

We would love to see you there!

www.team2537.com

ATHOLTON'S STUDENT LEADERSHIP CADRE (SLC) is spearheading a school-wide initiative to support Oleson Elementary School, a title one school in Houston, TX, whose community was completely devastated by Hurricane Harvey.

SLC's goal is to raise \$10,000, the approximate amount the elementary school normally depends on from their major fundraiser that the students will be unable to complete this year. It is also equivalent to less than \$10 per AHS student. SLC is selling "AHS Supports Houston" shirts for \$18.00, all profits going directly to Oleson Elementary School.

In addition, SLC has set up an amazon gift registry <http://a.co/4fYkklb> to directly send requested necessities to the Oleson Elementary School community. These families have experienced life changing devastation and will be in need of relief for years.

You may purchase t shirts starting next Tuesday, October 17, 2017 during all lunch shifts or online. T shirts are for anyone and not limited to current AHS students. We will only be selling adult sizes (AS - 3XL).

Thank you in advance for your support of our fundraising efforts. We realize that we have a generous community and look forward to sharing some of that with Oleson Elementary in Houston, TX. Our first public demonstration of our shirts will be senior night, Friday, November 3, 2017, at the Varsity Football Game.

If you have any questions, please contact us at atholtonslc@gmail.com

HCPSS BSAP College & Career Opportunity Night Empowerment Through Entrepreneurship will be held on Wednesday, October 25, 2017 from 5:30 pm - 9:00 pm at Long Reach High School, 6101 Old Dobbin Lane, Columbia, MD 21045

The BSAP College and Career Opportunity Night is an annual event that exposes and provides students in grades 8 through 12 the opportunity to meet with college, including Historically Black Colleges and Universities, business and entrepreneur recruiters in a variety of career fields. As a part of the HBCU Experience, Bowie State University's Symphony of Soul Marching Band will be performing their award winning renditions. This year's keynote speaker is Mr. Omar S. Muhammad, Morgan State University's Director of Entrepreneurial Development & Assistance Center. He will address current trends and opportunities for students to explore entrepreneurship now and in the future. Following the keynote, several small group sessions will be offered to meet individual needs and interests of students and families. To assist students in specific areas in regards to graduation and post-secondary life, students are able to pre-register for a 20-minute appointment with a school counselor.

For additional information about College & Career Opportunity Night, click <http://www.hcpss.org/news-posts/2017/09/college-and-career-opportunity-night-empowerment-through-entrepreneurship-october-25/>

ARL SHADOW DAYS-NOVEMBER 2017

If your child is interesting in enrolling in a Career Academy for coursework that meets at the Applied Research Laboratory (ARL) next school year, your child may sign up to participate in an ARL Shadow Day. Permission forms may be picked up in Student Services. They are due back to Mrs. Beneski by October 27, 2017. More information about HCPSS and the Career Academy programs may be found on pages 25-56 of the course catalog. <http://www.hcpss.org/f/academics/hs-catalog-2017-18.pdf>

***November 7, 2017 during Periods 1-2 (current 10th graders only)**

Construction Management

Biotechnology

Computer Essentials-Cybersecurity

Homeland Security and Emergency Management

Animation and Interactive Media

***November 7, 2017 during Periods 5-6 (current 10th graders only)**

Health Professionals

Hotel and Restaurant Management

***November 8, 2017 during Periods 1-2 (current 10th graders only)**

Computer Networking-Cybersecurity

Architectural Design

Academy of Finance

Automotive Technology

System and Project Engineering

Graphic Design

***November 9, 2017 during Periods 1-2 (current 9th graders only)**

Early College Program in Cybersecurity

Aerospace Engineering-PLTW

ATHOLTON ATHLETICS - Week in Advance - October 23rd-28th

As the fall season begins to come to an end, please support the Raiders on and off the fields and courts. Below are next week's games. MPSSAA playoff games will be \$6 for all individuals 7 years of age and older.

Date	Sport	Time	Opponent	Location
Tuesday, October 24th	Volleyball	Varsity: 5pm	Centennial	Away
	Field Hockey Playoffs	5pm	Reservoir HS	Away Cost \$6
Wednesday, October 25th	Cross Country	3:30pm	HC Championships	Away
Thursday. October 26 th	Volleyball	Varsity: 5pm	Centennial	Away

Friday, October 27th	*Football	JV: 4:30pm 7pm	Centennial	Home

* indicates a charge for admission to the event \$3 for students and \$4 for adults.

For a complete look at the fall sports schedule, please visit the Atholton HS County Sports Zone page. Click here to access page [AHS ATHLETICS CSZ](#)

Join the PTSA!

The After Prom Party keeps our children safe and entertained on a night that can be dangerous to them. Staff Appreciation shows our teachers that we value them and the job that they do. SAT/ACT Test Prep and Driver's Education are educational areas that are outside the main curriculum, but are invaluable to our children. The Snack Shop, Scholarships and club/activity funding are integral to the richness of the AHS community.

Do you agree? Then please JOIN THE PTSA! Our numbers are down this year, and Membership dues and donations are our primary sources of funds. The first adult household member is \$20 and each additional household member is \$10. Students join for \$5! To join online go to the PTSA Website: Use PayPal or credit card at www.atholtonptsa.org/join.

Questions? Email membership@atholtonptsa.org. Thank you in advance for your membership!

PTSA NEEDS COMMITTEE CHAIRS & VOLUNTEERS!

AHS PTSA is run by volunteers who contribute their time and talents to support the AHS community. Parent involvement is integral to the PTSA's success.

CHAIR A COMMITTEE - Current Vacancies include: PTA Council Representative, Diversity and Inclusion, and Reflections. You can find descriptions of each position on the PTSA website (atholtonptsa.org/programs.) If you are interested in one of the current vacancies, please email president@atholtonptsa.org.

VOLUNTEER - There are many opportunities - you can volunteer one hour for Snack Shop or sell Prom Tickets. If you want to sign up for to volunteer go online to (atholtonptsa.org/volunteer) Questions? Email volunteer@atholtonptsa.org

Thank you in advance for your support of the AHS PTSA!

GET READY FOR THE NOVEMBER SAT & ACT!

THE ANSWER SAT/ACT TEST PREP at ATHOLTON HS!

The Answer Class helps students gain confidence in their test-taking abilities and teaches tips and strategies on timing, guessing, and scoring. Students get the prep that they need without wasting time or money – and the school benefits, too: 20% of all tuition collected is donated to AHS PTSA!

To date, more than 5,000 students have taken The Answer Class and \$110,000+ has been donated to our partner high schools! As well, over 97% of students who have taken The Answer Class say they would recommend it to a friend!

SAT Prep Class Fall 2017 (Choose from one of the following)

M/T Nov. 13 & 14 from 5:30 pm – 9:30 pm

ACT Prep Class Fall 2017

M/W Oct. 9 & 11 from 5:30 pm – 9:30 pm

REGULAR TUITION: ONLY \$159/class* OR \$249 for SAT/ACT Class Package.

*Register at least one week ahead of your course and save \$10! REGISTER TODAY:

WWW.THEANSWERCLASS.COM.

THE PTSA SPONSORED SNACK SHOP NEEDS VOLUNTEERS FOR THE 2017-18 SCHOOL YEAR!

We are open every day from 2:10-3:10. Just one hour of your time! You can choose how often you'd like to volunteer. Working in the Snack Shop is a really fun volunteer opportunity & you get to make the students smile. If you are a new volunteer, we will pair you up with one of our experienced volunteers.

Please sign up here: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d4fa8ae2daafe3-ahssnack> or email me directly at SnackShop@atholtonpts.org. Invite your friends to join you or come in & meet some new friends! I'm looking forward to a great school year at the Snack Shop! Let me know if you have any questions for me.

Ilene Fishkind, AHS Snack Shop Volunteer Coordinator SnackShop@atholtonpts.org
OR AHSSnackShop@gmail.com

GREG'S DRIVING SCHOOL

New classes are forming! The following are classes this fall/winter:

November 27 – December 8, 2017 (M - F) 2:45 – 6pm

December 11 – December 22, 2017 (M - F) 2:45 – 6pm

The cost is \$375 and a portion is donated back to the PTSA. You have 30 hours of classroom time and then 6 hours of driving with an instructor. For more information

or to register, please contact Greg's Driving
School: <http://www.GregsDrivingSchool.net> or [301-882-8000](tel:301-882-8000).

FOR BOOSTERS' ORGANIZATIONS NEWS:

Athletic Boosters- <http://atholtonboosters.org/athletics/>

Drama Boosters - <https://www.atholtondrama.org/>

JROTC Boosters - <https://sites.google.com/site/ahsajrotcboosters/>

Music Boosters - www.atholtonmusic.org/

Technology Boosters - <https://team2537.com/>

PLEASE VISIT THE COMMUNITY NEWS AND PROGRAMS PAGE

(<http://www.hcpss.org/community-news-and-programs/>) on the HCPSS website for announcements of upcoming events and programs sponsored by non-profit organizations.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

October 24-Last day for students to withdraw from courses.

October 25-Pizza with the Principal @ 7pm in the Media Center.

November 8-Program SAT vs ACT 'The Answer' @ 7pm in the Media Center.

November 2-Robotics Team Open House Event 4:30-6:30pm

November 10-End of marking period. Schools close 3 hours early.

November 11-SAT Practice Test 9am in the cafeteria.

November 14-PTSA Executive Board Meeting @ 7pm in the cafeteria.

November 15-Picture make-up day for grades 9-11

November 16 & 17-Senior Portraits in auditorium

November 20 & 21-Parent/Teacher conferences. Schools close 3 hours early.

November 22-Parent/Teacher conferences. Schools closed for students.

November 23 & 24-Schools and offices closed.

December 25 through January 1-Schools closed for students.

May 12, 2018-Prom

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From: Dayton Oaks Elementary School

To: emilybahharhcpss@gmail.com



Dayton Oaks Elementary School

WAVE - 10/19/17

Important Dates:

Friday, November 10 - Schools Close 3 Hours Early; End of Marking Period

November 13 – 17 - American Education Week

Friday, November 17 - Report Cards Issued

November 20 – 21 - Schools Close 3 Hours Early; Parent/Teacher Conferences

November 22 – 24 - Schools Closed; Thanksgiving Holiday

It's been a great week at Dayton Oaks and there is more excitement to come! [Read more](#)

MUSIC NOTES

Our Dayton Oaks' 4th and 5th Grade Chorus will be performing at Glenelg High School on October 27th at 7:00 p.m. [Read more](#)

COUNSELOR'S CORNER

Students and staff continue to show kindness to others daily during the month of October as we celebrate Bully Prevention month. [Read more](#)

FROM THE HEALTH ROOM

We would like to extend our thanks to all of the parents who volunteered with last week's Flu Shot Clinic. Your assistance was greatly appreciated!

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From: Worthington Elementary School

To: emilybahharhcpss@gmail.com



Worthington Elementary School

Worthington Wildcat Press

October 19, 2017

Dear Worthington Families,

We have enjoyed another amazing week at Worthington! Thank you to everyone for your patience and flexibility in our bus/car loop during dismissal on Wednesday and arrival today. This morning our bus riders participated in a mandatory bus evacuation drill and at the same time as we were working to keep our walkers safe from the bee situation near our sidewalk. It was a busy arrival this morning. We truly appreciate your support with helping us ensure the safety of our students during arrival and dismissal!

This is a reminder schools are **CLOSED** for students tomorrow, October 20th. We hope you all have a wonderful weekend!

October

- 20 - Schools Closed for Students - Professional Work Day
- 23 – No Bullying Blue Pinky Promise Day
- 24 - PTA Spirit/Restaurant Night @ Chick-fil-A, 5:00 - 9:00 pm
- 25 - 1, 2, 3, Magic Parent Presentation, 6:30 pm
- 27 - Million Misfit Sock March – Wear your misfit socks!
- 31 - Halloween Parade, 10:00 am (more information will be available soon)

November

- 2 - 5th Grade Field Trip - Mount Vernon
- 9 - Turkey Trot (more information will be available soon)
- 10 - End of Marking Period - Early Dismissal @ 12:55 pm
- 15 - PTA Meeting, 7:00 pm
- 17 - Report Cards Issued
- 20 - Parent/Teacher Conferences - Early Dismissal @ 12:55 pm
- 21 - Parent/Teacher Conferences - Early Dismissal @ 12:55 pm
- 22 - Parent/Teacher Conferences - Schools Closed for Students
- 23 & 24 - Thanksgiving Holiday - Schools Closed for Students & Staff

SCHOOL CLOSED TOMORROW: School is closed for students on Friday, October 20th due to a Professional Day for teachers.

VOLUNTEERING – PLEASE COMPLETE IF YOU PLAN TO CHAPERONE OR VOLUNTEER!

We know your time is valuable and volunteering to chaperone, is MUCH appreciated! We have many field trips scheduled for the year! Please note that in order to be a Chaperone, you must have viewed the Confidentiality Training, which is online. If you have not sent in your form, you cannot be chosen to accompany **students on a field trip**. Please go to: <http://www.hcpss.org/parents/volunteerinformation>. Your attention to this matter is most appreciated.

HALLOWEEN DAY:

Our Halloween Parade and Parties will be held Tuesday, October 31st. Both exciting events will be in the morning. Our parade will begin at 10:00 AM on the blacktop followed by the classroom parties from 10:30-11:15 AM. All are invited to the annual Halloween Parade. Come hear music and admire the many costumes that some of the students and staff members may wear. Students are allowed to wear their costumes to school. Please no masks that will obstruct your child's vision, no costumes with weapons, blood or frightening images are permitted at school. Please make sure that if your child has PE on Tuesday, October 31st, to please send in sneakers!!! Also, when visiting school this day, please be mindful where you PARK your car. Visitors coming to see the parade, will sign in at the front entrance of the school, obtain a visitor's sticker and report to the blacktop.

If you do not want your child to participate in the Halloween parade/activities, please contact Iris either by calling the front office (410.313.2825), sending in a note or emailing her at iris_feinberg@hcpss.org. She will forward the names of students to Mrs. Southern, who will have an alternative program during this time. We will follow a modified lunch and Related Arts schedule on the 31st. Therefore, lunch times will be slightly different than our normal lunch schedule for each grade level on the 31st.

RECESS DAILY: Students go out for recess every day. Now that the Fall weather is upon us, please have your child bring a sweater or light jacket to school to be prepared for chilly days. Thank you.

FAMILY FILE: We are currently at 97% completion! **THIS IS FANTASTIC! A BIG THANK YOU Iris Feinberg** for working with individual families to complete the Family File! We need to know this information in case there is an emergency at school. (Early closing, loss of electricity, calling a parent for a positive phone call)

INDIVIDUAL PICTURES/RETAKES

November 16th is Retake Picture Day. If your child was absent the day pictures were taken, your child will have his/her picture taken by Strawbridge on the 16th. If you are not happy with the photo package you received this week, please send the envelope

into school on November 16th and new pictures will be taken. Pictures will be taken for the Yearbook that comes out in June.

MUSIC RECORDERS FOR GRADES 3, 4 & 5

Students in grades 3-5 will be playing soprano recorder in general music class. If your child has a recorder at home, please send it to school labeled with your child's name. Mrs. Bowling and Mrs. Ford are distributing recorder information letters to students in general music. If you would like to purchase a recorder, online orders are being taken through October 25, 2017 and the cost is \$4.00. To order, please visit the Worthington website at <http://wes.hcpss.org/> under SCHOOL RESOURCES>online payments. If you would like to borrow a school owned recorder for your child for the school year, please complete and return the tear off at the bottom of the recorder information letter to your child's general music teacher.

We will begin recorder playing with the students once the order arrives in early November.

Thank you from Mrs. Bowling and Mrs. Ford

BULLYING AWARENESS AND PREVENTION MONTH – MONDAY, OCTOBER 23rd

October is National Bullying Awareness and Prevention Month. Worthington students will be taking the No Bullying Blue Pinky Promise during their lunch/recess shifts on Monday, October 23! We are looking for 6-9 parents to take a 1-hour shift to help make the pinkies blue! Shifts are 1 hour each: 10:45a-11:45a, 11:45a-12:45p, 12:45p-1:45p. If you are interested and available, please sign up using the following link:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d45a8a629a2f94-blue>

On Friday, October 27, our school is going to participate in the annual anti-bullying / youth empowerment movement known as the Million Misfit Sock March! Students are asked to wear misfit socks for the purpose of celebrating what makes you different and taking a stand against bullying. Many kids hide their differences for fear of being teased or bullied. Taking a stand as a school community sends a strong message that being unique and standing out from the crowd matters! The goal of the movement is to get a million people to participate. Let's stand up, be counted, and show that we are MISFIT STRONG!

PTA NEWS

SPIRIT WEAR ORDER FORMS ARE DUE TODAY!! This year's collection includes a

new 2 color logo and some fun new items like the color blocked hoodie and a rhinestone paw print tee. Some sizes of each item being offered are available for viewing in the media center. Please stop by if you have any size concerns. Worthington Elementary cannot be held responsible for exchanging wrong sizes so please look over the order form carefully. Extra order forms are in the front office and are available on our website (visit www.worthingtonpta.com/sign-up) **ORDERS ARE DUE TODAY, October 19th.** There will be no orders taken after this date so get your order in ASAP! Any questions - please email Shannon Pakulla at shannon@brianpakulla.com. **WORTHINGTON APPRECIATES YOUR SUPPORT TO PROMOTE SCHOOL SPIRIT!**

SPIRIT NIGHT AT CHICK-FIL-A - TUESDAY, OCTOBER 24 (5-9pm)

Please join us for a spirit night to benefit Worthington Elementary School at Chick-Fil-A at Executive Park Drive & Route 100 (4905 Executive Park Drive).

- Present your flyer to the cashier and WOES will receive 20% of all food sales generated by WOES family and friends.
- **Purchase a 2018 calendar and the school receives 50% of that sale** (if calendars have arrived).
- **NO FLYERS WILL BE DISTRIBUTED DURING THE EVENT.**

COAT/MITTEN DRIVE

Coat/mitten Drive! Clean out those closets and donate coats to keep Howard County families warm this winter. Please place clean coats/mittens size infant to adult in the box by the main office by October 24. Thank you for your support! Questions? kristinduda1@hotmail.com

STAFF APPRECIATION COMMITTEE

Our next meal will be in November for conference dinner. Another signup genius will circulate at that time for items we will need for that dinner. Your food donations are what make these meals a success! If you are interested in receiving the signup genius please email Rachael Farkas at Farkas.rachael@gmail.com to be added.

PTA MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Be your student's hero. . . Join the PTA and donate today!

The Worthington PTA organizes cultural arts events, class celebrations, and social events for all Worthington students. Your donation funds these events, and gives you a voice in monthly meetings with the Worthington administration. Join and make your donation today at www.worthingtonpta.com.

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

Worthington Elementary is a participant in the Box Tops for Education program, www.boxtops4education.com. Sometimes you find Box Tops in the most unexpected places. Parents - at work you can find them on packages of Avery products. Please visit the website for information on the 100's of eligible products. Grandparents and extended family members can have fun getting involved as well. Ask them to help out your kids by cutting them out and giving them to your child at Thanksgiving, or the next time you see them.

We will have multiple collection dates throughout the school year. Please be on the lookout and send in the Box Tops with your child. Your PTA Box Top

Coordinator, Erika Holderness, will package them up and send them along to earn money for WOES.

This year's goal is \$1,000. Please help us attain this goal!

YEARBOOK

We are excited to begin work on this year's yearbook. We don't want to miss a thing and your pictures help! If you have taken a great school-related shot, please email it to woesyearbookpix@gmail.com. Please be mindful that there are students who are on the do not photograph list. Yearbook sales will start in December and run until April. They will be delivered in June. More information to come. Please contact Laura Diaz at thumbsupfamily@gmail.com with any questions. Happy Snapping!

FACEBOOK

Be in the know! Join our WoES PTA Facebook page to stay up on all of our latest activities and events. LIKE us at <https://www.facebook.com/WOESPTA>

UPCOMING PTA DATES

October 24: Restaurant/Spirit Night, Chick-fil-A, 5:00– 9:00 pm

November 17: Family Lego Night, 7:00 pm

December 2: Secret Shoppe, 10am to 1pm

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Ellicott City, MD 21043

**Phone**

410-313-2825

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New Eighth Grade Service Learning Project Fosters Diversity and Inclusion Goals

Students will take part in a [new project](#) to expand awareness and appreciation of under recognized participants in our nation's history,

and emphasize the importance of representation in a republic or democracy.



Interim Superintendent to Host Bullying Prevention Event

At this October 19 [event](#), Dr. Martirano will introduce a new video featuring Christine McComas that publicly reinforces a commitment from HCPSS to work alongside McComas to rid schools and communities of destructive bullying behavior.



Staff Focus: Kevin Gilbert

HCPSS Director of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Kevin Gilbert works to build relationships with communities and educators, and help meet the physical, social and academic needs of our students. [Learn more](#)

about Kevin in the latest [Staff Focus](#).



Bus Safety Week

It's National School Bus Safety Week. HCPSS has great info on its [transportation page](#), including on safety tips, bus stop FAQs and more.

Upcoming Events

Community Advisory Council Meeting

Wednesday, October 18, 7 p.m., [Department of Education](#)

HCPSS Director of Elementary Curricular Programs, Pre-K–12 Caroline Walker, Elementary Mathematics Coordinator and [Policy 8010](#) co-chair John SanGiovanni, and Instructional Facilitator for School Counseling and [Policy 8020](#) co-chair Kami Wagner will participate on a [panel to discuss](#) the school system's homework policy. CAC meetings are open to the public.

Not My Child ... Yes, Your Child

Thursday, October 19, 7 p.m., [Marriotts Ridge High School](#)

All high school and middle school parents are [invited to hear](#) from local experts about drugs used and abused in Howard County, what

we need to know and do about the rise in overdose deaths, how parents and the community can help and more. Presented by HC DrugFree, in partnership with the Marriotts Ridge High School PTSA and Mount View Middle School PTA.

Planned Synergy Outage

Thursday, October 19, 10 p.m.–Friday, October 20, 3 a.m.

The Information Technology Department has scheduled a Synergy outage, during which access to Synergy will be unavailable. If you experience any system issues after this change, please contact the Technology Help Desk at 410-313-7004 or helpdesk@hcpss.org.

Howard County's 19th Annual 50+ Expo

Friday, October 20, 9 a.m.–4 p.m., [Wilde Lake High School](#)

The [event](#) features vendors and exhibitors of interest to older adults as well as families and caregivers. Visit the HCPSS booth in Hall A in the large gymnasium.

Teen Health Summit

Friday, October 20, 9 a.m.–2 p.m., [Howard Community College](#) Health Sciences Building

High school students are invited to [participate](#) in this free event with breakout sessions covering topics on life decisions, substance use, healthy social media use, stress management and more.

BSAP College and Career Opportunity Night: Empowerment Through Entrepreneurship

Wednesday, October 25, 5:30–9 p.m., [Long Reach High School](#)

The Black Student Achievement Program hosts this [event](#) for Grades 8–12 students and their families. The program will feature a keynote speaker, school counselor sessions and focused information sessions.

Open Enrollment for Qualified Health Plans

| Wednesday, November 1–Friday, December 15

HCPSS families needing health insurance [may apply](#) for a private (qualified) health plan or Medicaid coverage

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Essay Contest

| Deadline for submissions: Friday, November 17

Howard County middle and high school students are invited to participate in the annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Student Essay Contest. This year's essay question is: "How do you translate Dr. King's vision in today's times?" Visit the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Commission's [website](#) for complete essay contest rules.

