



WORKING TOGETHER FOR A SUCCESSFUL TRANSITION TO MIDDLE SCHOOL

Building a Strong Foundation for High School and Beyond

Lake Elkhorn Middle School January 16, 2020



Our School & Staff

Goals, Vision & Research

Our schedule:

- Overview
- Specifics
- Samples

Academic Behaviors

Resources

Q & A



Tour

Meet the Staff:



Meet the Staff: Administrative Team



Left to Right: Ms. Guinn, Ms. Shindel, Ms. Nitsch, Mr. Cometa

Meet the Staff: Front Office



Left to Right: Ms. Childers, Ms. Glenn, Ms. Nitsch, Mr. Burdett

Meet the Staff: Student Services



Top Row, Left to Right: Ms. OliverMcCain, Ms. Fried Bottom Row, Left to Right: Ms. Lobdell, Ms. Rudnicki, Ms. Fischer, Ms. O'Connor

Meet the Staff: 8th Grade



Top Row, Left to Right: Mr. Yerashunas, Ms. Lowman, Ms. Riley, Mr. Detomo, Ms. Keane Middle Row, Left to Right: Ms. Czahor, Ms. Duley, Ms. Bates, Ms. Borsuk Bottom Row, Left to Right: Ms. Parsons, Ms. Frey, Ms. Jordan, Ms. Almeida

Meet the Staff: 7th Grade



Top Row, Left to Right: Ms. Miller, Ms. Dixon, Ms. Dugan, Mr. Detomo, Ms. Everett, Ms. Keane, Ms. Spence Middle Row, Left to Right: Ms. McGuinness, Ms. Valentine, Ms. Cunningham, Ms. Keys, Ms. Czahor Bottom Row, Left to Right: Ms. Noonan, Ms. Madden, Ms. Kim, Ms. Kyte

Meet the Staff: Related Arts



Top Row, Left to Right: Mr. Rea, Mr. Bond, Mr. Moscato, Mr. Haywood, Ms. Blankenburg, Mr. Jefferson, Ms. Williams

Middle Row, Left to Right: Ms. Czahor, Ms. Kearns, Ms. Deibert, Ms. Bilal, Ms. Retterer, Ms. Raysor Bottom Row, Left to Right: Ms. Hawkes, Ms. Glass, Ms. White, Ms. Jones, Ms. Chen, Ms. Torres-Gutierrez

Meet the Staff: Special Education



Top Row, Left to Right: Ms. Sharpe, Ms. Campbell, Ms. Dixon, Ms. Park-Brouse, Ms. Egrie, Ms. Spence Middle Row, Left to Right: Ms. Riley, Ms. Bates, Ms. Keys, Ms. Kyte, Ms. Borsuk Bottom Row, Left to Right: Ms. Madden, Ms. Rudnicki, Ms. Buser, Ms. Newhouse

Meet the Staff: Specialists



Top Row, Left to Right: Ms. Williams, Ms. Brocenos, Mr. Jefferson, Mr. Bond, Ms. Hill Middle Row, Left to Right: Ms. Varlotta, Ms. Deibert Bottom Row, Left to Right: Ms. Smaw, Ms. Torres-Gutierrez, Ms. Battista, Ms. Todd

Meet the Staff: Health Services



Left to Right: Ms. Wanless, Ms. McWelthy

Meet the Staff: 6th Grade



Top Row, Left to Right: Mr. Gatz, Ms. Vereen, Mr. McCroey, Ms. Jones, Ms. Keane, Ms. Endy, Ms. Miller, Ms. Keys, Ms. Skakle Bottom Row, Left to Right: Ms. Czahor, Ms. Madden, Ms. Figueroa, Ms. Wilk, Ms. Buser, Ms. Kim

In order to teach a child well we must know a child well.



HCPSS Strategic Call to Action

Learning and Leading with Equity *The Fierce Urgency of Now*

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.

ACHIEVE



EMPOWER

Four Overarching Commitments

CONNECT

VALUE

The research says...

