

## ***The Leopard's Tale***

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To our LKMS families:

So many families have brought treats to share and other gifts for our staff this holiday season. We are overwhelmed with your kindness and generosity! It is our pleasure to work with your students on a daily basis and to partner with you. Thank you for all that you have done to spoil us this week!

From our LKMS family to yours, best wishes for a happy, healthy holiday season and a winter break filled with family fun and togetherness. See you in 2018!

Lucy Lublin, Principal

### **IMPORTANT DATES:**

December 25-January 1 - Winter Break

January 2 - Schools reopen

January 23 - New 6<sup>th</sup> Grade and GT Parent Orientation 6:30-7:30pm

January 26 - End of 2<sup>nd</sup> Marking Period

**High School Student/Parent Informational Meetings:**

Reservoir High School: Thursday, January 4 – 7:00pm

River Hill High School: Thursday, January 4 – 6:30pm

Atholton High School: Thursday, January 11 – 6:30pm

**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](http://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 in January 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.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE WINNERS OF LKMS’ “YOUNG AUTHOR’S CONTEST”:**

Grade 6 Poem:	A Dog to Remember	by Avery Oergel
Grade 7 Poem:	Two-Faced	by Serena Goyal
Grade 7 Short Story:	A Soldier’s Paradox	by Ellie Hasegawa
Grade 8 Poem:	Wanderlust	by Kimberly Noelle Gordon
Grade 8 Short Story:	Flightless	by Mehar Sandhu

Thank you to all students who submitted their entries for our Young Author’s Contest!

## **LKMS' NOMINATION FOR TEACHER OF THE YEAR AWARD:**

We are delighted to announce that Mrs. Elizabeth Waltman has been selected as our school's nomination for the Howard County Teacher of the Year. We are looking for some parents and students who have worked with Mrs. Waltman and would like to write a letter of support for her nomination packet. The following talking points are suggestions that could be discussed in the letter. For example, the ability of how she instills in the students the desire to learn and achieve, how she demonstrates a thorough knowledge of subject matter and the ability to share it effectively with students, and/or how she understands the individual needs of students, encourages their talents and fosters their self-esteem. The letters must be submitted no later than January 2, 2018. If you have any questions or you need any help with this please contact Tracy Spillman at [tracy\\_spillman@hcpss.org](mailto:tracy_spillman@hcpss.org) or you may call (410) 880-5988.

## **PTA MEMBERSHIP:**

**It is not too late to become a member of your LKMS PTA - register today!**

LKMS PTA membership costs only \$20 per family (includes 2 adult memberships) and benefits the entire school – students and staff! You can pay with PayPal here: <http://www.lkmspta.wordpress.com/membership> (cut and paste into your browser), or send the completed form (attached) to LKMS with cash/check made out to the LKMS PTA. Please visit <http://www.PTA.org/benefits> (cut and paste into your browser), to get access to PTA resources and special discounts. Questions? - Contact Andie Cohen (8<sup>th</sup> grade parent) at <mailto:dicohen@hotmail.com>.

THANK YOU for your support!

## **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.

### **8<sup>th</sup> Grade Baby Photos**

The Memory Book Committee is collecting 8<sup>th</sup> graders' baby photos from

December 1<sup>st</sup> to December 22. 8<sup>th</sup> grade students may turn in their baby photos to their homeroom teacher or email a .jpg photo to <mailto:memorybooklkms@gmail.com>. Please include student's first and last name and homeroom teacher on the photo. Photos are sent to Lifetouch and will not be returned to the student.

### **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?](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](#).

### **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.