Read more HCPSS News [online](#) and follow us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and our [Mobile App](#)!

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Swansfield Bully Awareness Activity This Thursday

Students Should Wear a Positive Message

This week for our Bully Awareness Activity, please have students wear a positive message to school on Thursday, October 19. Please do not go out and purchase a shirt with a kind message. Students can use a post-it note to write a positive message and tape it to their shirts. Another idea...wear your favorite team shirt. Support of a team is a great positive message! Have some fun and promote positive messages this week! **Looking forward to seeing positive messages on Thursday!**

Thank you, Mrs. Richter

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Swansfield Announcements 10/13/17

Upcoming Events:

Monday October 16: FitnessThon Pep Rally

Tuesday October 17: Pre-K AM Field Trip, Clark's Elioak Farm

Wednesday October 18: Fall Picture Day

Friday October 20: No School for Students

Wednesday October 25: 5th Grade Field Trip, Benjamin Banneker Museum

Wednesday October 25: Pre-K PM Field Trip, Clark's Elioak Farm

Wednesday October 25: SES CommUnity Meeting/PTA Meeting, 7:00 pm

Friday October 27: FitnessThon

Saturday October 28: PTA Fall Festival

Tuesday October 31: Halloween Parade

Friday November 3: 1st Grade Field Trip, Robinson Nature Center

First Quarter Interim Reports Went Home Thursday, October 12...Please Sign and Return Report Card Envelopes

Your student should have brought home yesterday their first quarter progress/interim report in a large envelope that will be used the entire school year for all progress reports and report cards. Parents/ Guardians, please be sure to sign the envelope and return it Monday to your child's teacher. Thank you.

FitnessThon Fundraiser Kicks Off With Pep Rally Monday, October 16; Concludes with FitnessThon Program Friday, October 27.

Pep rallies this coming Monday will kick off our school's FitnessThon Fundraiser, which culminates Friday, October 27 with a day of fitness for all students at school.

Parents/guardians are invited to join in the fun. Please allow time to sign in at front office before heading to the gym for the pep rally.

- Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd grades will have their pep rally from 9:00 - 9:30 am.
- Grades 3, 4 and 5 will have their pep rally from 2:00 - 2:30 pm.

Please check your student's Monday folder next week for the FitnessThon Fundraiser envelope and specific instructions for fundraising, including the following:

- This is a cash and check fundraiser only. Unfortunately, we don't have the ability to accept credit card payments.
- Donations should be collected at the time of sponsorship.
- Students should fundraise to people they know and always in the company of a parent or trusted adult.
- Every child who gets at least one donation of any amount will get a FitnessThon charm.
- Every child who raises \$25 or more will earn a Swansfield FitnessThon t-shirt.
- The top three earners will win rewards from our Swansfield administrative team, such as an afternoon of basketball with Mr. Carter, an ice cream party with Ms. Beaman, or a pizza party with Mrs. Porter.
- The grade that earns the most will win a popsicle party.

Please help us by reaching out to family, friends and neighbors as sponsors. All money raised will help support programs such as cultural arts assemblies, school dances and much, much more. We also need volunteers to help run fitness activities the day of the FitnessThon. Please visit the Swansfield PTA website at <http://swansfieldpta.org> and press the link to our FitnessThon Volunteer SignUp. Thank you in advance for all your support!

Students Should Wear Their CLASS COLOR on Monday for FitnessThon Pep Rally

- Kindergarten should wear ORANGE
- 1st Grade should wear PURPLE
- 2nd Grade should wear YELLOW
- 3rd Grade should wear BLUE
- 4th Grade should wear GREEN
- 5th Grade should wear RED

Smile...School Pictures Scheduled for Wednesday, October 18

Our fall pictures are scheduled for next Wednesday, October 18. The paper order forms were sent home recently. Please send in your completed order form and payment with

your child before next Wednesday. **School staff will not be able to make change for any payments, so please send in exact payment due.** Thank you for your help with this.

Swansfield P.R.I.D.E. Mentoring Program Open to 4th, 5th Grade Students; Permission Forms Due October 19

Fliers were recently sent home explaining this program that helps develop positive character and promote success in and out of school. Please see the attached for more information. **Interest forms are due by Thursday, October 19!**

[Swansfield Pride Program.pdf](#)

Update Your Family File Information

HCPSS uses Family File for parents/guardians to complete emergency information. Parents/guardians must verify and/or update information for each child, and can do so by logging in to [HCPSS Connect](#) and selecting the Family File tab and then clicking on Family File.

Resources on how to access Family File may be found [online](#). Parents who have forgotten their login credentials may click the "Forgot Password" link on the sign in page. If you need additional assistance, please fill out this [Connect Help Form](#)

Safe School Zones Resolution

At their September 8 meeting, the Board of Education approved a resolution to support and protect the rights of all Howard County Public School System students, regardless of immigration or citizenship status. You can review the resolution by clicking the link below:

[Resolution.pdf](#)

HCPSS Bullying Policy

Swansfield Elementary School and the HCPSS Board of Education are committed to providing a safe and nurturing school environment that values diversity and commonality. Acts of bullying, cyberbullying, harassment or intimidation are prohibited because these actions compromise the learning environment and well-being of students, staff and community members. The HCPSS Bullying, Harrassment and Intimidation Form can be downloaded [HERE](#) or a paper copy is available at the school.

Reports can also be submitted online at [Sprigeo.com](#) where the report will automatically be forwarded to an administrator. To learn about the HCPSS policy on bullying (policy 1060) and the efforts we make to provide each student with a positive learning environment, please visit our [HCPSS School Culture & Climate](#) webpage.

Counselor's Corner....A Message from Mrs. Richter

October is Bully Awareness Month and Swansfield students are helping spread awareness. Last Friday we wore blue to signify we will STOMP out bullying and be kind to others. Today we wore orange as a color of UNITY. This past week I began my guidance lessons in 2nd grade. We read a story and did an activity about how bullying can wrinkle someone's heart. I will be teaching lessons about bullying in all grades in the coming weeks. Please remember that our children model our behaviors. Please help us promote a positive and caring community that is kind and bully free!

This year we continue our partnership with the Howard County Police Department. Officers come to school and support our students in a variety of ways. This is a wonderful opportunity to have a positive interaction with the police officers of our community.

If you have any questions about any of these programs or additional information about my role at school, please contact me at alesia_richter@hcpss.org

Thank You to Our Swansfield Families

Our Hispanic families hosted a luncheon for staff last week sharing many of their wonderful dishes and warm hospitality. We appreciate the good food and opportunity to learn more about the Hispanic culture.

Congratulations Spotlight Winners

We congratulate our Spotlight Winners for the past two weeks. These students have demonstrated they follow our school rules and are Safe, Respectful and Responsible.

- PreK: Omari K, Daneily SA
- Kindergarten: Ava S, Dayana A, Charles M, Sophia S, Ry'Lee F, Michael H, Chloe G, Anthony E
- 1st Grade: Kaylie T, Jordan A, Khyion B, Faith R, Jayvion J
- 2nd Grade: Gabbi M, Dennis W, Moises H, Kevin F, Aniah J, Gabby R, Emma A, Ariana T
- 3rd Grade: Scarlett S, Davney S, David B, Leah H, Landon L, Karis B
- 4th Grade: Z'ion B, De'asia C, Lucy M, Kayden A, Jamica C, Isadore S, Anthony G
- 5th Grade: Steven B, Terrell C, Jaliyah P, Sarah K, Emily K, Sophie C, Caleb B

Field Trip Payments and Permission Slips Cannot Be Accepted Past Due Dates

Parents, as school field trips begin to be scheduled, please note that all permission slips have a due date for payment and the signed permission form to be returned. It is

important that you comply with this date. We will not be able to accept any payments or permission slips past the due date. If you have any questions regarding this, please call the school office.

Volunteers/Chaperones Must Complete Training

All volunteers and field trip chaperones in HCPSS schools must complete the online training course prior to volunteering (see link below), print a completion certificate and return it to the front office. If you are unable to access online a printed version is available at school.

<http://ses.hcpss.org/support>

Connect With Our PTA

Learn more about upcoming PTA activities, how you can get involved, and even join the PTA if you haven't done so already. Visit <http://swansfieldpta.org/>

Click here <http://swansfieldpta.org/committees-newsletters/newsletters/> to read the latest PTA newsletter.

Community News and Programs

Please visit the Community News and Programs page at <http://www.hcpss.org/community-news-and-programs/> for announcements of upcoming events and programs sponsored by non-profit organizations.

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Gator News

**Telephone (410) 880-5900 Fax (410)
880-5902**

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Dear Gorman Crossing Families and Friends,

We hope that you had a chance to review your child's Interim Report yesterday. We are very proud of all of our students and what hard workers they are!

To congratulate our students, this month we will have our first school wide PBIS Celebration. At this time, all of our students will have an opportunity to celebrate how hard they have worked throughout the quarter. The students have been working with

Mr. Hoffman, our Technology teacher, to plan for the events. These include a dance party, technology time, additional recess, and arts and crafts!

These student celebrations will take place on Tuesday, October 31st.

Grades 3/4/5 from 9:30 - 10:30

Grades RECC/K/1/2 from 2:30 – 3:30

Our 5th grade Gorman Gurus have also planned Spirit Week(s)! The purpose? To build community and have fun! It's time to start planning your outfits!

10/23 – Color Day* – wear as many different colors as you can! Let's brighten the school!

10/24 – Maryland Day – wear anything that is related to Maryland!

10/25 – Wacky Wednesday* & CRAZY Hair Day

10/26 – Nick Name Day – Create an appropriate nickname for yourself for the day!

10/27 – PJ Day* AND bring a Stuffed Animal Day (stuffed animal should be able to fit in bookbag)

10/30 – Mismatch Monday* – Strips, Polka Dots, Paisley, Tie-Die, Put it all together!

10/31 – Character Day* OR SUPER HERO T-shirt Day You Choose!**

11/1 – Professional Day* - Dress to Impress for the job you one day WANT to have!

11/2 - Throw Back Thursday* - Dress for a Decade of the Past!

11/3 – School Spirit & Hat Day – Deck yourself out in Gorman Gear or School Colors: Green & Blue and wear a fun hat too!

****Be sure to wear or bring sneakers if it is a PE Day!***

*****NO WEAPONS of any kind!***

We can't wait to see how creative you can be!

Sincerely,

**Deborah M. Holmes,
Principal**

Gillian Spivey, Assistant Principal

deborah_holmes@hcpss.org

gillian_spivey@hcpss.org

UPCOMING EVENTS

October 18th – Gator Fun Run – 9:45am – PreK (AM classes) & Kindergarten

11:00am – Grades 3, 4 & 5

2:00pm – PreK (PM classes) & Grades 1 &

October 20th – Schools closed for Students – Professional Work Day

October 27th – Sock Hop – sponsored by PTA (see info below)

From Our PPW

[AKA Coat Day and Homeless Fair 2017.pdf](#)

News From The Health Room:

Student Health Forms:

The Health Room is reviewing student Health files. Please look out for Health forms coming home for your child. Please complete them and return to school. **All students most have up to date immunizations, completed physical exam by Doctor, Lead form, Health Survey, and Dental Form.** If your child has a health condition, there are health condition history forms coming home and some medication orders. If you have not already, please bring your child's medications along with the medication order form completed by Doctor to school, if you would like to have medications available for your child at school. This is very important for children with asthma and serious life threatening food allergies.

Extra Set of Clothing:

Please pack an extra setting of clothing for your child to have here at school. Children sometimes have bathroom accidents, fall in the mud/puddles outside at recess, vomiting when sick and/or spill food at lunch time. It is always nice to have a clean set to change into when needed. This also saves parents trips to school to bring clean clothing.

Happy Healthy Fall Season!

Feel free to contact the Health Room at 410-880-5905 for any health related questions or concerns.

NEWS FROM MR. GALLENA

National Alliance on Mental Illness - October Support Groups:

The following support groups are scheduled to take place this month:

Transition Age Youth Support Group

for parents and caregivers of youths ages 16-26 years old with mental health concerns

Thursday, October 19th

7:30pm-9:00pm

First Presbyterian Church-check TV/board for room location

First Presbyterian Church-Check TV/Board for room location

9325 Presbyterian Circle

Columbia, MD 21045

Family Support Group (FSG)

***for family members and friends who care about an adult with
a mental illness***

Friday, October 20th

Celebration Church-back door (look for NAMI signs)

6080 Foreland Garth

Columbia, MD 21045

Parent Support Group (PSG)

***for parents and caregivers of children & teens with mental
health concerns***

Wednesday, October 25th

7:30pm-9:00pm

First Presbyterian Church-Room 252

9325 Presbyterian Circle

Columbia, MD 21045

FROM THE MEDIA CENTER

The Battle of the Book competition is here! This county event is for 5th graders. Teams read 13 pre-determined books and compete in April. For more information, visit hclibrary.org

FROM PE DEPARTMENT

3rd, 4th and 5th grade parents, we need you!
Jogging Club is beginning during recess time for the above grades. Students do not need to do anything to sign up, but we do need parent volunteers on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 11:45-1:35 in order for the program to run successfully. Please follow the link below to sign up for volunteer times and learn more about the program.

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040f45ad2ca13-jogging>

We cannot thank you enough for supporting this program for the students!

Kimberly_kennedy@hcpss.org

Thank you so much!

NEWS FROM THE PTA

PTA membership sign-up: \$10 for single membership, \$20 for family membership \$5 for staff member/sponsor a staff member or teacher!

Please join at <http://www.gcespta.com> or use this form [PTA Membership Form 2017-2018.docx](#) and send in to your child's homeroom teacher.

Annual Sock Hop and Fall Festival, Friday, October 27th - Volunteers Needed.

Please click on the button below to view the online sign up sheet.

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090e4baca82da57-annual>

Gordy Gator Fun Run

We need your support! We are seeking volunteers for the Gator Fun Run on **Wednesday, Oct 18th**. To Volunteer, please sign -up at the below link, thank you for your support! We are seeking Parent Volunteers to run the water table and to be lap markers. There will be three separate runs this year, by grade. Please see the link below for more information and to sign-up. We are looking forward to an exciting event!

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090e4baca82da57-gator1>

HC DrugFree

Is looking for members of **our** PTSA/PTA and school to show your school spirit to help keep our youth safe and drug-free. We want all the people driving through our **"Medications and Sharps Take Back Day"** to identify the participating schools, so wear your school colors and bring your banners to this event! Join us and show your support for proper disposal of medications and sharps (needles, syringes, EpiPens) on **Saturday, October 28, 2017 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the Wilde Lake Village Center parking lot.**

Due to the increasing fatal and nonfatal overdoses in Howard County, the increase in emotional and financial devastation to families, and the resulting effects on our community, it is imperative that we reduce the amount of unwanted or expired medications available for misuse by your student or any adults visiting your home. Our event will also keep medications out of the water supply and

sharps out of the landfills. For a deeper understanding of the importance of this event, please view HC DrugFree's video at: <http://vimeo.com/231604408>

This semi-annual event offers a great opportunity to assist and show your support for a drug-free community.

Music Note: Congratulations to the following students who will be representing our school in the Howard County Lyric Chorus: Myah Munoz, Jada Oliver, and Kinza Saduzai. These students will be performing in three concerts over the course of the school year with students from all HCPSS elementary schools.

Congratulations to the following students who will be representing our school in the Howard County Cantus Chorus: Molly Humphreys and Jeremiah Kargbo. These students will be performing in two concerts over the course of the school year with students from all HCPSS elementary schools.

BRAVO!!

This Week In Classroom Guidance with Mrs. Tasch:

K – We read portions from the story, “We Share Everything,” by Robert Munsch. Students then brainstormed and role played (acted out) ways to share items by either: splitting an item in half; taking turns and identifying how to handle situations when one person is not finished using an item; trading and always remember to trade back when finished; and playing together.

5th – We reviewed the school-wide conflict resolution program Kelso's Choices. Students recalled the program breaks a problem into two types of problems: small and BIG. A BIG problem involves some sort of physical hurt, harm, or a stranger and requires the nearest trusted adult's help to solve. A small problem is any problem that does not involved physical hurt, harm, or strangers. In these situations, students can utilize 2 of 8 ways to deal with the problem from Kelso's Wheel of Solutions. If a small problem persists beyond a student's use of 2 different choices from the solutions wheel, children should go to a trusted adult for more help with the problem.

Additionally, the month of October is Bullying Prevention Month. Students in 5th grade also began a lesson using the story, “Trouble Talk” by Judy Ludwig to identify the types of bullying and how to handle social/verbal/emotional bullying.

This lesson will continue during the November/December guidance lesson.
NOTE: students also discussed that physical bullying requires an adult's attention

right away!

5th Grade Mix It Up Day

Did you know National Mix It Up Day is October 31st? This year Gorman Crossing's 5th grade will be participating in Mix It Up Day. On this day, 5th grade students will be mixed up and seated in Gorman's Grand Dining Room (ah-hem...the cafeteria, but let me tell you, it's gonna look FABULOUS!!!!). This will give students an opportunity to interact with others in their grade as we continue to build community at GCES. Students will have discussion topics to talk about with their "new" tablemates as they eat. Discussions will take place in what resembles the community circles being utilized in classrooms, except on a smaller scale of approximately 6 students in a group. Topics have been organized by Gorman Gurus and will range between: What's your name? to What's your favorite _____? to One thing I want others to know about me is _____. Students will be given an opportunity to give feedback about what they liked and what they suggest for the next Mix It Up Day. Feel free to visit: <http://mixitup.org/> for more information.

Any questions or concerns regarding Mix It Up Day can be directed to school counselor, Katie Tasch at Katie_Tasch@hcpss.org.

[Free Parent Seminar: Coping Strategies for Anxious Kids](#)

Thursday, October 19, 2017, 7 pm – 8:30 pm

Presenter: Erin D. Berman, Ph.D. Clinical Psychologist, NIMH

Topics Include:

- How to identify an anxious child
- How to change anxious thinking
- The science and biological roots of anxiety in children
- How computer technology is transforming the understanding of anxiety
- Current treatment options (medications & CBT: cognitive behavioral therapy).

Free and open to the public. This event will not be recorded. Seating is limited.

Register: <http://copingstrategies.eventbrite.com>

Location: Johns Hopkins University, Montgomery County Campus, 9601 Medical Center Drive, Building 9605 (Building III), Room 121, Rockville, MD 20850.

Department of Health & Human Services, National Institutes of Health, National Institute of Mental Health, <https://www.nimh.nih.gov/labs-at-nimh/join-a-study/children/children-anxiety-disorders.shtml> Protocol No. 01-M-0192

COMMUNITY NOTICES –

Please visit the [Community News and Programs](http://www.hcpss.org/community-news-and-programs/) page at <http://www.hcpss.org/community-news-and-programs/> or you can go to HCPSS website and search Community News. This is where you will find all announcements of upcoming events and programs sponsored by non-profit organizations. Like this program [Laurel walking program.pdf](#)

If you are an organization who would like to be included, please contact the Public Information Office (publicinfo@hcpss.org or 410-313-6682).

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Worthington Elementary School

WoES Wildcat Press Updates 10-13-17

October

- 19 - Kindergarten Field Trip - Summer's Farm
- 20 - Schools Closed for Students - Professional Work Day
- 23 – No Bullying Blue Pinky Promise Day
- 24 - PTA Spirit/Restaurant Night @ Chick-fil-A, 5:00 - 9:00 pm
- 25 - 1, 2, 3, Magic Parent Presentation, 6:30 pm
- 27 - Million Misfit Sock March – Wear your misfit socks!
- 31 - Halloween Parade, 10:00 am (more information will be available soon)

November

- 2 - 5th Grade Field Trip - Mount Vernon
- 9 - Turkey Trot (more information will be available soon)
- 10 - End of Marking Period - Early Dismissal @ 12:55 pm
- 15 - PTA Meeting, 7:00 pm
- 17 - Report Cards Issued
- 20 - Parent/Teacher Conferences - Early Dismissal @ 12:55 pm
- 21 - Parent/Teacher Conferences - Early Dismissal @ 12:55 pm
- 22 - Parent/Teacher Conferences - Schools Closed for Students
- 23 & 24 - Thanksgiving Holiday - Schools Closed for Students & Staff

HCPSS APPROVES A 2017-2018 CALENDAR CHANGE

The Howard County Board of Education has approved a change to the 2017–2018 school calendar, moving the start of school for students—June 12–14, 2018—to three-hour early dismissal days for all levels, including middle and high schools. The updated calendar provides additional time for teachers and administrators to fulfill grading and reporting responsibilities.

Prior to this change, high schools only had early dismissal days, June 12–14; middle and elementary schools had early dismissal days on June 12–14 and June 19–21.

one June 14.

HALLOWEEN DAY:

Our Halloween Parade and Parties will be held Tuesday, October 31st. Both exciting events will be in the parade will begin at 10:00 AM on the blacktop followed by the classroom parties from 10:30-11:15 AM annual Halloween Parade. Come hear music and admire the many costumes that some of the students may wear. Students are allowed to wear their costumes to school. Please no masks that will obstruct costumes with weapons, blood or frightening images are permitted at school. Please make sure that if Tuesday, October 31st, to please send in sneakers!!! Also, when visiting school this day, please be near your car. Visitors coming to see the parade, will sign in at the front entrance of the school, obtain a visit to the blacktop.

If you do not want your child to participate in the Halloween parade/activities, please contact Iris either office (410.313.2825), sending in a note or emailing her at iris_feinberg@hcpss.org. She will forward this to Mrs. Southern, who will have an alternative program during this time. We will follow a modified lunch schedule on the 31st. Therefore, lunch times will be slightly different than our normal lunch schedule for the 31st.

RECESS DAILY: Students go out for recess every day. Now that the Fall weather is upon us, please bring a sweater or light jacket to school to be prepared for chilly days.

FAMILY FILE: Since sending home individual reminders to families, our completion percentage for Family File has risen! We are currently at 87% completion. At this point, Kindergarten is looking like the grade level that will have the most completion, first. We currently have 10 families remaining in Kindergarten to complete the Family File to be the winner of extra recess with Mrs. Jenkins and Mr. Ortega! Unfortunately, we have some outstanding that have not proceeded to complete this information. We need to know this information in case there is an emergency (Early closing, loss of electricity, calling a parent for a positive phone call) Please take a moment to update your information. Your attention to this matter is MUCH appreciated.

PROGRESS REPORTS: Progress Reports went home on Thursday, October 12th. Hopefully you had a chance to see it and praise your child for his/her accomplishments. We are very proud of our Worthington Willamette students for their best foot forward daily by coming to school and being prepared. Please take a moment to share your child's progress and set goals for the remainder of the 1st quarter!

SCHOOL CLOSED: School is closed for students on Friday, October 20th due to a Professional Day for teachers.

INDIVIDUAL PICTURES/RETAKES

November 16th is Retake Picture Day. If your child was absent the day pictures were taken, your child's picture will be taken by Strawbridge on the 16th. If you are not satisfied with the photo package you received, please send the envelope in to school on November 16th and new pictures will be taken. Pictures will be taken that comes out in June.

MUSIC RECORDERS FOR GRADES 3, 4 & 5

Students in grades 3-5 will be playing soprano recorder in general music class. If your child has a recorder, please send it to school labeled with your child's name. Mrs. Bowling and Mrs. Ford are distributing recorders to students in general music. If you would like to purchase a recorder, online orders are being taken through the school website and the cost is \$4.00. To order, please visit the Worthington website at <http://wes.hcpss.org/> under SC RESOURCES>online payments. If you would like to borrow a school owned recorder for your child for a trial, please complete and return the tear off at the bottom of the recorder information letter to your child's grade.

