

# *LKMS Leopard's Tale*

**November 14, 2019**

## **Message from Administration**

Dear LKMS Parents, Guardians and Community,

This past week we were thrilled to participate in The Council of Elders of the Black Community of Howard County's annual "Celebration of Academic Achievement." Thirty-seven of our students were honored for their outstanding academic achievement in the 2018-2019 school year. We are so proud of them!

Next week is "American Education Week" and we look forward to seeing many of you throughout the week. Whether you visit on your student's grade-level "Bring your Parent to School Day" or any of the other days during the week, we welcome you to LKMS to get a first-hand look at a typical day for your child (be sure to ask your student for a copy of their schedule for the day you visit).

Have a wonderful weekend!

Mrs. Lublin and Ms. Smith

## **MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

- November 18-22 - American Education Week
- November 18 - Student Picture Retakes
- November 20 - PTA Meeting - 6:30pm
- November 25 - Turkey Trot/3 Hour Early Dismissal/Parent Teacher Conferences
- November 26 - Career Day/3 Hour Early Dismissal/Parent Teacher Conferences
- November 27 - Schools Closed for Students/Parent Teacher Conferences
- November 28 and 29 - Schools and Offices Closed - Thanksgiving Break

[View our full calendar](#)

**[LKMS News and Events](#)**

## *An Update from Mrs. Lublin*

As you have been aware, I have recently completed chemotherapy treatment for breast cancer. Next week, I will take the next step in my journey and will have surgery on November 21. As a result, I will be out of school from November 21 through December 20. LKMS will be in excellent hands with Assistant Principal, Ms. Smith, and substitute administrator, Mrs. JoAnn Hutchens. Mrs. Hutchens, who has been subbing for me on an intermittent basis the past few months, is an experienced retired HCPSS Principal.

Thank you for all of your ongoing support and prayers during my journey. They are appreciated more than you can know.

Mrs. Lublin

## *LKMS' Students of the Week*

Congratulations to the following students who demonstrated their ability to "ROAR" the week of October 28, by being Respectful, Organized, Achieving, and Responsible: Daniel Akingba, Ela Muniz, Ashley Dolloph, Zuri Brock, Milan Khalid, and Hamza Farooqui. We are so proud of all of you!

## *Family File Important Information*

Parents/Guardians, we have approximately 60 families who have still not completed their student's Family File information. **Students will not be able to participate in field trips, intramural programs, and other school activities unless this important contact information is updated for your students.** Please log into [HCPSS Connect](#), select the Family File tab then click on Family File. Once logged in, parents/guardians will be asked to provide or update your student's information.

## *Picture Retake Day is Coming!*

Monday, November 18, is "Picture Retake" day at LKMS. Orders may be completed online, [mylifetouch.com](#) with Picture Day ID: MJ019734Q1.

## *American Education Week is Coming - November 18-22*

## **"Bring Your Parent to School Day"**

Join your student(s) for part of the day or the full day. Although parents are welcomed, without notice, any day during that week, students will be inviting their parents to attend on selected days. We will invite one grade a day to see the awesome and amazing instruction that occurs each day at LKMS. Show your Leopard Pride with us on the following "Bring Your Parent to School" days:

- Tuesday, November 19 - Grade 6
- Wednesday, November 20 - Grade 7
- Thursday, November 21 - Grade 8

## ***Parent/Teacher Conferences - November 25, 26, and 27***

Parents/Guardians: We will host Parent/Teacher conferences on November 25, 26, and 27. Conference scheduling will open to parents on Monday, November 11, and will close on Friday, November 22. This common window opens for parents to schedule conferences with teachers using your parent account via [HCPSS Connect](#). Parent login information directions can be found [here](#). Directions for scheduling your conference are [attached](#). If you are unavailable during the conference window and would like to conference with your child's teacher(s), please contact them directly. Staff emails are available on our LKMS [website](#). We looking forwarding to seeing you!

## ***Sexual Health Unit Preview of Materials***

Your child will have the opportunity to participate in a meaningful unit in the Health Education curriculum entitled Sexual Health during this school year. As always, we support you as the primary educator of your child with regard to sexual health and value your ability to place this information in a moral context. Attached you will find a list of the [objectives](#) for this unit. To assist you in making a decision about your child's participation in this unit, an opportunity will be available to you during the week of Parent Teacher Conferences to preview the instructional materials that will be used in the classroom. No appointment is necessary, and Ms. Lodovici or Mrs. McVay, our Health educators, will be there to answer any questions you may have about the Sexual Health Unit for 6th, 7th, and 8th grade. If you would like to preview these materials, please visit Ms. Lodovici's classroom during one of the following times: Monday, November 25, 1:00-3:00pm and Monday, November 25, 5:00-7:15pm.

## ***Student Delegate Applications***

Applications are now available in the Front Office for students who are interested in serving as a delegate to the Student Member Convention. This is wonderful opportunity for students to lead and serve both their peers and community. In order to be considered for the position of delegate to the Student Member Convention, students must submit an application along with two evaluation forms to the Principal by **Friday, November 22, 2019**. Interested students should stop by the Front Office for more information and an application.