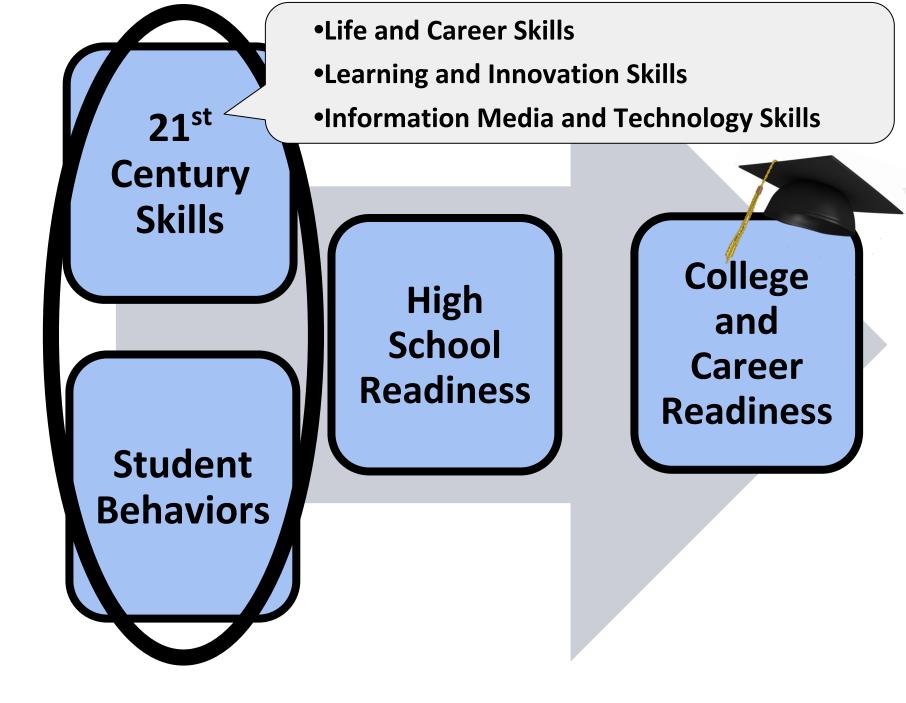
- The level of academic achievement that students attain by eighth grade has a larger impact on their college and career readiness MORE than anything that happens academically in high school.
- The earlier a student develops important academically related behaviors, the more likely these behaviors are to become habits.
- Middle school is a defining point for students in the college and career readiness process.

Source: The Forgotten Middle: Ensuring that All Students Are On Target For College and Career Readiness Before High School, ACT, 2008.



Preparing Students for the Future

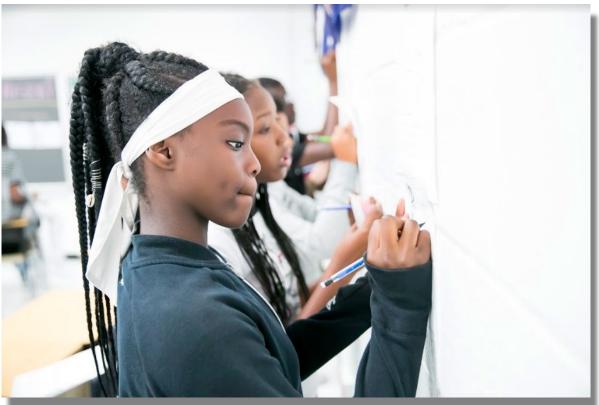




The Middle School Schedule



All students are enrolled in seven 50-minute classes every day.



All students receive daily instruction aligned to Maryland's College and Career-Ready Standards in:

English (ELA)

Mathematics

Science

Social Studies



In addition, Maryland regulations require all students take these each year:

- . Health Education
- . Physical Education
- Fine Arts (General Music, Visual Arts, and/or

Performing Arts)



...and these at least 1 time while in middle school:

- Course with career-education content (6th grade Careers)
- Course with financial literacy content

(7th or 8th grade FACS)



Music Performance Ensemble Options

Band – Chorus – Orchestra

• Year-long classes



- Includes a daily large ensemble rehearsal and a weekly small sectional that are scheduled on a rotational basis
- Ensembles are ability-based
- Music teachers will be in contact with elementary programs to schedule meetings and auditions

Forms due back to your elementary school by Tuesday, January 21!

