



Lake Elkhorn Middle School

NEWSLETTER

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Message from the Principal

Greetings, Lake Elkhorn families:

Congratulations to the inaugural LEMS Science Olympiad team, who entered the regional contest and scored well enough to qualify for the state competition. Thank you to Mr. Bond and Mr. Gatz for leading the team!

Today, students will be receiving their winter Measure of Academic Progress (MAP) reports. I am very pleased to report that all three grades showed improvement in both the math and reading portions of the test. Part of this growth can be attributed to student goal setting through the advisory program and reinforcement of the goals in academic classes. Students will have one more opportunity to show further growth this spring. Whether to send your child to school due to illness was discussed recently in this [New York Times article](https://www.nytimes.com/2017/02/06/wel/family/when-does-a-child-need-a-sick-day.html?rref=collection%2Fsectioncollection%2Fwell&action=click&contentCollection=well®ion=rank&module=package&version=highlights&contentPlacement=2&pgtype=sectionfront&r=1&WT.mc_id=SmartBriefs-Newsletter&WT.mc_ev=click&ad_keywords=smartbriefsnl) https://www.nytimes.com/2017/02/06/wel/family/when-does-a-child-need-a-sick-day.html?rref=collection%2Fsectioncollection%2Fwell&action=click&contentCollection=well®ion=rank&module=package&version=highlights&contentPlacement=2&pgtype=sectionfront&r=1&WT.mc_id=SmartBriefs-Newsletter&WT.mc_ev=click&ad_keywords=smartbriefsnl.

There is no magic formula for making this decision, but this article provides some good information. If your child is absent, please send them in with a note that has their full name, the date, the reason for the absence, and your signature.

With Eagle PRIDE,

Martin Vandenberg
Principal

Save the Date!

- Jan. 30 - May 11 - Bridges LEMS Scholars After School Program (Monday-Thursday 2:45-5pm)
- Feb. 1-28 - Heart Month Activities
- Feb. 20 - President's Day - Schools closed for students/staff
- Feb. 21 - Professional Learning Day - Schools closed for Students
- Feb. 22 - School Store (during lunch)
- Feb. 22 - Cradlerock ES Family Fit Night @ 6 pm
- Feb. 24 - Poetry Slam @ 1:20-2:35 pm in Cafeteria
- March 6 - Mocha with Marty @ 9 am
- March 7 - Field Trip: Orchestra Assessment @ 3pm
- March 8 - Assembly" Winning the Game of Life
- March 9 - 3 hours early release (11:45 am dismissal)
- March 9 - Parent Teacher Conference
- March 10 - 3 hours early release (11:45 am dismissal)
- March 10 - Parent Teacher Conference
- March 14 - PTSA Meeting @ 6:30 pm
- March 14 - Actor's Guild Rehearsal (Contact Mr. Bond for details)
- March 16 - Ladies First: Girl's Night Out Event
- March 20 - Field Trip: Debate Team (Contact Mr. Bond for details)
- March 21 - Actor's Guild Rehearsal (Contact Mr Bond for details)

Ladies First Presents



In honor of Black History Month

Lake Elkhorn Middle School
Friday, February 24, 2017
1:15 pm-2:40 pm

Student performances, poetry, storytelling, dance and much more!

HOPE

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Maryland Leadership Workshops

The Women's Giving Circle of Howard County and Maryland Leadership Workshops have partnered together since 2006 to provide a week-long residential leadership workshop for rising 8th and 9th grade (present 7th and 8th grade) girls in Howard County. This leadership experience is designed especially to help young women in Howard County (currently in grades 7 or 8) with the transition to high school. Workshops and activities draw out innate leadership skills resulting in enhanced motivation and self-esteem. To find out more, visit www.mlw.org or join us at one of the following info sessions at Hammond High School: Thursday 2/23 at 6:00pm or Saturday 2/25 at 1:30pm.

G/T Advisory Seeks Nominations for Educator Recognition Due Feb. 24

The annual Gifted and Talented Advisory Committee Educator Recognition Program celebrates educators whose commitment to the needs of advanced-level learners and whose contributions to the Howard County G/T Education Program are exemplary.

