



# LAKE ELKHORN MIDDLE SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER JUNE 14, 2017

### MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Lake Elkhorn Community,

I am writing to inform you about two changes in the administrative team at Lake Elkhorn MS. I will be moving to Marriott's Ridge High School as Assistant Principal. I appreciate the opportunity I have had to lead Lake Elkhorn Middle School the last four years. I will miss the students, staff and parents. I am proud of all the accomplishments our students have achieved. I wish everyone success next year!

Beginning July 1<sup>st</sup>, Ms. Lynnette Moore will be the new principal. Please welcome her to the community, as I know you will. Ms. Kelli Nitsch will be returning to Lake Elkhorn MS as the new Assistant Principal. Ms. Nitsch served as LEMS Math Instructional Support Teacher three years ago. Along with Ms. Carmean and Mr. Dorsey, they will make for a great administrative team!

With Eagle Pride,

**Martin Vandenberg**  
Principal

### SAVE THE DATE

- June 12-14 - Pick up medications from Health Room by 11:00 am or they will be destroyed.
- June 13 - Early dismissal 3 hours early.
- June 14 - Last day of school. Early dismissal, 3 hours early.
- June 15 - ENJOY YOUR SUMMER!
- June 26 - Summer school begins at Thomas Viaduct Middle School. (Ends July 21<sup>st</sup>)
- August 31 - New student orientation 8am, cafeteria.
- September 5 - First day of school for students.
- September 14 - Back to School Night, 5:30 pm, cafeteria



# GOODBYE & GOOD LUCK

## FAREWELL FROM MR. MURRAY

It is with mixed emotions I write that my time at Lake Elkhorn Middle School has come to and end. After much thought, I requested and was granted a transfer. It was a difficult decision after more than 20 years in the Owen Brown and Oakland Mills Communities. As Administrator at Cradlerock School, Cradlerock Elementary School, and Lake Elkhorn Middle School (all in one building), I had the opportunity to observe babies grow into mature men and women. I've learned so much about being a man and educator from all of you. The memories are everlasting. I would like to thank everyone for the support I've received. I've formed bonds and relationships with staff, students and parents I will never forget. I will surely miss working in our community schools, but am excited to continue my career as Assistant Principal at Mayfield Woods Middle School. Thanks again for your support and I look forward to seeing you in the community. – Mark Murray

CONGRATULATIONS AND GOOD LUCK MR.  
VANDENBERGE AND MR. MURRAY! YOUR LEMS  
FAMILY WILL MISS YOU!

## FAREWELL AND BEST WISHES!

Best wishes to Pam Winkleman-Etue and Robin Kokolis! After many years of service in HCPSS and at Lake Elkhorn Middle School they will be retiring. We thank you for your dedication and wish you all the best as you start a new chapter in your life.

Happy Retirement from your Lake Elkhorn Middle  
School Family!





### LEMS SCHOOL SUPPLY LIST 2017-18

The school supply list for the 2017-18 school year is now available. Please go to the link to find out what you need for your 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade student.

<http://lems.hcpss.org/sites/default/files/2017-18%20supply%20list-1-1-1.pdf>



### BOOK OBLIGATION PAYMENTS

You may pay for book obligations online. Credit and Debit cards are accepted. VISA AND MASTERCARD accepted.

Lake Elkhorn Middle School is accepting online payments for book obligations and school activities. Please go to the Lake Elkhorn website: <http://lems.hcpss.org>. Scroll down to the bottom left side of the page and look under “Essential Applications”. Click on Online Payments. Next, click on **Pay Obligation** (on top tool bar). You will be prompted to sign in or create a **New User** account. After you sign in go to **Select School or Program** dropdown box and select Lake Elkhorn. Go to the **Obligation** dropdown box and select **Lost Book Obligation**. Type in the amount and describe the obligation. Click on the blue box to **Add to Cart** and the blue box for **Checkout**.

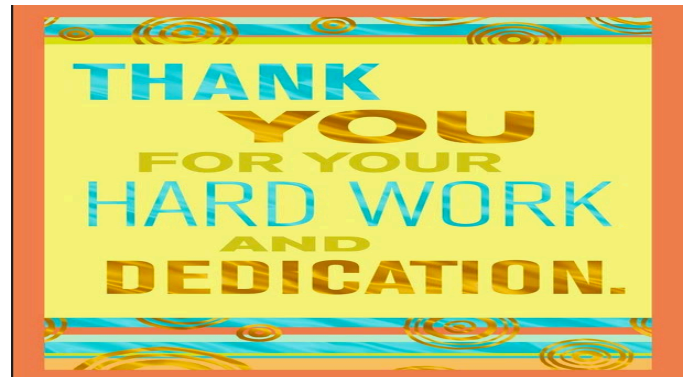




**Grade Six Field Day** was a fun-filled day with beautiful weather. Students had a bunch of fun playing these “old school” games: Musical Chairs, Hot Potato, Tug-of-War and Ring Toss. They got to work together on teams as they played basketball, football and volleyball. Students also got to show off their hula-hoop skills and participate in a variety of relay races. To top it all off, the students got to cool off with ice cream and popsicles after lunch.

