

The Leopard's Tale
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"The time is always right to do what is right." – Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

This Monday our schools and offices will be closed in observance of the birth of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. On this day, we will reflect on the countless contributions made to our society by Dr. King. Many of you will participate in a 'Day of Service' in his honor. At LKMS we honor Dr. King by striving each and every day to embody his words and messages and to provide a safe and inclusive environment for ALL students.

IMPORTANT DATES:

January 15 – Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (Schools and Offices Closed)

January 23 – New 6th Grade and GT Parent Orientation 6:30-7:30pm (LKMS Cafeteria)

January 26 – LKMS Spelling Bee

January 26 – End of 2nd Marking Period (3-hour Early Dismissal)

"LIME LIGHTERS" – STUDENTS OF THE WEEK:

Congratulations to the following students who demonstrated their ability to 'ROAR' this week by being responsible, respectful, and academically focused:

Riyana Patel
Mason Huynh
Daniel Carr
Zoe Ryee
Allie Young

Kate Herberholz
Keiran Green
Julia Dustin
Lorenzo Gamble

ATTENDANCE AREA ADJUSTMENT (“Redistricting”) NEWS:

As you are likely aware by now, HCPSS has realigned attendance areas for some elementary and middle schools. As a result, several LKMS students have been assigned to attend Clarksville Middle School beginning in the 2017-18 school year. If you are not certain if you are affected by this change, you can use the “School and Bus Locator” feature on hcpss.org. In addition, HCPSS sent home a letter to all families affected on January 5, 2018.

Parents can request permission for their child to remain in their current school IF they meet one of the three conditions as outlined in the letter. The request is made by submitting the “Redistricting Request” form that is enclosed in the mailing. Or they can complete that same form electronically using this web address <http://hcpssne.ws/redistrictingrequest>. Requests should be submitted by January 19.

Please be assured that we are working closely with the administration and staff at CMS to ensure a smooth transition for all students. Stay tuned for detailed information about events for both students and families.

LKMS SHAKESPEARE CLUB FORMING:

8th Grade students are invited to explore being involved in the Shakespeare Club beginning next week with a lunchtime informational meeting. The club will meet after school on Tuesday 1/16 for the first time, and thereafter on Tuesdays, 3:15 – 4:30 for the months of January - April. We will prepare scenes from the Bard’s work to present at the Middle School Shakespeare Festival on May 3. That day will be totally devoted to Shakespeare, as club members travel to Wilde Lake HS Rouse Theatre to watch all the performances from other schools and share our scenes. Besides getting exposed to Shakespeare’s work, we have lots of fun at Shakespeare Club. Ask your English teacher for more information!

National History Day Judging - February 8, 2018 8:30am - 3:00pm

Calling all volunteers! If you are interested in helping our teachers judge 8th Grade GT National History Day projects on February 8th, please contact Karen McVay, Karen_McVay@hcpss.org by January 19th. Judges are needed throughout the day, so please let us know what specific times you are available for judging so we can schedule you accordingly.

LKMS - MEMORY BOOKS FOR 2017/18:

LKMS Memory Books are now on sale. Prices start at \$25 and many upgrades are available. Orders are due by April 13, 2018. For ordering information and to download a sales flyer, please go to the LKMS website at lkms.hcpss.org.

GOTTA EAT NIGHT - CHICK-FIL-A:

Please join the PTA for the next Gotta Eat Night at Chick-fil-A on Johns Hopkins Road on Tuesday, January 16, from 6am-10pm. Remember to bring the attached flyer so that our PTA gets back 20% of the sales.

PTA DRAMA PROGRAM - "BEAUTY AND THE BEAST":

Last Call to join the Lime Kiln Middle School production of Beauty and the Beast, directed by Mr. Dustin Merrell of Drama Learning Center. Auditions begin January 22. To register, please go to <http://dramalearningcenter.com/after-school-class/> Questions? Please contact eileendensel@gmail.com

"EVERY KID CAN COOK - 1 MILE BOOTCAMP IN THE MALL"

Every Kid Can Cook and Healthy Little Cooks will sponsor a 1-Mile Bootcamp in Columbia Mall on January 20. The purpose of the bootcamp is to support children and family wellness by combining healthy cooking with fitness and is designed for families to do together. For more information, please refer to the attached flyer or go to healthylittlecooks.com/bootcamp.

ATTENTION PARENTS OF 8th GRADE STUDENTS:

Private School Applications

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

PARENT DROP-OFF/PICKUP:

When dropping off or picking up your student, please remember to use the lower parking level of our school. The upper level must remain clear for our school buses to enter.

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.

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. 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](#)**.

HC DRUGFREE IS LOOKING FOR PARENT/ADULT VOLUNTEERS:

Whether you have an hour a month or 10 hours a week to volunteer, please email <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.