- [Submit nominations](#) by February 24.
- Email positive comments about experiences with the GT program to hcpssgtac@gmail.com
- Attend educator recognition event on April 19.

Now through February 24, parents and students have the opportunity to nominate a G/T Resource Teacher, content or classroom teacher, or administrator whose efforts have enriched the educational experience of highly able learners. All nominees will be recognized at the annual Educator Recognition Event, to be held April 19 at 7 p.m. at Howard High School. All nominating families and students are invited to attend.

Nominations will be accepted in the form of an online submission form (to include a minimum 150 word description of the nominee's contribution). Information and submission instructions are available [online](#). Contact gteachrec@aol.com with any questions.

In addition to nominations, you may also email positive comments about experiences with the GT program to hcpssgtac@gmail.com. All comments will be used in a slide show at the Educator Recognition Event.



Mocha with Marty

The next meeting is scheduled for **March 6, 2017 at 9 am in the Media Center**. See you there!!

Summer School Programs

Each summer the HCPSS presents a number of learning experiences and educational opportunities by offering a wide variety of programs and classes. These programs and classes are open to Howard County residents as well as out-of-county residents. Visit <http://www.hcpss.org/summer-programs/> for the program



Recycling Contest

Congratulations to the 7th Graders!!

The recycling contest ran from January 30th - February 10th and on February 10th. The LEMS Green Team collected plastic bottles and aluminum cans. We are

pleased to participate in the PepsiCo Recycling Program and we have a goal of collecting 11,000 bottles this year. As of last week we have only collected 18% of our goal. We are thinking this could help us get closer to our goal and help emphasize doing a better job of recycling here at school and in our community. The winning grade gets 15 minutes of extra recess.



Thank you to all that have help to make this initiative a success!



Interested in Playing Football @ Hammond HS in 2017?

There will be a parent and player meeting for rising Hammond Freshman who are interested in playing football at Hammond High School in the fall of 2017. We will be discussing off-season strength and conditioning, important dates, and answering any questions about the program. The meeting will be in the Hammond High School Media Center @ 5:30pm on February 22nd. We look forward to meeting the new members of the Hammond Football program! Please contact Michael Lerner at 410-313-7605.

Honor Roll – 2nd Quarter CONGRATULATIONS!!

Principal's Award

Gabrielle L. Allen	Abigail O. Asare	Alesha Aslam	Aziz K. Chapman
Julia L. Correll	Kamran R. Damavandi	Tatyana M. De La Garza	Crystal Huang
Wayne T. Low	Dulcie Pham	Lindsay A. Pulvirenti	Maxwell K. Stein
Camryn M. Tan	Rodrigo S. Thompson	Natalia K. Tidwell	Ryan J. Werner
Marina L. Blackman	Margaret T. Kato	Mahek Nasir	Erin C. Oliver
Kathryn A. Oliver	Kathy D. Vo	Saman Alfatemi	Sasha D. Bird
Ella V. Harris	Caitlin M. Kubina	Julia M. Looper	Nile M. Rankin-Watson