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**OMHS NEW NINTH GRADE TEAM NEWS:** On behalf of the 9th Grade Team at OMHS we would like to give a large thank you to your middle school principal and assistant principals, guidance counselors, and front office staff that we have worked with as we continue to prepare for the graduating class of 2021 here at Oakland Mills High School. Ms. Orlando has assembled a topnotch team of teachers, administrators, and support staff that are dedicated to ensuring a smooth transition to high school for students. Class of 2021, we are very excited to welcome you hOMe next year and wish you a healthy and safe summer! -The 9th Grade Team, OMHS - Laura Foerster Puglisi, grade 9 team leader.



**Katherine Orlando, Principal**  
**Oakland Mills High School**



Flag Star Football has the best coaches in the world and on June 11<sup>th</sup> you can meet them. They will not disappoint!

Come on out on Sunday, June 11<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 – 11:00 am at Thunder Hill Elementary School. Just an awesome hour of fun, drills and games for kids.

We are a Sunday only flag football league coming this fall for Grades K-7. This is your chance to try out the program for free. Our goals for the kids: Get better. Have fun.

Please contact Milton Powell: [Miltonflagstarfootball.com](http://Miltonflagstarfootball.com) to save your place!



**FALL FLAG FOOTBALL**  
SUNDAYS ONLY!!  
GRADES K-7

**TRY IT OUT FIRST FREE PROMO DATES:**  
10AM - 11AM  
SUNDAY, JUNE 11TH @ THUNDER HILL  
SUNDAY, JUNE 18TH ELEMENTARY

E-mail Milton to save your Free Promo Day Spot  
[milton@flagstarfootball.com](mailto:milton@flagstarfootball.com)  
202-321-2442

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

We know that many students and their families depend on the Internet, whether at school, or at home, so they can do homework, search for jobs, access financial or government services and much more. The Bright Minds Foundation is teaming with Comcast to make affordable Internet service available to students and their families through a low cost home Internet service called Internet Essentials.

**Features of Internet Essentials include:**

- \$9.95 per month + applicable taxes with no term contract or credit checks.
- No activation or equipment fees.
- Wi-Fi router included.
- Access to an affordable desktop or laptop computer for just \$149.99.
- Free in-person and online web classes.

Now for the really good news: It's even easier and faster for your family to connect to Internet Essentials because your child's school has been pre-approved for a streamlined enrollment process. Any family with a child attending a school with 40% or more of students enrolled in FARMS is automatically pre-approved for Internet Essentials\*. Families can call **1-888-972-5982** or apply online at [InternetEssentials.com](http://InternetEssentials.com). You'll need to provide your contact information and school name. That's it. No other paperwork is necessary, and if you meet the program's eligibility, you will be pre-approved and could have home Internet within five (5) days.

We want all of our students to have the opportunity to do their homework at home, and we are excited to share information with you about programs like Internet Essentials from Comcast that may be helpful to your family.

For more details please visit [brightmindsfoundation.org](http://brightmindsfoundation.org).

Sincerely,

**The Bright Minds Foundation & Comcast**

To qualify for Internet Essentials, your household must be located where Comcast offers Internet service, have not subscribed to Comcast Internet service within the past 90 days and does not have an overdue Comcast bill or unreturned equipment in the past year. Pre-approval for the program is limited to families of students whose schools have 40% or higher number of students who are eligible to participate in the National School Lunch Program. Internet Essentials from Comcast is a program to provide home Internet service for families. It is not a school or foundation program and is not required by your school. Your school is not responsible for Internet Essentials accounts. No school funds were used for this notice.

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### **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 2016-2017 (<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](mailto: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 2016-2017 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. 10/2 at 8:30, 11/6 at 9:30, 12/4 at 9:00, 2/5 at 8:30, 3/5 at 9:00, and 5/7 at 9:30.

### **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.myschoolbus.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> 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 browser, 24 hours a day. You can even use your iPhone or tablet!

## PLEDGE CAMP

*Howard County Police will offer a week long 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.*



## SCHOOL SUPPLIES DONATIONS



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 they are for the school store. Some items we would gladly accept are: books, electronics, electronic accessories, games, toys, school supplies and anything middle school students would like, except food. If you have any questions, please email [Michelle\\_Dugan@hcpss.org](mailto:Michelle_Dugan@hcpss.org).





