



# Lake Elkhorn Middle School

## NEWSLETTER

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### *Message from the Principal*

Greetings, Lake Elkhorn families:

As you see in student agenda books, teachers often assign reading as homework. We all know the benefits of reading, but, for parents, it can be difficult to get adolescents to read for pleasure. Here's one expert's opinion on the topic:

<http://about.uniteforliteracy.com/2016/08/influence-pedaling/>.

This weekend is an opportune time to make sure all assignments are up to date in Canvas. The quarter ends Friday, November 4. Remember, there is no school on Monday, October 31. Be safe trick or treating!

The following week is a short week for students because schools are closed again for a professional work day on Monday, followed by Election Day. Then on November 9, our 6<sup>th</sup> graders leave for North Bay for Outdoor Education. We are looking forward to a great learning experience. The third week of November is American Education Week, when parents are invited to visit classes anytime during the week. Finally, our parent conferences take place November 21-23. Please remember to sign up between November 9-18. Instructions for reserving conference slots will be coming soon.

Enjoy the nice weather this weekend!

With Eagle PRIDE,

*Martin Vandenberg*  
Principal



### Save the Date!

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| Oct. 31    | Professional Learning Day – School closed for students |
| Nov. 2     | Picture Retake   |
| Nov. 7     | Professional Work Day – Schools closed for students    |
| Nov. 8     | Election Day – Schools and offices closed              |
| Nov. 9-11  | Grade 6 Outdoor Education trip to Northbay             |
| Nov. 10    | PTSA Meeting @ 6:30 pm                                 |
| Nov. 14    | Mocha with Marty @ 9am                                 |
| Nov. 14-18 | American Education Week                                |
| Nov. 16    | String-a-palooza @ 7:00 pm                             |
| Nov. 21-23 | Parent/Teacher Conferences                             |



### Volunteers Needed

If you or someone you know has FREE time with a flexible schedule, please contact the LEMS Front Office. Our Media Center is looking for a few volunteers to assist as needed throughout the school year.

# Congratulations

to the

## Students *of the Month*



Pictured from left to right: Xion Johnson, Leslie Loomney, Ken'sean Sye, Crystal Huang, Bryan Lamb, and Nicole Porter

These students are being recognized for having demonstrated Eagle P.R.I.D.E.; their perseverance by working hard and remaining focus in their academics.

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### ABSENTEES & RETAKE DAY

**Wednesday, November 2, 2016**

You may have your portraits retaken on this day.

The **entire portrait package must be returned.**

Please have your child bring the portrait package to the photographer on retake day.

Parents of students who were absent should contact the main office for an order envelope if they wish to order portraits. Please visit us at: [www.schoolpix.com](http://www.schoolpix.com) to order additional portraits.

*School Pictures, Inc*

2016-2017 DR.MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.

ESSAY CONTEST

ESSAY QUESTION

**"DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. HAD A DREAM.... WHAT IS YOURS?"**

STUDENTS ARE INVITED TO WRITE AN ESSAY ABOUT THEIR OWN DREAMS FOR A BETTER COMMUNITY AND A BETTER WORLD AND WHAT THEY ENVISION THEMSELVES DOING.



CONTEST RULES

- Must be Howard County middle school or high school students.
- Essays must be typed, double spaced and in the Microsoft word format.
- Include the student's name, address, telephone number, email address, name of school and grade.
- Essays must be submitted individually.
- Winners will be notified by email and mail.
- Middle school essays must be 500 to 750 words.
- High school essays must be 750 to 1000 words.
- Essays will be judged on content, connection to Dr. King's work, spelling, grammar and sentence structure.
- Students with disabilities may submit entries using other media, posters, pictures, etc. Include the student's name, address, telephone and school

PRIZES

High School Students:	1st place-\$250	2nd place-\$200	3rd place-\$150
Middle School Students:	1st place-\$200	2nd place-\$150	3rd place-\$100

Prizes will be awarded at MLK celebration, Sunday, 2:00 P.M., January 15, 2017 at Long Reach High School.