World Language Options



French – Spanish

- Students may begin French or Spanish in 7th grade
- Year-long classes
- HS Level 1 course spread over 2 years
- Students receive high school credit for completing MS world language courses

Additional Course Options



- Family and Consumer Science
- Technology Education
- Reading and/or Math Intervention
- Innovation & Inquiry Reading Modules
- G/T Research

HCPSS Middle School Gifted and Talented Program



Program Components

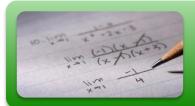
- G/T Classes and Curricular Extensions
- Talent Development Offerings
- Extended Day/Extended Year Programs

G/T Content Classes

- Accelerated and/or Enriched Curriculum
- Advanced-Level
 Content
- Inquiry-Based Instruction
- Application of Knowledge



Middle School G/T Classes















G/T Social Studies

G/T Mathematics

Provides an accelerated and enriched sequence that follows a curriculum of concepts at least two years above the general education curriculum.

- 6 Pre-Algebra G/T
- 7 Algebra I G/T
- 8 Geometry G/T

G/T English

Extends the Maryland College and Career Ready Standards for English Language Arts through

- An accelerated pace,
- Reading and analyzing challenging and complex literature and literary nonfiction independently,
- Writing a variety of interpretive and analytical pieces, and conducting independent research.

Differentiated tasks and texts are included at all grade levels.

G/T Social Studies

Provides an enriched and accelerated curriculum, including differentiated objectives, where students explore civic and cultural principles and engage in inquiries that focus on essential, related questions.

- 6 Geography and World Cultures G/T
- 7 Geography and World Cultures G/T
- 8 United States History G/T



G/T Science

An enriched and accelerated curriculum where students explore cross-cutting concepts, as well as science and engineering practices.

- 6 Earth Science G/T
- 7 Life Science G/T
- 8 Physical Science G/T



Placement Process For Middle School G/T – 5th Grade 5th Grade

- CogAT administered to ALL students in December. Results mailed home February 21.
 - Meets State COMAR requirement for an ability measure.
 - Helps identify students who may underperform in school.
 - No longer requires parent/teacher request for testing.
- All students reviewed as part of G/T Placement Process.

Who can initiate the placement process in middle school?

- Families
- Teachers
- Students

Measures Included in Placement Process

- Ability Measure (CogAT)
- Standardized assessments (MAP, PARCC)
- Student work samples
 - Interpretation
 - Critique
 - Analysis
 - Creative Problem Solving
- Student grades on assignments requiring critical, analytical, and/or creative thinking
- Documentation from families

Middle School G/T Research Class

- Authentic research to address real-world problem
- For students enrolled in G/T Math and G/T English based upon G/T Placement Committee recommendations



Research

- Original
- Primary Research Methods
- Authentic Product
- Authentic Audience
- Contribution to the Community/Field



Talent Development Offerings: G/T Instructional Seminars







Instruction in Advanced-Level Skills

Open to All Interested Students

Creative Production or Inquiry

2019 - 2020 G/T Instructional Seminars at Lake Elkhorn

- African American History
- Book Club
- Creative Writing
- Debate
- Green Team
- Independent Productions
- Mystery Club (Creative problem solving)
- Photojournalism
- Science Olympiad
- Television Production

Where can I find out about G/T Instructional Seminars?

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	Curriculum Instructional Seminars	Find out more about the curriculum and how it encourage their academic interests	es students to pursue	
	Curriculum Extensions	HOWARD COUNTY PUBLIC COL L SYSTEM		
	ted and Talented Parent Involvement	Middle School Gifted & Talented		
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GT Enrichment Seminars, 2019-2020

Thu, 09/19/2019 - 10:46am

GT Enrichment Seminars

Enrichment Seminars are now being offered to all interested students at LEMS. This year the Enrichment Seminars are:

- African American History
- Book Club
- Debate
- Green Team
- Mystery Club
- Photojournalism
- Science Olympiad
- Television Production
- Writers Guild
 Independent Productions
- Independent Productions

For more information and to register your child, please follow this link: GT Enrichment Seminars LEMS

If you have any questions you can contact David Bond at david bond@hcpss.org

Extended Day/Extended Year

Accelerated Mathematics

- •G/T Orchestra, G/T Symphonic Band, and G/T Chorus
- •G/T Summer Institutes for Talent Development

Opportunities for Parent Engagement

- HCPSS G/T Website: <u>www.hcpss.org/academics/gt</u>
- G/T Parent Academies
- HCPSS News for G/T Program Information
- HCPSS_G/T Twitter