Gold Award

Savannah N. Anderson	Andy J. Barrera Carias	Aroosha A. Bhatti	Kaitlin M. Browne
Luke R. Carlsen	Souhail Chakr	Aiden G. Coleman	Harmoni C. Diederich
Xavier E. Doctor	Jordyn A. Dove	Lucian A. Eggleston	Nicole G. Espenida
Jair C. Finn	Samyra A. Freeman	Krish Gupta	Benjamin M. Gutierrez Cordova
Taylor C. Harper	Maria A. Hilotii	Jennifer C. Ibekwe	Nia M. Jeudy
Adam R. Kell	Razaria P. Khadar	London J. Lanclos	Zehra N. Mehdi
Angela J. Neira-Bonilla	Charles-Henri Ngijoi	Minahal Noman	Charlene A. Nomeny
Marcelo I. Pezan Mejia	Aria E. Plater	Aaron N. Rhena	Carlos F. Rivera
Leyla M. Salgado	Emely R. Sanabria	Ariyanah S. Shelton	Gwyneth C. Siojo
Erin A. Stevens	Jade A. Tepetitla	Mila A. Tucker	Anthony C. Valentine
Julian C. Vereen	Mia Y. Verma	Zya J. Woodfork	Genesis I. Barboza
Marissa L. Douglas	Anne F. Hogbe	Temiloluwa E. Idowu	Jueshan Ji
Hadia W. Malik	Joyce E. Matos Gutierrez	Dominic R. Mello	Ruth H. Nalufusa
Christopher K. Okafor	Bolanle O. Oluremi	Sarah E. Pettit	Nicole R. Porter
Olivia A. Porter	Aaron S. Rodrigues	Olivia D. Russell	Victor D. Santana
Nana K. Sarpong	Matthew T. Sharp	Violet L. Smith	Tamia R. Tolbert
Colson P. Warren	Kendall N. Willis	Autumn B. Worthington	Sarina Adhikari
Aamina M. Bora	Seana R. Camp	Aislinn M. Coghlan	Ethan J. Gonzalez Ren
Andrew P. Kell	Emeline R. Longoria	Leslie N. Looney	Tyler M. May
Daniel R. Miranda	Hana Nuhanovic	Evelyn L. Ose	Bolatito V. Owosho
Ian X. Peterson	Mehmed Repesa	Alicia K. Ribeiro	Roxana C. Rivera
Katherin G. Sandoval Canales	Kaleb A. Tucker	Justin K. Werner	

Silver Award

Olivia E. Ametewee	Amaya B. Archer	Kaleb K. Cave	Cameron J. Crandall
Lindsay J. Dalaney	Tyminh M. Do	Aleenna L. Elie	Ryan M. Genereaux
Ariana R. Ghafouri	Avery A. Jones Jr.	Rajendra Khadka	Elijah M. Kline
Renaco R. Limberg	Constantino J. Mantzouranis	Anastasia-Nicole A Mboussi	
Charlotte C. Miller	Grace T. Oluremi	Cesar D. Orellana	Jermaine I. Osomiha
Devonne T. Proctor	Faizan E. Qureshi	Dolores M. Ribeiro	Jesse A. Roberts
April S. Sanchez	Wilson M. Solis Jacinto	Saige L. Soskil	Jasmine K. Armoo
Gabrielle N. Campbell	Garrett N. Conway	Kelsey N. Cyr	Etienne O. Frimpong
Isabella Hernandez	Scott T. Kirby	Bryan Lam	Kenneth C. Lee
Madison O. Louton	Kylie M. McIntyre	Lanora E. Milton	PaulRandy A. Ngang
Paul Francois Ngijoi	Xuan-Mai H. Nguyen	Ugonna D. Okoronkwo	Nicholas N. Pendry
Caleb D. Pletts	Noe P. Reyes	Fatou Seck	Mina Y. Takaki
Mackenzie L. Thompson	Karina L. Ward	David Y. Afforo	Jylah C. Bah
Jade-Bintou A. Bangoura	D'Asiya N. Barnes	Tylaha A. Bibbs	Marcela G. Chicas Hernandez
Anderson G. Coreas	Juvenile L. Heumen	Kevin A. Jeudy	Cameron A. Jones
Kyrik I. Mason	Natalie R. May	Mateo T. Moore	Alaysia D. Richardson
Iya Minette E. Valeza			



Health Room
News & Information

Attention 6th Grade Parents New Vaccines Needed

Parents of Students Entering 7th Grade Next Year (2017-2018 school year) Will Need the Following Immunizations

- MCV4 (Meningococcal {meningitis}) vaccine
- Tdap vaccine (Tetanus, Diphtheria, Pertussis {whooping cough})

(Bring a copy of your child's immunization record to your appointment)

These vaccines are needed in addition to current school vaccination requirements.

**** Please check with your child's doctor to see if they have already received them, and take a copy of the record to their school.****

If your child needs these vaccines they can get them from his or her doctor or the Howard County Health Department

**Contact the Howard County Health Department for Free Immunization
(with a scheduled appointment).**

For more information call, Beth Amstad, RN, at the Howard County Health Department, 410-313-7592, or visit: www.hchealth.org. Failure to provide proof of updated immunizations on the first day of school, or proof of an appointment to receive the vaccinations will result in your student being excluded from school.

