

The Leopard's Tale

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Where did the time go? It is hard to believe that the school year is half over already. Today marks the end of the second quarter and first semester. Students will begin their second semester classes on Monday, which will be an A day. Report cards will come home on Monday, February 5, 2018.

Congratulations to Carolyn J., winner, and Sheila L., runner-up, of the LKMS Spelling Bee! Carolyn will represent LKMS at the Howard County Library Spelling Bee in March. G-O-O-D L-U-C-K!

IMPORTANT DATES:

January 30-February 2 - MAP ELA Testing
February 5 - Report Cards Distributed
February 13-15 = MAP Math Testing
February 16 - Professional Learning Day - no school for students
February 19 - President's Day - schools and offices closed
March 8 - "Innocence Stolen" Presentation (see below for details)

“INNOCENCE STOLEN: PROTECTING OUR CHILDREN”

Presented by Vincent DeVivo from the U.S. Attorney’s Office, on March 8, 2018, 6:30–8:00 PM at Lime Kiln Middle School.

"Innocence Stolen: Protecting Our Children Online" reviews the array of threats teenagers face when they go online. This multimedia presentation is designed to equip and empower parents and guardians to address the teachable moments that occur when accessing the Internet. The presentation speaks directly to adults. We offer the opportunity for you to bring your teenager in order to promote conversations within families about the dangers online; however, please be advised of the mature content of the presentation. Discussion topics will include social networking, cyber bullying, sexting, and Internet predators. Due to the mature content of this presentation, students who choose to attend the presentation **MUST** be accompanied by their parent or guardian.

Register early to reserve your spot as space is limited. <http://bit.ly/2nbZEbo>.

VERY IMPORTANT - 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 (both the main bus loop and the smaller loop) must remain clear for our school buses to enter beginning at 2:45pm.** Thank you for your help!___

“FIGHT THE FLU” - Preventing Flu, Flu-like illness and GI Virus illnesses:

As you know, our region is experiencing one of the worst flu seasons in many years. Here are some recommendations from the Health Department to help prevent the spread of illness:

- Avoid close contact with infected persons. Children who are unwell should stay at home.
- Wash hands frequently with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially before and after eating, after using the bathroom, after episodes of vomiting or diarrhea, whenever visibly soiled.
- If soap and water is unavailable, hand sanitizers may be used. Rub sanitizer over all hand surfaces until the sanitizer has dried, then wash with soap and water when possible.
- Teach proper cough hygiene. Transmission is possible through close contact with an infected person.
- Avoid putting fingers in the nose, mouth or rubbing the eyes. Transmission through mucus membranes after touching contaminated objects is possible.
- Students should not return to school until they have been symptom free for 24 hours. Do not send a child back to school until they have been fever free for 24 hours without the aid of fever-reducing medication.

- Students with a confirmed lab diagnosis of norovirus should not return to school until they have been symptom free for 48 hours.

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.

LOST AND FOUND:

Please have your student check the Lost and Found table located in our school cafeteria for any misplaced items. Several coats, gym uniforms, lunch boxes, etc. have been recovered during the past few weeks.

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.

RIVER HILL HIGH SCHOOL'S THEATRE PRESENTS "PIPPIN":

The upcoming production of "Pippin" will run from March 1-4, in River Hill High School's Auditorium. A Tony, Grammy and Oscar-winning Broadway musical, first produced in 1975 by legendary Bob Fosse, *Pippin* is the story of one young man's journey to be extraordinary. Heir to the throne, the young prince Pippin is in search of the secret to true happiness and fulfillment.

Please refer to the attached flyer for additional information on this production or contact Theatre Director, Pam Land at pland@hcpss.org or [410-313-7120](tel:410-313-7120).

CENTENNIAL HIGH SCHOOL - CAMP IMPROV:

Camp Improv is a summer comedy camp for middle school students directed by Centennial High School's theatre teacher, Kathryn Carlsen. By focusing on teamwork and artistic collaboration,

Students learn the joy of jumping in and finding the funny. For questions and more information, contact Kathryn Carlsen at kcarlsen@hcpss.org or visit the website, www.campimprov.org.

SENATOR NATHANIEL EXUM YOUTH DAY IN ANNAPOLIS:

The Annual Youth Day in Annapolis on Saturday, February 10, is designed to teach students about the power of civic engagement and how the government works. Please refer to the attached flyer for more information on this *non-HCPSS sponsored event*.

COMMUNITY NEWS AND PROGRAMS:

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

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](#)**.