

LKMS Leopard's Tale

February 7, 2020

Message from Administration

LKMS Families and Community,

This we we celebrated our incredible School Counselors in honor of National School Counseling Week. We are so fortunate to have the "dream team" of Mrs. Miles and Mrs. Lucas at LKMS. Whether it is providing social-emotional supports for students or assisting in their academic achievement, Mrs. Miles and Mrs. Lucas always have what is best for students at the forefront of their minds. They love our students and we love them!

If you have a chance, please take a moment to thank them for all that they do for our children!

Have a great weekend,

Mrs. Lublin and Ms. Smith

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

- February 7 & 10 - 7th Grade MAP Testing
- February 12-13 - 6th Grade MAP Testing
- February 17 - Schools and Offices Closed, President's Day
- February 19 - PTA Meeting - 6:30pm (Media Center)
- February 21 - Gymkana Assembly - 6th/7th Grades
- February 28 - Spirit Day "Twin Day"

[View our full calendar](#)

LKMS News and Events

Student/Staff Spirit Days - Mark your Calendars!

On the last Friday of each month, staff and students are encouraged to show their school spirit and participate in our monthly "Spirit Day":

- February 28 - Twin Day
- March 27 - LKMS Colors Day (8th/green; 7th/yellow/gold; 6th/white)
- April 24 - Tie Dye Day
- May 29 - Beach Day

LKMS' 20th Anniversary Celebration

In celebration of LKMS' 20th Anniversary, families and students have been asked to participate in the creation of special art mural for our school. For more information, please read the attached [flier](#). Forms are due back to Mrs. Bae by Friday, February 7.

Seeing Spots Newsletter - Edition 2

Read the second edition of "[Seeing Spots](#)", Lime Kiln Middle School's most recent newsletter featuring a variety of interesting news and information!

Yearbook Sales

Order your 2019/2020 LMKS [Yearbook](#)! Use the code **2979020** to preorder your yearbook today! **Deadline for orders is April 26, 2020.**

8th Grade Field Trip - "Romeo and Juliet"

The 8th Grade Class will be going to see a live performance of *Romeo and Juliet* on April 22. The permission slip ([attached](#)). for this event was sent home this week and is due by Friday, April 3, along with the \$24 fee (cash, check or online payment) to your student's first period teacher. The 8th grade team will also need a few parent chaperones for this field trip. Thank you!

Student Services News

Is your child applying to private school for the 2020/21 school year?

All requests for transcripts and recommendations need to be submitted to Ms. Hill in the Student Services Office. She will handle the printing of transcripts and the distributing and collecting of teacher recommendations. If the option to send records electronically is not available, please provide a stamped, addressed envelope when you submit your student's paperwork. Please make certain all paperwork is submitted to the Student Services Office at least 10 school days prior to the private school's deadline.

LKMS' Attendance Reporting Procedures

For information on LKMS' Attendance reporting procedures, absences, early dismissals, etc, please read the attached [information](#).

Visitor Procedures

We welcome parents and guardians in to our school building, however it is important that all visitors come in through the front door and sign in at the Front Office. This includes before and after school. Once you have signed in, we can help you get to where you need to go. Thank you for your understanding and helping us to keep our students and staff safe! **If you are picking up your child for an early dismissal, please remember that a photo i.d. is required from all parents/guardians for releasing of your student. Parents who are participating in non-HCPSS sponsored events after school, we ask that you kindly wait outside the school until after student dismissal time so that we may reduce the flow of traffic in our Front Office.**

Messages from the PTA

The LKMS PTA and The Drama Learning Center proudly present the musical, "**The Addams Family**".

For more information on this weekly after school drama class and registration information, please read the attached [flier](#). Want to be behind the scenes for DLC's The Addams Family? Join us for after-school classes on Mondays and select Wednesdays to learn about props, costumes, stage management, and more! Students will work collaboratively with the onstage class for tech week and shows. Tuition is \$130, and registration can be completed by visiting www.dramalearningcenter.com/after-school-class.

Got a Minute?

The LKMS PTA needs your help! We are below our fundraising goal for the year, and we have many programs and events still to fund for the year, such as the upcoming school musical, LimeTime celebration, 8th Grade Dance, and more! If you have not already done so, would you take a minute to make a donation to the PTA? You can go online at <https://lkmspta.membershiptoolkit.com>. Thank you for your support!

Box Tops for Education Fundraiser - Upgrade to new App!