We will begin recorder playing with the students once the order arrives in early November.

Thank you from Mrs. Bowling and Mrs. Ford

BULLYING AWARENESS AND PREVENTION MONTH

October is National Bullying Awareness and Prevention Month. Worthington students will be taking the Pinky Promise during their lunch/recess shifts on October 23! We are looking for 6-9 parents to take a shift to make the pinkies blue! Shifts are 1 hour each: 10:45a-11:45a, 11:45a-12:45p, 12:45p-1:45p. If you are available, please sign up using the following link:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d45a8a629a2f94-blue>

On Friday, October 27, our school is going to participate in the annual anti-bullying / youth empowerment event as the Million Misfit Sock March! Students are asked to wear misfit socks for the purpose of celebrating being different and taking a stand against bullying. Many kids hide their differences for fear of being teased, but by standing as a school community sends a strong message that being unique and standing out from the crowd is okay. One of the goals of the movement is to get a million people to participate. Let's stand up, be counted, and show that we are STRONG!

PTA NEWS

COAT/MITTEN DRIVE

Coat/mitten Drive! Clean out those closets and donate coats to keep Howard County families warm this winter. Please drop off clean coats/mittens size infant to adult in the box by the main office by October 24. Thank you for your support!
kristinduda1@hotmail.com

SPIRIT WEAR ORDER FORMS WILL BE COMING HOME TODAY!! This year's collection includes a variety of items including some fun new items like the color blocked hoodie and a rhinestone paw print tee. Some sizes of each item are available for viewing in the media center. Please stop by if you have any size concerns. Worthington PTA will be held responsible for exchanging wrong sizes so please look over the order form carefully. Extra orders can be placed at the front office and are available on our website (visit www.worthingtonpta.com/sign-up) **ORDERS ARE DUE BY** **October 18th**. There will be no orders taken after this date so get your order in ASAP! Any questions contact Shannon Pakulla at shannon@brianpakulla.com. **WORTHINGTON APPRECIATES YOUR SUPPORT!**
SCHOOL SPIRIT!



WORTHINGTON ELEMENTARY FALL 2017 WILDCAT WEAR ORDER FORM

Short Sleeve Moisture Wicking Electric Heather Short Sleeve Tee Shirt: New Worthington 2 color logo

4.1 ounce, 100% polyester jersey, removable tag, wicks moisture

Choice of: Pink (P) , Royal (R) or Grey-black (GB)

Youth: \$ 15.00	Color / Qty	Adult: \$ 16.00	Color / Qty	Ladies: \$ 16.00	Color / Qty
Small	/	Extra Small	/	Extra Small	/
Medium	/	Small	/	Small	/
Large	/	Medium	/	Medium	/
X-Large	/	Large	/	Large	/
		X-Large	/	X-Large	/
		XX-Large (add \$2.00)	/	XX-Large (add \$2.00)	/



Subtotal: \$

Long Sleeve Striped V-Neck Jersey (50/50): Worthington logo with white ink

Choice of Purple (P) or Maroon (M) or Royal (R)

Youth: \$17.50	Color / Qty	Adult: \$18.50	Color / Qty
Small	/	Small	/
Medium	/	Medium	/
Large	/	Large	/
		X-Large	/
		XX-Large (add \$2.00)	/

Exciting new item for fall



Subtotal: \$

Adult / Youth 7 ounce Hooded Pullover Sweat Shirt (50 / 50): New Worthington 2 color logo

Choice of: Neon green (NG) or Graphite heather (GH) or Scuba Blue (SB)

Youth: \$20.00	Color / Qty	Adult: \$21.00	Color / Qty
Small	/	Small	/
Medium	/	Medium	/
Large	/	Large	/
X-Large	/	X-Large	/
		XX-Large (add \$3.00)	/

Youth sizes run small
Order up 1 size



Subtotal: \$

STAFF APPRECIATION COMMITTEE

Our next meal will be in November for conference dinner. Another signup genius will circulate at that time for that dinner. Your food donations are what make these meals a success! If you are interested genius please email Rachael Farkas at Farkas.rachael@gmail.com to be added.

PTA MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Be your student's hero. . . Join the PTA and donate today!

The Worthington PTA organizes cultural arts events, class celebrations, and social events for all Worthington students. The PTA donation funds these events, and gives you a voice in monthly meetings with the Worthington administration. Make your donation today at www.worthingtonpta.com.

Come Join Us For a Spirit Night to Benefit
Worthington Elementary School
Chick-fil-A at Executive Park Drive & Route 100
4905 Executive Park Drive
Tuesday, October 24th - 5:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

To support our school:

- Present this flyer to the cashier and our school will receive 20% of all food sales generated by Worthington Elementary School families/friends;
- Purchase a 2018 calendar and the school receives 50% of that sale (if calendars have arrived)

NO FLYERS ARE TO BE DISTRIBUTED DURING THE EVENT

UPCOMING PTA DATES

October 24: Restaurant/Spirit Night, Chick-fil-A, 5:00 pm – 9:00 pm

November 17: Family Lego Night, 7 pm

December 2: Secret Shoppe, 9am to 1pm

COMMUNITY NEWS

The Mount Hebron Pancake Breakfast

OCTOBER 14th, MT HEBRON HIGH SCHOOL @ 7:30AM

Mount Hebron High School is preparing for 2017 Homecoming! On October 14th, the day will begin with breakfast followed by the parade and then the Vikings Homecoming Football Game. The Vikings Homecoming Breakfast menu will include sausage, doughnuts, fruit, and of course, PANCAKES! Don't miss out! Stop by to attend the annual Viking Homecoming Pancake Breakfast. Tickets, ages 9 and older, are \$8.00 in advance. Tickets can be purchased from members of the Mount Hebron Football team, at home football games, or by emailing Trish Lettieri at trish_lettieri@comcast.net. Proceeds from the Viking Homecoming Pancake Breakfast will benefit the Mount Hebron Football Program.

FUTURE VIKINGS FLOAT/PARADE

Saturday is the MTH Homecoming parade and we'd love for you all to join us!

If any/all students would like to participate, please be at Resurrection Church parking lot between 10:15-11:45 am on Saturday, October 14. We will have two "Future Vikings" trucks decorated with the names of the various middle schools. SGA members will assist you with signs and getting into trucks. The parade arrives at approximately 11:45 am. It will be a wonderful day and I hope you can join us!

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Subject: Swansfield Students Wear Orange This Friday
Date: Thursday, October 12, 2017 at 9:00:51 AM Eastern Daylight Time
From: Swansfield Elementary School
To: emilybahharhcpss@gmail.com

Swansfield Recognizes Bully Awareness Month

Everyone Encouraged to Wear Orange This Friday

Throughout the month of October, Swansfield will continue to recognize Bully Awareness Month. This Friday, please have students wear orange to school. Orange is the color for Unity and reminds us all to come together and spread positive messages.

Thank you! Mrs. Richter, School Counselor.

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Subject: PM Knight Newsletter 10/06/17
Date: Friday, October 6, 2017 at 3:31:22 PM Eastern Daylight Time
From: Patapsco Middle School
To: emilybahharhcppss@gmail.com

PM KNIGHT 10-06-17

From the Principal's Desk...

I have tried to start this newsletter four times. I wanted to open by saying something profound about how the news of the senseless act of violence that occurred earlier this week in Las Vegas has left us reeling from shock. But, I am having trouble finding those words. I think that must be because there are so many to say and yet none of them seem to capture the complex series of thoughts, ideas, and concerns that linger. What is there to say about the loss of 59 people or the injury of over 500? How do we sort through our feelings about the hot topics of gun control, mental health, and constitutional rights? If we have trouble putting our own feelings into words, imagine how our children must be struggling to make sense of the situation. I suspect you've already engaged in some degree of discussion with your children. If you haven't made an attempt because you weren't sure about the words to choose, we are linking a resource for you to refer to from the National Association of School Psychologists ([Tips for Parents and Teachers](#)). Raising awareness of safety and security is never a bad idea. I encourage you to find a time to talk, even if it appears your student doesn't *need* to. Middle schoolers are stereotypically reluctant to talk about feelings and fears (but are really good at talking about their perceived rights). This situation is not only alarming, but confusing and complex. Letting them know how you are feeling - even if you're not really sure - is a good way to open the door to a rich conversation. Having said all that, I will borrow some words from the Dalai Lama, XIV to close this newsletter. He is attributed as having said, "There is a saying in Tibetan, 'Tragedy should be utilized as a source of strength.' No matter what sort of difficulties, how painful experience is, if we lose our hope, that's our real disaster." Through dialog, I think, we can cultivate hope.

Sincerely,
Cindy Dillon

Outdoor Ed is here!

For all 6th graders attending Outdoor Ed, please arrive at the school at 8:30am on Monday October 9th. Please have all luggage tags attached prior to arriving. Chaperones, please arrive at 8:00am for your information meeting. We are all looking forward to a fun adventure up at North Bay! [Read more.](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

10/12/17 - Interim progress reports issued **10/18/17** - Flu Clinic **10/20/17** - Professional Day/no students : [More Upcoming Dates](#)

From Student Services

Every October, schools across the country join the nationwide campaign, STOMP Out Bullying™ in observing National Bullying Prevention Month. This week at Patapsco we will focus on making new friends! If you've ever been isolated from others at school or you were new at school and it took time to make friends, you know what it feels like to be left out. Or even if you were never isolated, imagine how it would feel.

Student Services will have an activity at lunch to help students get to know the people they sit with a little bit better. We want our students to be leaders, to take action and not let anyone at school be in isolation.

Patapsco Pals

Patapsco Pals is up and running! Our first successful lunch group was Friday, September 29th. Students from all grade levels met during their lunches outside for a picnic. Thanks to those students who joined! Patapsco Pals meets every Friday during lunch. Keep listening to the announcements for future activities! Patapsco Pals - Everyone In, Nobody Out.

From the Health Room

Flu Clinic October 18

As a reminder, flu shots for students that submitted consent forms will be administered October 18 at Patapsco Middle. If your student has received a flu shot outside of school - please contact the Health Room at 410-313-2574.

Vision and Hearing Screening October 25

Vision and Hearing Screening will take place on Wednesday, 10/25/17 for all 8th graders and any new student to Maryland. If your student wears glasses, please make sure they bring them to school for the screening.

Seminars have begun!

Please visit giftedandtalentedpms.weebly.com for the schedule. Meetings are held once every other week on a rotating basis. In order to participate, students must attend meetings, and must be able to maintain a C or above in all classes. Questions? Email Ms. Glass at samantha_glass@hcpss.org

Safe School Zones Resolution

At the September 8 Board of Education meeting, the Board of Education approved a [resolution](#) to support and protect the rights of all Howard County Public School System (HCPSS) students, regardless of immigration or citizenship status.

SMOB Open Forum

Howard County Student Member of the Board of Education (SMOB) Anna Selbrede will be holding an open forum for any and all HCPSS students to voice any questions, concerns, or just talk. Anna is happy to discuss anything from school lunches to sports to current political events to the Hunger Games. The forum will be held at the Homewood School on October 11, from 6:30-7pm. If you can't make this month, you can come next time on November 8th. Refreshments will be provided! If you'd

like more information, email student_member@hcpss.org and don't forget to follow @Hocosmob on Instagram and Twitter.

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Parent Volunteer Information

Thank you for your interest in volunteering within the Howard County School System! We value our volunteers and the contributions they make to our students and schools. [Read more.](#)

Intramural Program

Intramurals will begin during the month of October to continue throughout the year. Announcements are made during the morning news as well as in our regular newsletters. Space is limited in many of our programs, so students should pay attention to the announcements and follow the directions for signing up. Coming up: Yearbook and MESA - permission slips will be available soon. Please check our web-site for updated information.

Professional learning Book Clubs

We are excited to invite you to join us this year for our professional learning through book clubs. The teachers will be participating in four different professional books which we invite you to purchase and participate as equal members. [Read more.](#)

PTA NEWS

PTA Meeting Wednesday, November 15th from 7-8 pm

TONIGHT is the PTA's Fall Fun Knight from 7:00-9:00pm! Today was the final day for student's to purchase tickets during lunch time. Thank you to all the parent volunteers who signed up to help monitor and run the dancing in the cafeteria, the basketball and volleyball in the gym, the BINGO games in the media center, and concession sales too. If you have any questions about the PTA's Fun Knights please contact Caroline Bodziak at cbodziak@aol.com.

School Spirit Committee

The current chair of the School Spirit Committee who organizes all the Fun Knights is graduating from Patapsco this year. We are looking for someone interested in shadowing her and picking this great committee up next year. Contact Caroline Bodziak at cbodziak@aol.com for more information.

PTA Membership

Like us on Facebook – search Patapsco Middle School PTA.

MUSIC BOOSTERS

Come join us at our next meeting on Tuesday, October 10th at 7pm in the Media Center.

(11/14, 01/09, 02/13, 03/13, 04/10, 05/08)

Please mark your calendars now. There are no meetings scheduled for December or June.

We are pleased to announce the winners of one of our biggest fundraisers is the **BATTLE OF THE BOX TOPS!! And the winner is. . . Orchestra!** Congratulations, they will be awarded the coveted Box Tops trophy for their classroom.

The Patapsco Music Boosters is a volunteer group of parents just like you! We provide logistical support to our school's music directions so that concerts, adjudications, and field trips go smoothly.

Plus, we raise monies to keep our band, chorus, and orchestra in quality instruments, equipment, and sheet music! Please don't forget to fill out the Music Boosters form that went home with your students this week to learn more about how to get involved with the Music Boosters.

The **PMS Concert Closet** is accepting donations of gently used long-sleeved, button-down, collared white oxford shirts, black pants and skirts, black belts, and black dress shoes. Please send your donation to the front office marked "Music Department" or students can deliver donations to their music teacher. Thank you!

Do you have a student in Chorus and are looking for a way to help out? The Music Boosters are starting a **"Give a Ride"** program, so students whose parents are in need of transportation to and from rehearsals and concerts can access information for other parents who are willing to give rides.

Parents who sign up are able to indicate how many students they can transport, how far they are willing to drive, and for which events. We could use the help of as many parents as possible to ensure that all of our students have equal access to course requirements. Thank you for your

consideration. Sign up here to help another family: <http://tinyurl.com/givearide>

Calling all piano players: If you play piano at an advanced level and would consider performing with one of the school's choirs, please see Mrs. Mills to arrange a time to play for her. Many former Patapsco students have accompanied the choirs and some have even won the Best Accompanist award at the Hersheypark trip!

We are also thrilled to roll out our new Patapsco Music Boosters [website](#) . Come check us out! You can also always reach at patapscomusicboosters@gmail.com or on Facebook at facebook.com/patapscomusicboosters/

COMMUNITY NEWS

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The Mount Hebron Pancake Breakfast

Saturday, October 14th, 2017 7:30am – 10:30am

MT HEBRON HIGH SCHOOL, 9940 Old Frederick Road

Please join us on Saturday October 14th for the annual Vikings Homecoming Pancake Breakfast at Mount Hebron High School! Tickets, ages 9 and older, are \$8.00 in advance and \$10.00 at the door. Tickets can be purchased from members of the Mount Hebron Football team, at home football games or by emailing Trish Lettieri at trish_lettieri@comcast.net. Proceeds benefit the Mount Hebron Football Program.

Viking 5K and 1 Mile Fun Run

The Viking 5K and 1 Mile Fun Run will be held at Mount Hebron High School on Oct 8 at 9am (online registration closes on Oct 5). The 5K is a cross country course around local neighborhoods and trails. There are many prize categories at many levels of experience. Upgraded wicking Tshirts will be given to registrants. The race is organized by the Viking Backers, a volunteer parent group that supports all the athletics and extracurricular clubs at MHHS. Please see the race WWW site for more information: <http://www.vikingbackers.org/viking-5k.html>

Prudential Spirit of Community Award

No matter what your volunteer project, we want to hear about it [read more.](#)

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Subject: October 5th HES Tiger Tales Newsletter

Date: Thursday, October 5, 2017 at 3:18:47 PM Eastern Daylight Time

From: Hammond Elementary School

To: emilybahharhcpss@gmail.com

Important Dates to Remember

Hammond Tiger Tales

HAMMOND TIGER TALES October 5, 2017

*Hammond Elementary School provides a safe,
nurturing learning environment that fosters
individual success through academic
excellence, and appreciation of
diversity, to ensure lifelong learners.*

October 6 Date)	HES PTA Fall Festival (New Date previously Rain
October 12	Spirit Day – Wear Blue to Stomp Out Bullying
October 16 8:30	HES Parent Book Club – Mindsets for Parents 7:00-
October 18	Kindergarten Field Trip – Sharps Farm
October 20 students	Professional Work Day - Schools closed for
October 24	3 rd Grade Field Trip – Ellicott City
October 26	Fall Fun Run (Rain Date: 11/2/17)
October 27	New Flu Shot Clinic Date
November 2	Fall Fun Run – RAIN DATE ONLY
November 6	4 th Grade Art Field Trip; Washington DC

November 9	Spirit Day – Sports Day
November 10	Schools close 3 hours early. End of marking period.
November 14	Hearing and Vision Screening
November 16 Basketball Game	1 st Grade Field Trip – U of Maryland Women’s
November 17- November 27	HES Book Fair
November 20 & 21 conferences.	Schools close 3 hours early. ES parent/teacher
November 22 conferences.	Schools closed for students. Parent/teacher
November 23 & 24 holiday)	Schools and offices closed (State mandated
December 7	Spirit Day - Twin Day/Tuffy’s Twin Day/Spirit Wear (Students may also choose to wear HES Spirit Colors: green and/or yellow)
December 8	PTA Talent Show
December 12, 13, 14	PTA Holiday Shop
December 13 and Orchestra	HES Winter Concert - Chorus, Advanced Band,
December 25-January 1	Schools closed for students
January 6	HES Winter Concert - Beginning Band and Orchestra
January 9	HES Family Fit Night
January 11	Spirit Day – Pajama Day
January 15 closed	Martin Luther King Jr. Day - Schools and offices
January 16	Beginning Band and Orchestra Concert 7:00 pm
January 22 8:30	HES Parent Book Club – Mindsets for Parents 7:00-
January 30	HES Family Fit Night (Snow Date)
February 16 Schools closed for students	Countywide Professional Learning Day -
February 19	Presidents Day - Schools and offices closed

May 22

HES Enrichment Fair

June 7
Hearings

5th Grade Simulated Congressional

Thoughts from Tuffy...

Hello Hammond Community! Would you like to help our grade level teams hold Tuffy Trade In each week? Students get to trade in their earned Tuffy Tickets for fabulous prizes, and sometimes we need help! Please contact the front office if you are interested in joining our Tuffy Team! Thank you!

Maggie Kennedy
School Counselor, NBCC
Margaret_kennedy@hcpss.org

410-880-5890

Setting the Stage for Success

Dear Parents:

With recent news events involving natural disasters, attacks, and violence, we want to take a moment to remind each of our HES families how very appreciative we are of the loving care and guidance you give your children each day to help them feel heard, valued, nurtured, and safe.

With goals of maximizing learning and having students feel secure, we are pleased that student conversations at HES have *NOT* been particularly elevated with regard to national/international news involving natural disasters and/or senseless violence. (If this were a concern, we'd be implementing supports with a different lens).

For now, here are some quick reminders from the *National Association of School Psychologists*:

1. Reassure children that they are safe.
2. Make time to talk.
3. Keep your explanations developmentally appropriate.
4. Review safety procedures.
5. Observe children's emotional state.
6. Limit television (and social media) viewing of these events.
7. Maintain a normal routine.

And one last addition from us:

#8. If you have any specific concerns, please don't hesitate to contact your child's teacher or various support staff to talk things through and determine next steps.

If you'd like to read further about the above the recommendations, feel free to click here: [Talking to Children About Violence: Tips for Parents and Teachers](#)

Sincerely,
Kimberlyn Pratesi

Principal

Kimberlyn_pratesi@hcpss.org

Fall Fun Run

Please help our school and support our kids' fitness goals. The Fall Fun Run will take place on October 26th during your child's Related Arts time. This event cannot take place without YOUR help. The PTA will be setting up a Signupgenius page for volunteers. Please feel free to come out, cheer and run along with the students. See you then. Rain Date: Thursday,

November 2.

Related Arts Times:

9:15-10:15- 5th Grade

10:15-11:15- 3rd Grade

11:15-12:15- 4th Grade

12:15-1:15- 1st Grade

1:15-2:15- Kindergarten

2:15-3:15-2nd Grade

Check out our first Mindset Moment for the 2017-2018 school year!

Kindergarten was in the spotlight for growing their mindsets in September!

Our HES kindergarten students came to school ready to learn this year! Their teachers were excited to prepare lessons to engage the children in learning about the Growth Mindset. Each class watched the Class Dojo Mindset series to learn that our brains are just like muscles, and they grow when we persist through challenging tasks. Class Dojo also taught the kindergarten students about the Power of Yet! ("If you cannot do something right now, don't give up. You might just not be able to do it YET. Keep practicing and you will achieve your goals.") The students loved watching Mojo on his journey to growing his brain!

Board of Education Approves 2017-18 School Calendar Change

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In the previous calendar, only high schools had three early dismissal days, June 12–14, and middle and elementary schools had only one on June 14.

The proposed 2018–2019 school calendar to be presented to the Board in October will include a three-hour early dismissal on the last three student days for all three levels.

Please view the most up-to-date information in the 2017–18 HCPSS school system calendar online.

Community News and Programs

Please visit the Community News and Programs page (<http://www.hcpss.org/community-news-and-programs/>) on the HCPSS website for announcements of upcoming events and programs sponsored by non-profit organizations.

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Subject: National Bullying Prevention Month

Date: Tuesday, October 3, 2017 at 9:56:57 AM Eastern Daylight Time

From: Swansfield Elementary School

To: emilybahharhcpss@gmail.com

SES Recognizes October as National Bullying Prevention Month

Students Encouraged to Wear Blue This Friday, October 6

Every October, schools across the country join STOMP Out Bullying in observing National Bullying Prevention Month. The goal is to encourage communities to work together to stop bullying and cyberbullying by increasing awareness of the prevalence and impact of bullying on children of all ages.

This Friday, October 6, is WEAR BLUE DAY. All students and staff are encouraged to wear blue in support of ending bullying and cyberbullying.

Throughout the months of October and November, school guidance counselor Mrs. Richter will be facilitating classroom lessons to talk about how students can prevent bullying and cyberbullying. We will also have different school activities throughout the month to help us STOMP Out Bullying. Look for more information in our next newsletter. Remember, everyone can change the culture by putting an end to bullying and cyberbullying.

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Subject: PM Mid-KNIGHT 09-29-17

Date: Friday, September 29, 2017 at 3:15:29 PM Eastern Daylight Time

From: Patapsco Middle School

To: emilybahharhcpss@gmail.com

PM Mid-KNIGHT NEWSLETTER 09-29-17

Things you need to know before the next Knight...

Bus number change

Patapsco Middle School Bus 302 will now officially be Bus 306

National Bullying Prevention Month

Every October, schools across the country join STOMP Out Bullying™ in observing National Bullying Prevention Month. The goal is to encourage communities to work together to stop bullying and cyberbullying by increasing awareness of the prevalence and impact of bullying on all children of all ages.

This is your chance to make bullying prevention heard around the world! **Monday, October 2 is Blue Shirt Day.** Wear blue in support of ending bullying and cyberbullying.

