

The Leopard's Tale
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Message from Administration

Spring is on the way. It is that time when we need to remember to "Spring Ahead" and turn our clocks forward this weekend. Let's hope that the weather cooperates.

Students brought home their third quarter interim reports yesterday. Please take time to review with your student and help set goals to end the quarter on a high note.

Parents attended an engaging presentation last evening with Vincent DeVivo, from the United States Attorney Office. It was a sobering reminder for all of us to protect our children and ourselves as we use the Internet. Please be sure you periodically check your child's computers, phones, emails and messages and monitor their access to the Internet. For helpful information, please visit www.netsmartz.org.

Are your children missing jackets, shirts, lunch boxes? Please remind them to check the very large collection in our cafeteria. We have told students that these will be packed up and sent to charity by next Friday.

Enjoy the weekend!

IMPORTANT DATES:

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

March 14 7th grade Cultural Arts Assembly

March 30 – April 3 – Spring Break

April 13 – End of 3rd Quarter Marking Period – 3 Hour Early Dismissal

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

June 15 - Last student day

“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:

Carolyn O'Rourke	Gianna Schlossnagle
Jack Hadeed	Elena Walter
Riya Patel	Grace Weirich
Cameron Lippert	Christian Maiorana
Maria Emmons	Aidan Kristo

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!

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.

SCHOOL CALENDAR CHANGES FOR 2017/18 – A DAY/B DAY SCHEDULE:

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, and in preparation for all possible inclement weather make-up days, we have 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.
- If Wednesday, April 4 is used as an inclement weather make-up day, it will be a B Day.
- If Thursday, April 5 is used as an inclement weather make-up day, it will be an A Day.

- If Friday, April 6 is used as an inclement weather make-up day, it will be a B Day.
- If Friday, May 18 is used as an inclement weather make-up day, it will be a B Day.
- If Friday, June 15 is used as an inclement weather make-up day, it will be a B Day.

Attached is an updated A/B calendar, reflecting the changes in **RED**.

“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.

GOTTA EAT NIGHT:

LKMS' next "Gotta Eat Night" is scheduled for March 27, from 4:00-8:00pm at the Chipotle in Fulton, 11811 West Market Place. Bring the attached flier or show it on your smartphone to the cashier. The LKMS' PTA will receive 50% of the proceeds.

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.

ATHOLTON HIGH SCHOOL:

Come to Atholton High School's Annual Multicultural Night on Monday, March 12, from 5:30-7:30pm. Enjoy free food from around the world alongside live entertainment. Atholton High School wants to offer a unique cultural experience to all prospective Raiders. All are Welcome! For more information, please email jessiewang72@gmail.com.

ATHOLTON HIGH SCHOOL FALL ATHLETICS:

Any incoming 9th grade student who would like to tryout for a fall sport next year (2018-2019 school year), please note that tryouts 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

LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE OPPORTUNITY FOR MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS:

If you are interested in sharing the student voice on HCPSS policy and community issues, gaining leadership skills, practicing community service, and working with student leaders, please join the next Howard County Association of Student Councils' (HCASC) meeting on Wednesday, March 14, 7:00-8:30pm at the Board of Education, 10910 Clarksville Pike, Ellicott City. For more information, please contact cindy_drummond@hcpss.org or visit www.hcasc.hcpss.org.

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!

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](#)**.