DEADLINE

Essays must be submitted via email by 5:00 P.M. November 11, 2016 to [submissionsmlk@howardcountymd.gov](mailto:submissionsmlk@howardcountymd.gov). Winners' names and schools will be posted on the Howard County MLK webpage at <http://www.howardcountymd.gov/Departments/County-Administration/Human-Rights/Boards-and-Commissions/Contests>  
 Questions: Farheen Sheik, Office of Human Rights (410) 313-6467 or email [fsheik@howardcountymd.gov](mailto:fsheik@howardcountymd.gov)

For more information, please visit <http://lems.hcpss.org/news/2016/10/mlk-student-essay-contest-2016-2017> for more information and official contest rules.

**All essays must be submitted via email by November 11<sup>th</sup> at 5pm.**



**Mocha with Marty**

The next meeting is scheduled for November 14, 2016 at 9 am and the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of every month.

**School Supplies**

Parents – It's time to replenish school supplies. Many students have reported that they have run out of pencils, paper, and other items. Please replenish to ensure the students are prepared for class.



## Science Olympiad

In our first year of Science Olympiad's we are looking for a few more team members and any adults who can help support us. We have a group of teachers who are going to help support our students, but we also need more help from our community. This is a very intense competition and will be a wonderful experience for our students. If you are interested in supporting our team with help in purchasing materials or working with the students, please contact Mr. Bond his email address is [david\\_bond@hcpss.org](mailto:david_bond@hcpss.org). For more information, visit <https://marylandscienceolympiad.org>.

This year LEMS will be attempting to participate in the Maryland Science Olympiads. In grades 6-12, Science Olympiad functions much like a football or soccer team, requiring preparation, commitment, coaching and practice throughout the year. Each school-based team is allowed to bring 15 students who cross-train for a variety of events in their skill set, but some school clubs have more than 75 members, allowing for an apprentice and mentoring system.

Science Olympiad competitions are like academic track meets, consisting of a series of 23 team events in each division (Division B is middle school; Division C is high school). Each year, a portion of the events are rotated to reflect the ever-changing nature of genetics, earth science, chemistry, anatomy, physics, geology, mechanical engineering and technology. By combining events from all disciplines, Science Olympiad encourages a wide cross-section of students to get involved. Emphasis is placed on active, hands-on group participation. Through Science Olympiad, students, teachers, parents, principals and business leaders bond together and work toward a shared goal.

Teamwork is a required skill in most scientific careers today, and Science Olympiad encourages group learning by designing events that forge alliances. In Elevated Bridge, an engineering whiz and a kid from wood shop can become gold medalists. Similarly, a talented builder and a student with a good science vocabulary can excel in Write It Do It, one of Science Olympiad's most popular events.





**Spirit Week in Support of Cancer Awareness**

The week of October 24th Lake Elkhorn celebrated School Spirit week to support Cancer A “wear”ness, it was sponsored by Ladies First.

Our goal was to bring awareness by educating the heart and mind of the students about cancer as it has impacted LEMS and many of us in our own families. A special THANK YOU to those of you who have been impacted personally, for trusting us to share in your journey through thoughts and prayer ( "You are more POWERFUL than you know.")

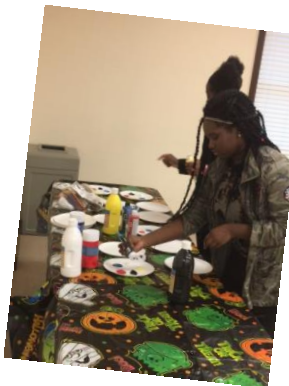
**Monday** was School Spirit Wear,  
**Tuesday** was Wacky Tacky,  
**Wednesday** was Dress for Success, and  
**Thursday** was Color Wars, which is all the grades wearing their colors. 6<sup>th</sup>- gray, 7<sup>th</sup> - white, 8<sup>th</sup> - black.  
**Friday** was Pink Out Day, where we had activities like face painting during lunches.



