

LKMS Leopard's Tale

January 24, 2020

Message from Administration

LKMS Families and Community,

Thank you to our PTA for helping us celebrate the Lunar New Year this week! Parents decorated our hallways, displayed fact boards about the holiday, and provided treats for our staff. We wish all of you who are celebrating a "Happy New Year!"

Today marks the end of the first semester/second quarter. Students will receive updated schedules on Tuesday which will reflect their second semester Related Arts classes. Please note that Tuesday will be an "A" day to begin the new semester. In addition, February 3 and 5 are both "A" days. This is due to the unexpected closing on February 4 (for the election to fill the seat of the former Representative Elijah E. Cummings).

Enjoy the weekend!

Mrs. Lublin and Ms. Smith

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

- January 24 - End of Quarter 2
- January 27 - Schools Closed, Professional Work Day
- January 30 - Spelling Bee
- January 31 - Mid-Year Social and Spirit Day "Pajama Day"
- February 3 - 2nd Quarter Report Cards Distributed
- **February 4** - Schools and Offices Closed, Special Primary Election
- February 5 - 8th Grade National History Day
- February 5-6 - 8th Grade MAP Testing

- February 17 - Schools and Offices Closed, President's Day

All Howard County Public School System schools and offices will be closed on **Tuesday, February 4, 2020**, due to the special primary election to fill the 7th congressional district seat vacated following the passing of Rep. Elijah Cummings. HCPSS schools and offices already are scheduled to be closed April 28, 2020, when the special general election will be held. Please read further for more [information](#).

[View our full calendar](#)

LKMS News and Events

LKMS' Students of the Week

Congratulations to the following students who demonstrated their ability to "ROAR" by being Respectful, Organized, Achieving, and Responsible during the week of January 13: Andres Contreras, Lillian Vitek, Cooper Zakorchemny, Sameeha Matin, Parth Tailor, Makayla Whitehead, Sophia Ditch, and Alexander Emmer. We are so proud of you!

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":

- January 31 - Pajama 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

Yearbook Sales

Order your 2019/2020 LMKS [Yearbook](#)! Use the code **2979020** to preorder your yearbook today!

8th Grade Panoramic Photo

8th grade students had their panoramic picture taken on Wednesday, January 22. If your student would like to still order the picture, it is not too late! Please go to mylifetouch.com and use the code: Picture Day ID: MJ109734T0. If there are any questions, please contact Customer Service at 800-736-4753.

Gifted and Talented Classes - Parent/Guardian Requests for Possible Inclusion for the 2020/21 School Year

In early 2020, Howard County Schools will begin making decisions for staffing and class sections for the 2020-2021 school year. Therefore, Lime Kiln Middle needs to plan accordingly. If you are interested in having your child considered for possible inclusion into Gifted/Talented (GT) classes for the 2020-2021 school year, you must submit your request in an email to our GT Resource Teacher, Tracy Spillman, tracy_spillman@hcpss.org no later than February 5, 2020. **Deadlines will not be extended.** In the email, please state your child's full name and current grade and which class(es) he/she would like to be considered. When making your decision, think about your student's performance in their current class(es) and communicate with your child's teacher about their performance. Students who are currently enrolled in GT classes will remain in those classes. If you have any questions, please call Tracy Spillman at 410-880-5988 or email, tracy_spillman@hcpss.org.

Student Services News

Mid-Year Social

On Friday, January 31, 2020, from 1:30PM-3:00PM, students will celebrate their hard work and positive behavior during the first semester at our annual Mid-Year Social. Students will have the opportunity to participate in two activities during this time. Activities include sudoku and logic puzzles, "Shrinky Dinks", coloring, dance, art, cooking, card-making, origami, movie, and board games. We look forward to enjoying some "down time" and celebrating our awesome students!

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

Lime Kiln Student Directory Now Available Online in HCPSS Connect

Parents/Guardians who have completed their Family File can now access their Lime Kiln school directory in HCPSS Connect. The directory will display only the information that parents selected when they completed the Family File. To access the directory for LKMS, [log in to HCPSS Connect](#) and select Family File/School Directory in the left menu (about half way down on the menu list), and then click on School Directory (2nd option). Enter the student's name and hit "enter" to show the results in the table.

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](#).

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

Community Academy: Social Media Awareness

Parents and students in grades 4-12 are invited to an engaging and informative [workshop](#) on social media on Saturday, January 25, cosponsored by HCPSS and The Council of Elders.

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>.

Free Eyeglasses and Exams: Free eye exams and glasses will be offered at Howard High School on Saturday, Feb 29, and Sunday, March 1. Slots are limited. Services will be provided on a first come, first served basis, appointment preferred. In case of schools being closed due to inclement weather, the clinic make-up dates will be the weekend of March 7-8. Please refer to the [flyer](#) and the [sign-up form](#).

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.

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](#).

HC DrugFree Update

Not My Child - Teen Vaping and More: Parents/Guardians are invited to join HC DrugFree and Marriotts Ridge High School's PTSA for a free educational program on Wednesday, January 29, at 7:00 p.m in MRHS' auditorium. If school evening activities are cancelled due to weather, the program will be held on Tuesday, February 11. Flier [attached](#).

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.