Message from Administration

Dear Parents, Guardians and Community Members,

In an effort to streamline communication, we will be altering our "Leopard's Tale" schedule from once a week to every other week. In between editions of the "Leopard's Tale", we will continue to send messages of immediate importance via School Messenger. We hope that by reducing the amount of information that comes to your inbox, you will be able to stay connected with our school without being inundated with repetitive communication.

This is the time of year where we get to see our students' hard work pay off. Best of luck to our performing arts groups, Band, Chorus and Orchestra, who will be performing at their county assessments and adjudications over the next several weeks. In addition, we wish great luck to our students who are participating in the countywide "National History Day" competition on March 14, 2020. We know the students who will represent us at the HCPSS Middle School Debate on March 13, 2020 will make us proud, as they always do. Our students are amazing and we look forward to seeing them shine!

Have a great weekend,

Mrs. Lublin and Ms. Smith

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

- March 2 - Band/Wind Ensemble Assessment/Adjudication - Mt. Hebron High
- March 3 - 6th Grade Cultural Arts Assembly "Red Scarf Girl"
- March 4 - Band/Symphonic Assessment/Adjudication - Mt. Hebron High
- March 5 - 6th Grade African/American Field Trip
- March 13 - Countywide Middle School Debate - APL
- March 18 - PTA Meeting - 6:30pm - Media Center
- March 19 - Chorus Assessment/Adjudication - River Hill High School
- March 24-25 - 8th Grade MISA Testing
- March 27 - Spirit Day - "Colors"
- March 30-31 - Orchestra Assessments

View our full calendar
**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":

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

**LKMS' Students of the Week**

Congratulations to the following students who demonstrated their ability to "ROAR" by being Respectful, Organized, Achieving, and Responsible: Olivia Warhol, Kallaina Basnet, Jackson Hardman, Roger He, Matthew Horton, Olivia Onyenorah, Tristan Carter, Ella Cherry, Riyanu Patel, Noah Marriott, Timothy Dye, Daniel Dzubak, Claire Williams, Timothy Bussey, Kendall Hartman, and Donovan Sheppard. We are so proud of you!

**ESSA Climate Survey**

Maryland requires that all public schools survey students about school climate. Last year the Maryland School Survey was administered with great success and data has been shared with schools. The purpose of the survey is to gain valuable information about the quality and character of each school’s learning environment so that schools can promote a climate that supports student learning.

Students will take the survey during regular school hours between March 9-13. The survey will take about 30 minutes and will ask students about topics such as student engagement, interactions with adults and with other students in the school, the school environment, bullying, and safety. The survey will not ask about a student’s personal experiences and students will not be asked to provide any information that might violate his or her privacy.

The survey is confidential and school personnel will not have access to the responses of specific students. The responses your child provides will be combined with the responses from other students in the school, and results will be reported for each school and district.

We are eager to receive this very important information about your child’s school and about schools across the state.

If you have any questions about this survey, please contact the Survey Administrator at the Maryland State Department of Education by emailing to: survey.msde@maryland.gov

**LKMS Schedule:**

- March 9 - Grade 7
- March 10 - Grade 6
March 12 - Grade 8

**Rising 7th Grade (Current 6th Grade) World Language Requests**

Current Grade 6 students have the option of taking French or Spanish in Grade 7. The World Language program is a two-year program that prepares students to take French II or Spanish II in Grade 9 and enables students to pursue World Language study through the Advanced Placement level during high school. If you would like for your student to participate in World Language for next school year, and have NOT YET indicated as such, please complete the form below and email your request to bonnie_varner@hcpss.org or your child's school counselor, Mrs. Lucas (A-L) or Mrs. Miles (M-Z).

**World Language Selection Request**

Please choose one of the following:

___ I would like my child to take Spanish in Grade 7.

___ I would like my child to take French in Grade 7 (course available only if enough requests received).

___ My student will not take a World Language in Grade 7.

Student Name: ____________________________________________________________

Parent/Guardian Signature: _______________________________________________

Date: __________________

Student Signature: _______________________________________________________ Date: ______________

**LKMS' 20th Anniversary Celebration**

In celebration of LKMS' 20th Anniversary, families and students have been asked to participate in the creation of a special art mural for our school. For more information, please read the attached flier. Your completed artwork is due by Friday, March 13.

**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!

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**Health Room News**

We have hit the height of flu season here in our community! Please be reminded that if your child exhibits flu like symptoms or is diagnosed with the flu, they must be fever-free for 24 hours without the use of Tylenol, Motrin or any fever-reducing medications. We need your help to keep the number of flu related illnesses to a minimum. Thank you in advance for helping to keep our students healthy!

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**Student Services News**

Student Services will be hosting a "Wellness Day" for 7th grade students on Friday, April 3, 2020. Be certain to stay tuned for further information and details about this exciting event!

**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

Our PTA Needs Your Help!

LKMS Families: We are reaching out and asking for your support by donating what you can to help provide for the extra programming and activities that are planned for your children this school year. With the current PTA budget shortfall, we may not be able to provide these programs. All you have to do is provide a tax-deductible direct donation! It is as easy as going to [https://lkmspta.membershiptoolkit.com/packet/12099185](https://lkmspta.membershiptoolkit.com/packet/12099185) to make your donation electronically or you can mail/drop off a check to the school's main office, addressed to LKMS PTA Treasurer. If you do not have the means to contribute financially, please consider volunteering your time. The PTA is always looking for volunteers to help with the various events such as the 8th Grade Dance and Lime Time. Please reach out to [lkmspta@gmail.com](mailto:lkmspta@gmail.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](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](https://www.boxtops4education.com/How%20To%20Earn)

HCPSS News and Information

Discover Summer Leadership and Volunteer Opportunities

Wednesday, March 11, 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, March 11, 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.

2020 Yom Hashoah Essay Contest
The Howard County Holocaust Remembrance Committee seeks to remember the Holocaust by learning from the events that took place in Europe from 1933 to 1945. This year marks the 75th anniversary of the liberation of the concentration camps. All Howard County middle and high school students are invited to remember and reflect on the Holocaust by participating in the 2020 Yom Hashoah Essay Contest. More information is provided in the essay contest flier.

**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.

**Restorative Justice in Education - March 23**

HCPSS, the Howard County Education Association and the Restorative Justice Partnership invite the community to attend a conversation and book signing with Kathy Evans, who co-authored “The Little Book of Restorative Justice in Education.” Read further for more information.

**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.

**Register for the Spring Season of Heart & Sole**

Girls on the Run®’s middle school program, Heart & Sole®, creates a positive, structured space for girls in 6th-8th grade to develop life skills using a running-based curriculum. Teams of up to 16 girls meet twice weekly after school for 10 weeks. Each season concludes with the girls and their running buddies completing a 5K run. The Spring season will start the week of March 15, with the season-ending 5K scheduled for May 30, 2020, in Columbia, MD. For registration and more information, read the attached flier.

**Reservoir High School Events**
The Drama Department of Reservoir High School presents their Spring Musical, "The Little Mermaid". Performances will run from March 20-28. For more information on this performance and ticket sales, please read the attached flier.

The Music Foundation of RHS will hold their annual yard sale on Saturday, May 30, from 8:00am-12:00noon. Individual and business vendors can rent spaces for just $20 each (the rate will increase after May 26). Please save the date, and tell your family and friends! Send a message to rhsyardsale2020@outlook.com for more information.

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.