Throughout the month of October Ms. Ivey and Ms. Kempthorn will be facilitating classrooms lessons to talk about how students can prevent bullying and cyberbullying. Also each week the counselors will ask students to participate in different school activities to help us STOMP Out Bullying. Remember, everyone can change the culture by putting an end to Bullying and Cyberbullying!

Fall Fun Knight - Friday, October 6 from 7-9pm

DJ & Dancing in cafeteria, BINGO with prizes in media center, basketball & volleyball in the gym, and concessions (pizza, drinks, candy) for sale. Tickets \$3 on sale next week October 4, 5, 6 during all lunches. Permission slips required for all students to get a ticket - even PTSA gold & silver members who get a free event for their child. Permission slips are going home with your student today. We need volunteers to help our kids stay safe and have fun. [Visit the SignUp Genius](#)

Intramural Program

Intramurals will begin during the month of October to continue throughout the year. Announcements are made during the morning news as well as in our regular newsletters. Space is limited in many of our programs, so students should pay attention to the announcements and follow the directions for

signing up. Coming up: Table Soccer and Yearbook - permission slips will be available next week. Please check our web-site for updated information.

Heart & Sole

Heart & Sole is a new Girls on the Run Middle School program that complements our elementary school curriculum and is designed specifically to focus on the complex needs of middle school girls in grades 6-8. [Read more.](#)

Table Soccer Intramural

Table Soccer Intramural is starting Wednesday, October 25th, the electronic forms will be available on the school website within the next week, as well as at school. There will be a limit of 16 participants.

Injectable Vaccine Consent Letter

We are pleased to again join with the Maryland Partnership for Prevention (MPP) to offer flu vaccinations at our school. [Read more.](#)

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From: Swansfield Elementary School

To: emilybahharhcpss@gmail.com



Swansfield Elementary School

Swansfield Announcements 9/29/17

Upcoming Events:

Thursday October 5: Flu Clinic

Tuesday October 10: Walk to School Day

Tuesday October 10: Hispanic College and Career Readiness Program, 6:30 - 9:00 pm, Cafeteria

Thursday October 12: Interim Reports Issued

Wednesday October 18: Fall Picture Day. Order Envelopes Going Home in Monday Folder

Friday October 20: No School for Students

First Quarter Interim Reports Going Home October 12...New This Year We Have Report Card Envelopes

On Thursday, October 12, please look for your student to bring home their first quarter progress/interim report in a large envelope that will be used the entire school year for

all progress reports and report cards. Parents/ Guardians, please be sure to sign the envelope and return it the following day to your child's teacher. Thank you.

Update Your Family File Information

HCPSS uses Family File for parents/guardians to complete emergency information. Parents/guardians must verify and/or update information for each child, and can do so by logging in to [HCPSS Connect](#) and selecting the Family File tab and then clicking on Family File.

Resources on how to access Family File may be found [online](#). Parents who have forgotten their login credentials may click the "Forgot Password" link on the sign in page. If you need additional assistance, please fill out this [Connect Help Form](#)

HCPSS Bullying Policy

Swansfield Elementary School and the HCPSS Board of Education are committed to providing a safe and nurturing school environment that values diversity and commonality. Acts of bullying, cyberbullying, harassment or intimidation are prohibited because these actions compromise the learning environment and well-being of students, staff and community members. The HCPSS Bullying, Harassment and Intimidation Form can be downloaded [HERE](#) or a paper copy is available at the school. Reports can also be submitted online at [Sprigeo.com](#) where the report will automatically be forwarded to an administrator. To learn about the HCPSS policy on bullying (policy 1060) and the efforts we make to provide each student with a positive learning environment, please visit our [HCPSS School Culture & Climate](#) webpage.

GT Testing for 4th and 5th Grade Students New To Howard County

If you have a child new to HCPSS whom you wish to have tested as part of the Gifted and Talented math placement process, please submit a written request to or email either Tara DiVenti at tara_diventi@hcpss.org or Laine Malcotti at marolene_malcotti@hcpss.org by Friday, October 6, 2017. If you have any questions please email us.

Join us for College and Career Readiness Workshop for Hispanic Families Tuesday, October 10

This meeting, which will be conducted in Spanish, will provide useful information for academic success during the elementary school years and will also provide information regarding the path to college enrollment and graduation. Join us **Tuesday, October 10, beginning at 6:30 pm.**

Walk to School Day Tuesday, October 10

Did you know that Swansfield Elementary is primarily a walking community school? Help us celebrate Walk to School Day...join your friends and neighbors, enjoy the fall weather, and get some fresh air as you walk to school.

Students Master Math Standards Playing DreamBox

All Swansfield students have access to play DreamBox, an online K-8 math program that uses games and lessons to build your child's math skills. It is an independent program and each child works at his/her level. If you would like more information, please visit <http://www.dreambox.com/why-dreambox>

To access DreamBox from home visit <https://hcpss.me/> and click the "C - more Clever Apps" button. Kindergarten and first graders use a picture password to log in. Other students use their computer log in information to access DreamBox. If you are using the iPad app, please use the code **tzck/swansfielde**. We will be sending home log in information within the next two weeks. Please contact our Math Support Teacher Kendra Johnson at kendra_johnson@hcpss.org if you have any questions.

Congratulations Spotlight Winners

This week we congratulate the following Spotlight winners who have demonstrated they follow our school rules and are Safe, Respectful and Responsible.

- Kindergarten: Kaidyn Hassan, Tchetie Ngassa, Declan Morris, Layla Jones
- 1st Grade: Mailiyah Edmunds, Soraya Mitchell, Johann Joby,
- 2nd Grade: Anaya Mathis, Josie Hawkins, Miji Ojifinni, Jonathan Duenas, Jake Vitchock
- 3rd Grade: Alex Boettger, Janell Agyare-Tanor, Navika Shankar
- 4th Grade: Arden Wheeler, Marion Garnett, Jonah Campbell
- 5th Grade: Ella Acosta, Cristina Ford, Layla Bellamy, Eduardo Del Cid, Daxton Borja

Volunteers/Chaperones Must Complete Training

All volunteers and field trip chaperones in HCPSS schools must complete the online training course prior to volunteering (see link below), print a completion certificate and return it to the front office. If you are unable to access online a printed version is available at school.

<http://ses.hcpss.org/support>

Free and Reduced Meals

Applications were sent home the first week of school. Please remember you need to re-apply every year. All forms are due by the end of September or you can apply online

(see link below). If you need assistance please contact Family Liaison Deborah Slater at 410-313-6907 or by email at deborah_slater@hcpss.org

<https://www.myschoolapps.com/Application>

Connect With Our PTA

Learn more about upcoming PTA activities, how you can get involved, and even join the PTA if you haven't done so already. Visit <http://swansfieldpta.org/>

Click here <http://swansfieldpta.org/committees-newsletters/newsletters/> to read the latest PTA newsletter.

Community News and Programs

Please visit the Community News and Programs page at <http://www.hcpss.org/community-news-and-programs/> for announcements of upcoming events and programs sponsored by non-profit organizations.

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Subject: A Message from Dr. Dale

Date: Monday, September 25, 2017 at 11:10:10 AM Eastern Daylight Time

From: Hammond Middle School

To: emilybahharhcpss@gmail.com



Hammond Middle School

Cyberbullying and Grace's Law

Parents:

Since the beginning of school, I have encountered several situations dealing with Cyberbullying. This is a quick reminder about Grace's Law (Anti-Bullying Law located on page 11 in your child's agenda) so that you can review and discuss this with your children. Grace's Law makes the misuse of interactive computer services a criminal offense. The purpose of the law is to prohibit anyone from using electronic media to engage in conduct that inflicts serious emotional distress on a minor and/or places that minor in reasonable fear of death or serious bodily injury. A person who is found guilty of violating this law is subject to imprisonment up to a year and a fine of up to \$500, or both.

Cyberbullying is bullying using electronic media such as computers, cell phones, and/or game systems. Our digital interconnectedness makes bullying different and more damaging than ever before, because hurtful gossip or photos can be shared widely in a matter of seconds.

If a student is being bullied on a social media site, screen-shot and save the content to share with parents, police, and school administration.

We take all types of bullying seriously. It will take a team effort to identify and correct these actions in order to protect all of our students.

Thank you for your support.

Dr. Dale

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Date: Wednesday, September 20, 2017 at 3:45:17 PM Eastern Daylight Time
From: Patapsco Middle School
To: emilybahharhcpss@gmail.com

PM KNIGHT 09-20-17

North Bay Field Trip Chaperones Chosen!

Thank you to ALL the 6th grade parents and guardians who volunteered to chaperone our trip to NorthBay next month... we had close to 50 volunteers!

A lottery was held and 32 volunteers were selected and are being contacted by Mrs. Pfoutz.

IMPORTANT: If you volunteered to chaperone and have NOT received an email from Mrs. Pfoutz by 10pm on Wednesday, you have not been selected.

We thank you again for your volunteerism and look forward to taking our 6th grade students to NorthBay October 9-11.

UPCOMING EVENTS

09/21/17 - Schools and offices closed **09/22/17** - Professional Learning Day/Schools closed for students : [More Upcoming Dates](#)

Patapsco Pals is Back!

A group made by students for students! Patapsco Pals is a Friday lunch group that works towards making all students feel included. This year we're looking to have picnics and games included in lunches, as well as time to chat with new friends. Interested? Grab a pass and sign up outside of E3. Our first lunch is Friday, September 29th! And remember, be a buddy - not a bully!

Flu Clinic RE-SCHEDULED

Due to lower-than-expected numbers for our upcoming flu clinic next week, we have decided to postpone our clinic until mid-October in order to give families more time to complete and return consents. Your children will all be bringing home paper copies of the consent form today.. IF YOU HAVE ALREADY COMPLETED AN ELECTRONIC OR PAPER CONSENT, you do not need to fill out another one. If you haven't yet filled out a consent and would like your child to be vaccinated against the flu, please fill out either the paper consent that comes home with your student today or the online consent at www.vaccineconsent.com

Please return no later than OCTOBER 2nd.

Please disregard the due date on the paper consent. You will be notified of the new clinic date as soon as it is determined. Thank you for your patience and flexibility. Any questions, please call the Health Room 410-313-2574

Parent Volunteer Information

Thank you for your interest in volunteering within the Howard County School System! We value our volunteers and the contributions they make to our students and schools. [Read more.](#)

INTRAMURAL PROGRAM

World Drumming Intramural

Come join Mrs. Shum's Drums, a world drumming intramural. Rehearsals are on Monday mornings from 7:15-8:00 am beginning on October 2nd. Permission forms and turn in folder are outside of room D-11 (the chorus room). Space is limited so get your form turned in as soon as possible to ensure your spot!

Attention Girls of Patapsco Middle CodeHER Club

New this year - Patapsco Middle School will be offering the CodeHER Club after school on Tuesdays beginning mid October. This club offers a fun introduction to computer science for girls in grades 6 - 8. Learn to make emojis, LED dresses, games, apps, websites, music, and more with code! No experience is necessary.

Permission slips may be obtained from the bulletin board in the C hallway of school (across from Mrs. Cozzo's room). Please return your permission slip to Mrs. Cozzo (room C1) as soon as possible. **PLEASE NOTE: This activity is limited to the first 25 girls who sign up! No requests to call for permission over the telephone will be granted.**

Professional learning Book Clubs

We are excited to invite you to join us this year for our professional learning through book clubs. The teachers will be participating in four different professional books which we invite you to purchase and participate as equal members. [Read more.](#)

Updates from the Music Department:

-Calling all piano players: If you play piano at an advanced level and would consider

performing with one of the school's choirs, please see Mrs. Mills to arrange a time to play for her. Many former Patapsco students have accompanied the choirs and some have even won the Best Accompanist award at the Hersheypark trip!

PTA NEWS

PTA Meeting Wednesday, November 15th from 7-8 pm

Oct. 6 Fall Fun Knight

Students are invited to the first of three Fun Knights throughout the school year coming up Friday, October 6 from 7:00-9:00pm. This event has something for everyone!

- * DJ & Dancing in the cafeteria
- * Basketball & other physical activities in the gym
- * Bingo with prizes in the media center
- * Concessions for sale (small bills, please!)

Permission forms will go home with students in their folders a week before the event. Signed permission forms are required to purchase tickets which will be on sale during all lunch periods Oct. 4, 5 and 6. You can print a form at home from the PTA website "Forms" tab:

<https://patapscopta.weebly.com/> . Tickets are \$3 and can be paid for by cash or check (made out to Patapsco MS PTA).

Fun Knights require many parent volunteers to keep our kids safe and happy. Please check out the Check out the [Sign-up Genius](#).

Reminder: PTA Gold member children get *free entry to* and a *free concession item* at **each Fun Knight**. Silver member children get *free entry to* and a *free concession item* at **one Fun Knight**. To join the PTA click here: <https://patapscopta.weebly.com/pta-membership.html> .

Questions about the Fun Knight? Contact School Spirit Committee chair Caroline Bodziak at cbodziak@aol.com.

School Spirit Committee

The current chair of the School Spirit Committee who organizes all the Fun Knights is graduating from Patapsco this year. We are looking for someone interested in shadowing her and picking this great committee up next year. Contact Caroline Bodziak at cbodziak@aol.com for more information.

PTA Membership Close to Goal

The PTA membership drive is off to an excellent start for the 2017-2018 academic year. Patapsco families have joined the PTA and made additional donations for a total \$8,621 or our \$10,000 goal—\$1,379 to go.

Remember, the Patapsco PTA does not ask you to sell anything. Membership and donations fund the PTA budget that provides curriculum enhancements and social activities to make your child's Patapsco experience special. Last year, the PTA funded items and events such as:

- 8th grade class promotion and celebration activities
- Physical education equipment
- Social activities, such as Spring Fling and the Snow Ball
- The GT Enrichment Fair

Here's how to help reach the PTA goal:

- Complete the PTA membership form that was sent home and send into your child's homeroom in an envelope marked "PTA Support"
- OR visit online store for EASY checkout: <https://squareup.com/store/patapsco-middle-school-pta/>

Email patapscopta@gmail.com with questions or to request a membership form.

Like us on Facebook – search Patapsco Middle School PTA.

MUSIC BOOSTERS

Patapsco Music Boosters Meeting October 10 at 7 pm - Media Center (11/14, 01/09, 02/13, 03/13, 04/10, 05/08)

Please mark your calendars now. There are no meetings scheduled for December or June.

The Patapsco Music Boosters is a volunteer group of parents just like you! We provide logistical support to our school's music directions so that concerts, adjudications, and field trips go smoothly. Plus, we raise monies to keep our band, chorus, and orchestra in quality instruments, equipment, and sheet music! Please don't forget to fill out the Music Boosters form that went home with your students this week to learn more about how to get involved with the Music Boosters.

We are also thrilled to roll out our new Patapsco Music Boosters [website](#) . Come check us out! You can also always reach at patapscomusicboosters@gmail.com or on Facebook at facebook.com/patapscomusicboosters/

COMMUNITY NEWS

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The Mount Hebron Pancake Breakfast

Saturday, October 14th, 2017 7:30am – 10:30am

MT HEBRON HIGH SCHOOL, 9940 Old Frederick Road

Please join us on Saturday October 14th for the annual Vikings Homecoming Pancake Breakfast at Mount Hebron High School! Tickets, ages 9 and older, are \$8.00 in advance and \$10.00 at the door. Tickets can be purchased from members of the Mount Hebron Football team, at home football games or by emailing Trish Lettieri at trish_lettieri@comcast.net. Proceeds benefit the Mount Hebron Football Program.

Prudential Spirit of Community Award

No matter what your volunteer project, we want to hear about it [read more.](#)

Heart & Sole

Heart & Sole is a new Girls on the Run Middle School program that complements our elementary school curriculum and is designed specifically to focus on the complex needs of middle school girls in grades 6-8. The girls will meet after-school twice a week for 10 weeks with the season ending 5k to be held on December 2nd in Howard County, MD. The Patapsco Middle School Heart & Sole team will meet on Mondays and Wednesday from 3:30-4:15 starting the week of September 17th. Registration is open! Visit www.gotrcentralmd.org to register. (required for Howard County Schools)

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HCYP is developing a Middle School Girls Basketball league!

Would your daughter enjoy playing basketball on a team with other girls from Patapsco Middle? If so, then this team is for her!

On September 28th at 6:30-8:30 pm, we will be holding basketball tryouts in the Patapsco Middle School gym.

To sign your daughter up for tryouts, please send an email to HCGMSBL@gmail.com and weaver.joi@gmail.com.

Of note, this is sponsored through HCYP not the Howard County Public School system.

HCYP MS Basketball Program

Sept 27th & Oct 3rd 6:00pm - 8:00pm 6, 7 & 8th Grade Boys MS Basketball Tryouts

All prospective players must attend all tryouts unless directed otherwise by the coach.

Teams are selected via tryouts for boys in grades 6th – 8th and provides an environment which allows for further development of players in a safe, fun, and competitive league.

Varsity: May be comprised of 6th - 8th grade students WE NEED A Coach for the boys varsity team, please contact the league commissioner, Robert Worthington at rworth2533@gmail.com or contact via telephone at (443) 564-0956, if you are interested

JV: Grades 6&7 only Eric Schickler eric.schickler@gmail.com

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Subject: TVMS Newsletter

Date: Wednesday, September 20, 2017 at 2:54:43 PM Eastern Daylight Time

From: Thomas Viaduct Middle School

To: emilybahharhcpss@gmail.com

TVMS Newsletter

September 20, 2017

In this issue:

- **Update Your Family File Information**
- **Flu Clinic**
- **Spirit Wear**
- **Fall Picture Day**
- **Gifted and Talented Seminars**

Upcoming Events:

September 21	Schools and Offices Closed
September 22	Schools Closed for Students – Professional Day
October 3	Flu Clinic
October 3	PTSA Meeting

October 12	Interims Issued
October 18	Fall Picture Day
October 19	Hispanic College & Career Readiness Night (7:00 – 8:30 p.m.)
November 1 – 3	6 th Grade Outdoor Education

A Note From the Principal

TVMS Families,

Thank you to all who were able to attend our Back-to-School Night last week. We hope you enjoyed spending an evening meeting your student's teachers and hearing about the great things that are happening during your student's day at TVMS. Your participation in parent events reflects the incredible support we have from our parents and community. We truly are partners in your student's academic success.

Please find time to talk with your student about their progress in school. We also encourage you to make sure homework routines are established and study skills are practiced to ensure success. Although interim reports will be issued on October 12th, please contact your student's teacher at any time to discuss any areas of concern that arise.

We still need 67 families to update their Family File Emergency Card for the 2017-18 school year. If you need any assistance with your Family Emergency File Card, please contact Student Services, and they will be happy to assist you.

Thank you again for all your support.

Regards,

Shiney Ann John, Principal

October 18th is Picture Day!

Reminder that Lifetouch Photography will be at TVMS to photograph students on Tuesday, October 18th.

All students will need to be photographed for yearbook and administrative purposes, but only those submitting a completed order form to the photographer on picture day will receive a portrait package. Information on available packages and payment will be sent home with students soon.

Gifted and Talented Instructional Seminars

Does your student love creative writing or reading? Computer coding or robotics? What about making films, taking pictures, or even being on TV? Then check out the variety of interest-based GT Instructional Seminars being offered this year. All students are welcome to participate in the Seminars, which meet during the school day and are facilitated by Mrs. Miller, the GT Resource Teacher. Check out the attached [Interest Form](#) for more details, or contact Mrs. Miller at allison_miller@hcpss.org for more information.

Injectable Flu Vaccine Clinic at TVMS – October 3, 2017

Influenza, also known as the flu, is a serious illness that affects people of all ages. One of the

best ways to prevent the flu is through vaccinations. We are pleased to again join with the Maryland Partnership for Prevention (MPP) to offer flu vaccinations at our school.

New this year, you may give permission for your child to be vaccinated using (1) an online form at www.vaccineconsent.com.

We urge you to protect your family from the flu. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends that everyone ages 6 months and older get a flu shot. Please visit www.cdc.gov/flu/index.htm for more information about the flu vaccine.

The clinic at our school will be held on **October 3, 2017**. We will send a notice home the day he/she has been vaccinated.

If you want your child to be vaccinated, please:

1. Fill out every section of the attached Consent Form **OR** complete it online at www.vaccineconsent.com. If you fill out the paper consent, write neatly and use ink. Only fill out the hard copy consent **or** the online consent. Do NOT fill out both.
2. Use your insurance card to fill out your insurance information accurately. Your insurance company will be billed. **There is no co-pay or deductible**. You will NOT be charged by us or your insurance company.
3. Read the Vaccine Information Statement (VIS) and talk to your health care provider or the school nurse about any questions you have.
4. Return the consent form no later than **September 22, 2017**.

To complete the consent form online, go to:

www.vaccineconsent.com

Estimado padre/tutor:

La influenza, o gripe, es una enfermedad grave que afecta a personas de todas las edades. Una de las mejores maneras de prevenir la gripe es con la vacunación. Tenemos el agrado de asociarnos a Maryland Partnership for Prevention (MPP) para ofrecer la vacunación antigripal en la escuela de su hijo.

Nuevo este año, usted puede dar permiso para que su hijo sea vacunado usando (1) un formulario en línea en www.vaccineconsent.com.

Le recordamos que se trata de una vacuna antigripal inyectable. Esto significa que se inyectará en el brazo de su niño a través de una pequeña aguja. La vacuna contra la gripe es muy segura.

La clínica estará en la escuela de su hijo en **October 3, 2017**. Enviaremos a casa una notificación con su hijo el día en que sea vacunado.

Si desea que su hijo reciba la vacuna, le pedimos lo siguiente:

1. Llene todas las secciones del formulario de consentimiento adjunto o complételo en internet, en el sitio web que se indica debajo de estas instrucciones. Si decide llenar el formulario en papel, escriba con letra clara y use tinta.
2. Consulte su credencial del seguro para completar con precisión la información de su seguro. Se facturará a su compañía de seguro. **No se cobran copagos ni deducibles**. Usted NO deberá pagarnos nada a nosotros ni a su compañía de seguro.

3. Lea la Declaración de Información sobre la Vacuna (VIS) y consulte a su médico o al enfermero escolar si tiene alguna pregunta.
4. Entregue el consentimiento antes del **22 de Septiembre**.

Para completar el formulario en internet, visite:

www.vaccineconsent.com

Esperamos que colabore con nosotros para combatir la gripe. Vacune a su hijo para mantenerlo sano y prevenir el contagio de la gripe. Además, podrá evitar tener que faltar a la escuela o al trabajo.

Spirit Wear – Show Your TVMS Spirit

Students received spirit wear order forms in Den today. Students wishing to order spirit wear should return the form and payment no later than **Friday, October 6th** to the front office. A copy of the order form is attached to this message.

PTSA

The PTSA is a great way to get involved in your student's school experience, learn what is happening at TVMS, discover great resources, help make positive changes, and be a role model for your child. The next PTSA meeting is Tuesday, October 3rd, at 6:00 p.m., in the Media Center. All are welcome, and we encourage your students to attend.

You can learn more about our PTSA at www.tvmsptsa.org.

HCPSS Family Emergency File Form – Please Complete

If you have not completed the Family Emergency File Form, we are asking you to make that a priority. **The Family Emergency Form must be completed each school year. Even if your student's emergency contact is the same as last year, we need you to go into your student's account and either update or confirm his/her emergency information.** Thank you to the families who have already updated/confirmed emergency contact information in Family File.