## ATTENTION PARENTS

### VACCINES NEEDED FOR STUDENTS ENTERING 7<sup>TH</sup> GRADE!

**ALSO students in 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grades that have not had these vaccines are required to get them before the first day of the 2017-2018 School Year.**

- MC4V (Meningococcal {meningitis}) vaccine.
  - Tdap vaccine (Tetanus, Diphtheria, Pertussis, {Whooping Cough})
- We also have Human Papilloma Virus (HPV) vaccine available. This vaccine is optional.

These vaccines are needed in addition to current school vaccination requirements. Please check with your doctor to see if your child has already received these vaccinations. Please bring a copy of their record to school.

If your child needs these vaccines they can get them from his or her doctor or you may come to these FREE IMMUNIZATION CLINICS (insured or uninsured children)

<b>June 28, 2017 Wednesday Severn Room</b>	<b>9:00am – 3:00pm, Walk-in Enter at the back of the building under the rectangular awning, HCPSS conference center</b>	<b>Howard County Health Department 8930 Stanford Blvd Columbia, MD 21045  You will receive documentation to share with your child's doctor and school.</b>
<b>July 5, 2017 Wednesday Severn Room</b>	<b>8:00am – 3:00pm, Walk-in Enter at the back of the building under the rectangular awning, HCPSS conference center</b>	
<b>July 12, 2017 Wednesday Severn Room</b>	<b>9:00am – 3:00pm, Walk-in Enter at the back of the building under the rectangular awning, HCPSS conference center</b>	

For more information call Beth Amstad, RN at the Howard County Health Dept. at 410-

## MEDICATIONS FOR NEXT YEAR

If your child will take medication during the coming school year, your doctor or nurse practitioner must complete a medication form. Please be sure that all portions of the form are completed in full. Orders for each new school year must be dated on or after July 1. All medications must be in containers properly labeled with the following information:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Student name.</li> <li>• Medication name.</li> <li>• Dosage to be given.</li> <li>• Time and frequency of medication.</li> <li>• Date of medication order.</li> <li>• Prescriber's name.</li> <li>• Expiration date.</li> </ul> | <p>Pharmacy bottles will usually contain all of the information you need. Over-the-counter medications such as cold, allergy and pain relievers should be labeled with the student's name in black marker and brought to the health room in new, unopened containers. Medications should be delivered by a parent/guardian to assure safe arrival. Students should not transport medications.</p> |
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**SUMMER MEALS FOR KIDS & TEENS.**

**OPEN TO ALL CHILDREN 18YRS AND YOUNGER.**

**NO APPLICATION, NO ENROLLMENT, NO COST!**

**Open Sites:**

**Talbott Springs Elementary School**

9550 Basket Ring Rd, Columbia, MD 21045

June 27 – July 29, 2016

(12:45 Pm – 2:15 pm)

**Laurel Woods Elementary School**

9250 N Laurel Rd, Laurel, MD 20723

June 27 – July 29, 2016

(12:30 Pm – 2:00 Pm)

**Phelps Luck Elementary School**

5370 Old Stone Ct., Columbia, MD 21045

June 27 – July 29, 2016

(12:30 Pm – 2:00 Pm)

**Long Reach High School**

6101 Old Dobbin Ln, Columbia, MD 21045

June 27 – July 29, 2016

(12:30 Pm – 2:00 pm)



For more information please contact HCPSS Food and Nutrition Service at [www.hcpss.org/food-services](http://www.hcpss.org/food-services) or at 410-313-6743.

**IT'S SUMMER! KIDS EAT FREE!**

During the school year a large number of children in the United States receive meals through their school lunch programs. However, when the school year ends food insecurity becomes prevalent amongst school aged children. The Summer Food Service Program helps alleviate the nutritional gap and makes meals accessible to all children less than 18 years of age. The Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) is a federally funded, state-administered program that reimburses providers who serve healthy meals to children and teens in area eligible areas at no charge primarily during the summer months when school is not in session.

**HELP SPREAD THE WORD ABOUT HCPSS FREE SUMMER MEALS FOR HOWARD COUNTY YOUTHS. BE A PART OF MAKING A DIFFERENCE.**

# This summer, a mobile rec center is coming to your neighborhood!

Sony PS4

XBox 360

Board Games



Basketball

Baseball

Flag Football

Drop in for fun from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

MONDAYS TALBOTT SPRINGS POOL

with free swim from 12:00-3:30 p.m.

TUESDAYS NORTH LAUREL COMMUNITY CENTER

FRIDAYS MEADOWBROOK ATHLETIC COMPLEX

The CAP will operate June 26 - Aug. 4.

**410-313-2620** [www.hcpd.org](http://www.hcpd.org)

A Howard County Police Youth Division program  
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