Download or upgrade to the new Box Tops for Education App (as of 9/10/19), which has a new GIVE CREDIT button after you scan your grocery receipt to earn \$.10 for each Box Tops item you have bought. Then GIVE CREDIT by typing in your Grade/LP Homeroom Teacher for an upcoming contest!

Got Clips?

Traditional Box Tops clips are being phased out of production, but any clips you have at home that have a valid expiration date may be dropped off in the Box Tops collection box outside the front office.

Do you order your groceries online?

The following email receipts are ALSO currently eligible: Instacart, Jet.com, SamsClub.com, Sam's Club Scan & Go, Shipt, Target.com, Target Pickup/Driveup, Walmart Grocery, Walmart Pay, Walmart.com. Visit <https://www.boxtops4education.com/emailgroceryreceipts> to find out how to easily email your receipt from your online shopping orders, to earn easy cash for Lime Kiln Middle School! Questions? Please visit <https://www.boxtops4education.com/How%20To%20Earn>

HCPSS News and Information

Discover Summer Leadership and Volunteer Opportunities

Wednesday, February 12, 7-8:30 p.m., [Homewood Center Cafeteria](#)

Learn about **Summer Student Leadership and Volunteer Opportunities** at the next Howard County Association of Student Councils (HCASC) meeting on Wednesday, February 12, 7:00pm-8:30pm. HCASC serves as a way for students to gain the skills they need to work alongside parents, teachers, and administrators to shape their school communities. HCASC welcomes ALL students to our meetings those involved in Student Council and those interested in learning how to share their student voice to strengthen their school communities through extra curricular clubs, sports, and the arts. **For more information**, please contact cindy_drummond@hcpss.org.

River Hill High School

Come learn from the River Hill Cheerleaders all the different cheer skills including stunts, jumps, tumbling and dances on Sunday, February 23, 2020, River Hill High School Cafeteria, from 11:00am-2:00pm, ages 5-12, \$60 per participant. Proceeds from this event will support the RHHS cheer program. For more information, go to: <https://riverhill.membershiptoolkit.com/cheer>.

HCPSS News - Inclement Weather - School Closings

When inclement weather, or other events, result in school closings or delays, the HCPSS website, www.hcpss.org, is the first and most complete source of information. By using email and text alerts, HCPSS News also keeps parents/guardians, staff, and community members up to date on news and events, and delivers real-time information on bus schedule changes, weather-related closings and emergency information. **Opt-in to receiving text messages! Text the word “YES” to 67587 from the wireless device you wish to receive texts.** For more information go to <https://www.hcpss.org/hcpss-news/faq/>.

Free and Reduced-Price Meals (FARMs) Program

View our [Food and Nutrition Services webpage](#) regarding information about meal prices, how to pay for meals, where to view menus, nutritional and allergen information, and more. Parents of students who qualify for **Free and Reduced-Price Meals (FARMs)** must submit a new application every school year. View [program details and learn how to apply](#). Participation in the FARMs program qualifies students for opportunities including free childcare services, free college applications, discounted internet through the Comcast Internet Essentials program, and more.

HC DrugFree Update

Free Parenting Classes: HC DrugFree and the State's Attorney's Office will offer another series of parenting classes for parents of children age 9-14. This is an evidence-based, interactive prevention program that provides the families with the skills and knowledge to reduce the risk that their children will use drugs. **Class dates:** March 10, 17, 24 and 31 from 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Oakland Mills Middle School. **Flier [attached](#).** Hurry to register at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/March2020oms>

Women’s Giving Circle of Howard County - Journey 2020 Summer Program

The Women's Giving Circle has partnered with Maryland Leadership Workshops to offer the JOURNEY program, a one-week overnight summer workshop for Howard County middle school girls (rising 7th, 8th & 9th grade) to develop their leadership skills. The program will be held July 12-July 18, 2020 at Washington College! Applications are due May 15, 2020. More information/applications on the program can be found at mlw.org. Financial assistance is made available by the [Women's Giving Circle of Howard County](#).

HCPSS Summer School Programs

Each summer, HCPSS offers learning experiences and educational opportunities through a variety of programs and classes. For more information on this program, courses, enrollment and fees, please visit the HCPSS [webpage](#).

The Columbia Association 2020 Summer Camps

The Columbia Association is now accepting Early Bird Registration for their Summer Camp programs. For more information, read the attached [flier](#) .

The Community News and Programs webpage contains brief announcements of upcoming events and announcements from community and non-profit organizations. Please visit [Community News and Programs](#) on the HCPSS website for all announcements of upcoming events and programs sponsored by non-profit organizations.