Login to HCPSS Connect and select the Family File tab to review and, if needed, update your student's emergency contact, medical, arrival/departure information, and your preferences regarding data confidentiality.

User guides for HCPSS Connect account activation and password reset, as well as Family File can be found in Guides.

NOTE: You must have a valid HCPSS Connect username and password to access the Family File.

If parents/guardians forget their passwords, they can have HCPSS Connect email them a temporary password.

1. On the HCPSS Connect website, click the HCPSS Connect Login button.
2. Click the Parent/Guardian Forgot Password link.
3. Enter the email address used at the time of registration.

4. Click the Send Email button.
5. The parent/guardian will receive an email with a temporary password and a link to login.
6. The parent/guardian will click on that link and use the email address used at the time of registration and the temporary email to gain access.

If you have forgotten your username and password or if you experience any issues completing the Family File, please submit your issue using the Help feature on the HCPSS Connect page at: <http://www.hcpss.org/connect>.

Changes of address may **not** be made through Family File. If you have recently moved, please contact your child's school as soon as possible.

Policy Corner

Bullying, Cyberbullying, Harassment, or Intimidation (*Policy 1060*)

The Board prohibits acts of bullying, cyberbullying, harassment, or intimidation because these behaviors compromise the learning environment and well-being of students, staff, and community. Bullying may include the following specific behaviors:

- Hitting, kicking, shoving, spitting, hair pulling, or throwing something
- Getting another person to hit or harm the student
- Teasing, name-calling, critical remarks, or threatening, in person, by email, or text message
- Bullying by demeaning and making the target of jokes
- Rude and/or threatening gestures
- Intimidation, extortion or exploitation
- Spreading rumors or harmful gossip
- Cyberbullying
- Hazing

Students, parents, employees, and service providers are responsible for reporting violations of this policy that occur on school property, on a school bus, or at a school-sponsored activity or event off school property. Incidents of cyberbullying occurring from a student's home that impact another student's well-being at school may also be reported.

For a complete description of the policy, refer to the *Student & Parent Handbook 2017-18*.

Tips for School Success

How to Talk About Bullying

Parents, school staff, and other caring adults have a role to play in preventing bullying. They can:

- **Help kids understand bullying.** Talk about what bullying is and how to stand up to it safely. Tell kids bullying is unacceptable. Make sure kids know how to get help.

- **Keep the lines of communication open.** Check in with kids often. Listen to them. Know their friends, ask about school, and understand their concerns.
- **Encourage kids to do what they love.** Special activities, interests, and hobbies can boost confidence, help kids make friends, and protect them from bullying behavior.
- **Model how to treat others with kindness and respect.**

For more tips on school success, please see the [website](#).

Community News and Programs: Please visit the Community News and Programs page (<http://www.hcpss.org/community-news-and-programs/>) on the HCPSS website for announcements of upcoming events and programs sponsored by non-profit organizations.

Spirit Wear Order Form

[TVMS 2017 Spirit Wear.pdf](#)

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Subject: OMHS Newsletter 9/18/17

Date: Monday, September 18, 2017 at 3:48:24 PM Eastern Daylight Time

From: Oakland Mills High School

To: emilybahharhcpss@gmail.com



Oakland Mills High School

OMHS Newsletter 9/18/17

From your Principal:

Greetings!

This week really flew by! I had the opportunity to get into a lot of classrooms, and I have been so impressed at the level of student engagement and great teacher lessons! Do you have questions about your high schooler's classes? Please contact the teacher directly. MOST teachers' emails are first_last@hcpss.org

This week we submitted our first draft of our School Improvement Plan. Our process is to get feedback from our leadership team, SIT team (including parents and students) and school system leaders and apply that feedback to draft #2. Here's a summary of our draft plan:

NOTE: All high schools in HCPSS have the same three goals (SAT, AP and graduation rate)

1. SAT: Increase the numbers of students from all student groups who take the SAT, and have more students hit or exceed the target score of 1065.
2. AP: Increase the numbers of students from all student groups who take Advanced Placement (AP) classes, and have more students earn a score of 3, 4, or 5 on the AP exam.
3. GRAD RATE: Increase the numbers of students from all student groups who graduate from OMHS.

What are our strategies to get there? We are continuing professional development on the new SAT and the rigorous questioning. We are continuing our professional development on classroom connections to continue to build positive relationships (restorative practices, cultural proficiency and student voice). We will continue to have a teacher focus group for those that teach AP classes, as well. We will keep you posted as our plan is revised, and by November it will be posted to the website.

Last, a reminder that my first parent-principal Collaboration Time is this Tuesday, Sept. 26 from 6:00PM-7:00PM. Please RSVP to me, katherine_orlando@hcpss.org to

let me know that you are coming!

Have a great week!

Policy Corner:

The following policy is provided for your information and review. The full version of the policy can be found on the [school system website](#):

Bullying, Cyberbullying, Harassment, or Intimidation

The Board of Education is committed to providing a safe, engaging, and supportive school and work environment that values diversity and commonality. The Board is also committed to fostering a climate where individuals are valued and their safety and rights are protected. The Board prohibits acts of bullying, cyberbullying, harassment, or intimidation because they compromise the learning environment and well-being of students, employees, and community.

Notes from Ms. Holderman, our Cafeteria Manager:

-If you had Free or Reduced Lunch last year in any Howard County Public School, it carries over to this year. That status expires on October 18. Please make sure you fill out a new form and turn it in. Paper applications were given out in the student folders at the start of school. Paper applications could take up to 2 weeks to process. You can also apply online at www.myschoolapps.com, which takes less time to process.

-You can add money to your students account to be used for Breakfast, Lunch and A La Carte items. Pay online at www.myschoolbucks.com. You will have to set up an account. We take cash and checks at the register. Checks must be \$25 or more. Checks should be made out to "HCPSS FNS". Also include your student's name on the check and a telephone number.

-Breakfast is \$2.00 and Lunch is \$3.25 for students. The menus are available at <http://hcpss.nutrislice.com/>.

If you have any questions please contact Mrs. Holderman at Laura_Holderman@hcpss.org.

Upcoming dates to remember:

Sept. 18th, 19th, and 20th – Fall play auditions (3pm)

Sept. 19th – Senior Information Night (7pm)
Sept. 21st – Schools & Offices Closed
Sept. 22nd – Professional Work Day – Schools closed for students
Sept. 22nd – Flu clinic consent forms due *please have your child pick up a form in the front office if the link does not work. <http://omhs.hcpss.org/news/2017/09/flu-vaccine>
Sept. 25th – Safe Driving Seminar (7pm)
Oct. 2nd – Golf team fundraiser at the Dobbin Center Panera (6pm-9pm)

From the Counseling Center:

Senior Information Night on 9/19. FAFSA Workshop on 10/2. ACT/SAT registration deadlines. Read more [here!](#)

Did You know?

-Both the Varsity and JV boys Cross Country teams placed first at the PG County Invitational and the girls placed 6th. Frederick Eiland and Anders Chattin led the way for the varsity boys placing 4th and 5th, respectively. Jared Nguyen (8th), Joel Bernstein (13th) and Jack Pazin (14th) all earned medals. Alike Gibson (2nd), Brandon Abraham (3rd), Alex Kohn (5th), Kendell Adson (6th), David Salazar (7th), Myles Williams (13th), and Brian Hebert (14th) all earned medals in the JV race. Grace Chaverini placed 14th and earned a medal in the girls varsity race.

-Monday, Sept. 18th, after school is the interest meeting for Delta Scholars. All girls are eligible to apply. Eligibility includes: being a sophomore, junior, or senior and having an unweighted GPA of a 3.0.

-Our fall sports are in full swing! We have student athletes playing in Allied Soccer, golf, football, volleyball, cheerleading, field hockey, soccer, and cross-country! Go, Scorpis! Want to know the full schedule every week? www.countysportszone.com.

-Students you can opt in to receive our [Newsletters](#) and text messages. click on “sign up (non-hcpss parents/guardians)” and then fill out the form. You’ll be signed up for newsletters/district-wide news. To sign up for texts, after you add your cell number and submit the form, text the word YES to the number 67587. Spread the word to your friends!

-If you’re interested in joining the IEQ committee sign up [here!](#)

Staff Spotlight:

OMHS has some of the best staff in the county....and that includes Ms. Rivera, OMHS' beloved English teacher. Ms. Rivera attended the University of Delaware for her undergrad and Johns Hopkins as a grad student. When you ask her what her favorite sports team is she simply just "laughs out loud!". Her favorite hobbies are refashioning clothes, gardening, cooking, and of course....reading and writing. One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest is her favorite book and Mozart is her favorite musician. In college she conducted research in the field of literature and English education, as well as feminist theory. When asked if she could do another job for one day she picked....film director! Ms. Rivera, thanks for all you do for our students!

Automated Attendance Calls:

Parents/Guardians- Friday we used a call home system if your child was tardy unexcused or absent from school. These calls are automated and will be made around 11 am each day. If you have any questions, please call the front office and ask to speak to an administrator.

Family File

Parents/Guardians,

Beginning later this week we will begin sending reminder emails to every parent/guardian for each child that does not have a completed family file online. This must be done for every child every year. Parents/Guardians will continue to receive the reminder email until the form has been done online. If you need computer access, please contact Ms. Humphrey via email tamara_humphrey@hcpss.org or at 410-313-6945 to schedule a time to come in to use our computers.

HCPSS uses Family File for parents/guardians to complete emergency information. Parents/guardians must verify and/or update information for each child, and can do so by logging in to HCPSS Connect <http://www.hcpss.org/connect/> and selecting the Family File tab and then clicking on Family File. Once logged in, parents/guardians will be asked to provide or update the following information:

- Student information
- Parent/guardian contact
- Emergency contacts
- Medical information
- Arrival/dismissal procedures
- Media release (photo approval)
- Data confidentiality
- PTA/PTSA directory

Changes of address may not be made through Family File. If you have recently moved,

please contact our Guidance office at 410-313-6950 to make an appointment with our Registrar. For students who are bus riders, please note that bus numbers and routes shown in Family File may be subject to change. Please check the school and bus locator on the [HCPSS website](#). Resources on how to access Family File may be found [online](#).

Parents who have forgotten their login credentials or are new to the system may click the "Forgot Password" link on the sign in page. If you need additional assistance, please fill out this [Connect Help Form](#).

Community News & Programs:

Please visit the Community News and Programs [page](#) on the HCPSS website for announcements of upcoming events and programs sponsored by non-profit organizations.

Free Dental Clinic:

Saturday, October 7, 2017. 8:00am - 3:00pm. North Laurel Community Center. For more info [here](#)!

Food Pantry

OMHS Food Pantry

What:

A safe place for community members to access food who are in need.

Where:

Oakland Mills High School- Enter through the set of double doors on the right hand side of the front of the building.

When:

The last Thursday of each month beginning from 3-5 pm.

What to bring:

A form of identification

OMHS Banco de alimentos

¿Qué?:

Un lugar seguro donde miembros de la comunidad pueden obtener comida si necesitan.

¿Dónde?:

Oakland Mills High School- Entre por las puertas enfrente de la escuela (a la derecha del edificio)

¿Cuándo?:

El ultimo jueves de cada mes de 3 a 5 de la tarde.

¿Qué necesito traer?:

Una forma de identificación

PTSA:

29th Annual Craft Fair info. After Prom Committee. Host Family needed. HC DrugFree events. More info [here](#).

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Subject: Eagle News - September 15, 2017

Date: Friday, September 15, 2017 at 5:02:34 PM Eastern Daylight Time

From: Longfellow Elementary School

To: emilybahharhcpss@gmail.com



Longfellow Elementary School

Eagle News - September 15, 2017

Longfellow Elementary School

Greetings Longfellow Families,

The 2017-2018 school year is underway and our faculty and staff have been taking time to get to know our students, build a strong sense of community within every classroom and throughout the building, and setting up routines to ensure that each student has an opportunity to thrive at Longfellow Elementary School. We want to thank those families that were able to attend our PTA-sponsored Back to School event this past Monday. The evening provided a wonderful opportunity to connect and get information about what to expect throughout the school year. A condensed version of the administrative presentation has been shared as a reference along with links to the “What Your Child Will Learn” guides that were mentioned on Monday evening.

We are looking forward to a great year at LoES as we continue to get to know each of our students as learners and as young people. We want to encourage our families to keep the lines of communication open between teachers and our administrative team. The continuous partnership between home and school will help support your students progress throughout the duration of the school year.

Warm regards,

Mr. Anderson & Ms. Wright

Upcoming Dates & Events

- 9/21 - Schools & Offices closed
- 9/22 - Schools closed for students
- 9/26 - College & Career Readiness workshop for Hispanic Families at 6:30 pm
- 9/27 - Flu Vaccine Clinic at LoES

News & Notes from LoES

- Families can access the BTSN presentation [HERE](#).
- The “What Your Child Will Learn” guides for each grade level can be accessed [HERE](#).
- IMPORTANT - If you have not already done so, complete [Family File](#) as soon as possible. You can update your information online or call the school directly for support.
- Flu Vaccine Clinic - new this year, you may give permission for your child to be vaccinated using (1) an online form at www.vaccineconsent.com or (2) the hard copy form attached to this message. The clinic at our school will be held on Wednesday, September 27th. We will send a notice home the day he/she has been vaccinated.

More Important News

Policy Update

Bullying Policy - Longfellow Elementary School and the HCPSS Board of Education are committed to providing a safe and nurturing school environment that values diversity and commonality. Acts of bullying, cyberbullying, harassment or intimidation are prohibited because these actions compromise the learning environment and well-being of students, staff and community members. Students and family members have continuous access to [Bullying, Harassment and Intimidation forms](#) at LoES and can also submit reports online at Sprigeo.com where the report will automatically be forwarded to an administrator. To learn about the HCPSS policy on bullying ([policy 1060](#)) and the efforts we make to provide each student with a positive learning environment, please visit our [HCPSS School Culture & Climate](#) webpage.

Pets on Campus - Animals are also prohibited on school system property during arrival, dismissal, recess or other HCPSS sponsored outdoor activities. Service animals or service animals in training per MD Annotated Code Section 7-705 (Service Animals) and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) as well as animals approved for instructional purposes are exempt from this prohibition.

LoES PTA Updates

Sign up to become a member of our Longfellow Elementary School PTA. Through this partnership, we are able to further cultivate a sense of community throughout the school year, support students through a variety of initiative and events and appreciate our teachers who work hard to ensure each of our students thrives. You can [sign up online here](#) and learn more about our PTA by visiting their [website](#).

PTA-Sponsored Student Activities

- **Chess Club at LoES - learn more [HERE](#)**
- **Dash Through the Path at LoES - learn more [HERE](#)**

Community News

Please visit the [HCPSS community news](#) webpage for information regarding programs and events throughout Howard County.

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Subject: September 14 HES Newsletter

Date: Thursday, September 14, 2017 at 2:37:02 PM Eastern Daylight Time

From: Hammond Elementary School

To: emilybahharhpcss@gmail.com

September 14 - HES Tiger Tales

Newsletter

[WSLETTER 9-14-17.pdf](#) **HAMMOND TIGER TALES** **September 14, 2017**

*Hammond Elementary School provides a safe,
nurturing learning environment that fosters
individual success through academic
excellence, and appreciation of
diversity, to ensure lifelong learners.*

September 18 pm	Band and Orchestra Back to School Night 6:30-7:30
September 19	PTA Restaurant Night – J&P Restaurant
September 20	Vaccine consent form DUE
September 21	Schools and Offices Closed
September 22	Professional Learning Day – Schools closed for students
September 26	Students Individual School Picture Day
September 26	New Family Night 7:00

September 29	Flu Shot Clinic
October 6	HES PTA Fall Festival (New Date previously Rain Date)
October 12	Spirit Day – Wear Blue to Stomp Out Bullying
October 16	HES Parent Book Club – Mindsets for Parents 7:00-8:30
October 20	Professional Work Day Schools closed for students
November 6	4 th Grade Art Field Trip, Washington DC
November 9	Spirit Day –Sports Day
November 10	Schools close 3 hours early. End of marking period.
November 14	Hearing and Vision Screening
November 17- November 27	HES Book Fair
November 20 & 21 conferences.	Schools close 3 hours early. ES parent/teacher
November 22	Schools closed for students. Parent/teacher conferences.
November 23 & 24	Schools and offices closed (State mandated holiday)
December 7	Spirit Day - Twin Day/Tuffy's Twin Day/Spirit Wear (Students may also choose to wear HES Spirit Colors: green and/or yellow)
December 12, 13, 14	PTA Holiday Shop
December 13 Orchestra	HES Winter Concert Chorus, Advanced Band and
December 25-January 1	Schools closed for students
January 6	HES Winter Concert Beginning Band and Orchestra
January 11	Spirit Day – Pajama Day
January 22	HES Parent Book Club – Mindsets for Parents 7:00-8:30

Setting the Stage for Success

Dear Parents:

On behalf of the staff, I would like to thank you for the many ways that you have shown support of your child's education during this early part of the school year! Attending Open House and Back-to-School Night as well as assisting with homework, communicating with staff regarding questions, volunteering, and joining the PTA are ways to demonstrate to your child that his/her education is important to you!

This year, our staff will be hosting a Parent Book Club. Dates are set for October 16, January 22, March 19, and May 14. Our sessions will focus around the book, ***Mindsets for Parents: Strategies to Encourage Growth Mindsets in Kids***, which can be found at the public library or Amazon. You can like to the registration flyer: [HES Parents Growth Mindset Book Club Invitation.pdf](#)

Additionally, our staff and PTA hope to see many of you at the Fall Festival on October 6th. The work of the PTA directly impacts the children through activities that build community spirit and also support our instructional program. All children benefit from our PTA's efforts!

Sincerely,
Kimberlyn Pratesi

Principal

Kimberlyn_pratesi@hcpss.org

SCHOOL PICTURE DAY IS COMING!!

School picture day is September 26, 2017 at Hammond Elementary. You may order portraits on-line at www.schoolpix.com There will be a circle labeled PREORDER PORTRAITS ONLINE HERE. Type in the pre-order code: 5E9K83WU If you do not wish to preorder on line, the School Pictures, Inc. order/payment envelope will be coming home with your child the day before pictures are taken, September 25th. Payment is due on picture day, all products are returned to the school and will be brought home by your child. Please make sure if you are writing a check or paying in cash that the payment is accurate.

FLU SHOT CLINIC INFORMATION

Influenza, also known as the flu, is a serious illness that affects people of all ages. One of the best ways to prevent the flu is through vaccinations. We are pleased to again join with the Maryland Partnership for Prevention (MPP) to offer flu vaccinations at our school.

New this year, you may give permission for your child to be vaccinated using (1) an online form at www.vaccineconsent.com.

We urge you to protect your family from the flu. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends that everyone ages 6 months and older get a flu shot. Please visit www.cdc.gov/flu/index.htm for more information about the flu vaccine.

The clinic at our school will be held on **[Friday, September 29, 2017]**. We will send a notice home the day he/she has been vaccinated.

If you want your child to be vaccinated, please:

1. Complete the consent form online at www.vaccineconsent.com. If you need to fill out a paper consent, please contact our nurse, you will need to write neatly and use ink. Only fill out the hard copy consent **or** the online consent. Do NOT fill out both.
2. Use your insurance card to fill out your insurance information accurately. Your insurance company will be billed. **There is no co-pay or deductible**. You will NOT be charged by us or your insurance company.
3. Read the Vaccine Information Statement (VIS) and talk to your health care provider or the school nurse about any questions you have.
4. Return the consent form no later than **Wednesday September 20, 2017**.

To complete the consent form online, go to:

www.vaccineconsent.com

If you have any questions, please feel free to email Mrs. Rozgonyi, our school nurse at; melissa_rozgonyi@hcpss.org or call 410/880-5893 to speak with her.

orcHEStra News!!

Now is the time to sign students up for orchestra! Please visit www.hesorchestra.weebly.com and click on "Enrollment" to get students scheduled for orchestra. Enrollment is due September 15. We

will have a Back-to-School meeting for Band and Orchestra on Monday, September 18 at 6:30PM in the media center. This meeting is especially geared towards beginners, but all are welcome.

Please Consider Making a Donation

We have had many, many requests from parents to borrow instruments from Hammond Elementary this year - more requests than the instruments we own. Please consider donating an instrument to the orchestra program if you have a lonely instrument at home that is gathering dust. We have many families in need. Please contact Mr. Reinhardt at tim_reinhardt@hcpss.org with any questions or donations. Thank you!

<http://hesorchestra.weebly.com/enrollment.html>

Music News!

RECORDERS: We started recorder instruction this week in general music. If your student does not have a recorder, please purchase one as soon as possible for \$2.39 using this link: The HCPSS Online Payment System can be accessed at <http://osp.osmsinc.com/HowardMD>. Parents are strongly encouraged to use the OPS system, however, if you do not have access to the internet, you may send a check (made out to **Hammond ES**) or cash in the amount of \$2.39. **Please** put the money or check in an envelope with your child's name and their grade level.

QUAVER CODE: Our online music curriculum has a code for students to use. Here are the directions:

- Go to <http://www.quavermusic.com/Default.aspx> (Links to an external site.)
- https://mail.hcpss.org/owa/redir.aspx?C=p9Z_nXF1xgpzBEX0TbpsBpOzgWRAGXblxAAgTqb-xR-2N_2E5PnUCA..&URL=http%3a%2f%2fwww.quavermusic.com%2fDefault.aspxClick on **"STUDENT INTERACTIVES"** (lower left corner. Do not try to "Sign In" it will not work.)
- You will be asked to enter a **CLASS CODE**.
- Type in the following code: **458X9T**
- Click on **"SUBMIT"**
- You're IN!! Click on the **"Select Grade"** icon and TA-DA....have **FUN!!!!**

4th & 5th grade Chorus Rehearsals

4th & 5th grade Chorus will end rehearsal at **3:15pm** on their respective rehearsal days (4th grade - Tuesday - 2:45-3:15pm; 5th grade - Wednesday - 2:45-3:15pm). All students will be dismissed in time to ensure they are able to meet their bus or other transportation home.

HCPSS Children's Cantus Choir

HCPSS offers an extra-curricular singing opportunity for 2nd & 3rd graders. Information is as follows:

Your child will need to be able to:

- Sing with a pleasing tone quality and on pitch
- Maintain an independent vocal line
- Maintain pitch when singing a cappella (without piano accompaniment)
- Possess good tonal memory, and
- Demonstrate dependability, enthusiasm, and self-control.

Interested 2nd & 3rd graders would be assessed by their general music teacher and recommended

Rehearsals: Thursday evenings at Gorman Crossing Elementary School from 6:30-7:30 PM

Fees: \$150 tuition fee for all members of the chorus.

First Rehearsal: Thursday, September 28th.

Concert Attire: Members are required to wear black pants, black shoes and a white, short-sleeved, collared polo shirt for all performances. The shirt is provided and the cost is included in the tuition. The pants and shoes are provided by the parent.

If you would like your student to be considered for the either group, please contact Mrs. Armstrong at carmstrong@hcpss.org to discussion the possibility.

From the Front Office:

Please be advised you will need your photo i.d. any time you are entering the building.

Please be advised you will need to turn in your volunteer certificate to Mrs. Godbout if you are planning on volunteering in the classroom or attending your child's field trip(s).

Please be advised that if there is a need to change your child's dismissal plan, please notify the FRONT OFFICE as well as your child's teacher, prior to 2:30 PM, by sending a note or e-mail in advance. For emergencies, please call the school directly to assure the message is received. Bus changes are permitted for daycare purposes only and must be submitted in writing.