Pledge Camp

Howard County Police will offer a weeklong Pledge Camp. The purpose of the camp is to teach leadership, communication, teamwork, and decision-making skills, as they are essential for students in general and those entering high school. Camp enrollment and start dates are to be determined.

For more information, please contact the Howard County Department of Police, School Resource Officer Section at 410-313-6088 or Youth Section at 410-313-2613.



Winter Weather

The winter weather is making its way and students should dress warmly for the colder weather. Please be sure to help the students remember their coats, a hat, pants, thermals, and some gloves as well as boots. This makes their time outside so much more enjoyable! Please note students are not able to wear coats in class but may wear light jackets and sweaters.

For more details on weather guidelines and recess procedures, please refer to page 33 in the HCPSS Student and Parent Handbook.

Bright Minds and Comcast

Parents,

The Bright Minds Foundation and Comcast have partnered together to offer affordable Internet services.

Please see details in the attachment on how to apply for the Internet Essentials package. For more details visit <http://lems.hcpss.org/news/2016/12/brightminds-and-comcast>.



School Store Donations Wanted

The school store at LEMS occurs every three weeks and gives students the opportunity to spend their eagle bucks, which are earned for following the school rules and displaying our **P.R.I.D.E.** (Perseverance, Respect, Integrity, Dependability, and Excellence) values. The school store is run solely on donations. If you would like to donate anything to the school store please provide the items to the Front Office and let them know that the item(s) are for the school store. Some items we would gladly accept are books, electronics, electronic accessories, games, toys, school supplies, and pretty much anything middle schoolers would like except food. If you have any questions please email



Early Dismissals

Parents must report to the Front Office prior to proceeding to the Guidance Office to have student(s) called for early dismissal. A photo ID must be presented for you or the person picking up the student. Please note this procedure is mandatory for the safety and courtesy of our school staff and students. For more details, please refer to page 4 in the [HCPSS Student and Parent Handbook 2016-17](http://www.hcpss.org/f/aboutus/student-handbook/student-handbook.pdf) (<http://www.hcpss.org/f/aboutus/student-handbook/student-handbook.pdf>) as well as pages 24 in the LEMS Student Agenda/Handbook.

Emergency Cards

Please stop by or contact the Guidance Office at 410-313-7635 to update your Emergency Card Information, today!

Student Absences and Attendance

To report a student absence, please email lemsabsence@hcpss.org or call Mrs. O'Connor in the Guidance Office at 410-313-7635. All notes must be submitted in person. All absences will be recorded and will be communicated via our school messenger system. For more details, please refer to page 4 in the [HCPSS Student and Parent Handbook 2016-17](http://www.hcpss.org/f/aboutus/student-handbook/student-handbook.pdf) as well as pages 24 in the LEMS Student Agenda/Handbook. Please note that due to the privacy and safety of your child and staff we are not able to verify attendance over the phone.

NOTE: *Parents may receive notifications on their child's attendance for (absentees and tardies) by subscribing to HCPSS Connect and select attendance notifications.*

Software Updates

Please note HCPSS has fully migrated to using HCPSS Connect and Canvas early last school year. If you have any questions or need assistance with accessing your account, please contact Mrs. Woolls in the Guidance Office at 410-313-7635.

Mocha with Marty

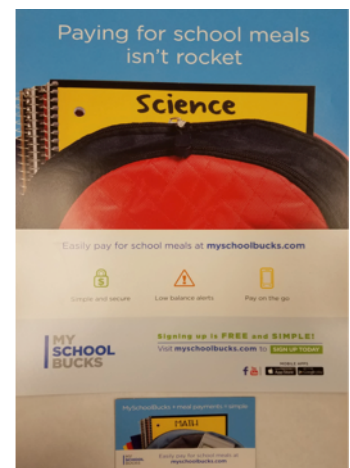
Every month, Principal Vandenberg sets aside time where parents/guardians have the opportunity to discuss various topics. We encourage your attendance and look forward to seeing you at the next scheduled time.

School Menu

HCPSS students and their families can now view menus and nutrition and allergen information for meals served in all HCPSS schools through Nutrislice, a website and free smartphone app (Visit <http://hcpss.nutrislice.com/> for school lunch menu and <https://www.myschoolbucks.com> to reload student lunch accounts).

