

The Leopard's Tale
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Happy New Year! We hope that you had an enjoyable winter break and are finding ways to brave this bitter cold and stay warm.

As you know, we had our first inclement weather closing and delay this week. The 2017-18 HCPSS calendar designates President's Day as an inclement weather makeup day. We are awaiting official word on when yesterday's snow day will be made up, but there is a possibility it will be on February 19, 2018. When we know for sure, we will let you know.

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

High School Student/Parent Informational Meetings:

River Hill High School: Monday, January 8 - 6:30pm
Reservoir High School: Wednesday, January 10 - 6:45pm
Atholton High School: Thursday, January 11 - 6:30pm

VISION AND HEARING SCREENING - JANUARY 10:

The Howard County Health Department will provide vision and hearing screenings at Lime Kiln Middle School on Wednesday, January 10. Please refer to the attached letter from the Howard County Health Department for further information on this very important screening. [HV letter-1.pdf](#)

ATTENDANCE AREA ADJUSTMENT 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 will be sending letters to affected families on or around January 5, 2018.

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.

To that end, **Clarksville Middle School's PTA would like to invite the parents of LKMS' students who will attend Clarksville Middle School in 2018-19 to their next PTA meeting on Wednesday, January 10, at 7pm at CMS.**

LIME KILN'S NOMINEE FOR CARSON SCHOLARSHIP 2018:

Congratulations to our 8th grade student, **Taylor Larkins**, who was chosen as LKMS' Carson Scholarship nominee due to his extensive community service and his 4.0 scholarship. Taylor volunteers regularly for Open Doors Food Pantry and Food on the First. He is currently working on his Boy Scout Eagle project, coordinating the assembly of over 100 personal care packets to benefit the Laurel Winter Shelter. Good luck to Taylor in the Carson Scholarship Fund selection process.

LKMS SPELLING BEE:

Congratulations to the following students who qualified to compete in LKMS' Spelling Bee:

Amaya Aranda, Sofia Badagliacca, Dylan Bradford, Kendall By, Aiai Calmer, Chessie Dowdy, Allen Dzubak, Alex Fernandes, Ishan Goswami, Carolyn Jacob, Calvin Keeley, Michelle Lee, Anna Liu, Ryan Mathew, Ava McGee, Oriel Ockerman, Vera Ortiz Martinez, Samir Patel, Lavanya Singh, Sean Southard, Joey Squirrellock, Arrion Wade, Elena Walter, Zach Zinderman, Irene Allbritton-King, Mitra Aminian Razavi, Alex Cui, Larissa Dragulescu, Caris Eaton, Lexi Fishman, Jack Hadeed, Lauren Hamlette, Jason Kang, Jennifer Kim, Suzie Kirk, Sheila Li,

Nate Mearns-Escobar, Teagan Rausch, Nick Ryu, Amber Sears, Aelia Thakkar, Alisha Uddin, Karen Yhim, Valerie Yu, Rishi Khosla, Anushka Segar, Garrett Skolkin, Livia Zhao.

The Spelling Bee will be held on Friday, January 26, at 8:30am. The winner will represent LKMS at the HCPSS Spelling Bee in March.

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!

LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE OPPORTUNITY:

Leadership and Service Opportunity for all Middle and High School students interested in:

- Sharing the Student Voice on HCPSS Policy and Community Issues
- Gaining Leadership Skills
- Practicing Community Service
- Working with student leaders from across HCPSS

Please attend Howard County Association of Student Councils (HCASC) meetings throughout the year on the second Wednesday evening of each month. Next meeting is January 10, 7-8:30pm at the Homewood Center Cafeteria, Clarksville Pike. For more information, please contact cindy_drummond@hcpss.org or visit www.hcac.hcpss.org.

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.

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!

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.

PTA DRAMA PROGRAM - "BEAUTY AND THE BEAST":

Calling all beauties, beasts, and household gadgets! Lime Kiln Middle School PTA, 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.

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.