HES Ambassadors NEEDED

If you have been part of the HES community for one year or longer and would like to help the new families with their transition and navigating around our community, then please volunteer to be an ambassador. There's hardly any time commitment. What we need is your willingness to help someone new and answer questions via email. Please contact either Sumaira Bajwa at bajwasumaira@yahoo.com or Allison Witherow at allison_witherow@yahoo.com if you can help.

New Families Night

In order to ease the transition of the families new to Hammond Elementary, the school administration and PTA will be hosting a New Families Night on September 26, 2017 from 7:00 – 8:00 PM. Parents and students from New Families and ambassador families are invited. For details please click [here](#). Light refreshments will be served, your RSVP will help us with our planning efforts. Please click [here](#) to RSVP. Welcome to Hammond Elementary. We look forward to seeing you.

Community News and Programs

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Subject: The Elkster Examiner

Date: Friday, September 8, 2017 at 4:43:38 PM Eastern Daylight Time

From: Elkridge Elementary School

To: emilybahharhcpss@gmail.com

The Elkster Examiner

Friday, September 8

FROM THE DESK OF THE PRINCIPAL

My name is Michael Caldwell and I am the proud Principal of Elkridge Elementary. I want to welcome all our families to the 2017-18 school year! We hope that all students, especially those who are new and those in Kindergarten

had a wonderful first week. We have enjoyed seeing our nearly 900 students get back into the routines of school. We are working hard to reinforce positive learning behaviors and introduced the new 1, 2, 3 Magic program to our students this week. We will host a 1, 2, 3, Magic parent night, Tuesday, October 3rd. You can also check out the 1, 2, 3 Magic page on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/123magicparenting/>. Beginning next week, classes will resume a more typical academic day. We wanted to share a few updates and reminders with you as we move into the school year.

*The beginning of the school year is an excellent time to establish or reestablish routines at home that will help your child remain successful in school. Designate a special area in your home where students may complete home assignments.

*Make certain that your child is in bed at a time that will allow her or him to have at least eight hours of uninterrupted sleep. Please help your child begin the school day on a positive note by making sure that he or she is on time. Please note: School staff members do not supervise students until the doors open at 9:10 am. Students must be under your supervision until that time. No students may be dropped off prior to the start of the school day. Our front doors open at 9:10 and all students are expected to be in their classroom before the 9:25 late bell rings. The EES staff and your child are counting on you to do your part to help make this year a success.

*Students eating breakfast are to report directly to the cafeteria as they enter the school building. Students may eat at school and the same eligibility for free and reduced meals applies to breakfast as well as lunch! For information about lunch accounts, menus and more, visit <http://www.hcpss.org/food-services/>

Elkridge Elementary strives to provide a safe and nurturing school environment in accordance with Policy 1040:

“It shall be a violation of this policy for any student, employee, or third party to use profanity, or to threaten, defame, harass, intimidate, bully, cyber-bully, or physically attack another when these actions occur on school property, on a school bus, at a school bus stop, or in connection with any school-related activity. These behaviors shall also constitute violations of this policy when they have a direct effect on the order and general welfare of the school (such as negatively affecting the safety or learning environment of a classroom), even when they do not occur on school property or at a school-related activity.”

In order to promote safety, it is the responsibility of students to follow the school rules and directions of staff members and to report concerns or suspected violations of this policy to staff or parent so the situation may be properly investigate. A complete list of Howard County School System Policies can be found at <http://www.hcpss.org/board/policies/>

I strongly encourage all of our parents to become active in our PTA. This provides a great opportunity to volunteer, and most importantly, to partner with us in the education of your children.

I have truly enjoyed the first week of school and look forward to adventure that

lies ahead!

Sincerely,
Michael Caldwell
Principal

DATES TO REMEMBER

Thursday, September 14 ~ PTA Restaurant Night at Unos

Monday, September 18 ~ Back to School Night 6pm (K and 1)

Tuesday, September 19 ~ Musical Auditions 4pm
Back to School Night 6pm (Grades 2 and 3)

Thursday, September 21 ~ Schools Closed

Friday, September 22 ~ No School for Students ~ Professional Learning Day

Saturday, September 23 ~ Elkster 5K and Fun Run

Monday, September 25 ~ GT Back to School Night 5:30
Back to School Night 6pm (Grades 4 and 5)

Tuesday, September 26 ~ EES Book Exchange

Wednesday, September 27 ~ Munchkins with Mom (Information coming soon)

Friday, September 29 ~ Munchkins with Mom (Information coming soon)

Monday, October 2 ~ Fall Individual Portraits (Information Packets coming soon)

Tuesday, October 3 ~ Fall Individual Portraits (Information Packets coming soon)
1-2-3 Magic Parent Night 6:30

Wednesday, October 4 ~ Musical Rehearsal 4pm

Thursday, October 5 ~ PTA Meeting 7pm

Friday, October 6 ~ Flu Vaccination Day

HCPSS Connect/Family File

Emergency Procedure Card – Very Important!!!

Our number one priority is the safety of our students. Dismissal time can be very hectic and in order to ensure that all students make it to their correct after school destination a few modifications to our dismissal procedures are necessary. The staff has been working to create a list of each student's proper dismissal plans.

We have gathered information from various sources including the Parks and

Recreation program, Family File, bus routes from transportation and the parent information card. The following link will take you to HCPSS CONNECT/FAMILY FILE so that you can provide and/or update important student information. This information needs to be verified each school year. <http://www.hcpss.org/connect/>

Parent Volunteer Procedures at EES

We value our volunteers and the contributions they make to our students and schools. Parents who wish to volunteer must complete a brief training course online and submit a certificate of completion to their school. This also includes anyone who chaperones a field trip. Details are available on our [website](#).

Summer Reading Programs

If your child participated in the Howard County Library Summer Reading Program, please inform your student's homeroom teacher. We would like to recognize these students in an upcoming newsletter.

Point of sale for school lunches

Again this year we will be using the POS (Point of Sale) system for students to buy student lunches. Elementary school lunches are available for \$2.75 and milk is available for \$.50. Parents may prepay for student meals by setting up an online account at myschoolbucks.com. The prepay system works very well and we encourage parents to use it. There are two ways to place money into your student account. One, you may go to the website and use a credit card to put money in the account, however there is a service charge. Two, you can send in any amount of money in an envelope marked POS system, our cafeteria manager, Marzela Nurovic, will place this amount of money into the system for you at no extra charge. Students also have the option of paying with cash on a daily basis, but we'd like to encourage the use of the POS system this year, as our paraeducators will not be collecting money each morning. Students will be responsible for holding onto their daily lunch money until it is time for them to eat.

Each student has been issued a PIN to use when purchasing meals with cash or prepayment. If a student has forgotten his or her PIN, staff members can look the PIN up by student name. We encourage students to practice their PIN number; they will have this same number until they graduate from High School.

Elkridge Elementary Newsletter

EES will share news every week with our families through our school newsletter.

This information is sent directly to your e-mail on Fridays. In order to save paper, an electronic copy of the newsletter will be sent home on a weekly basis. If you do not have access to viewing this electronically or would prefer a paper copy of the newsletter, please inform the homeroom teacher or the front office at 410-313-5006. We urge you to stay in touch with the school via HCPSSNews if at all possible so that you do not miss out on the important information that parents need to know!

EES Book Exchange

The Book Exchange will take place on Tuesday, September 26. Please bring in NO MORE THAN 10 gently used books from September 13 - 20. No magazines or adult books, please. Label your bags with: Student name, number of books, classroom teacher name. Primary (K-2 level) books are exchanged for primary books, and intermediate books are exchanged for intermediate levels. We are happy to accept donations to enhance the selection!

Thank you for your participation.

EES Reading Team

Morning Drop Off/ Afternoon Pick Up Reminders

Starting, September 6, if your child is a car rider they will be dismissed from the gym doors at the school. This includes parents that have parked their cars and are walking to the building to pick up their child. Parents are strongly encouraged to remain in the car pool as it is the most efficient way for us to dismiss and ensure children are picked by the appropriate person. Parents will not longer be allowed in the building or at the front doors to pick up their children unless they are doing an early dismissal. Early dismissals should occur prior to 3:30. No vehicles will be allowed to park in the bus lane after 3:30. It is imperative that all parents and guardians follow these procedures to ensure the safety of all the children here at Elkridge Elementary School.

IMPORTANT POLICY INFORMATION

A Student/Parent Handbook 2017-2018 was sent home to every family this week with important policy information for parents and student to become familiar with.

ATTENDANCE (POLICY 9010)

Regular daily attendance is vital to the continuity of classroom instruction and participation in school activities. Therefore, students are required to be in school or to be attending a school activity each day school is in session. In recognition that situations do arise that necessitate absence from school, the Board of Education allow students to be lawfully absent for a death in the family, illness, a court summons, hazardous weather as determined by the Superintendent, work release, religious obligation, declared State emergencies, suspension, or for other emergencies or set of circumstances which in the judgment of the Superintendent or designee constitutes a good and sufficient cause for absence.

PTA NEWS

PTA Meeting

Our first PTA meeting was last night in the media center. Thank you to all who were able to attend. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 5.

Elkster 5K and Fun Run

Sign up now for the Elkster 5K and Fun Run! Elkster and friends will be hitting the pavement Saturday, September 23rd, starting at 7:50am. This year's course

starts at EES and goes through some of the tree-lined streets around the school before heading back up to the EES/ELMS campus. The 5K race will be followed by the Fun Run (approximately 1 mile walk/run). Estimated start time for the fun run is 9am. Register online or print off a paper form at <http://www.eespta.com/elkster-5k.html>.

Restaurant Fundraiser Night

Mark your calendar for our first restaurant night of the year, September 14th at Uno's. It's an all day fundraiser and includes dine in and carry out. Be on the lookout for the flier coming home soon.

Community News for Parents

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Subject: MWMS Newsletter 9/8/2017

Date: Friday, September 8, 2017 at 3:15:30 PM Eastern Daylight Time

From: Mayfield Woods Middle School

To: emilybahharhcpss@gmail.com

MWMS Newsletter

September 8, 2017

From the Principal's Desk

THIS HAS BEEN A GREAT FIRST WEEK!

Thank you for sending us your wonderful children! We have had the best week with them!! The kids have quickly adjusted to being back to school, and it's been wonderful to see them reunite with old friends and make new ones. Further, their excitement and commitment to learning are contagious and it has been great to see them after the long summer break. I know I speak on behalf of the entire staff when I say that we are truly fortunate to have such fantastic students and such a supportive, devoted community!

EVACUATION AND LOCKDOWN DRILLS

This week during our extended homeroom staff reviewed emergency preparedness and evacuation procedures with our students. Our students and staff practiced 3 drills this week: 2 evacuation drills and a lockdown drill. During these emergency practices, our students and staff remained quiet and calm all while executing proper evacuation and lockdown procedures. We are proud of our Mayfield staff and students for a job well done!

FAMILY FILE (STUDENT EMERGENCY/CONTACT INFORMATION)

61% of our students have updated/confirmed their family file accounts! At this point, we are only emailing families who have not updated this information. If you receive one of these reminders, please take a few minutes to update or confirm your child's information - it is important that we get this from you as soon as possible. [Click here](#) for more information about how to update your Family File.

Thank you to the families who have already completed this!!!

HCPSS GUIDE TO POLICY NOTIFICATION

At Mayfield Woods, we work hard to ensure that students are learning in a positive environment conducive to success.

With that, we follow the Howard County Public School System countywide discipline code. For your convenience, the **HCPSS Student Code of Conduct** can be viewed in the Student/Parent Handbook (2017-2018) you received on the first day of school, or online at [Student/Parent Handbook](#). We will also continue to implement our "**BARK**" positive behavior plan that promotes respectful behavior, teamwork, and leadership.

In addition to the information contained in the HCPSS Student Code of Conduct, there are certain policies that are important for you to review with your child in order to help us maintain a positive school environment. Ms. Stevens, Mr. Murray and I went over all of these policies/expectations with students in grade-level meetings yesterday. [Click here](#) for a link to these policies and their descriptions

on our website. They are also included at the end of this newsletter.

BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT, 9/14

Mark your calendars! **Back to School Night** will be held on **September 14, 2017** at promptly 6:00 p.m. We strongly encourage you to arrive by 5:40/5:45 p.m. to make sure you have enough time to park and find your child's homeroom. [Click here](#) for detailed information about next week's Back to School Night. *Tip! Take a picture of your child's schedule with your cell phone so you have it handy!*

#MAYFIELDBBT STARTS NEXT THURSDAY, 9/14!

Designed to help support the academic needs of our students, #MayfieldBBT, otherwise known as "**Bulldog Brain Time**" starts next week! Every Thursday, classes will be shortened by 4 minutes so that we can have a 27-minute "#MayfieldBBT" period at the end of the day. During #MayfieldBBT, students can do things such as meet with teachers for extra help, make up tests or quizzes, or work on group projects. Almost every teacher will have a #MayfieldBBT group so that class sizes are small, and since it's at the end of the day students can get a jump start on their homework if they do not need to meet with a teacher. We're excited to bring this back again this year and think the students are really going to appreciate the extra support period!

NEW CELL PHONE POLICY

Thank you for reviewing our new cell phone policy with your child. The kids are doing a great job keeping phones away at the appropriate times. As a reminder, our cell phone policy can be found in your child's agenda book. It's also on our website [here](#).

NOTE FROM THE PTA: SPIRITWEAR / PE UNIFORM UPDATE

An order form for MWMS Spirit Wear went home in the students' first day of school folders. This is a fundraiser for the PTA. Orders are due on September 15 but students are required to change into approved PE clothes starting September 12. Please make sure your student comes prepared with PE approved clothes on September 12 and the Spirit Wear orders will be distributed by the end of September. If you have questions, please contact Pam Smith at pamLsmith@hotmail.com or 610-844-2664.

On behalf of the entire staff at Mayfield Woods, thank you again for helping us get off to a great start! We look forward to a fantastic year!

Sincerely,
Melissa Shindel
Principal

Stay Connected

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Guidance: 410-313-5025

Health Room: 410-313-5022

Twitter: [@hcpss_mwms](https://twitter.com/hcpss_mwms)

Principal's Instagram: [principal_shindel](https://www.instagram.com/principal_shindel)

PTA email: mayfieldwoodspta@gmail.com

PTA's Facebook Page: [Search "MWMS PTA"](#)

PTA's Website: <http://mayfieldwoodspta.weebly.com>

Save the Dates!

9/11- 9/20 Collections Begin for Joe Corbi's Fundraiser

9/13 PTA Meeting, 7:00 PM, Media Center

9/14 BBT Begins

9/14 Back to School Night, 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

9/14 Play Auditions – "The Sound of Music"

9/15 PTA PE Uniform Orders Due

9/19 PTA Restaurant Night at Tino's, Ellicott City

9/19 Play Rehearsal

9/21 Schools and Offices Closed for Rosh Hashanah

9/22 Professional Day, Schools Closed for Students

9/26 MWMS Flu Clinic

9/27 Bear Tracks with Officer Cofield

9/26 Play Rehearsal

9/28 Play Rehearsal

PTA News

Our Next Meeting: Wednesday, September 13, 2017

MWMS PTA WEBSITE

The website includes:

- On-going access to up-to-date MWMS and MWMS PTA news
- Links for joining the PTA and volunteering in and out of school
- Calendars of MWMS, MWMS PTA and MWMS Music events
- Spirit Gear purchase info
- MWMS Music Boosters Page
- MWMS Teacher/Staff Gift Guide
- And more ...

We hope the new site will be a great resource for MWMS Families. Please take time to explore the site and bookmark us on your computers and smart devices today!

Our address is: <http://mayfieldwoodspta.weebly.com>

School News

A Message from the Health Room

Health room staff have returned to school and will be available in the Health Room to accept medications, medical supplies and answer questions from 8:00 am-3:00pm. **All forms can be obtained from Health Room Staff or by going to <http://www.hcpss.org/about-us/forms/>**

For further questions, you may contact the Health Room Staff at 410-313-5022.

Thank you,
Tracy Jerome, RN
Cluster Nurse
Bryant Woods Elementary School
Mayfield Woods Middle School

Community News

A new community news and programs webpage is now available!! This page contains brief announcements of upcoming events and announcements from community organizations. Please visit the HCPSS website for details about upcoming events or visit: <http://www.hcpss.org/community-news-and-programs/>

HCPSS STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT

Each day we work to recognize and celebrate positive behaviors, but we also must follow the Howard County Public School System countywide discipline code. For your convenience, the **HCPSS Student Code of Conduct** can be viewed in the Student/Parent Handbook (2017-2018) you received on the first day of school, or online at [Student/Parent Handbook](#). In addition to the information contained in the HCPSS Student Code of Conduct, Mayfield Woods Middle School informs all students, parents/guardians, and staff of the following policies at the beginning of each school year, and at other times when deemed appropriate. For your reference or for more information, policies in their entirety can be found on the HCPSS website at <http://www.hcpss.org/board/policies/>.

Summaries can be found in [Student/Parent Handbook](#), but also in the text below and at the included links.

- [Alcohol, Other Drugs, Prescription Medication and Over the Counter Products \(Policy 9230\)](#)

- [Attendance \(Policy 9010\)](#).
- [Bullying, Cyberbullying, Harassment, or Intimidation \(Policy 1060\)](#).
- [Civility \(Policy 1000\)](#).
- [Discrimination \(Policy 1010\)](#).
- [Gangs, Gang Activity and Similar Destructive or Illegal Gang Behavior \(Policy 9290\)](#).
- [Grading and Reporting \(Policy 8010\)](#).
- [Responsible Use of Technology and Social Media \(Policy 8080\)](#).
- [Safe and Supportive Schools \(Policy 1040\)](#).
- [Sexual Discrimination \(Policy 1020\)](#).
- [Student Assault and/or Battery on Staff \(Policy 9270\)](#).
- [Student Discipline \(Policy 9200\)](#).
- [Student Dress Code \(Policy 9210\)](#).
- [Student Representation \(Policy 2010\)](#).
- [Student Search and Seizure \(Policy 9260\)](#).
- [Student Use and Possession of Tobacco Products \(Policy 9240\)](#).
- [Students Charged with Community or Reportable Offenses \(Policy 9280\)](#).
- [Students' Rights and Responsibilities \(Policy 9020\)](#).
- [Trespassing or Willful Disturbance \(Policy 3020\)](#).
- [Weapons \(Policy 9250\)](#).
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The following are summaries of policies related to student responsibilities and behavior, as of July 1, 2017. The most current copies of policies are available on the [policies webpage](#), or through the Public Information Office at 410-313-6682.

Alcohol, Other Drugs, Prescription Medication and Over the Counter Products

[\(Policy 9230\)](#).

The possession, use, or distribution of alcoholic beverages and other drugs on school premises or at school-related or school-sponsored activities is prohibited. Prescription medication and over-the-counter products require written medication orders and are to be administered in accordance with school system Health Services procedures. Legal searches and seizures related to this policy may be conducted on school property. Confidentiality is guaranteed for students who seek counseling for drug or alcohol abuse problems.

For a first offense, a student found using or in possession of alcoholic beverages or other drugs will be suspended from school for not more than 30 school days and will be suspended from attendance at, participation in, and practice for, all extracurricular and school activities for 30 school days. Exclusion from commencement exercises is only applicable if it occurs during the suspension from school. The student will be referred for mandatory counseling in a licensed addictions program.

A second offense results in a referral to the Superintendent/Designee for a suspension of not more than 45 school days and suspension from attendance at, participation in, and practice for all extracurricular activities for the remainder of the current semester and the next consecutive semester. Exclusion from commencement exercises is only applicable if it occurs during the suspension from school. The student will be referred for mandatory counseling in a licensed addictions program.

A third violation results in a referral to the Superintendent/Designee for a suspension of not more than 45 school days or expulsion.

Possession or use of prescription medication or over-the-counter products in the absence of, or inconsistent with, a written medication order, will result in a suspension of not more than 30 school days for a first offense. A school administrator may consider a lesser consequence than suspension under certain circumstances.

A second offense may result in suspension from school for up to 30 school days and from attendance at, participation in, and the practice for, all extracurricular and school-related activities for 30 school days. The student may be referred for mandatory counseling in a licensed addictions program.

A lesser consequence can be considered based on the consequence for the first offense.

A third offense may result in a suspension of up to 45 school days and suspension from attendance at, participation in, and practice for all extracurricular and school-related activities for the remainder of the current semester and the next consecutive semester. The student may be referred for mandatory counseling in a licensed addictions program. Consequences for a third offense are also dependent on the consequences assigned for the first two offenses.

Students who distribute or intend to distribute alcohol or other drugs on school property will be referred to the Superintendent/Designee for a suspension of not more than 45 school days or expulsion. If suspended, the student also will be suspended from attendance at, participation in, and practice for all extracurricular and school-related activities for the remainder of the semester and the next consecutive semester. The student will be referred for mandatory counseling in a licensed addictions program.

A second violation results in expulsion.

A school administrator may consider a lesser consequence than suspension if the student distributes an over-the-counter product that can be clearly identified. If this condition is not met, the administrator will suspend the student for not more than 45 school days.

A second offense results in a suspension for not more than 45 school days and suspension from attendance at, participation in, and practice for all extracurricular and school-related activities for the remainder of the semester and the next consecutive semester. The student will be referred for mandatory counseling in a licensed addictions program.

Subsequent violations will result in suspension of not less than 45 school days or expulsion. If suspended, the student also will be suspended from attendance at, participation in, and practice for all extracurricular and school-related activities for the remainder of the semester and the next consecutive semester. The student will be referred for mandatory counseling in a licensed addictions program.

Attendance

[\(Policy 9010\)](#)

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Bullying, Cyberbullying, Harassment, or Intimidation

[\(Policy 1060\)](#)

The Board prohibits acts of bullying, cyberbullying, harassment, or intimidation because these behaviors compromise the learning environment and well-being of students, staff and community.

Bullying may include the following specific behaviors:

- A real or perceived power imbalance.
- Repeated behaviors targeting an individual/group.
- Hitting, kicking, shoving, spitting, hair pulling or throwing something.
- Getting another person to hit or harm the student.
- Teasing, name-calling, critical remarks, or threatening, in person, by email or text message.
- Bullying by demeaning and making the target of jokes.
- Rude and/or threatening gestures.
- Intimidation, extortion or exploitation.
- Spreading rumors or harmful gossip.
- Cyberbullying.
- Hazing

Students, parents, employees and service providers are responsible for reporting violations of this policy that occur on school property, on a school bus, or at a school-sponsored activity or event off school property. Incidents of cyberbullying occurring from a student's home that impact another student's well-being at school may also be reported.

All reports of bullying, cyberbullying, harassment and intimidation will be documented and the student making the report, or an appropriate adult, should complete and submit a Bullying, Harassment, or Intimidation Reporting Form, available on the school system website under Forms. The victim and witnesses will be informed that confidentiality cannot be insured because it is not possible to predict what will be discovered as a result of the investigation. The offender will be informed that retaliation against any victim or bystander is strictly prohibited and that progressive consequences will occur if the activity continues.

Appropriate support services will be provided to a student or staff member exhibiting bullying behaviors or to the victim or bystander. A student or staff member who violates this policy may be required to participate in appropriate counseling or intervention. Consequences range from a parent conference to expulsion.