Online Payment for School Activities

HCPSS has contracted with [Online School Payments, Inc. \(OSP\)](http://lems.hcpss.org/messages/online-school-purchases-osp-student-activities) (<http://lems.hcpss.org/messages/online-school-purchases-osp-student-activities>) in order to afford parents/guardians the ability to pay online for school activities that would otherwise have required payment by cash or check. OSP accepts credit and debit cards (Visa or MasterCard) through a secure web browser at



COMMUNITY NEWS

For more updates, please visit <http://www.hcpss.org/community-news-and-programs/>

Volunteers – National Institute of Mental Health

National Institute of Mental Health research team is currently seeking healthy volunteers, 5-25 years old to participate in the study: Brain Imaging of Childhood Onset Psychiatric Disorders, Endocrine Disorders and Healthy Volunteers. There is one initial outpatient visit to the NIH Clinical Center for a physical, blood work, cognitive testing, and MRI scan of the brain and return visits every 2 years. Compensation is provided. More information: contact Jonathan Blumenthal, MA at jb364e@nih.gov or 301-435-4516. Read about the study at <https://www.nimh.nih.gov/labs-at-nimh/join-a-study/trials/healthy-volunteers-89-m-0006.shtml>

Winter 2017 edition of the Parent Pages – Howard County Government

A newsletter designed for parents and families raising children in Howard County. Published by the Department's Office of Children and Families, the Winter issue contains articles about #OneHoward, activities to help your child become ready for kindergarten, behavior techniques for children and preparing your teens for life after high school. For more information please contact Lisa Rhodes, Family Engagement Specialist, 410-313-1440, or email children@howardcountymd.gov

Support Groups – NAMI HC

Provides monthly Parent and Family Support Groups (at no cost) for caregivers of children and teens with mental health concerns. Please visit our website for location and times at www.namihowardcounty.org or call 410-772-9300 for more information.

YouthFit – Columbia Association

Is your child overweight and does your family need support with making better lifestyle choices? Columbia YouthFit gives your family the tools to create and stick with a healthy lifestyle. This 7-week program is endorsed by The American Academy of Pediatrics and includes physical activity, nutrition counseling, and life/wellness coaching for all family members. Children must be between the ages of 9 and 16. Families who have completed the sessions have consistently given the program high ratings. Spaces fill up fast. For more information contact Shawni Paraska, CA's Community Health Director, shawni.paraska@columbiaassociation.org or 410-715-3128. Also check out a video overview of the Youth Fit program using this link <http://youtu.be/DI3usn5W3-A>

The Makeup Studio – Howard County Government

Many teenagers love to experiment with makeup and what better place to get on the right track to learn the basics than The Makeup Studio. This class is designed for the teenager who needs instruction for a clean, natural approach to makeup. Have fun learning simple and easy makeup techniques and tips. Info: William Banks, 410-313-4609 or wbanks@howardcountymd.gov

Howard County Diaper Bank – Howard County Government

Donations are accepted **Feb. 1-28**, Howard County Library Systems branches, For questions please contact 410-313-CARE(2273) or children@howardcountymd.gov

After school cheerleading, SuperSquads

Begins mid-Feb., practice once a week. Learn cheers, dance, tumbling, jumps, stunts & more plus perform! Register at www.supersquads.org, supersquadsinfo@verizon.net or 410-796-2244.

Family Friendly Concert – Misako Ballet Company

Misako celebrates their 10th Anniversary by presenting "Perspectives," a concert that features a selection of favorites dances, international guest artists, and the premier of the one act story ballet "Celestial Maidens, please join us for this family friendly concert on Sun., **Feb. 19**, 2 p.m., Jim Rouse Theater at Wilde Lake High School, 5460 Trumpeter Road, Columbia, MD. Tickets are \$15 at the door or can be purchased online at www.brownpapertickets.com at a discounted price. There will also be a family ticket price of \$40 (maximum of 4 tickets). Individual tickets for children and seniors are \$10. For more information call 410-884-9690, email misakoballetbd@gmail.com or visit www.misakodance.com

High School Research Apprenticeship Program – US Army Educational Outreach Program (USAEOP)