Contact Information

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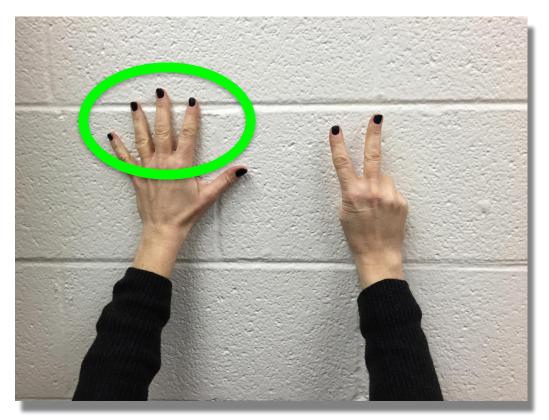
How Do All of These Classes Fit Together?



Seven 50-minute classes each day



4 periods per day: Daily instruction in English Language Arts (ELA), Mathematics, Social Studies, and Science



3 periods remain

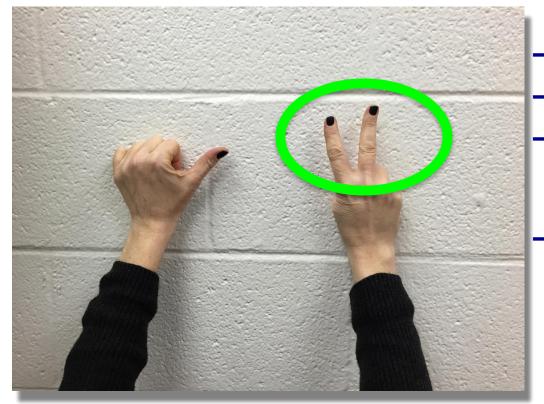


2 periods per day:

A variety of Related Arts courses, most scheduled quarterly

– FACS

- PE
- Health
- Chorus
- Careers



General Music Art

G/T Research (6th grade only, 2 quarters)

 Math seminar to 4 quarters on need)

1 period remains: "The Thumb"



"The Thumb"

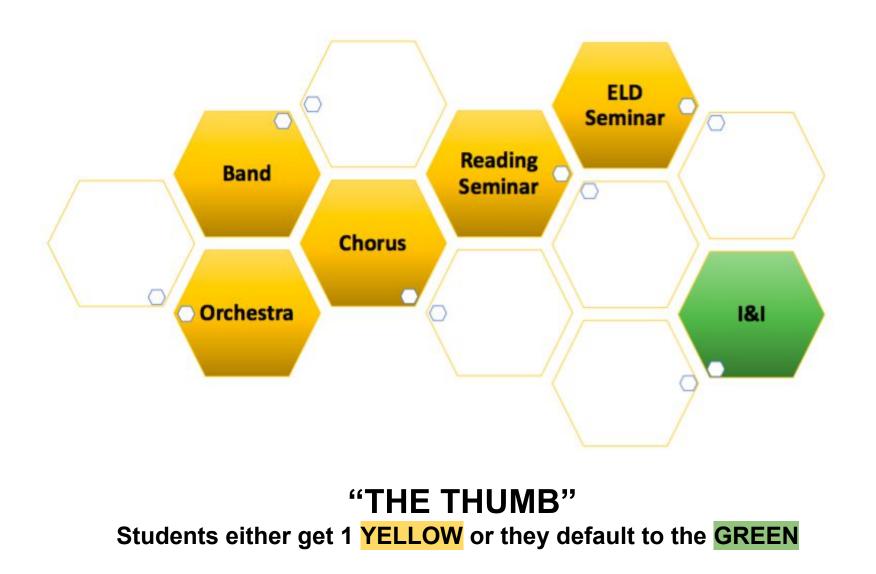
 Innovation & Inquiry Reading Modules, "I & I" (full year)



- Additional instruction to students
 performing below grade-level math and/or reading
 - Reading seminars
 - ELD seminar
- Band
- Orchestra
- Chorus

1 "thumb" class is required.

Students MUST have 1 thumb class – but they can only have 1.



<u>COMAR</u>* Requirements for middle school students:

- Every year:
 - 🖌 PE
 - Health
 - ✔ Fine art (art, general music, band, orchestra or chorus)
- At least 1 time during middle school
 - 1 course with career-education content (6th grade I & I)
 - ✓ 1 course with financial literacy content (7th or 8th grade FACS)

What do all of these classes actually look like in my child's daily schedule?