Electronic Harassment Violation

(not part of Policy 1060)

Using a computer or portable communication device to cause another student/staff member to reasonably fear for his/her safety is prohibited. This includes engaging in conduct that would constitute sexual harassment; to disseminate data with malicious intent to psychologically torment or harass; to make any statement intended to provoke or likely provoke a third party to stalk or harass someone; building a fake profile or website; posing as someone in an electronic chat room, an electronic mail message, or an instant message; repeatedly following the student online or into an electronic chat room; posting or encouraging others to post private, personal, or sexual information pertaining to the individual on the Internet or signing up an individual for inappropriate Internet sites.

Report Bullying

Incidences of bullying may be reported using a printed form (available in each main school office, school counseling office, media center, and health services office or at www.hcpss.org/parents/school-culture-and-climate/report-bullying/) or through HCPSS Sprigeo, an online reporting system, at: <http://report.sprigeo.com/>.

Civility

([Policy 1000](#))

The Board has set clear expectations for civil behavior that supports a safe, engaging, and supportive environment on school property and at school-related activities. Unacceptable behaviors include but are not limited to:

- Rude, insulting, or demeaning language and/or actions.
- Persistently unreasonable demands.
- Intrusive and/or interruptive behavior.
- Displays of temper.
- Harassment and intimidation.
- Threatening and/or abusive gestures and behavior.

Each individual is responsible for behaving in a civil manner and for cooperating in resolving incidents of uncivil behavior.

When resolution is not reached through cooperative agreement, either party involved may cite this policy and notify the other person that they are ending the conversation or the interaction and removing themselves from the situation by ending a phone call, walking out of the room, or requesting the other individual to leave the room.

Discrimination

[\(Policy 1010\)](#)

The Board is committed to providing an educational and work environment that is free from discrimination, fosters equitable opportunities, and values diversity and commonality. To that end, the Board prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, creed, national origin, religion, physical or mental disability, age, gender, marital status, or sexual orientation in its educational program, including co-curricular and extra-curricular activities, and in the workplace.

Furthermore, the Board recognizes its responsibility to promote the worth and dignity of all individuals through curriculum, instruction, professional development, and resource selection. Employees and third parties share responsibility for the health, safety, and general welfare of students and for contributing to an environment free from discrimination.

It is a violation of this policy for any student, employee, or third party to engage in acts of discrimination in schools, school system offices, or at school-related activities. It is a violation of this policy to engage in retaliation with regard to allegations of discrimination. Violations of this policy are cumulative; subsequent offenses may affect the nature and severity of the consequences.

Gangs, Gang Activity and Similar Destructive or Illegal Gang Behavior

[\(Policy 9290\)](#)

The Board prohibits any gang activity and any similar destructive or illegal group behavior on school property, on school buses or at school-sponsored functions. This includes reprisal or retaliation against individuals who report gang activity or individuals who are victims, witnesses, bystanders or have reliable information about gang activity.

All suspected violations of this policy will be investigated by school administration. Violations of this policy are cumulative; subsequent offenses may affect the nature and severity of the consequences.

Whenever a report of ongoing or threatened gang-related violence appears accurate and reliable, law enforcement officials will be contacted. Students who violate this policy may be referred to law enforcement officials and may be subject to criminal or other legal action.

Grading and Reporting

(Policies [8010](#) and [8020](#))

The Board of Education is committed to ensuring that all students meet or exceed rigorous performance standards. Accordingly, grading and achievement information must be determined in a consistent manner and regularly reported to students and their parents. Grading and promotion within the school system is based on the degree of success the individual student has achieved in the educational program. Decisions regarding promotion, retention and acceleration are made based on a student's performance and academic progress over the entire school year.

The grading system for kindergarten through Grade 8 includes evaluation, effort, and instructional codes and/or comments. When the performance of any K-8 student is below grade level, the teacher, with appropriate participation of parents, will develop strategies and apply appropriate interventions to assist the student.

The decision to retain or accelerate a student is based on a number of factors, which are listed in policies [8010](#) and [8020](#))

An elementary student who is not performing on grade level in reading and mathematics will automatically be considered for retention.

Middle school students must meet the following requirements or automatically be considered for retention. To pass from one grade to the next, a middle student must pass all courses and receive a final grade of not lower than "C" in English, social studies, reading, mathematics, and science. A student who does not meet this requirement may be recommended to attend summer school. Any student below grade level in reading and/or mathematics at the end of eighth grade will be required to participate in appropriate interventions.

In high school, a 5-letter grading system is used to indicate the achievement of each student in relation to attainment of course objectives. No plus or minus signs are used for official records. The following factors are used in determining level of achievement:

- Competence
- Assignments and preparation
- Participation
- Daily classroom work habits

Note: High school midterm and final examinations may not be taken before the scheduled dates, under any circumstances.

Weighted GPA will be used for academic eligibility for extracurricular activities, National Honor Society, honor roll, and any other activity requiring the reporting of a grade point average.

School staff will communicate with students and parents on a regular basis the level of academic performance in the essential curriculum (Grades K-8) or in relation to attainment of course objectives (Grades 9-12) as measured by county, teacher-made and other assessments, and by teacher observations via individual conferences, progress reports and report cards.

Responsible Use of Technology and Social Media

[\(Policy 8080\)](#)

Students must act in a responsible, civil, ethical, and appropriate manner when using technology for HCPSS-sanctioned activities. Students may not reveal personally identifiable information (e.g., home phone numbers, addresses, or social security numbers) except in specific circumstances where such information is required to complete academic assignments. In such circumstances, prior written consent from the parent or legal guardian of the student is required.

Students will access only those network resources for which they have obtained permission, using the account assigned to them.

Students will not create, access, download, store, or print content that:

- Depicts profanity, obscenity, the use of weapons, terrorism, or violence.
- Promotes use of tobacco, drugs, alcohol, or other illegal or harmful products.
- Contains sexually suggestive messages.
- Is sexually explicit or obscene.
- Depicts gang affiliation.
- Contains language or symbols that demean an identifiable person or group or otherwise infringe on the rights of others.
- Causes or is likely to cause a disruption to school activities or the orderly operation of the school.
- Contains rude, disrespectful, or discourteous expressions inconsistent with civil discourse or behavior.
- Constitutes bullying, cyberbullying, harassment, or intimidation in violation of [Policy 1040](#) Safe School Environments, or [Policy 1060](#) Bullying, Cyberbullying, Harassment, or Intimidation.

If a student, while using HCPSS-sanctioned technology or social media, discovers that another student may be the target of bullying, stalking or other harmful behavior, the student must report the findings to a teacher or administrator.

The school system reserves the right to enable or disable interactive features on social media to remove content that is inconsistent with the stated purpose, mission, and guidelines posted for the use of social media. The school system may access, monitor, archive, audit, purge or disclose the public contents of material that is created, stored or accessed through personal social media when possible and permitted by law.

Failure by any student to comply with this policy will result in the temporary or permanent termination of technology access privileges, in addition to any applicable disciplinary action or financial obligation.

Personal Communication Device Guidelines

1. Students must comply with class and school rules and all relevant HCPSS Board Policies.
2. Administration, faculty, and staff may request at any time that students must turn off and put away technology devices. Failure to do so may result in disciplinary action and possible revocation of privileges.
3. Individuals assume full responsibility for their non-HCPSS owned technology devices. This includes the device's safety, security and maintenance.
4. Schools may designate approved personal communication device zones/times on school grounds; however, personal communication devices may not be used in locker rooms or bathrooms at any time.
5. Students must obtain consent from staff and participants before taking, uploading or sharing photos, recording audio, or capturing video during the school day.
6. Any disruption to class or other educational activity may result in disciplinary action.
7. Privileges for personal communication devices vary according

to grade level:

- **Elementary school students** are permitted to have personal communication devices in their backpacks during the school day. They must be turned off during school hours. They may use their personal communication devices before or after school hours. Students may use personal communication devices in the front office or classroom with the permission of the classroom teacher/administrator.
- **Middle school students** are permitted to carry personal communication devices with them during the school day. They must be turned off or in silent mode at all times. These devices may not disrupt instruction times and should be put away (in a pocket, backpack, notebook, or locker). Instructional time is defined as from the sound of the class late bell to the sound of the class dismissal bell. Students may use their personal communication device before or after school hours, during lunch, and hallway/transition times. Due to the size of middle school hallways, middle school principals may choose to limit the use of personal communication devices during hallway transitions in an effort to maintain a safe environment.
- **High school students** are permitted to carry personal communication devices with them during the school day. They must be turned off or in silent mode at all times. These devices may not disrupt instructional times and should be put away (in a pocket, backpack, notebook, or locker). Instructional time is defined as from the sound of the class late bell to the sound of the class dismissal bell. High school students may use their personal communication devices before or after school hours, during lunch, and during hallway/transition times.

Student Access to Digital Tools

Throughout the school year, your child will have access to a number of educational digital tools for instruction and HCPSS sanctioned activities. HCPSS has contracted with several essential digital tools and online service providers that comply with student privacy laws, such as Canvas, Google Apps for Education, and eTexts. These digital tools provide teachers and students a variety of ways to engage in the teaching and learning process. Some of the digital tools will enable students and teachers to enter and share digital content. While using these services, students will learn about safe and effective positive digital citizen practices for interacting online.

Additional authorized supplemental digital tools or online services may be used to enhance instruction. Supplementary digital tools are only authorized if the vendor's terms of service and privacy policy are consistent with federal and state student data privacy protections. To learn more about HCPSS authorized digital educational tools and link to their terms of service and privacy policy, please visit: <http://www.hcpss.org/digital-tools/>. Each teacher's Canvas course page will reflect the supplemental digital tools being used by the class. If there is a specific supplementary digital tool that you do not want your child to use, please contact your child's teacher or the school administrator.

Safe and Supportive Schools

[\(Policy 1040\)](#)

The Board of Education is committed to providing a safe, engaging, and supportive school climate. Behaviors that compromise this commitment, interfere with school operations, or are otherwise contrary to the basic mission of public schools will not be tolerated.

Any behaviors that interfere with or threaten the physical, emotional, mental, or academic well-being of students or employees will be addressed through the application of the appropriate Board policy and the [HCPSS Student Code of Conduct](#), even when they do not occur on school property or at a school-related activity.

Students, employees and third parties engaging in these behaviors are subject to disciplinary and/or legal action. Students who violate this policy may also be subject to appropriate educational interventions and/or counseling.

Sexual Discrimination

[\(Policy 1020\)](#)

The Board of Education of Howard County is committed to providing an educational and work environment that is free from sexual discrimination. To that end, the Board of Education prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex in its educational program, co-curricular and extracurricular activities, and in the workplace, as required by law.

Employees and third parties share responsibility for the health, safety and general welfare of students; for contributing to a school environment free from sexual discrimination; and for maintaining appropriate relationships with students. Employees, students, and third parties may be subject to disciplinary action or consequences for inappropriate behavior of a sexual nature, even when the behavior does not rise to the level of sexual discrimination as defined by prevailing federal and state laws.

It is a violation of this policy for any student, employee, or third party to engage in sexual discrimination or to engage in retaliation with regard to complaints of sexual discrimination.

Sexual discrimination includes sexual harassment, sexual assault and sexual violence and is characterized as unwelcome conduct of a sexual nature that interferes with a student's ability to learn, study, work, achieve, or participate in school activities or with an employee's/ third party's term, condition, or privilege of employment/ relationship with the school system. Sexual discrimination can be committed by a student, employee, or third party.

Sexual harassment is unwelcome behavior of a sexual nature. Examples of sexual harassment include, but are not limited to: offensive language verbally or in writing, including electronic formats; visual harassment such as derogatory posters, photography, cartoons, drawings, clothing or gestures; unwelcome sexual advances; spreading rumors about or evaluating someone for their sexual behavior; taunting or ridiculing someone because of perceived or actual sexual orientation; or pressuring someone for sexual activity.

Sexual assault is unwanted sexual contact or threat. Examples of sexual assault include, but are not limited to: unwanted touching of a person's body in a sexual way without the person's consent such as patting, pinching, or impeding or blocking a person's physical movement, or engaging in unwelcome sexual contact. Sexual violence is any type of contact that occurs without the explicit consent of the recipient such as fondling, forced sexual intercourse, sexual battery, rape, molestation or incest.

A student who chooses to file a sexual discrimination complaint must do so orally or in writing with a teacher, school counselor, school-based administrator, or the Title IX Coordinator for action in accordance with established procedures. All such reports must be filed with or forwarded to the Title IX Coordinator who will oversee and support the investigation.

A school system employee or third party who chooses to file a sexual harassment complaint must do so with the Title IX Coordinator or with a school-based administrator or supervisor as appropriate. All such reports must be forwarded to the Title IX Coordinator for investigation.

In each phase of complaint resolution, every reasonable effort shall be made to maintain the confidentiality and protect the privacy of all parties. These efforts may be limited by the school system's legal and regulatory obligation to investigate and address allegations of sexual discrimination.

Upon completion of an investigation of a complaint received, the investigator will send a prompt, written report of the findings and actions to be taken, if any, to the appropriate parties. Such reporting will follow established confidentiality guidelines.

Violations of this policy are cumulative; subsequent offenses may affect the nature and severity of the consequences. Use and/or exhaustion of these procedures is not a prerequisite for the filing of complaints with the federal Office for Civil Rights.

The HCPSS Title IX Coordinator, Anne Roy, may be contacted at 410-313-6654 and Anne_Roy@hcpss.org. The full policy and associated procedures may be found at: <http://www.hcpss.org/f/board/policies/1020.pdf>. Additional information may also be found at: www.hcpss.org/schools/sexual-discrimination-harassment/.

Student Assault and/or Battery on Staff

[\(Policy 9270\)](#)

In order for learning to take place, the school environment must be safe and orderly. Therefore, any assault and/or battery by a student on a school staff member is strictly forbidden. An assault may be physical, oral or written. Battery I is the unlawful touching of another person by the aggressor and battery II involves unlawful touching plus a display of blatant disregard for the safety of the staff member or others.

Consequences for an assault violation range from a minimum of in-school suspension to expulsion. A battery I violation results in a referral to the Superintendent/Designee for a suspension of not more than 45 days. A first battery II offense results in a referral to the Superintendent/Designee for an extended suspension between 11 and 45 school days or expulsion. A second battery II offense also results in a referral to the Superintendent/Designee for extended suspension between 11 and 45 school days or expulsion. A student who violates this policy is ineligible to participate in extracurricular activities for the duration of a suspension or expulsion.

Student Discipline

[\(Policy 9200\)](#)

The Board of Education recognizes that student discipline regulations should reflect a continuum of progressive discipline and a rehabilitative discipline philosophy with the goals of fostering, teaching, and acknowledging positive behavior and should be designed to keep students connected to school so that they may graduate college and career ready.

Student behavior is the shared responsibility of the school, the student, and the home. The professional staff at a school has the responsibility for taking appropriate action when a student is involved in a situation that is not conducive to a safe, engaging, and orderly environment.

Disciplinary consequences should be progressive in nature and designed to change inappropriate behavior, encourage responsible actions, and promote the development of self-discipline. The student has the right to due process. The Board of Education has approved the following forms of discipline:

- Alternative Educational Setting – A setting outside of the home school designed to accommodate the needs of students who have demonstrated the need for significant academic or behavioral support.
- Detention – The placement of a student in a non-standard, supervised setting during the school day, before or after school

or on Saturdays.

- Restricted Access – Limitation of a student's presence on school property.
- Suspension – The denial of a student's right to attend regular classes or school for a specified period of time for cause. Suspension includes extended suspension, in school suspension, short-term suspension, or long-term suspension.
 - In-School Suspension – The removal of a student within the school building from the student's current education program to another location within the school building for up to but not more than 10 school days in a school year for disciplinary reasons as determined by the principal.
 - Short-Term Suspension – The removal of a student from school for up to but not more than 3 school days for disciplinary reasons as determined by the principal.
 - Long Term Suspension – The removal of a student from school for 4-10 school days for disciplinary reasons as determined by the principal.
 - Extended-Suspension – The exclusion of a student from school for 11-45 school days for disciplinary reasons as determined by the Superintendent/ Designee
- In-school Intervention – The opportunity afforded a student, after the student is removed to an alternate location within the school, to continue to:
 - Appropriately progress in the general curriculum.
 - Receive the special education and related services specified on the student's IEP if the student is a student with a disability in accordance with COMAR 13A.05.01.
 - Receive instruction commensurate with the program afforded to the student in the regular classroom.
 - Participate with peers as they would in their current education program to the extent appropriate.
- Expulsion – The exclusion of a student from the student's regular school program for 45 school days or longer as determined by the Superintendent/Designee. Expulsion may occur when the Superintendent/Designee has determined that the student's return to school prior to the completion of the expulsion period would pose an imminent threat of serious harm to other students, staff, or others.
- This policy applies during school hours as well as at other times and places, including but not limited to, school buses, school-sponsored events, field trips, athletic functions, and any other activity where school administrators have jurisdiction over students. Other procedures may apply when a student is receiving special education services or has a 504 plan.

Disciplinary action may also be taken for off-campus incidents in accordance with [Policy 9280](#), Students Charged with Community or Reportable Offenses as well as violations of [Policy 1060](#), Bullying, Cyberbullying, Harassment or Intimidation.

Any student who is suspended from school is precluded from attendance at or participation in extracurricular or school-related activities during the period of the suspension or expulsion. When a graduating senior is suspended for 10 days or less, and the period of suspension includes the day of commencement, the student may appeal directly to the Superintendent.

Student Dress Code

[Policy 9210](#)

Student dress and appearance are the basic responsibility of students and their parents/guardians as long as they are consistent with the school system's responsibility to ensure that school environments are healthy, safe and conducive to student learning. It is a violation of this policy for any student to wear attire that interferes with the educational mission of the schools, is disruptive to the school environment, or that could endanger the health or safety of that student or others during school hours and school activities. This includes, but is not limited to, attire that:

- Unduly exposes or reveals skin or undergarments. This may include: tank tops; halter tops; tops that are strapless, low cut, or expose the midriff; pants worn low or loose that expose skin or undergarments.
- Causes or is likely to cause a substantial or material disruption to school activities or the orderly operation of the school. This may include buttons, display bands, armbands, flags, decals or other badges of symbolic expression.
- Covers the head, including hats, sunglasses, bandanas, hoods and visors, or head coverings of any kind.

- Depicts profanity, obscenity, the use of weapons, or violence.
- Promotes use of tobacco, drugs, alcohol, or other illegal or harmful products.
- Promotes, implies or contains sexually suggestive messages.
- Depicts gang affiliation.
- Contains language or symbols that demean an identifiable person or group or infringe on the rights of others.
- Contains rude, disrespectful, or discourteous expressions inconsistent with civil discourse and behavior.
- May damage school property.

Attire worn for medical reasons or required in practicing a religious belief is permitted. Student attire will support a healthy and safe academic school environment.

Any student failing to comply with the direction of an administrator is subject to disciplinary action in accordance with [Policy 9200](#) Discipline and the [Student Code of Conduct](#).

Students' Rights and Responsibilities

([Policy 9020](#))

The rights and responsibilities of individuals are preserved through the protection and preservation of the rights of others. Students have a responsibility for their own learning, for their personal conduct, and for the manner in which they exercise their rights. Students must accept the consequences of their actions. Students have the responsibility to participate in the educational program offered by their schools and, in doing so, are bound by the policies of the Howard County Public School System.

Students have specific responsibilities and rights related to school attendance, student expression, disciplinary action, due process, search and seizure, student records, student activities, use of school facilities, and non-discriminatory practices.

Student Representation

([Policy 2010](#))

The Board of Education recognizes the value of contributions of students in the regular meetings of the Board and encourages this participation by establishing the position of Student Member to the Board of Education of Howard County and by establishing the position of student representative in each high school. The Student Member is elected by a plurality of student voters in Grades 6 through 11 countywide and serves a one-year term beginning with the first regularly scheduled meeting of the Board in July. Student representatives are elected in their high schools and serve a one-year term.

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Student Search and Seizure

[\(Policy 9260\)](#)

Authorized school officials have the right to search students, their possessions, and automobiles during the school day and at school-related activities when the school official has a reasonable belief that the student possesses an impermissible item. Additionally, authorized school officials may search property assigned to a student for school use, such as lockers, desks, electronic devices, and cubbies, at any time.

Students Charged with Community or Reportable Offenses

[\(Policy 9280\)](#)

The presence in school of a student who has been charged with a reportable offense or an offense related to membership in a criminal gang may compromise the safety and well being of students and/or staff, and may disrupt the educational process in the school. Students who are considered by school administrators to have engaged in community offenses may raise similar concerns.

Maryland law requires law enforcement agencies to inform the superintendents of local school systems when a student has been charged with a reportable offense or an offense related to membership in a criminal gang. The information is then shared with the principal of the school the student attends, who conducts an investigation.

A student may be disciplined under this policy when the school system has evidence of the offense in addition to the notice of charges and when the student's presence in school raises concerns for the safety and well being of students and/ or staff or the order and general welfare of the school. If it is determined that the student poses no threat to the safety and well being of students and staff, no further action is necessary.

However, if deemed appropriate, the student may be disciplined and/or assigned to an alternative educational placement pending adjudication. If the student is suspended from school, the principal will promptly inform the student's parent(s) of the suspension. If the decision is made to place the student in an alternative educational setting, the student may not participate in extracurricular and school-related activities of his or her home school during the time in the alternative placement. While in the alternative placement, the student's performance and status related to any legal proceedings will be reviewed on a quarterly basis. Adjustments are made as appropriate.

Tobacco-Free Environment

[\(Policy 1050\)](#)

The use or possession, or sale of any tobacco product, cigarette rolling papers, or electronic cigarette products by students is prohibited on school property (school buildings, school vehicles, school bus stops), at school-related activities, and on school trips to other areas or countries at all times.

For a first violation, the student and his/her parent will receive a referral form for a tobacco use cessation program administered by a public health agency or private provider. Failure to attend the tobacco use cessation program will result in a Level 3 Response as

defined in the HCPSS Student Code of Conduct. For a second offense, the student will be given a suspension from one to three school days. The student will have the option of enrolling in a tobacco use cessation program administered by a public health agency or private provider instead of serving the suspension. The school administrator will provide the parent with a referral form for that program. If the student chooses this option, proof of enrollment must be provided to the school administrator. If proof of enrollment is not provided within five school days, the student will be required to serve the designated length of suspension.

A student who violates this policy a third time may be given a suspension for three school days. The student will have the option of enrolling in a tobacco use cessation program administered by a public health agency or private provider instead of serving the three-day suspension. The school administrator will provide the parent with a referral form for that program. If the student chooses this option, proof of enrollment must be provided to a school administrator. If proof of enrollment is not provided within five school days, the student will be required to serve the designated length of suspension.

For fourth and subsequent offenses, the student may be given a suspension for three to five school days. The student may choose to serve the suspension or to enroll in and complete a tobacco use cessation program administered by a public health agency or private provider. If the student chooses this option, proof of enrollment must be provided to the school administrator before the student can return to school. If proof of enrollment and completion are not provided, the student will be required to serve the designated length of suspension.

Trespassing or Willful Disturbance

[\(Policy 3020\)](#)

The school system has the legal authority to take action when anyone willfully disturbs or otherwise prevents the orderly conduct of school system instruction, administration or activities. Additionally, Maryland law provides criminal penalties for any individual who trespasses on school property or fails to leave school property after being asked to do so by authorized personnel.

Any willful disturbance or interference with the orderly conduct of activities, including bodily harm or threats of bodily harm to an individual who is lawfully on school property; threats to a student or employee by any means including in-person, by telephone, or by electronic means; or any willful damage or defacing of school property or building is a violation of policy and may be a violation of the law.