The High School Research Apprenticeship Program (HSAP) is a summer STEM program open to high school students (Grades 11-12) who demonstrate an interest in STEM to work as an apprentice in an Army-funded university research laboratory. HSAP is designed so that students can apprentice in fields of their choice with experienced scientists and engineers full-time during the summer or part-time during the school year. Students receive an educational stipend equivalent to \$10 per hour. Students should visit the Army Educational Outreach Program site (AEOP) to find out more about HSAP, to locate a university and to apply: <http://www.usaeop.com/programs/apprenticeships/hsap/>

Schools Out FREE Clinic – Ellicott City Soccer Club

Tues, Feb. 21, Open to kids born 2009-2003; All attendees must register for the FREE clinic on <http://www.ellicottcitysc.org/>, Cedar Lane Park Fields #5 and #6; 9 a.m.-12 p.m.

Night Owls program – Howard County Conservancy

FREE event, Thurs., **Feb. 23**, 7 p.m.-8 p.m., 10520 Old Frederick Road, Woodstock, MD. hccconservancy.org/upcoming-events

Leadership Experience – The Womens’ Giving Circle of Howard County and Maryland Leadership Workshops

Presenting Journey, a week-long leadership experience designed especially to help young women in Howard County (currently in grades 7 or 8) with the transition to high school. Workshops and activities draw out innate leadership skills resulting in enhanced motivation and self-esteem. To find out more, visit www.mlw.org or join us at one of the following info sessions at Hammond High School: Thursday 2/23 at 6 p.m. or Saturday 2/25 at 1:30 p.m.

Summer Journalism Program – Princeton University

An all-expenses-paid journalism and college preparation program, Princeton University for high school juniors from low-income backgrounds. In this program, students learn reporting skills from celebrated journalists, report and write their own newspaper, and are paired with a counselor who oversees their college admissions process. Our application process for the 2017 summer is now open. The application can be found at www.princeton.edu/sjp and is due at 11:59 p.m. EST on Fri., **Feb. 24**, 2017.

Fashion Show: Model Call – Howard County Government

Young men and women are invited to participate in an audition to performing the 4th annual Fashion Show produced by Sean Gibson of Model Citizen Models. Practices begin on **Feb. 25** and continue on Sat. until the day of the event (April 1). If selected as a model, there is a \$29 registration fee due at the first practice. Preregistration is encouraged, but not required. Info: Holly Harden, 410-313-4625 or harden@howardcountymd.gov

Women in Engineering Dream Conference – University of Maryland

Registration is open for students, adults, and volunteers for the 9th annual Women in Engineering (WIE) DREAM Conference. Sat., **Feb. 25**, 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m., Adele H. Stamp Student Union, University of Maryland, College Park. For more information and to REGISTER, please visit <http://www.wie.umd.edu/k12/dream-conference>.

Pancake Supper – St. Andrew Church

Pancake Supper at St Andrew’s Glenwood Episcopal Church, Rt. 97, Glenwood MD, **Feb. 28**, 6-8 p.m. 410-489-4035.

Open House – Ellicott City Soccer Club

FREE soccer clinic for kids, open house for kids and parents, Sat., **Mar. 4**, Turf Valley Resort Amphitheater Room. Two sessions 12-2 p.m. and 2-4 p.m. Players will attend a FREE clinic at Turf Valley Fields, or indoor at Chapelgate Academy Contact operations@ellicottcitysc.org for more information.

Study Skills Classes – Healing Dimensions Foundation, Stressless Test

Now is the time to register for the Healing Dimensions Foundation’s Stressless Tests. The next class starts **Mar. 7**. The basic fee is just \$165.00 including the textbook. A payment plan is available at no extra cost. To register or read more information, you can email Betty at Bcaldwell202@gmail.com or go to <http://www.stresslesstests.org/>

HoCo FilmFest- Howard County Drug Free

HC DrugFree is partnering with the student-run HoCo Film Festival and looking for film-savvy teens to create Public Service Announcements (PSAs) focusing on alcohol/drug free alternatives to dealing with stress. PSAs will be shared across Howard County. The 2017 HoCo Film Festival will be held on Fri., **Mar. 10**, 7:00 p.m. at the Charles E. Miller Library in Ellicott City. For additional guidelines and information, contact Admin@hcdrugfree.org or visit HC DrugFree’s website at <http://www.hcdrugfree.org/hoco-filmfest/>

Creative Writing for Teens – Howard County Government

Mar. 12, 2-4 p.m. students, explore creative writing through poetry, fiction, and non-fiction.