This should be a nice incentive to not only be some fun for students, but also help support breast cancer. There were also items sold by Ladies First during lunch that helped support the spirit week and raise money for breast cancer.

In addition, a Group of Ladies First girls (Cancer Committee) volunteered at Owen brown community center for the pumpkin painting family night. The students washed over 100 pumpkins, set up tables, prepared paint stations, served pizza to over 50 families, and cleaned up.

Ladies First theme this year is to **"Reach out...Reach Back...Reach Beyond"**



**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 solelyS 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 [Michelle\\_Dugan@hcpss.org](mailto:Michelle_Dugan@hcpss.org).

Thank you very much for your consideration.



### Early Dismissals

Parents must report to the Front Office prior to proceeding to the Guidance Office to have student(s) called for early dismissal. 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](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 2016-17](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 to opt in for 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

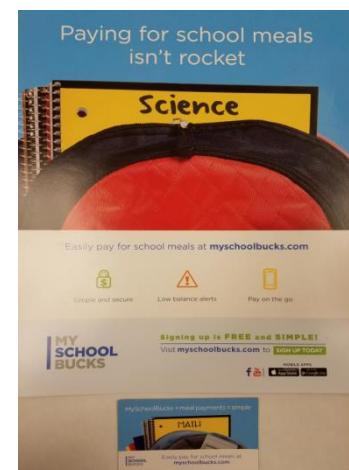
Every month, Principal Vandenberg sets aside time where parents/guardians have the opportunity to discuss various topics. We encourage your attendance and look forward to seeing you at the next scheduled time. For more information or questions, call the **Front Office at 410-313-7600**.

### 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). Questions? **Call the LEMS Cafeteria at 410-313-7603**.

### Online Payment for School Activities

HCPSS has contracted with [Online School Payments, Inc. \(OSP\)](http://www.online-school-payments.com) (<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 your convenience, 24 hours a day. You can even use your iPhone or tablet!



# COMMUNITY NEWS

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

## Ghana Book Drive – Columbia Association

Donate books for the public library in Columbia's sister city, Tema, in Ghana, West Africa. Fiction and nonfiction books for all ages will be collected from NOW – Dec 3. Reference & textbooks must be published after 2005. Books can be dropped off on Sat., 10 am – 2 pm at the American City Building (near Wholefoods) 10227 Wincopin Circle, Suite G-16.

Volunteers are welcome to help sort and box for shipping. For more information, including types of books needed, visit [ColumbiaAssociation.org/Multicultural](http://ColumbiaAssociation.org/Multicultural) or contact Laura Smit at (410)715-3162 or [International@ColumbiaAssociation.org](mailto:International@ColumbiaAssociation.org).

## Hands-on science exploration – USRA

Join USRA and NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center for a day of hands-on science exploration. Come see the NASA Mobile Machine Shop, design your own bottle rocket, and hear about the exciting work happening at Goddard from leading USRA scientists and engineers. Register your 9-12 year-old participants. Registration required: [www.brownpapertickets.com/event/2605919](http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/2605919).

## Roger That Drop-In Program – Howard County Government

Homework club, 6th – 9th grade, Free 3-4:30 p.m. Option to extend until 6 p.m.

Registration is not required but you must be checked in by 3:15 p.m. in order to participate in the scheduled daily activity. \*Parents-looking for a safe place for your child to go EVERYDAY? Enroll them in the Homework Club (Registration Required-RP2972.102) Please contact Jennene Blakely, 410-313-1693 or [jlblakely@howardcountymd.gov](mailto:jlblakely@howardcountymd.gov).

## Election Judge – Howard County Board of Elections

Sign up to work as an election judge! Earn \$195.00, meet new people, and participate in the American democratic process. The Judge Department, Howard County Board of Elections, 410-313-5820, [dawn.sinclair@maryland.gov](mailto:dawn.sinclair@maryland.gov).