Time	6th Grade	7th Grade	8th Grade	
7:58 a.m. – 8:04 a.m.	Bre	ents		
8:04 a.m. – 8:54 a.m.	Period 1	Period 1 Period 1		
8:57 a.m. – 9:47 a.m.	Period 2	Period 2	Period 2	
9:50 a.m. – 10:40 a.m.	Period 3	Period 3	Period 3	
	Lunch 10:42 a.m 11:12 a.m.	Period 4 10:43 a.m 11:33 a.m.	Period 4 10:43 a.m 11:33 a.m.	
Lunch Block 10:40 a.m 1:00 p.m.	Period 4 Lunch 11:14 a.m 12:04 p.m. 11:35 a.m 12:05 p.m.		Period 5 11:36 a.m 12:26 p.m.	
	Period 5 12:07 p.m 12:57 p.m.	Period 5 12:07 p.m 12:57 p.m.	Lunch 12:28 p.m 12:58 p.m.	
1:00 p.m. – 1:50 p.m.	Period 6	Period 6	Period 6	
1:53 p.m. – 2:43 p.m.	Period 7 Period 7		Period 7	
2:43 p.m.	Dismissal for All Bus Riders			
2:50 p.m.	Dismissal for All Walkers and Car Riders			

KEY TIMES

• 7:50 a.m.: Doors open

• 8:00 a.m.: Students must be in first period

- 10:42 a.m.: 6th grade lunch
- 2:43 p.m.: Dismissal for bus riders
- 2:50 p.m.: Dismissal for car riders and walkers.

6th Grade Schedule

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Period 4	11:14 a.m 12:04 p.m.				
Period 5	12:07 p.m 12:57 p.m.				
Period 6	1:00 p.m. – 1:50 p.m.				-
Period 7	1:53 p.m. – 2:43 p.m.				
Dismissal for Bus Riders	2:43 p.m.				
Dismissal for Walkers & Car Riders	2:50 p.m.				

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6th Grade Schedule

No performing arts, no G/T research, and no math intervention seminar

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PE/Health COMAR requirements

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Fine Arts & Career COMAR requirements

6th Grade Schedule

Band or **Orchestra or Chorus**, but no G/T research and no math intervention seminars

		Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Breakfast & Announcements	7:58 a.m. – 8:04 a.m.				
Period 1	8:04 a.m. – 8:54 a.m.		M	ath	
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6th Grade Schedule

Band or Orchestra or Chorus and G/T research, but no math intervention seminar

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Band or orchestra or Chorus, math intervention seminar, but no G/T research

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We are here to support you as you and your child embark on this exciting middle school journey!

Student Services: Ms. OliverMcCain



Finding the Right Balance Between:

- Course Placements
- Rigor
- Personal Interests
- Student Success



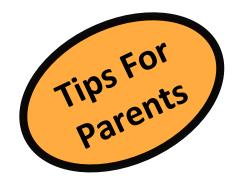
Supporting Academic Behaviors

At Lake Elkhorn, staff and students:

- Start with a goal in mind
- Do what we do best, every day
- Celebrate effort and achievement
- Engage in positive experiences each school day
- Create excitement for the future.

3 WAYS TO SUPPORT THE WHOLE CHILD

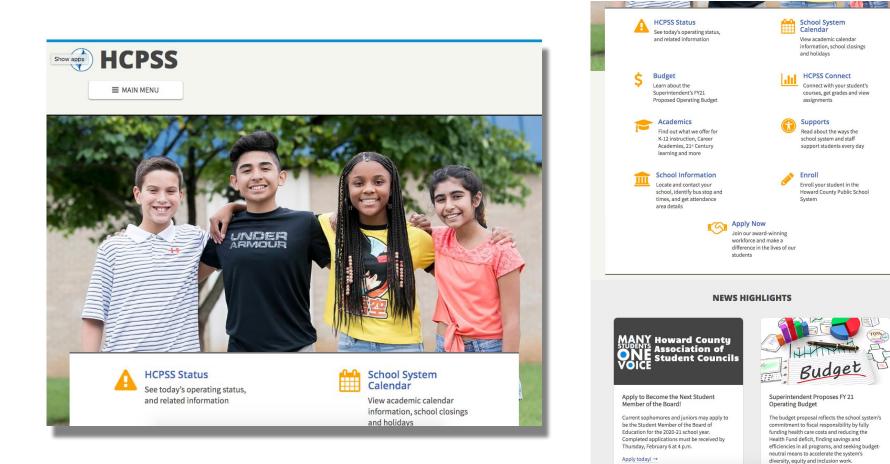
Teach kids that intelligence isn't fixed. They can grow their brains through lifelong learning.
 Talk to students about college and potential careers. Tell them you believe in them and in their success.
 Keep the communication lines open – set aside time to regularly talk about feelings and friendships.



