

**Welcome to
Lake Elkhorn
Middle School**

Back to School Night

September 11, 2019





Left to Right: Ms. Nitsch, 8th Grade Administrator; Mr. Cometa, 6th Grade Administrator; Ms. Shindel, Principal; Ms. Guinn, 7th Grade Administrator

Lake Elkhorn Middle School

Administrative Team





Jason Jones, President

**Next Meeting: Tuesday, September 17 at 5:30 p.m.
Join us for meetings on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m.**

The image features a central black horizontal banner with the text "WE'RE LISTENING AND LEARNING" in white, uppercase, handwritten-style font. The banner is surrounded by several overlapping circles of varying sizes, each containing a portion of the Maryland state flag. The flag's design includes a red cross with white borders on a white background, a black and yellow diagonal checkered pattern, and a red and white checkered pattern. The circles are arranged in a cluster, with some overlapping the banner and others overlapping each other.

WE'RE LISTENING
AND LEARNING



- **Student survey**
- **Staff survey**
- **Parent/community survey**
- **2 Community “Meet and Greets”**
- **2 Staff “Chat and Chews”**
- **Summer PTA meeting**
- **Meetings/collaboration with CRES**
- **3 meetings with HCEA**
- **Community outreach**
- **Countless visits and conversations**

**During the last week of school,
6th & 7th grade students
(current 7th and 8th graders)
answered 3 questions:**

- **What do you love about LEMS that you think we should know about?**
- **What ideas do you have for the next year at Lake Elkhorn?**
- **Is there anything else you'd like to share with us about our school?**



Parent Survey & 2 Community “Meet & Greets”

- What do you love about Lake Elkhorn?
- What ideas do you have for the future at Lake Elkhorn?
- Is there anything else you'd like to share with us about our school?
- *There are lots of ways for parents to be involved at LEMS! How do you want to be involved? What questions do you have?*



Staff Survey

- **What do you love about Lake Elkhorn?**
- **What ideas do you have for the future at Lake Elkhorn?**
- **What are your professional learning interests/needs?**
- **Is there anything else you'd like to share with us about our school?**



2 Staff “Chat & Chews”

- LEMS Traditions
- Instructional supports
- Classroom management
- PBIS (*Lake Elkhorn “P.R.I.D.E.” program to reinforce positive student behaviors*)
- Arrival/Dismissal/Hallway Transitions
- Staff Moral
- Administrative supports
- If you could change 3 things right away, what 3 things would be they be?



[Re]Imagine the Possibilities

Community

Collaboration

Communication

Culture



VISION: Every student and staff member embraces diversity and possesses the skills, knowledge and confidence to positively influence the larger community.

MISSION: HCPSS ensures academic success and social-emotional well-being for each student in an inclusive and nurturing environment that closes opportunity gaps.



More information: www.hcpss.org/scta

School and System News and Information



Email

School news, HCPSS News,
emergency notices



Text

Urgent / emergency
notices only



HCPSS website

www.hcpss.org

System-wide news and
information resource



LEMS website

lems.hcpss.org

School news, calendar, sports
and clubs, staff directory; more

Social Media

Lake Elkhorn's Twitter: [@hcpss_lems](https://twitter.com/hcpss_lems)

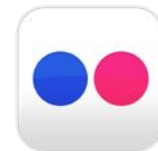
Principal Shindel's Instagram: [instagram.com/principal_shindel](https://www.instagram.com/principal_shindel)

HCPSS Twitter: www.Twitter.com/HCPSS

HCPSS Instagram: [instagram.com/hocoschools](https://www.instagram.com/hocoschools)

HCPSS Flickr: [flickr.com/photos/hcpss](https://www.flickr.com/photos/hcpss)