## Kid Empowerment – Smashing ANTs, Amazing Futures Foundation

Fall 2016 classes begin mid-October, After-School Classes – Grades 2 & 3, Evening Classes – Grades 2-5

Choose from 20+ HCPSS locations. Register at [www.smashingants.com](http://www.smashingants.com).

Questions: Michelle Schwelling, 410-292-2254 or [michelle@smashingants.com](mailto:michelle@smashingants.com)

## Fantastic Vultures – The Howard County Conservancy

Fantastic Vultures, The Howard County Conservancy, 10520 Old Frederick Road, Woodstock, MD., Thurs., Oct. 27, 7:00-8:00 p.m. Register: [hconservancy.org/upcoming-events](http://hconservancy.org/upcoming-events)

## The Haunted Experience – Rockburn Branch Park

Whether you choose fright or fun, a memorable experience awaits you at Rockburn Branch Park.

The Haunted Experience, ink-black night sets the stage for a spooky hayride through the eerie trails to the ghostly dwelling deep in the woods. Ages 7 yrs + Oct 28, 29, 6:30-10:00 p.m. \$10 at gate. Inclement weather line: 410-313-4451

## Monster Mash – Howard County Government

Roger Carter Community Center, Oct 28, 7:30-9:30 p.m.

Show your Halloween spirit in a night filled with fun and friends. DJ, glow light sports, costume contest, indoor trick-or-treat, Xbox tournament, and more. Info: Holly Harden, 410-313-4625 or [hharden@howardcountymd.gov](mailto:harden@howardcountymd.gov).

## Lively Arts for Little Ones – The Other Barn

Lively arts for little ones, Fri., Oct. 28, 10:00 a.m., The Other Barn, 5851 Robert Oliver Place, Columbia

Interactive fun with Pam and Rascal performing original and familiar songs, dancing, puppetry, and lots of humor while emphasizing the fun of Fall. 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.

**Mozart – Howard County Concert Orchestra**

Mozart, Sun, Oct. 30, 4:00 p.m., Smith Theatre, Howard Community College in Columbia, MD

Featured works are the “Impresario Overture”, the “Coronation” Piano Concerto with soloist Kuei-I Wu and the “Haffner” Symphony. The concert is free to those 17 and under accompanied by a paying adult. For more information please visit [www.hococo.org](http://www.hococo.org).

**Acclaimed Poet and Translator – Reading Session – HoCoPoLitSo**

Sun., Oct. 30, 4:00 p.m., Monteabaro Recital Hall, Howard County Poetry & Literature Society

An Unflinching Eye: Carolyn Forché and her Poetry of Witness for its annual Lucille Clifton Reading Series season opener. Carolyn Forché, human rights activist and renowned poet of witness, will read and discuss her writing starting at 4:00 p.m. Sun., Oct. 30, in the Monteabaro Recital Hall of the Horowitz Center for Visual and Performing Arts. General admission tickets are on a pay-as-you-can basis — \$10 or \$5 each or free for students under the age of 18 — and are available on-line at <http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/2568971> For more information visit <https://hocopolitso.org/>.

Contact phone number or email address – 443-518-4568

Contact number or email address – [hocopolitso@yahoo.com](mailto:hocopolitso@yahoo.com)

**Benefit Concert – Glen Mar Methodist United Church**

Choirs from five churches and the Columbia Brass Quintet will join forces at a Benefit Concert on Sunday, Oct. 30 at 3:00 p.m., Glen Mar United Methodist Church, 4701 New Cut Road in Ellicott City. The event will benefit the American Cancer Society. There will be no charge, but a free-will offering will be taken. For more information, call 410-531-2324 or 410-796-0290.