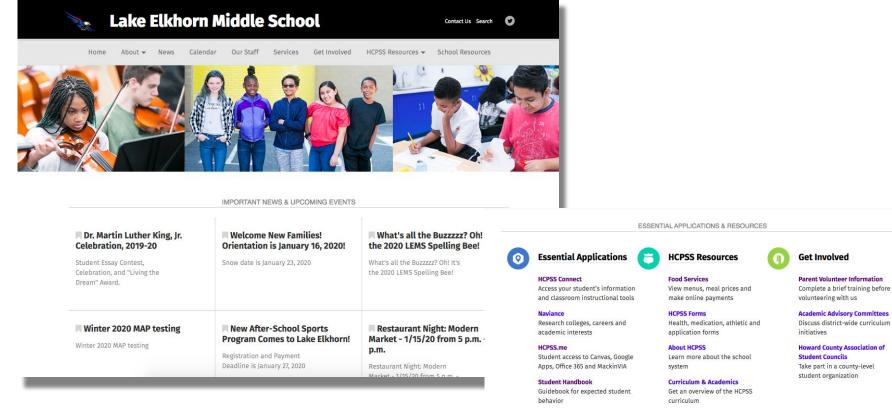
Supporting Positive Student Behaviors

- Ensure that your child has the materials and place to study at home
- Set a regular time for homework
- Encourage your child to be responsible for chores and homework
- Provide your child with a range of experiences to allow him/her to identify areas of strength
- Talk to your child





http://www.hcpss.org/



Enrollment and Registration Pay for activities and events using How to enroll your child in the school system

Online Payments

HCPSS Mobile App

School & Bus Locator

Aggregate news and events from

the district and your school

Get your bus routes and times

a credit card

Report Bullying Reporting incidences of bullying

Policies and Procedures Read HCPSS policies set by the BOE

http://lems.hcpss.org

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HCPSS CONNECT LOGIN

Trouble logging in? View instructions on resetting passwords. If you continue to have issues, please contact your child's school.

Log in to begin monitoring your child's homework assignments, check schedules and attendance records, view report cards, and more.



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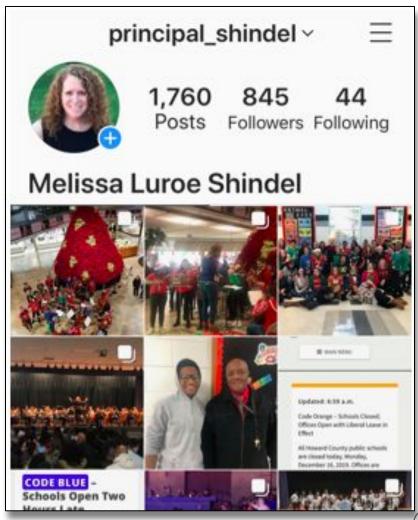
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Lake Elkhorn MS @hcpss_lems · Jan 10 ∨ Congrats to our Spelling Bee winner, Daniel, who will go on to represent Lake Elkhorn at the @HoCo_Library Bee on March 21! We're so proud of Daniel and all of the students who participated! ₹ ₹

