

The Leopard's Tale

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This week, I joined our Superintendent Dr. Martirano at the "School Safety and Mental Health Community Forum." At the forum, Dr. Martirano outlined his plan, which includes short-term and long-term measures, to enhance school safety. You can read more about Dr. Martirano's three-prong plan here <http://www.hcpss.org/news-posts/2018/02/hcpss-forges-path-to-safer-schools-with-community-forum/>.

In line with the measures outlined, all visitors to LKMS can continue to expect the following:

- The front door is the only entrance point for all visitors.
- We ask that you buzz the front office and look in the camera.
- The office staff will ask you how they can help you and your purpose for visiting.
- All visitors then walk directly to the front office with their identification.
- Each visitor will have their ID checked and sign in on LobbyGuard.
- A visitor's sticker will be given to all visitors.
- Any visitor in our building without a sticker will be escorted directly back to the office by a staff member.

Please be assured that at LKMS, student and staff safety has been, and will continue to be, our top priority. We know that we cannot do this without a collaborative partnership of our students, staff, families and community. We look forward to working with you now and in the future to dialogue and work toward the safest school possible. One immediate way that you can contribute is if you "see something, say something." Please do not hesitate to contact Mrs. Lublin, Mrs. Ober, school counselors, or any other staff members if you have any information that would help us in contributing to a safe school environment.

Thank you!

IMPORTANT DATES:

March 7 - Interims - Marking Period 3

March 8 - "Innocence Stolen" Presentation (see below for details)

March 12-13 - Maryland Integrated Science Assessments (8th Grade)

March 30 - April 3 - Spring Break

June 13 - Grade 8 Promotion Ceremony (afternoon) and Dance (evening) - more details to come!

MARYLAND INTEGRATED SCIENCE ASSESSMENTS (8TH GRADE):

The Maryland Integrated Science Assessments will be given to all 8th Grade students on Monday and Tuesday, March 12 and 13. The test will be administered at 8:30 am each day. Testing should conclude both days by 11:00 am. Please make certain your students arrive on time for school and please try to avoid early dismissals during the testing times. Thank you.

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.

"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 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!

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.

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 to register or contact Eileen Densel at eileendensel@gmail.com. Tech crew classes start on March 5.

ATHOLTON HIGH SCHOOL FALL ATHLETICS:

Any incoming 9th grade student who would like to try out for a fall sport next year (2018-2019 school year), please note that try-outs begin on Wednesday, August 8th. Students must attend all tryouts and practices will begin immediately after teams are selected. Please plan vacation time accordingly. For more information, contact Michael Senisi, Athletics and Activities Manager, at Michael_Senisi@hcpss.org

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 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.

RESERVOIR HIGH SCHOOL'S BOOSTERS:

Come out to sports camp the week of July 16th at Reservoir High School with Lime Kiln teachers Phil Ranker (PE), Tom Dougherty (Math) and Erika Lupo (PE). The camp is open to rising 1st-9th graders and features many different sports and activities every day. If your child likes PE, they will love camp. Campers are split into age and ability groups to ensure that everyone has a great and productive time. For more information, please visit <http://rankerssportscamp.weebly.com> or email phillip_ranker@hcpss.org for questions!

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. 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](#)**.