

## The Leopard's Tale

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What an exciting week at LKMS!

Tuesday, our very own Elizabeth Waltman, math teacher and team leader, was named HCPSS Teacher of the Year for 2018! Those of you who know Mrs. Waltman are aware that she is more than deserving of this distinction. We are so proud of her and are excited to share in her journey as finalist in the Maryland Teacher of the Year award and the Washington Post Teacher of the Year award.

On Thursday, our 8<sup>th</sup> grade GT social studies students presented their National History Day projects during our LKMS National History Day judging event. What an incredible display of talent – from documentaries, to displays, to websites and more! Congratulations to all participants and to Mr. McMullin, Mr. Lippert, Mrs. Spillman and Mrs. McVay for their efforts in organizing the event.

All of this and two inclement weather closing days, too! Please see below for important information about how these, and the other two weather closing days, will be made up.

Have a great weekend!

### **IMPORTANT DATES:**

February 12-15 - 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)  
March 30 - April 3 - Spring Break

### **"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:

Akash Dada

Samantha Swirsky

Davide Nicorescu-Adams  
Bella Pereira  
Jacobi Jones  
Kathleen Maiorana

Harjas Aneja  
Justin Gutierrez  
Bella Seo  
Nicholas Ryu

### **IMPORTANT SCHOOL CALENDAR CHANGES FOR 2017/18:**

At yesterday's Board of Education meeting, the Board of Education approved the following:

- President's Day is no longer an inclement weather make-up day and will remain a day off of school.
- May 18 is now a school-day, as a half-day for students and half-day for school-based professional learning (articulation activities).
- April 4, 5 and 6 are also now full days of school.
- Spring Break will be Friday, March 30-Tuesday, April 3.
- If there is another inclement weather day off of school this year, June 15 will be the make-up student day.
  - o Note that no final exams or end-of-the-year promotion ceremonies may be scheduled on June 15, as June 15 is Eid al-Fitr.

Due to the fact that we have missed 4 B days and had an additional shortened B day for unscheduled early dismissal as of February 7, 2018, the county has made some adjustments and updates to the A Day/B Day calendar for the remainder of this school year:

- Tuesday, February 20 will be changed from an A Day to a B Day.
- Wednesday, April 4 will be a B Day.
- Thursday, April 5 will be an A Day.
- Friday, April 6 will be a B Day.
- Friday, May 18 will be a B Day.
- If Friday, June 15 is used as an inclement weather make-up day, it will be a B Day.

### **“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.hcps.org](http://lkms.hcps.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.

## **LKMS PTA DRAMA - "BEAUTY AND THE BEAST":**

Interested in theatre but not certain if performing is your thing? Join our technical theatre class where you will help design and paint the "Beauty and the Beast" set, learn stage management and props, run crew and costume crew, and work backstage for the performances. Go to: [dramalearningcenter.com](http://dramalearningcenter.com) to register or contact Eileen Densel at [eileendensel@gmail.com](mailto:eileendensel@gmail.com). Tech crew classes start on March 5.

## **RIVER HILL HIGH SCHOOL - UPCOMING EVENTS:**

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](mailto:pland@hcpss.org) or 410-313-7120.

River Hill High School's PTSA will host the seminar, "Tackle Teen's Mental Health Challenges" presented by Professor of Child Psychiatry, Jeff Q. Bostic, MD, EdD, at MedStar Georgetown University Hospital for the discussion of how to promote positive mental health in high school students, how to manage anxiety and stress, and how to engage with your teenager to recognize and respond to emotional distress. Professor Bostic has worked with approximately 100 school districts in USA and abroad regarding school mental health. The seminar will take place on February 22, from 7:00-8:30pm in the RHHS Cafeteria. Parents from all Howard County schools are welcome.

## **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](mailto:kcarlsen@hcpss.org) or visit the website, [www.campimprov.org](http://www.campimprov.org).

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## **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.

## **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, and working with student leaders from across HCPSS. Please attend the Howard County Association of Student Councils (HCASC) meetings throughout the year on the second Wednesday evening of the month. Next meeting, Wednesday, February 14, 7-8:30pm, Homewood Center. All HCPSS middle and high school students are invited to the [February general meeting](#) of the Howard County Association of Student Councils.

## **HOWARD COUNTY COLUMBIA ASSOCIATION'S SUMMER CAMPS:**

The Howard County Columbia Association is accepting registrations for Summer Camps. Please refer to the attached flier for registration information.

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