Compose short stories, autobiographical works, and poems. Develop your own voices as authors as well as original plots and character development. The last class features a brief reading highlighting each student’s work. Info: Holly Harden, 410-313-4625 or harden@howardcountymd.gov

Annual Italian Dinner – St. Louis Catholic Church

Youth Ministry Presents The 36th Annual Italian Dinner On Sun., **Mar. 12**, 12:30-6:30 p.m., The St. Louis Cafeteria Off Rte. 108 & 32, spaghetti with homemade meatballs & sauce (or lasagna if you prefer). All meals include soda/coffee/tea, salad, garlic bread, and homemade desserts.

Tickets cost \$10/adult, \$5/children (10 & under), \$13/Lasagna, \$16/Combo Spaghetti/Lasagna & \$40/Immediate family of 6. Peak time is 4-6 p.m. Call (410) 531-6668.

Silas Craft Dinner – Howard Community College

The Howard Community College Educational Foundation cordially invite you to the annual Silas Craft Collegians Dinner to benefit the Silas Craft Collegians Scholarship Endowment and program. The Chinese dinner buffet will be served continuously from 5-8 p.m. on Mon., **Mar. 13**, 7091 Deepage Drive in Columbia. Tickets are \$45 per person and the Silas Craft Collegians Endowment receives 100% of the proceeds from the ticket sales to the event. For more information or to purchase tickets, please call the Development Office at Howard Community College, 443-518-1970 or visit www.howardcc.edu/sccathunan

Teen Lock-in – Howard County Government

After hours party, **Mar. 17-18**, if you like to enjoy a night full of music, games, rock-climbing, swimming, movies, food and more, then this after-hours party is just for you! Bring your sleeping bag and pillow, swimsuit and towel, comfortable clothes and shoes for sports and climbing. All participants must be checked in by 9 p.m. Info: Holly Harden, 410-313-4625 or harden@howardcountymd.gov

Young Peoples Concert – The Columbia Orchestra

Young People's Concerts, Sat., **Mar. 18**, 10:30 a.m., & 1 p.m. The Jim Rouse Theatre, Columbia
Narrator Greg Jukes and the dancers from Dance Connections join us for Prokofiev's immortal Peter and the Wolf along with music from Harry Potter and Stravinsky's Firebird. Children of all ages will enjoy this fun-filled introduction to the orchestra. Choose either the 10:30 or 1:00 concert and try your hand at playing instruments between the two performances at our free Musical Instrument Petting Zoo! 11 & under: Free; 12 & older: \$15. Visit www.columbiaorchestra.org or call 410-465-8777.

Spring 2017 FREE Special Needs Clinic – Ellicott City Soccer Club

Open to players ages 3-16 years old, **Mar. 24**, Chapelgate Christian Academy at 2600 Marriottsville Rd, Marriottsville, MD. Ellicott City Soccer Club offers a FREE program that helps further develop youth physically, mentally and emotionally by bringing the opportunity of learning and playing soccer to any boy or girl, who has an intellectual or physical disability. Meets 5 weeks on Friday evenings 6:00-6:45 p.m. [Register for FREE Special Needs Clinic](#)

Lively Arts for Little Ones – The Other Barn

Music for Kids, Fri., **Mar. 24**, 10 a.m., The Other Barn, 5851 Robert Oliver Place, Columbia.
Tickets are \$5.00 (ages 2 and up). To purchase, visit The Other Barn, visit <http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/2564668>, or buy at the door. For more information, call 410-730-4610 or visit oaklandmills.org

Spring 2017 Foundations Program – Ellicott City Soccer Club

Open to children (born in 2012 and 2013) and Transitional (born in 2004 and 2005), **Mar. 29**, Chapelgate Christian Academy 2600 Marriottsville Road, Marriottsville MD, Wednesdays from 5:45pm-6:45 p.m. and Saturdays 8:45-9:45 a.m. Cost for 6 weeks/12 sessions: The TOT Academy is \$149 The Transitional Academy is \$179

[Register for Tots Spring 2017 program.](#)

[Register for Transitional Spring 2017 program.](#)

Spring 2017 House Rec league – Ellicott City Soccer Club

Open to soccer players born in years 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010 and 2011, **Mar. 29**, Chapelgate Christian Academy at 2600 Marriottsville Rd, Marriottsville, MD.

