

The Leopard's Tale  
Lime Kiln Middle School  
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This past week we welcomed many of you as we celebrated American Education Week. Thank you to all of the parents and guardians who came to visit your children's classes. We love showing off our wonderful school! Thank you, also, to the parents who came to "Coffee and Conversation" with Administration this past Thursday. We enjoyed meeting you and talking with you and answering your questions. Didn't get to make it on Thursday? Mrs. Ober and I will be available Monday, November 20 from 4:30 - 6:00 pm for a "drop-in" with Administration. We look forward to seeing you!

Whether you visited classrooms last week or are participating in Parent/Teacher Conferences this coming week, we thank all of you for your partnership in your child's education. We know that when parents play an active, positive role in their child's education, students do better and achieve more.

With gratitude,  
Lucy Lublin, Principal

**IMPORTANT DATES:**

November 20-22 Parent/Teacher Conferences  
November 20-21 Schools Close 3 hours early  
November 20 - Turkey Trot (all grades)  
November 21 - Career Day (8<sup>th</sup> grade)  
November 22 - Schools Closed for students  
November 23-24 Thanksgiving Holiday - Schools and Offices closed  
December 4 - Orchestra Concert 7pm  
December 5 - Band Concert 7pm  
December 13 - Chorus Concert 7pm

**PARKING:**

When picking up your student or coming in to the school for other reasons, please do not park in any of the three reserved spaces in the upper circle. These spaces are reserved for staff use only. Thank you!

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### **ATTENTION PARENTS OF 8th GRADE STUDENTS:**

Students applying for private schools who will need teacher recommendations and/or transcripts sent to the private school should submit this request through the Student Services office. We will collect all information and mail as one packet to the school . If you have any questions contact Mrs. Mongello in Student Services.

**CARSON SCHOLARSHIP PROCESS (8<sup>th</sup> Graders Only):** –In a few weeks, a panel of Lime Kiln Staff members will be selecting ONE eighth grader to nominate for the 2018 Ben Carson Scholarship. Our nominee competes for the scholarship through the Carson Scholarship Foundation and winners are awarded \$1000 kept in escrow for them towards college expenses. Potential nominees must be

- ☛Academically excellent (3.75 GPA or higher in first quarter of 8<sup>th</sup> grade)
- ☛Role models in the school, via their citizenship and contribution to school life
- ☛Service minded, as indicated by the good works they do in the community.

A letter and application detailing how to compete to be the LKMS nominee will soon be available through your student's English teacher, Mr. Ammann, Mrs. Clemens, or Mrs. Mundy. The application focuses on the student's resumé in the community service area—teachers are already very aware of academics and citizenship in our school community. Questions? Contact Cindy Clemens [cclemens@hcpss.org](mailto:cclemens@hcpss.org) or go to <http://carsonscholars.org>

### **PTA Drama Program - “Beauty and the Beast”**

Calling all beauties, beasts, and household gadgets! Lime Kiln Middle School, in conjunction with Drama Learning Center, would like to invite you to join us in presenting the greatest Disney story ever told! Beauty and the Beast, directed by Mr. Dustin Merrell, is coming to the Lime Kiln stage this spring. Get ready for a great ensemble cast that will have castle-sized fun! To register, please go to <http://dramalearningcenter.com/after-school-class/> Questions? Please contact [eileendensel@gmail.com](mailto:eileendensel@gmail.com).

### **HCLS/HCPSS A+ STUDENT CARD**

Howard County Library System and Howard County Public School System are launching a new fully functioning A+ STUDENT CARD. It allows easy access to HCLS eContent (including research databases) in the classroom, at home, or anywhere students need to do homework or research through [HCPSS.me](http://HCPSS.me). The A+ Student Card uses the student's active directory login. This A+ virtual student card gives the student all the same borrowing privileges as the physical card. Here is a link to more information. [A+ Student Card Directions](#)

**HC DrugFree Is Looking for Parent/Adult Volunteers**, so whether you have an hour a month or 10 hours a week to volunteer, please email only to [Admin@hcdrugfree.org](mailto:Admin@hcdrugfree.org) to let us know your availability. Be sure to say if you can type, are willing to drive to pharmacies or liquor stores, and if you have any special skills or interests.

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### **December SMOB Office Hours**

Howard County Student Member of the Board of Education (SMOB) Anna Selbrede will be holding an open forum for any and all HCPSS students to voice any questions, concerns, or just talk. Anna is happy to discuss anything from school lunches to sports to current political events to Harry Potter. The forum will be held at the Homewood School on December 13th, from 6:30-7pm. If you can't make this month, you can come next time on January 10th. Refreshments will be provided! If you'd like more information, email [student\\_member@hcpss.org](mailto:student_member@hcpss.org) and don't forget to follow @Hocosmob on Instagram and Twitter.

### **Please visit the Community News and Programs page**

**<http://www.hcpss.org/community-news-and-programs/>** on the HCPSS website for announcements of upcoming events and programs sponsored by non-profit organizations.

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