Superintendent Twitter: <https://twitter.com/mjmsuper>

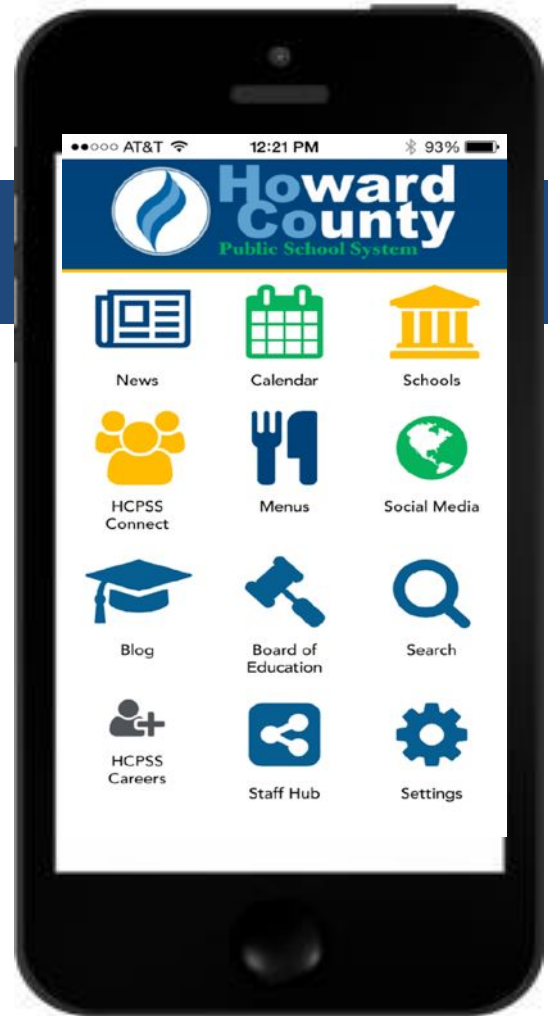


- School system news and announcements
- Upcoming events
- Opportunities to share input on HCPSS policies and decisions
- Delivered each Wednesday

HCPSS Mobile App

Free download on App Store:

- iPhone
- iPad
- Android



School Closings/Delays



www.HCPSS.org



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HCPSS News



HoCoSchools



HCPSS TV

Verizon 42
Comcast 72



Hotline

410-313-6666

Mental Health and Student Supports

School Counselors:

- Ms. OliverMcCain 6th Grade, 7th Grade A-K
- Ms. Fischer 8th Grade, 7th Grade L-Z

School Psychologist: Ms. Rudnicki

BSAP Liaison: Ms. Todd

Pupil Personnel Worker: Ms. Williams



More information:

www.hcpss.org/supports/mental-health-wellness

hcpss *connect*

**Synergy Student
Information System**

**Canvas
Learning System**

Family File

www.hcpss.org/connect

Canvas: What to Expect



Teacher homepage



Course information



Student privacy information/digital tools



Calendar due dates and test dates



Assignment details



Progress grades

School-to-home communication



Have Canvas Questions? Click the **Orientation** box on the Canvas homepage to access Parent Guides



Orientation

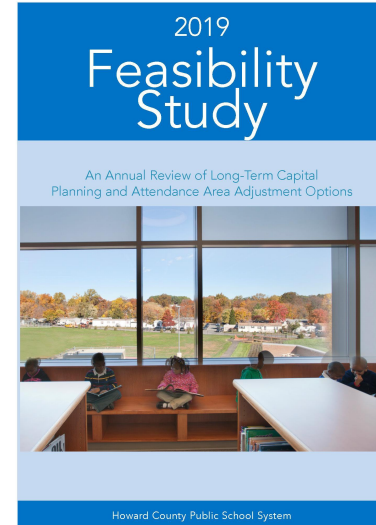
Boundary Review Process

Potentially impacting any HCPSS school

- 2020-2021 school year

Upcoming public input opportunities:

- Online: through August 1
- Board public hearings at the Central Office (10910 Clarksville Pike, with satellite rooms available for overflow):
 - **September 17, 7 p.m. (Oakland Mills HS families)**
 - **September 24, 7 p.m. (Hammond HS families)**



Full information:

www.hcpss.org/school-planning/boundary-review

Updated Grading Policy for 2019-20

- Quarterly report cards
- **No paper interim progress reports**
- Find real time grades anytime on Canvas



MCAP* Assessments - Spring 2020

- Math / English Language Arts
 - Grades 6 - 8
- Social Studies Field Test (2020)
 - Grade 8



**Maryland Comprehensive Assessment Program; MCAP replaces PARCC*

MAP: Measures of Academic Progress



- Grades 6-8: fall and winter
- Mathematics and reading
- Computer-adaptive
- Year-to-year growth