Any individual who is found to be on school property after receiving prior legal notice that his/her access to school system property has been denied, or who remains on the property after being asked to leave, is considered to be trespassing.

When an individual commits any of the offenses noted above, the building administrator may take several actions:

- Explain how the individual's behavior is unacceptable.
- Issue a warning letter to the individual.
- Issue a letter that summarizes the disruptive behavior and any prior discussions or warnings and which informs the individual that any further incidents will lead to a formal denial of access.
- Issue a denial-of access letter.

When a denial-of-access letter is issued to the parent of a student enrolled at the school, the letter will explain how the parent may continue to discuss legitimate school issues regarding his or her child.

Weapons

[\(Policy 9250\)](#)

The presence of weapons on school property poses a serious threat to the safety and well being of students and staff. It is unlawful for any person to carry or possess any rifle, gun, knife, or deadly weapon of any kind on any public school property in the state of Maryland. A weapon, as defined by school system policy, includes: any gun, dirk knife, bowie knife, switchblade knife, star knife, buck knife, hunting knife, throwing star, razor, metal knuckle, Nunchaku, explosive device, or any other object or implement intended to cause harm to another or used in such a way as to cause harm to another. Any student found in possession of a weapon on school property will be suspended and the police notified. Possession of a gun, or any implement possessed under a circumstance that would reasonably lead a person to believe it was a gun, will result in expulsion.

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St. John's Lane Elementary School

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IMPORTANT DATES

- 9/15 - PTA Back to School Picnic 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
- 9/18 - Back to School Night for Grades K-2
 - 6:00 p.m. - Meet Related Arts Staff
 - 6:30 p.m. - PTA Meeting & Presentation
- 9/19 - Back to School Night for Grades 3-5
 - 5:30 p.m. - G/T Orientation - Media Center
 - 6:00 p.m. - Meet Related Arts Staff
 - 6:30 p.m. - PTA Meeting & Presentation
- 9/21 - SCHOOLS & OFFICES CLOSED
- 9/22 - SCHOOLS CLOSED FOR STUDENTS - Professional Learning Day
- 9/22 - Next newsletter
- 10/6 - PTA Multicultural Night - 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
- 10/12 - Interim Reports
- 10/20 - SCHOOLS CLOSED FOR STUDENTS - Professional Work Day

From the Principals...

Welcome all to the 2017-2018 school year! We have had a beautiful opening week here at SJLES! It has been joy to see your children return to school with smiles and enthusiasm. All of our students have started the school year with school-wide lessons around building community to create a positive learning environment that ensures equity in the classroom. As per our Superintendent's Call to Action for Leading and Learning with Equity, these lessons emphasize each individual's contribution to the classroom; norms for respectful, trusting and safe interactions, and the meaning and value of equity and how it looks and feels in our community. We have met with every class and reviewed our expectations for a safe, happy and exceptional year of learning and growing for each student.

We were visited on opening day by several central office personnel including

Mr. Bill Barnes, Chief Academic Officer, Dr. Gina Masella, Director of Shared Accountability, Mr. Patrick Saunderson, Community Superintendent, and Mr. Ron Morris, Performance, Equity, and Community Response Officer. Our visitors took a tour of the building and brought warm wishes for a successful year.

We also welcomed many of **you** throughout the week! Many thanks to the SJLES PTA for organizing parent volunteers who assisted with our arrival during this first week and the Boo-hoo Breakfast for Kindergarten parents.

It is a true pleasure to share the excitement of a new school year with all of our visitors and community members. We're happy to show the routines and instructional practices of our outstanding students and staff. You can check out our first day and week tweets on our twitter feed, https://twitter.com/hcpss_sjles.

Please read the rest of the newsletter and pay special attention to the sections on our new school-wide behavior program called 1-2-3 Magic, and the section on Student Dress Code. We thank you for all you have done to support St. John's Lane ES during a wonderful opening week and for your ongoing support throughout the year!

Mrs. Sarro and Mrs. Redd

The following information is important School News for every family. Please read carefully.

SJLES BIWEEKLY NEWSLETTERS - ***This first newsletter of the year is unusually long because it is FULL of important information for YOU. Please take some time to read the important information prepared for you below, and biweekly throughout the school year*** so that you are informed of required school practices, procedures and policies. Future newsletters will be biweekly and much shorter. Please read them to stay informed. This first newsletter of the year brings you vital information about school system policies and answers some frequently asked questions to help you navigate through the year as a strong partner to St. John's Lane ES. Plan now to attend our Back To School Nights on September 18 & 19 for more grade level specific information.

HCPSS Connect provides access to a variety of student information and classroom instructional tools offering personalized communication and timely, relevant, and easily accessible information relating to your student. Log in to begin monitoring your child's homework assignments, check schedules and attendance records, view report cards, and more.

Parents/guardians of enrolled HCPSS students do not need to sign up for, or

manage an HCPSS News account. All subscription information comes directly from the [HCPSS Connect](#) system.

Family File - You should have completed your **FAMILY FILE** by now. If not, please go to <http://www.hcpss.org/connect/> **today** to complete this important information. Family File replaces the “Emergency Card” from previous years, and more. If you have not yet completed your Family File, please do so now. Emergencies can happen at any time. Please take 10 minutes to complete your Family File today!

HCPSS Student & Parent Handbook - Your child received a booklet titled “HCPSS Student & Parent Handbook.” We encourage you to especially review the following policies with your child(ren): Student Code of Conduct, Grading & Reporting, Responsible Use of Technology, and Student Dress Code. We have reviewed policies on bullying and weapons with each grade level. Also, keep this handbook in a safe place to use as reference for the entire school year.

Please be aware that Policy 9210 – Student Dress Codes addresses hats and head gear. While we have allowed some head gear in the past, we have observed that head gear has become more ornate and increasingly distracting over time. In order to ensure that our classrooms are conducive to student learning, we are asking our students to follow the policy and refrain from wearing headgear including, hats, visors, hoods, headbands with ears, pompoms or other decorations, sunglasses, or head coverings of any kind. Flat headbands and barrettes are permissible. Teachers will kindly ask student to remove head gear and place it in their back pack during the day. Please review this policy with your child(ren). You will be notified of any special events throughout the year when head gear may be worn by all students.

School-Wide Classroom Management Process – New for 2017-2018

We would like to take this opportunity to share the classroom management process that is being implemented at St. John’s Lane Elementary beginning this school year. This process, 1-2-3 Magic, is a research-based program that was developed by Dr. Thomas Phelan, a clinical psychologist. 1-2-3 Magic incorporates a specific counting technique and time out system to stop undesirable behavior while encouraging positive behavior. Some of you may be familiar with Dr. Phelan’s work as his original research was designed for parents. This program aligns closely with our emphasis on Positive Behavior Intervention and Supports (PBIS) and our use of the growth mindset. Spot-O

Grams will still be used. The HCPSS Discipline Policy will still be followed.

There are three steps involved in the implementation of 1-2-3 Magic.

Step 1 involves managing undesirable behavior by counting to 1, 2, or 3. Reaching a 1 or 2 is a reminder point to the child about making better choices. On the count of 3, the student must “Take 5,” which indicates moving to a designated classroom area to reflect and to prepare to rejoin his/her peers. While implementing the steps, the teacher follows a No-Talking and No-Emotions rule. If your child continues to have a difficult time making good choices after the “Take 5,” the teacher will fill out a Minor Incident Form. This form will be sent home for your signature. The Minor Incident Form is the communication to parents that their child did not make good choices after direct reminders utilizing the 1,2,3 Magic process.

Step 2 involves encouraging positive behavior. The staff will provide specific positive praise and give Spot-O-Grams throughout the school day. Students save these tickets to trade-in for a variety of rewards, including tangible and non-tangible choices. Our Positive Behavioral Intervention Support (PBIS) team will serve as a resource to support school, grade, and individual needs.

Step 3 involves using valuable tools for maintaining healthy relationships with children, including active listening, shared fun, and monthly & quarterly celebrations.

All of these steps work together and contribute to a positive classroom climate where your child will feel welcomed and comfortable, and where he or she will work proudly and learn productivity. More severe incidents will involve office referrals and consequences based on the Howard County Public School System Student Code of Conduct.

This process is being reviewed with your child throughout the first weeks of school. You can find additional information about 1-2-3 Magic at <http://www.123magic.com>, Facebook, and Pinterest. There is also an app on iTunes. St. John’s Lane ES is in the process of scheduling a Parent Information Night. You will receive further information on this soon. Please contact us with any questions at 410-313-2813.

St. John’s Lane Website: The SJLES website is continuously updated. Please visit our school website and stay informed at <http://sjles.hcpss.org/>

School Hours, Student Drop Off and Pick-up: School doors open at 8:35am with the instructional day beginning at 8:45am. Students who arrive after 8:45am will be marked as tardy. Students may not enter the building until 8:35am when the

entrance bell rings. Between 8:00am-8:35am, staff are involved in professional duties and are not available for supervision of students. If your child is dropped off at school before 8:35am, he/she will be waiting outside in an unsupervised environment. For your child's safety, we must ask you to refrain from dropping children off at school **before** 8:35AM.

School is dismissed at 3:15pm. Buses typically leave our lot by 3:25pm. If your child has a change in the expected dismissal on any day, the office must receive a written note from the parent. ***The school will not accept a student's verbal report of a change in dismissal at any time.*** If you need to pick your child up from school during the school hours, you must come into the front office and your child will be called to the office for you. The instructional day does not allow for students to be called to the office to wait for the parent to arrive. Please plan your schedule accordingly. Front office personnel **will not** call students to the office for early dismissal until the parent is present in the office.

Student birthdays are celebrated each morning by announcing the child's name as part of the morning announcements and then the student comes to the office for a special birthday pencil. In alignment with the HCPSS Health & Wellness Policies, food items are not permitted for birthday celebrations. In lieu of a food item, you may send in non-edible items such as stickers, pencils, erasers, or, your child may wish to donate a book to the classroom library or media center in honor of his/her special day. No balloons or food of any kind may be brought into the classroom/school. Unapproved food items sent to the classroom will be sent back home.

Party Invitations - Invitations to birthday or other personal events should not take place at school. Please do not send your child to school with invitations for birthdays or parties. Invitations should be delivered outside of school. A school directory is being compiled by the PTA and will come home in the near future. This may be used to contact your child's classmates during the year for these types of activities.

Student Mailboxes in Classrooms - Many classrooms have student mailboxes. If you are volunteering in your child's classroom, please do not use the student mailboxes for delivering personal notes or personal items. Personal items should be delivered outside of school.

Riding a Different Bus - A change in a student's bus can only be made with an administrator's approval. We cannot approve bus changes for play dates and/or parties. In a true emergency, please put your request in writing and an administrator will contact you. We want our students to be safe. In the event of a bus accident, we need to know who is on each bus. Our bus capacity is also based on the number of children at each stop; so adding a student to a bus for even a day can create safety issues.

Walkers may not travel to a bus stop to get on a bus and ride it to school. Only assigned students may ride their assigned bus.

Asking for Student Work During Student Absence - When students are absent from school, missed work will be sent home upon their return to school, within 48 hours. This includes absences for illness, or otherwise. Requests will not be necessary. Please do not request work in anticipation of your child's absence. We will not send work home before the student has returned to school unless the student has been out due to illness more than three consecutive days.

Parking on SOUTHVIEW ROAD – HC Police Patrol Operations have informed us that while it is permissible to park on Southview Road for school events, it is not permissible to park on the grass since this is private property. SJLES has no authority or influence over the parking on Southview Road. When parking for school events, please be considerate of the residents and do not park on the grass. Our neighbors on Southview Road thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Parking IN FRONT of THE BUILDING - Please do not park in front of the building against the red curbs. This is the fire lane and cannot be accessed if blocked. We have had incidents in the past when an emergency vehicle could not pull to the curb because of parked cars. This impacts the safety of everyone in the building.

BUILDING USE - Any group requesting use of the building at any time of day or evening MUST complete a Building Usage form which can be downloaded from the Parent section of the HCPSS website. There are no forms in the school building and the forms are not completed by school personnel. Approval for building usage does not come from the school.

CAR LOOP - Before the 8:35am arrival bell, the car loop will be open on the entrance side only to allow cars to drive into the loop and wait there. The exit side of the car loop will not be open until staff arrives for supervision at 8:35am. At 8:35am, when staff supervision begins, the car loop exit will open and the car loop will be in motion. For safety reasons, the car loop will not be in motion before 8:35am.

CAR LOOP DROP OFF – When driving into the car loop in the morning and/or in the afternoon, please pull all the way forward to the end of the loop which will allow the most relief possible to the back-up on St. John's Lane. Be sure that your children are exiting your car on the passenger side **ONLY**. It is extremely dangerous for children to exit on to the road and then walk over the sidewalk. There are staff assigned to help your child exit the car on to the sidewalk safely.

Car Loop Drop-Off/Pick Up SAFETY for Saint John's Lane Elementary School

It is crucial that parents dropping-off/picking up students adhere to the following rules in order to maintain the highest level of 1) safety for the students and 2) courtesy to those behind you:

1. If you intend to get out of your car, use a parking space and stay out of the drop-off line. If you are in the line, stay in your car.
2. Wait until you are in the loop to drop off students. Do not try to drop off students in the double line.
3. Mind the gaps. Pull all of the way to the end of the loop before loading out of courtesy to those behind you.
4. Drivers in the first line should stay to the right to allow space for the second line.
5. The second line should be mindful to leave space to your left at the entrance of the lot for traffic to exit the parking lot.

Safety and courtesy will be maximized if ALL drivers follow these rules.

BULLYING PREVENTION- St. John's Lane Elementary is committed to providing a safe and nurturing environment for all students. Preventing and responding to Bullying is an important part of this goal. We provide a variety of initiatives to teach students, families and staff about bullying prevention. Through character education, specific guidance lessons in the classroom and our Positive Behavior, Intervention and Supports (PBIS), students learn conflict resolution and assertiveness skills while further developing empathy and respect. Professional development for staff and information provided for families also assist us in our efforts to keep students safe from bullying. If you believe your child is being bullied, please refer to the Student/Parent Handbook that you received this week and available on the hcpss.org website. In addition, you may complete a Bullying, Harassment, or Intimidation Reporting Form which can be obtained in our front office, guidance office, health room or media center, or downloaded from the hcpss.org website, or online at report.sprigeo.com.

VOLUNTEERS- Your child's classroom teacher will provide information for you about volunteer opportunities to support the classroom and our school. Maryland State Law requires that Volunteers, including Parent Volunteers, complete annual Child Abuse Training prior to serving as a volunteer in any school. Each SJLES volunteer must complete the HCPSS Child Abuse Training and Confidentiality Training prior to volunteering. Please use the link found on our website hcpss.sjles.org to view this training presentation under *Get Involved*. Once you have viewed each slide, please fill out the certificate of completion and print two copies. Return one copy to your child's teacher and one copy to the front office at St. John's Lane Elementary School. Thank you again for supporting our school as a volunteer and helping to ensure that each of our students remains safe.

Building Safety and Security

Please read each bullet point **carefully** and make a commitment to following the SJLES security procedures each and every time. Thank you for doing your part to keep our school safe and secure for everyone.

- The school entryway contains a camera buzz-in system at our front doors. Use the call button on the right side of the vestibule and you will be helped by the front office staff.
- When you enter our front office you will sign-in using our Visitor Management system. This is an electronic system that will read your drivers license and then create a photo ID badge for you. You will also use this system to exit the building.
- All visitors to the school **MUST** state their purpose for visiting, sign-in, receive a visitor's badge and sign-out each and every time they visit the school. Except for the students and HCPSS employees, every person that comes into our building, at any time, is considered a visitor. Be prepared to be stopped by staff and asked to return to the front office for a visitor's badge. All visitors should be prepared to show photo identification upon request. When persons are known to us, we will not necessarily ask for photo identification at each visit, but you must still state your purpose, sign-in and receive a visitor's badge.
- After 8:45 AM, all entrances are locked. Entrance and exit to the building may only occur from the main doors by the front office. If you discover an unlocked or open door, please close it and report this to the front office immediately.
- There should be no cars driving into the bus loop between the hours of 2:45 PM and 3:15 PM. Please do not attempt to drive into the bus loop during this time OR to walk in the bus loop during this time. We have seen parents walking students to parked cars through the bus loop. This is an **extremely hazardous** practice. You cannot be seen behind and/or between buses and other vehicles lining the loop.
- Many parents email the front office secretaries with notices, requests, etc. Please email **ALL** of the secretaries when you have a notice sent through email. If your message is only sent to one secretary, there is no way to know if that one secretary you emailed will be in that day to open your email in time to act on your request or information. Our front office secretaries are; stacie_yakowenko@hcpss.org, robin_wolfrey@hcpss.org, and kathleen_newberry@hcpss.org
- When sending notes to school, please **DATE** your note, include your child's **FIRST & LAST NAME** and the **TEACHER'S NAME**. Without this information, it is very hard to determine whom the note is about when the note comes to the front office. Reread your note to be sure it is accurate and clear to the school staff.

Job Opportunity:

Would you like to spend a few hours at SJLES for pay? We are currently searching for **substitute** lunch and recess monitors. Monitors work for 3 hours between the hours of 11:00 and 2:00 with other adults to supervise and assist students on our playground and field during outdoor recess and in the cafeteria for lunch. While our current positions are full, we have periodic days throughout the year when a monitor is unable to come in to work and we need to call a substitute. If you are interested in the position of Substitute Monitor, please call Assistant Principal Alexcia Redd (410-313-2813) for details.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Please visit the Community News and Programs page at <http://www.hcpss.org/community-news-and-programs/> for announcements of upcoming events and programs sponsored by non-profit organizations.

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Subject: Falcon Times - 9/7/17

Date: Thursday, September 7, 2017 at 1:35:27 PM Eastern Daylight Time

From: Oakland Mills Middle School

To: emilybahharhcpss@gmail.com



Oakland Mills Middle School

Falcon Times - September 7, 2017

Good Afternoon,

We have been thrilled to have our students back in school this week! They have been working so hard and made us so proud as they transitioned back to school. On September 5th, we were very excited to host Dr. Calvin Ball - County Councilman, Dr. Theo Cramer - Area 2 Community Superintendent, and David Lerner - HCPSS Performance Equity and Community Response Officer as they visited to wish our students a great year! It was a wonderful visit and our students have started the year so well! There are several important dates to take note of over the next few weeks:

September 12th - PTSA Meeting in the OMMS Media Center at 6:30 p.m.

September 14th - Back to School Night at OMMS 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

September 26th - September 28th: In School Open House

Please come in and visit your student's classroom:

6th Grade: During the hours of 8:10 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

- Parent/guardian of students with last names:

- A-G - visit on Tuesday, September 26th
- H-Q - visit on Wednesday, September 27th
- R-Z - visit on Thursday, September 28th

7th Grade: During the hours of 8:10 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

Parents and Guardians visit on Wednesday, September 27th

8th Grade: During the hours of 9:50-12:20 p.m.

Parents and Guardians visit Thursday, September 28th

We are so appreciative of our partnership with you and really look forward to your visits. Thank you for a great return to school!

Kind Regards,

Megan Chrobak
Principal
Oakland Mills Middle School
Learner, Achiever, Belief, Arranger, Individualization

MARK YOUR CALENDAR...

9/11/17	Vision and Hearing Screening
9/14/17	Back to School Night 6:00 to 8:00 pm
9/19/17	Vision and Hearing Re-Screening
9/21/17	Schools and Offices Closed
9/22/17	Schools Closed to Students
10/5/17	Meeting for Hispanic Parents 7:00 to 8:30 pm
10/12/17	Interim Progress Reports
10/23/17	6th Grade leaves for North Bay
10/25/17	6th Grade returns from North Bay

REPORT BULLYING

We recognize that creating a safe learning environment is a critical part of helping each child achieve academic success. Incidences of bullying may be reported in writing or through HCPSS Sprigeo, an online reporting system. Please use the following [link](#), for more information on how to report bullying.

VOLUNTEER TRAINING

In order to create a consistent process for training parent volunteers on issues of confidentiality, HCPSS has developed a brief training module and certificate of completion. If you would like to volunteer in the school, work with the music department or chaperone a field trip; please have complete the training and submit your certificate of completion to OMMS before registering as a volunteer. Please visit [here](#)!

UPDATE YOUR CHILD'S EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION ON HCPSS CONNECT

To prepare for the first day of school, please log in to HCPSS Connect and select the Family File tab to review and, if needed, update your child's emergency contact, medical and arrival/departure information, and your preferences regarding data confidentiality. This must be completed each school year. User guides for HCPSS Connect account activation and password reset, as well as Family File can be found on our website. Watch an overview of HCPSS Connect on our website.

FROM THE HEALTH ROOM

Effective the first day of school, September 5, 2017, 1 dose of Tdap vaccine and 1

dose of Meningococcal vaccine are required for all students entering Grade 7. If we DO NOT receive proof of immunization by the first day of school, your child will be sent home. Many students may have already received these immunizations, but the Health Room may not have the updated immunization record. Please contact your child's doctor and send/fax in an updated copy of your child's immunizations to the Health Room. Our fax # is (410) 313-1288. Any questions please call the health room (410) 313-6941.

HEARING/VISION SCREENING

Hearing and Vision screening will be done at Oakland Mills Middle School on Monday, September 11, 2017, by the Howard County Health Department. Students being screened include all 8th graders, new students with no previous Hearing and Vision record, and any referrals from Teachers. Rescreening will be done on Tuesday, September 15, 2016. Please remind all students who wear glasses to bring them to school on the day of screening.

We will need volunteers to help with this program. If you would like to help, or have any questions or concerns please contact the OMMS health room at 410-313-7447. Please ask to speak with Ms. Eldridge or Ms. Bruce.

GIANT A+ REWARDS

Beginning October 6, 2017, Oakland Mills Middle School - ID#: 01024 Has the opportunity to participate in and earn CASH for our students from A+ School Rewards, a great fundraising program run through your local Giant! Please follow this [link](#) for more information. Para información en español [aquí](#).

HCPD's brand NEW Youth Advisory Council is looking for members!

This new council is designed to provide youth with a safe and engaging environment to interact with local law enforcement. The group will meet monthly with members of the department.

Who can join? Howard County residents in 8th-12th grade.

What are the benefits?

- Earn student service hours
- Advise the Chief of Police on youth concerns
- Be a positive agent of change in your community, school or place of worship
- Attend free educational and social field trips
- Gain and strengthen life skills such as leadership, public speaking and social skills

How do I apply? Complete and return an application form.

Questions? Contact HCPD Youth Liaison PFC W. Harris.

phone: 410-313-0275

email: HCPD-YAC@howardcountymd.gov

Leadership and Service Opportunity for All Middle and High School students

interested in:

-Sharing the Student Voice on HCPSS Policy and Community Issues

-Gaining Leadership Skills

-Practicing Community Service

-Working with student leaders from across HCPSS

Please attend Howard County Association of Student Councils (HCASC) meetings throughout the year on the second Wednesday evening of each month.

Next Meeting Wednesday 9/13 7-8:30 at the Homewood Cafeteria 10914 MD 108 Columbia, 21042.

For more information please contact cindy_drummond@hcpss.org

Student Assault and/or Battery on Staff (Policy 9270)

A reminder that the full-text of policies can be found [here](#).

The Board of Education recognizes the need for a school environment that is safe, secure, and nurturing. This environment must allow staff to be free from any assault and/or battery by students. Therefore, any assault and/or battery by a student directed towards a staff member or service provider is strictly forbidden.

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