**Ellicott City Flood Relief – Trot-Or-Treat 5k – Girl Scout Troop 5915**

All proceeds go to Ellicott City Flood Relief, Sun, Oct. 30, 8:30-11:30 a.m., Cedar Lane Park, 5081 Cedar Lane East Area, Columbia, MD

Family friendly fall event with baked goods, basket raffles, select vendors, and much more.

Register for the 5K

**Kids Day Off-O-Workshop- Melong Ling Inc.**

Come enjoy a fun-filled day of Hands-On Science and Yoga, Oct. 31, 7:45 a.m.-4:00 p.m., \$55 | Ages 5-12, Includes Before-Care, After-Care from 4:00-6:00 p.m., Oct. 31; Nov. 7 & 8, Special! \$145 for 3 Days.

More information at [www.ioworkshop.org/kids-day-off](http://www.ioworkshop.org/kids-day-off), 410-227-4103.

**Ice Cream Social and Games with Troop 615 – Boy Scouts of America**

Come join us for fun and dessert on Weds., Nov. 2, 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. Church of the Resurrection

3175 Paulskirk Dr, Ellicott City, MD. RSVP for the event

Contact Marilyn at [mgbrown64@comcast.net](mailto:mgbrown64@comcast.net) for additional information.

**Drawing Techniques- Howard County Government**

Roger Carter Community Center, Nov 5, 10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Strengthen your drawing skills as you focus on different media including graphite, charcoal, colored pencils, pastels and watercolor pencils. Techniques include modeling, color transitions, gesture style, blending and wet-on-dry. Materials are provided but you are encouraged to bring a sketchbook. (No class 11/26.) Info: William Banks, 410-313-4609 or [wbanks@howardcountymd.gov](mailto:wbanks@howardcountymd.gov)

**Rock School – Drums, Guitar, Keyboard, Vocals – Howard County Government**

Beginners and up, learn from professional rock musicians while enhancing memory, self-expression, creativity and self-confidence. William Banks, 410-313-4609 or [wbanks@howardcountymd.gov](mailto:wbanks@howardcountymd.gov)

Drums, Nov 5., 12:30-1:30 p.m., Guitar/Bass Nov 5, 12:30-1:30 p.m.

Keyboard, Nov 5, 12:30-1:30 p.m., and Vocals, Nov 5, 12:30-1:30 p.m.

**Annual 5K – The Fuel Fund of Maryland**

2nd Annual 5K Trail Run/Fun Run on, Sun., Nov. 6, Schooley Mill Park, 12975 Hall Shop Rd, Highland, MD. Volunteers and Runners needed. If you are interested in supporting us please contact Danielle Phelps at [dphelps@fuelfundmaryland.org](mailto:dphelps@fuelfundmaryland.org)

**Teens Day Out-Howard County Government**

Grades 6-8, Roger Carter Community Center, 8:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m., Mon., Nov. 7, School is closed. Have fun and make new friends in this program created just for middle schoolers. Dress appropriately for the weather as some activities may be held outside. Info: Jennene Blakely, 410-313-1693 or [jlblakely@howardcountymd.gov](mailto:jlblakely@howardcountymd.gov).



**Animal Stories-The Howard County Conservancy**

Animal Stories: From Heroic Pups to Imperiled Pandas and Macaques with Jennifer Holland, Thurs., Nov. 10, 5:00 p.m., 10520 Old Frederick Road, Woodstock, MD.

Register

**Sister Cities Summer 2017 High School Student Exchange – Columbia Association**

Interested in traveling to Cergy-Pontoise, France or Tres Cantos, Spain this summer? Students studying French or Spanish, level III or above, have the opportunity through Columbia Association's Sister Cities program to spend two weeks with a French or Spanish host family, then host a French or Spanish teen for two weeks upon returning home.