Team-based, recreational league with approximately 7 players per team. Teams will play other CITY teams.

Wednesdays and Saturdays. Wednesdays 5:45-6:45 p.m.; Saturdays- scrimmages. Times to be determined.

Cost \$189 for 6 weeks, 2x/week training.

[Register for the House Rec League.](#)

An evening with Judy Collins – Columbia Festival of the Arts

Tickets are now on sale for an Evening with Judy Collins, Sat. **Apr. 1**, 8 p.m., at the Rouse Theater, 5460 Trumpeter Road, Columbia, MD. <http://home.columbiafestival.org/judy-collins/>

Spring Break Camp – Soccer Association of Columbia

Spring Break Camp scheduled for the week of **April 10-14**. Both full and half-day sessions are offered. SAC also offers extended care from 4-6 p.m. for an additional fee. Contact asksac@sac-hc.org.

SAC Juniors Program – Soccer Association of Columbia

Fun-filled introduction to Soccer, SAC offers six, one-hour weekday or weekend sessions for ages 3-4 throughout the year in Howard County. Players receive an Under Armour jersey. Topics include body awareness, agility, balance and ball control. Contact asksac@sac-hc.org.

Foundation Program – Ellicott City Soccer Club

Our academies will provide a fun, challenging and age-appropriate training environment where players will develop the skills and techniques needed to become a successful soccer player. Our program is for player's ages 3-12 years old, and will meet Wed. and Sat. for a total of 12 sessions. The program starts on **Apr. 6**.

FREE 'Birth Year' Soccer Clinic-Ellicott City Soccer Club

April 26, We will offer a FREE clinic 9 a.m.-12 p.m. at Rockburn Park for players born in the years 2005-2009.

Celebrating the written word – Howard County Poetry and Literature Society, HoCoPoLitSo

Visit HoCoPoLitSo.org to learn more about upcoming events such as the Blackbird Poetry Festival with Tyehimba Jess on Thurs., **Apr. 27**, Wilde Readings, with local poets & writers, take place on the second Tuesday of the month at the Columbia Art Center, Columbia, Md.

WOMENFEST – Howard County Government

A Health & Wellness Event for Women, Sat., **Apr. 29**, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m., Gary J. Arthur Community Center at Glenwood, Cooksville.

FREE Special Needs Program – Ellicott City Soccer Club

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Spring 2017 Soccer Programs – Soccer Association of Columbia

Spring 2017 season for the Clinic, Recreational and Recreational High School programs. Leagues are open to players with birth years from 1998 to 2012. Gender based teams meet for eight weeks beginning in April. Go to sackick.com to register.

Young Entrepreneurs’s – Le’Chic Academy Foundation

Invites students, ages 5-18, to participate in our annual Young Entrepreneur’s “Biz Kidz” Business Startup Workshop, Vendor Outdoor Market Day, “Dress For Success” Fashion Show and Award Reception (June 3-4, 2017). For online registration and detailed information, please call 410-530-4876 or visit www.lechicacademy.com

After school programs – The 4th Quarter

Our program aims to create young leaders. By using football and fitness students develop stellar habits and a positive mindset that allow them to accomplish their dreams.

Register your child for the Elkridge Landing or Bonnie Branch for the after afterschool program here:

<http://www.the4thqtr.org/incoming-5th-graders/>, jguy@the4thqtr.org

Theater Camp – Slayton House

A Musical Theatre Summer Camp, Improv Week, **June 19-23**, (1 week, subject to change) Broadway Edition, June 26-July 14, (Session I, 3 weeks. No Camp on July 4th), Rising Stars, Session II: July 17-July 28, Sessions III, July 31–Aug. 11 (2 weeks) Visit our website www.campofthearts.com

For more information or registration forms call 410.730.3987 or email camp@wildelake.org