



LAKE ELKHORN MIDDLE SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER JUNE 2, 2017

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

June already? Only eight school days left – it's amazing how the year has flown by! This week, eighth graders took their class pictures and rehearsed for their promotion ceremony, which are signs that it's time for them to move on to high school. We are very proud of what the eighth graders have accomplished here and look forward to hearing about their success in high school and beyond.

Next week, we have a lot going on. After Monday night's promotion ceremony, our eighth graders will enjoy Six Flags on Tuesday and visit their high schools on Wednesday. Meanwhile sixth and seventh

graders will enjoy a field day ~~later in the week. Lots of fun!~~



SAVE THE DATE

- June 2 – GT Expo field trip (Mr. Bond)
- June 5 – 8th Grade Closing Ceremony at Hammond High School. 6:30 pm. (Mr. Farmer)
- June 6 – 8th grade field trip to Six Flags (Mr. Farmer)
- June 6 – PTSA meeting at 6:00 pm.
- June 7 – 8th grade trip to visit high schools (Ms. Faggio)
- June 8 – 6th grade assembly. (Ms. Bailey)
- June 8 – LEMS faculty recital (Mr. Rea, Ms. Bilal and Ms. Retterer.
- June 8 – 7th grade Field Day Fun Day, 10:40-2:45 pm (Ms. (Robinson)
- June 9– 6th grade Field Day Fun Day, 8:00-1:00 pm (Ms. Bailey)
- June 9 – Auditions for 12 Angry Jurors at Hammond HS.
- 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!
- 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



SAVE THE DATE

WHEN: JUNE 5, 2017 AT 6:30 PM

WHERE: HAMMOND HIGH SCHOOL

WHAT: 8TH GRADE END-OF-YEAR CEREMONY

FACULTY RECITAL

PLEASE JOIN MR. REA, MS. BILAL, AND MS. RETTERER AS WE PERFORM
SOME OF OUR FAVORITE MUSIC FOR YOU!



THURSDAY, JUNE 8TH FROM 7:00-8:30 PM

AT THE OWEN BROWN INTERFAITH CENTER – SANCTUARY A



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. 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.

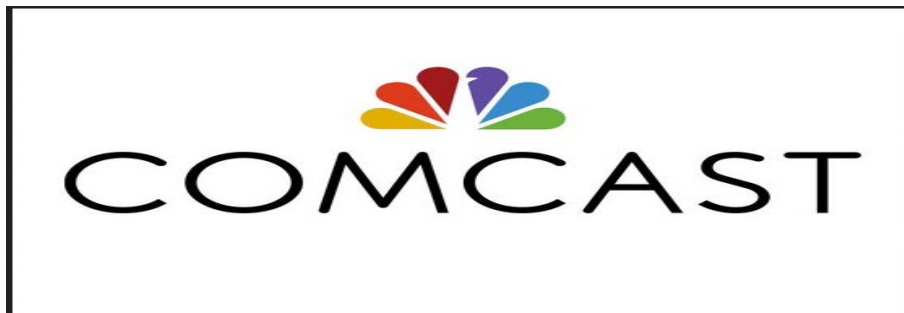
For more details please visit brightmindsfoundation.org.

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.

The contents of this letter are neither sponsored nor endorsed by HCPSS.





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 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!



COMMUNITY CHESS DAY

FRIDAY, JUNE 9TH 4-9



ANYONE CAN PLAY! BEGINNERS, MASTERS, YOUNG, OLD AND ANY LEVEL IN BETWEEN. Play for BRAGGING RIGHTS! Boards provided or BYOB (bring your own board). Light refreshments will be served! Join anytime 4-9pm. For more information, contact Safire Windley at 410-992-3726 or email Safire.Windley@ColumbiaAssociation.org. Photos will be taken at the event.

Youth & Teen Center @ the Barn
5853 Robert Oliver Place in the
Oakland Mills Village Center.



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.

ATTENTION PARENTS

VACCINES NEEDED FOR STUDENTS ENTERING 7TH GRADE!

ALSO students in 8th, 9th and 10th 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)

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

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"> • Student name. • Medication name. • Dosage to be given. • Time and frequency of medication. • Date of medication order. • Prescriber's name. • Expiration date. | <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 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

A Howard County Police Youth Division program
funded by a grant from the U.S. Attorney's Office.



ALLAN H. KITTLEMAN
County Executive



GARY L. GARDNER
Chief of Police

HOWARD COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF POLICE
Division of Animal Control
8576 Davis Road, Columbia, MD 21045

April 11, 2017

Tracey Bailey
6680 Cradlerock Way
Columbia, MD 21045

Dear Ms. Bailey and Sixth Grade Class:

Everyone here at Howard County Animal Control wishes to thank you for your donation of a \$86.00 cash, dog bones and toys. We would like you to know that all contributions are used to directly help the thousands of animals who depend on our services each year. Your kindness and compassion are appreciated by all of us, most importantly the animals themselves. All the dogs and cats send you very, very big hugs and wet kisses.

Again thank you for the gift and please do not hesitate to contact us if we can be of assistance to you in the future.

Sincerely,

Deborah M. Baracco
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Animal Control Administrator
DB/de

**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 6TH GRADE
TEAM FOR YOUR AMAZING CONTRIBUTIONS
TO THE ANIMALS AT HOWARD COUNTY
ANIMAL CONTROL AND ADOPTION CENTER!**

GREAT JOB!



Certificate of Achievement

For Service and Contributions to the Animals at Howard
County Animal Control and Adoption Center.



Presented To:

Sixth Grade Class

Mr. Vandenberg and Ms. Chrobak from Oakland Mills Middle School with Ms. Orlando (center) at the Oakland Mills High School graduation.



ATTENTION PARENTS!

7th grade Field Day is scheduled for June 8, 2017. Please begin to send in your donations. You are welcome to come out and join the 7th grade family for some fun in the sun!