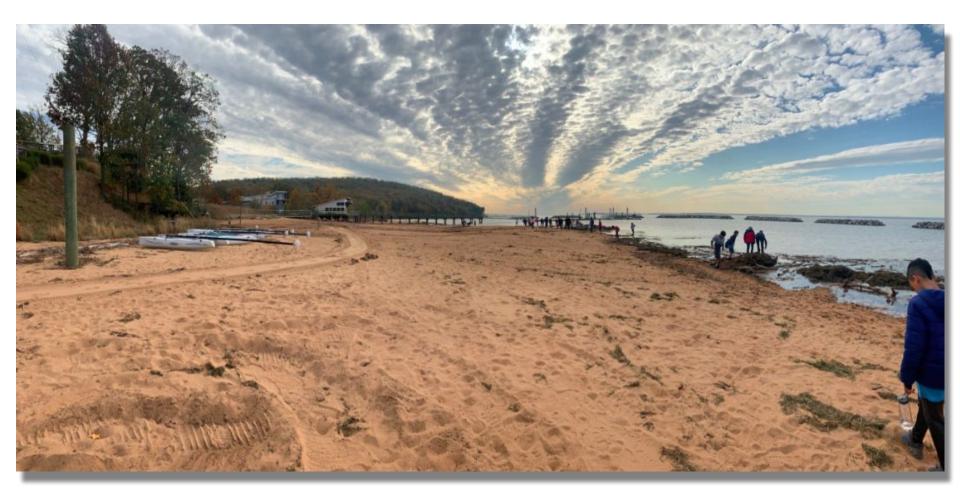




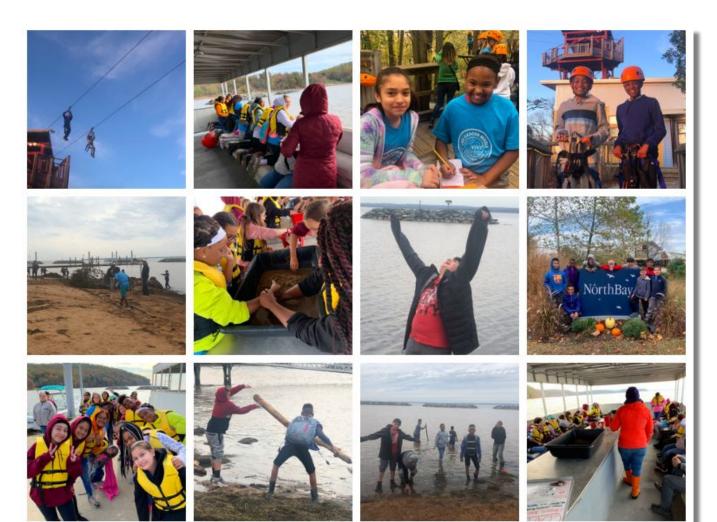
Upcoming Dates

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As Soon as Possible!	Follow us on Twitter! https://twitter.com/hcpss_LEMS (You don't have to be on Twitter to visit our page!)		
As Soon as Possible!	Follow the principal on Instagram! https://www.instagram.com/principal_shindel/ (You don't have to be on Instagram to visit her page!)		
April 30, 2020	G/T Enrichment Fair, 6:00 p.m.		
May 14, 2020	A list of your child's courses will be sent home with your child (This is not your child's schedule)		
May 19, 2020	5th Graders visit Lake Elkhorn!		
August 2020	6th Grade Family & Student Orientation		
September 2020	Outdoor Ed Information Meeting		
TBD	Back to School Night, 5:45 p.m.		
October 28-30, 2020	Outdoor Ed!		

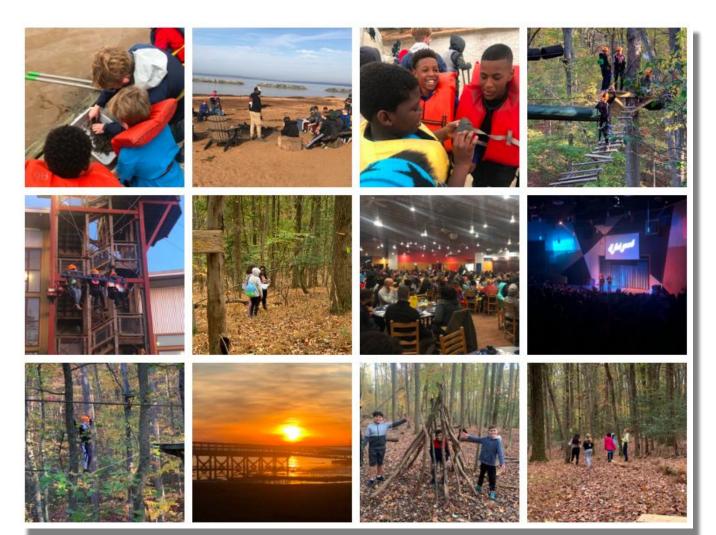
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Outdoor Education: October 28-30, 2020



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THANK YOU! WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU AGAIN SOON!