Program fee: \$700 for Columbia residents, \$850 non-Columbia residents, plus airfare. Information sessions will be held on Nov 10, Nov 30, and Dec 8 at CA headquarters, 6310 Hillside Court, Columbia 21046. For more information, visit [ColumbiaAssociation.org/TeenExchange](http://ColumbiaAssociation.org/TeenExchange) or contact Laura Smit (410)715-3162 or [International@ColumbiaAssociation.org](mailto:International@ColumbiaAssociation.org).

**Lively Arts for Little Ones – The Other Barn**

Kidsinger Jim, Fri., Nov. 11, 10:00 a.m., at The Other Barn, 5851 Robert Oliver Place, Columbia.

A POSITIVE-ly Fun Rock Concert. It is all about Kidsinger Jim's signature performance will have you singing through original songs about nutrition, physical fitness, reading and so much more.

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.

**Volunteer Opportunities – Food on the 15th**

We offer volunteer opportunities for students, they must be supervised by their parent or guardian. Students receive community service hours for volunteering. We collect, sort and deliver free non-perishable groceries directly to low-income Howard County senior citizens. Our next delivery date is Sat., Nov. 12, 11:00 a.m., in Ellicott City. We have 10 volunteer slots available. To volunteer, e-mail us at [foodonthe15th@gmail.com](mailto:foodonthe15th@gmail.com). To learn more about what we do, visit our website.

**Voice-Overs – Howard Community College**

Now is Your Time – Have you been told you have a unique speaking voice? Join Dan Levine to explore the possibilities of breaking into the voiceover business, a lucrative and entrepreneurial opportunity.

Offered at HCC's Gateway Campus on Sat., Nov. 12, from 1:30-4:00 p.m. or the Laurel College Center on Sat., Nov. 12 from 10:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. For more information go to <http://www.howardcc.edu/programs-courses/continuing-education/index.html> or call Rosemary Muir at 443-518-4404.

**Teen Advisory Council – HC DrugFree**

HC DrugFree's Teen Advisory Council is open to all Howard County high school students and community service hours are available. The next meeting will be on Mon., Nov. 14 – 5:30-7:00 p.m. at The Barn (Teen Center) in the Oakland Mills Village Center. Free pizza provided. Teens need to RSVP to [admin@hcdrugfree.org](mailto:admin@hcdrugfree.org).

**Study Skills Classes – Healing Dimensions Foundation/Stressless Test**

Now is the time to register, the combined Middle School and High School classes start Nov., 15, meeting for four Tues. evenings at Burleigh Manor Middle School, 6:30-8:30 p.m. The basic fee is just \$165.00 including the textbook. A payment plan available at no extra cost. To register or read more information, you can email Betty at [Bcaldwell202@gmail.com](mailto:Bcaldwell202@gmail.com) or go to <http://www.stresslesstests.org/>.

**Teen Opportunities Fair – Howard County Government**

11-17 yrs, Long Reach HS. Connect with other teens through leadership, volunteer and recreational programs.

Info: Holly Harden, 410-313-4625 or [hharden@howardcountymd.gov](mailto:harden@howardcountymd.gov)

Nov 19, 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m., Nov 19, 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m., \$40 (Business Exhibitor), Nov 19, 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. \$20 (Non-Profit Organization)

Food Pantry – The Glenelg United Methodist Church  
Open every 3rd Sat. of the month, 9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.

Upcoming dates: Nov. 19; Dec. 17; Jan. 21; Feb. 18; Mar. 18; Apr. 15; May 20; June 17; July 15 and Aug. 19. Glenelg United Methodist Church, 13900 Burntwoods Road, Glenelg, MD, 410-489-7260, [glenelgumcpantry@gmail.com](mailto:glenelgumcpantry@gmail.com)

**Speaking for Success – Howard Community College**

Impromptu Speaking Skills – Practice preparation, delivery and impromptu speaking skills in this informative, entertaining course. Whether you are a novice or an experienced presenter, this one day class will improve your confidence and skills.

Offered at HCC's Gateway Campus on Sat., Nov. 22, 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. For more information go to <http://www.howardcc.edu/programs-courses/continuing-education/index.html> or call Rosemary Muir at 443-518-4404.