## ***Carson Scholarship***

**Advance Notice on the Carson Scholarship Process** (8th Graders Only): Lime Kiln will be selecting ONE eighth grader to nominate for the 2020 Ben Carson Scholarship. Our nominee competes for the scholarship through the Carson Scholarship Foundation and winners are awarded \$1,000 kept in escrow for them towards college expenses. Potential nominees must be: **Academically excellent** (3.75 GPA or higher in 6th and 7th grades as well as the first quarter of 8th grade), **Role models** in the school, via their citizenship and contribution to school life, and **Service minded**, as indicated by the good works they do in the community. Students have been invited to request a nomination [packet](#) from their English teachers. The packet focuses on their resumé in the service area (teachers are already very aware of students' academics and citizenship). A panel of teachers will make the selection, and the announcement will be made in early December. Go to the Carson Scholarship website for more details on the entire nomination process. <https://carsonscholars.org/scholarships/prospective-scholars/>.

## ***Holiday Season - Helping Families in Need***

As the holiday season approaches, we know that this can be a difficult time for families for various reasons. If you and your family are in need of support (such as food or gifts), please reach out to your child's School Counselor (Mrs. Anna Miles or Mrs. Beth Lucas) to discuss ways that we can support you. If you are interested in helping a family in need of support, we will be collecting gift cards during American Education Week and during Parent Teacher Conference week. Gift cards can be dropped off in the Front Office or in the Student Services office. Ideas for gift cards include Target, Walmart, local grocery stores, and gas stations. All gift cards and support must be turned in by **Friday, December 13**. Thank you for your support!

***COMING the month of December***

## ***LKMS' Second Annual - "Snow Leopard Winter Break Bonanza"! Back by popular demand!***

The PBIS team would like to celebrate all of our students at Lime Kiln and need your help! We are in search of small prizes that could be raffled off to students on **Friday, December 20**. Students who are "ROARing" (being responsible, organized, achieving and respectful) will be receiving raffle tickets in class for the entire month of December for chances to win these prizes. Some ideas could include: books your child no longer reads, lotions, ear buds, pop sockets, fidgets, small puzzles, coin purses, scarves, accessories, jewelry, fun school supplies, or gift cards, \$5-10 (TuttiFrutti, Target, Chipotle, McDonalds, Chick-fil-A are favorites)! Students or parents can drop off your donated items the entire month of November to the Front Office. Think about dropping off items during American Education Week or Parent Conferences. Thank you so much for your support, and we know the students will be excited for our special **"SNOW LEOPARD WINTER BREAK BONANZA!"**

### ***Middle School Supply Drive: Students Helping Students***

Leopard Pride Homerooms will be collecting supplies to donate to other middle schools in Howard County. Unfortunately, not all students can afford to buy new school supplies each year. This student-driven Supply Drive is our way of helping our fellow Middle School students.

Here is a list of needed supplies:

- **12-24 pack of colored pencils, glue sticks, box of crayons, 12 pack of markers, 12-24 pack of wooden pencils, rulers, Index cards, sticky notes, packs of loose leaf paper, 2 pocket folders, composition notebooks, 1 subject spiral notebooks, 1 inch binders, and pencil cases.**

We have created a competition between Leopard Pride Homerooms to see how many supplies each homeroom can collect. For every 15 items they collect off of this list their homeroom will be entered in a drawing for the chance to win a prize. We will be collecting supplies from October 28th to November 22nd.

Thank you in advance for your support!

### ***Lost and Found***

Parents/Guardians, if your student is missing any of their belongings, please be certain to check our lost and found corner that will be located outside of the front office during Parent/Teacher conferences. All items will be donated after Wednesday, November 27. Thank you!

### *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.**

### *LKMS' Attendance Reporting Procedures*

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

## **Messages from the PTA**

*The LKMS PTA and 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](#).

### **Box Tops for Education**

Ready to go digital? Box Tops for Education is Now the EASIEST fundraiser. No more clipping. No more sending Box Tops to school. All you need is your phone. Download the ALL-NEW Box Tops app, shop as you normally would, then simply scan your store receipts to find participating products. The app will automatically

credit LKMS's Box Tops earnings online. Sign up today! Questions? Please visit <https://www.boxtops4education.com/How%20To%20Earn>

## **New Lime Kiln Spirit Wear Online Store**

Students, families and staff, the PTA has exciting news! Lime Kiln Spirit Wear is now available through a new online store! The [online store](#) has 100+ items and 12 designs from which to choose. If you're interested in purchasing spirit wear, you can go directly to the [online store \(www.limekilnspritwear.com\)](#) to place your order. All orders are processed as received and shipped directly to your home or designated shipping address. The online store is active throughout the year. If you have questions, email [spiritwearlkms2019@gmail.com](mailto:spiritwearlkms2019@gmail.com). Thank you!

## **HCPSS News and Information**

### ***Career Academies Information Sessions***

Middle and high school students are invited to attend an information session on the HCPSS Career and Technology Education Career Academies. Interested parties need to only attend one session. The next session will be held on **December 10**, from 7:00-9:00pm at ARL. Additional information can be found [here](#).

### ***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.

### ***Reservoir High School's Drama Department Presents***

Reservoir High School presents, "The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time" show November 21-23, 2019. The show is a total treat, honoring the award winning Broadway play and New York Times bestseller

book, sharing a powerful message that promotes **Autism Awareness!** For more information, please read the attached [flier](#).

### ***Fulton Elementary School Food Drive***

Fulton Elementary School will be hosting a non-perishable Food Drive on Saturday, November 23, from 9:00am-12:00 noon, rain or shine, in the Reservoir High School Parking lot. All donations will be given to the Laurel Food Bank. Thank you for your support!

**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.