Maryland Integrated Science Assessment (MISA)



Aligned to HCPSS science curriculum and Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS)

- Earth/Space science
- Life science (biology)
- Physical science (chemistry and physics)

More information: Search for “NGSS” on www.hcpss.org

Interactive School Menus



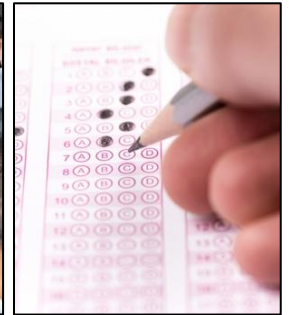
- Food descriptions
- Nutrition and allergens
- Carb counts
- Pre-payment links
- Menus
- Breakfast and lunch

- <http://hcpss.nutrislice.com>
- free iPhone or IOS app
- HCPSS Mobile App

Free and Reduced-Price Meals (FARMs)

Qualifying families can receive free or reduced-cost:

- School meals
- Health insurance
- HCC tuition
- SAT, ACT and AP exam fees
- Camps, sports, child care
- Many other benefits



Learn more and apply:
www.hcpss.org/farms

Student Technology Use in School

Students may use their personal technology:

- During lunch and recess
- “Off and Away” in the hallways
- “Off and Away” in classrooms, unless given permission

Students are *never* required or expected to bring a personal device to school



Visit our website at lems.hcpss.org for more information

What Your Child Will Learn Guides



Curriculum overviews:

- All content areas
- By grade levels
- How to help your child

www.hcpss.org/academics

Tonight's Schedule

TIME	BLOCK
5:55 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.	Special Safety Message from HC Drug Free
6:00 p.m. – 6:20 p.m.	Welcome Meeting
6:25 p.m. - 6:35 p.m.	Administrative Homeroom
6:38 p.m. – 6:45 p.m.	Period 1
6:48 p.m. – 6:55 p.m.	Period 2
6:58 p.m. – 7:05 p.m.	Period 3
7:08 p.m.– 7:15 p.m.	Period 4
7:18 p.m.– 7:25 p.m.	Period 5
7:28 p.m.– 7:35 p.m.	Period 6
7:38 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.	Period 7

- Administrative Homeroom
- Pick-up a copy of your child's schedule, map and bell schedule
- 1st period starts at 6:38 p.m.
- 7 minute classes, 3 minute transitions
- Student helpers
- Visit tables/ computer help
- Thank you for coming tonight!

Please Follow Your Child's A Day Schedule

Tonight's Schedule

6th Grade

Homeroom Teacher	Room #	Student Names
Blankenburg	069	Abbate to Baublitz
Endy	125	Benavidez to Cochran
Figueroa	124	Coleman to Erlon
Gatz	Media	Evans to Harris
Jones, S.	122	Harrison-Cortes to John
Matthews	135	Johnson to Laurents
Miller	127	Letsch to Nguyen
Moscato	219	Nwachukwu to Richardson
Rea	199	Rivera to Sykes
Vereen	076	Takaki to Tuladhar
Wilk	123	Ulysse to Zuniga

7th Grade

Homeroom Teacher	Room #	Student Names
Battista	134	Abraham to Bangura
Chen	093	Barfield to Conway
Detomo	100	Cromwell to Fermin
Dugan	Port 128	Fleming to Harris
Everett	133	Harvell to Larrobia
Kim	094	Lawrence to Myrick
McGuinness	126	Nance to Pilgram
Valentine	132	Plunkett to Serebour
Youse	095	Siojo to Zelaya

8th Grade

Homeroom Teacher	Room #	Student Names
Almeida	101	Abdullah to Baron
Duley	099	Barrett to Cosgrove
Frey	105	Cosmos, A. to Garcia Orellana
Hawkes	092	Gaston to Hunt
Jones, L.	216	Huntley to Kuriakose
Jordan	104	Lane to McCardell
Kearns	Port 130	Mendoza to Prado Chacon
Parsons	102	Quach to Stokes
White	221	Sutton to Zuberi

Have a GREAT Evening!



Come Visit Us Again Soon!