**Floral Design, Thanksgiving Centerpiece – Howard Community College**

Create a unique centerpiece for your Thanksgiving table. Class is taught by a professional designer and in addition to a finished product, you will learn other floral design skills. Offered at Centennial High School on Tues., Nov. 22, 7:00-9:00 p.m. For more information go to <http://www.howardcc.edu/programs-courses/continuing-education/index.html> or call Rosemary Muir at 443 518-4404.

**Babysitting Fundamentals**

11-14 yrs, Wilde Lake MS, Nov 30, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Course emphasizes child development, safety, security, first aid, understanding, patience, and other necessary skills. Class includes intro to hands-only CPR & AED, but does not include CPR certification. Registrants must be at least 11 years old by the first class. Receive a certificate upon course completion.

Additional Information: William Banks, 410-313-4609 or [wbanks@howardcountymd.gov](mailto:wbanks@howardcountymd.gov)

**Walk to Bethlehem – Glen Mar Church**

Walk to Bethlehem Dec. 2, 3, and 4, Glen Mar United Methodist Church, 4701 New Cut Road in Ellicott City. Drop in between 5:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m., for this free event. Highlights include live farm animals, a temple scene and a first-century marketplace. Glen Mar is located at 4701 New Cut Road in Ellicott City. Visit <http://glenmarumc.org/gmcevents/wtb/>

**Cell Phone and Tablet Photography – Howard Community College**

Take your selfies to a whole other level. Professional photographer Walt Calahan will give tips, practice and critique on photographic elements to let you create the best memorable images. Offered on Sat., Dec. 3 and 10, 9:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m., in room 165 in the Horowitz Visual and Performing Arts Center at HCC. For more information go to <http://www.howardcc.edu/programs-courses/continuing-education/index.html> or call Rosemary Muir at 443 518-4404.

**Tchaikovsky's Fourth The Columbia Orchestra**

Sat., Dec. 3, 7:30 p.m. Jim Rouse Theatre, Columbia.

Turmoil in Tchaikovsky's personal life may have been the catalyst that inspired the Fourth Symphony, but the result is one of the most emotional and uplifting symphonies of all time. Returning guest cellist Rachel Young joins us for Osvaldo Golijov's Azul ("Blue") whose ravishing melodies are inspired by water, sky, and even space travel. Visit [columbiaorchestra.org/hcpss/](http://columbiaorchestra.org/hcpss/) for a special offer.

**Holiday Events – The Other Barn**

Decorate your own festive gingerbread house, Wed., Dec. 7, 6:30 p.m. All supplies will be provided and you will be able to take your decorated house home at the end of the evening. Advance ticket purchase is required. Limited spaces are available.

**Breakfast with Santa – The Other Barn**

Sat., Dec. 10, for our annual Breakfast with Santa. Bring the family to enjoy a hot breakfast, holiday crafts, and a photo with Santa. There will be two seatings available: 9:00 a.m. and 9:45 a.m. Tickets are \$5.00 for CA Residents ages 2 and up; \$6.50 for non-CA Residents ages 2 and up. Advance ticket sales only. Tickets go on sale to Oakland Mills residents on Nov. 14 and to the general public on Nov. 28.

You can purchase tickets for both events with cash or check at The Other Barn, 5851 Robert Oliver Place, Columbia. For more information, please contact Brigitta Warren at 410-730-4610 or [events@oaklandmills.org](mailto:events@oaklandmills.org)

**Floral Design, Holiday Wreath – Howard Community College**

No store bought wreaths for you, create your own decoration, assisted by a professional floral designer. Have the best looking door on the street. Offered at Centennial High School on Tues., Dec. 13, 7:00-9:00 p.m. <http://www.howardcc.edu/programs-courses/continuing-education/index.html> or call Rosemary Muir at 443 518-4404.

