

February 19, 2016

Greetings WLMS!

February is flying by . . . with only 3 school days this week, we still made time to celebrate “National Kindness Week” at WLMS. Students participated in a “Kindness Lesson” during extended homeroom time on Wednesday. On Thursday, students had a blast either playing or watching their peers play basketball for a worthy cause during “Hoops for Hearts”. In addition, grade levels are competing to collect the most “Kindness Links” from their teachers by showing random acts of kindness throughout the school day. Finally, all students arrived at school this morning to find a “Kindness Post-It” message greeting them on their lockers. WLMS students have big hearts, and we love seeing how they make “Kindness Matter” everyday.

Speaking of the Hoops for Heart, WLMS raised an all time high, \$5023 for the American Heart Association. Way to go Tigersharks!!

In honor of Black History Month, all students will participate in a special Black History Presentation next week during their social studies classes (Mon. – 6<sup>th</sup> grade, Tues. – 7<sup>th</sup> grade, Wed. – 8<sup>th</sup> grade). Mr. Marcus Nicks, the BSAP Achievement Liaison from Patuxent Valley Middle School, will facilitate. Mr. Nicks is well known for his uplifting, informative, and thought provoking presentations. He will share illustrious highlights and the legacy of the African American experience. He plans to start with discussing the thriving early African civilizations on the continent of Africa along with the significant pioneers of antiquity. From there he will outline the plight of the African American experience through The Transatlantic slave trade all the way up to more recent times. We are sure that the students are in for a historical treat!

Mrs. Spiro would like to us to CELEBRATE. . . On Saturday February 5th, 13 strings students attended the Howard County Solo & Ensemble Festival at Mt. Hebron High School. Please congratulate the following students who placed in a first rating and will participate in State S & E Festival in May. (WAY TO GO WLMS STRINGS!)

Sangwon( Jason) Kwon  
Godswill Enomanna  
Maya Classon  
Alex Nguyen  
Lexi Nguyen  
Abigail McCoy  
Tom McCoy

Additionally, the following students participated in the event and did a great job, too.

Kolya Cochran

Marvin Chen

Tony D'Angeli

An Nguyen

Ruth Ayele

Michelle Enomanna

Hope to see you at the WLMS Soul Food Feast next Friday, February 26<sup>th</sup>!

Anne Swartz, Peter Gaylord, Alexia Couch, Tiffanie Nunley

### Important Dates:

February 26 – Soul Food Feast

March 4 – GOTCHA Store

March 9 – Dental Clinic

March 11 – Interim Reports Issued

### WLMS Booster News

The next booster meeting will be on Tuesday, March 8 in the Media Center at 6:30pm. In the meantime, please consider taking on a booster officer position next year. Without willing volunteers to step up, the boosters (and support for our performing arts groups) will be NO MORE. We are losing many, many officers to HS next year (including President and Secretary). Attached are the officer position descriptions. Please let me know if you are interested in one of the positions. I encourage those of you who know families coming to WLMS next year to recruit them into positions as well. The boosters have been able to provide the performing arts program with much needed additional equipment and music that the county can not simply afford to provide. Please support our children and teachers and step up to volunteer! WE NEED YOU!

**Folly Quarter Middle School Community Indoor Yard Sale.** Sat. March 12, 8:00am -12:00pm, 13500 Triadelphia Rd. Ellicott City. Get your spring cleaning done early! Clean out your closets, basements, and garages! Sell your items at our yard sale. Do you have a craft or product you wish to sell? Space available/\$20 per table. Vendors keep their profits. To reserve a space email [fqmsyardsale2016@gmail.com](mailto:fqmsyardsale2016@gmail.com) or call 410.489.5799. This is a fundraiser for local charity sponsored by the FQMS Leo Club and PTA. Volunteers needed for this event may also contact [fqmsyardsale2016@gmail.com](mailto:fqmsyardsale2016@gmail.com)

## Community Notices

*These events are neither sponsored nor endorsed by the Howard County Public School System.*

### **Slayton House Theatre – Camp of the Arts**

A Musical Theatre Summer Camp for 2016. Three sessions are being offered. See the attached flyer for more details or call 410-730-3987.

### **Center for Creative Life and Learning**

The Girls on Fire Mentoring program is designed to help girls build self-esteem. The program targets girls age 8-14, 8-11 and 12-14. Girls participate in a variety of art forms activities and self-esteem building group sessions. Meets the 4th Sat. each month at the Columbia Art Center. For information call 410-312-0758.

### **Columbia Association**

The Columbia Art Center offers a wide variety of Art Classes for portfolio development and personal interest. Also offering a new Youth Artistic Masters Certificate Program. Check out the Fall Brochure on [www.columbiaartcenter.org](http://www.columbiaartcenter.org) for more information. For inquiries or to register, please call Columbia Art Center at 410-730-0075 or email [art.staff@columbiaassociation.org](mailto:art.staff@columbiaassociation.org).

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### **Junior Achievement Rising Women**

JA Rising Women is a unique after-school opportunity for female high school students in Howard County, Wed., **Feb. 17-May 18**, 5-6:30 p.m. (with 3 sessions extending to 7 p.m.) at bts Software Solutions in Columbia, MD. For more details and application requests, please contact Hina Naseem at [hnaseem@jamyland.org](mailto:hnaseem@jamyland.org) or 410-313-6403.

### **Columbia Orchestra**

The Columbia Orchestra presents the Young People's Concerts on Sat., **Feb. 20**, at 10:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m., at the Jim Rouse Theatre at Wilde Lake High School. Visit us at [www.columbiaorchestra.org](http://www.columbiaorchestra.org) or call 410-465-8777 for tickets.

### **Columbia Orchestra**

High Seas Adventure with musical tales of sea-faring pirates and Sinbad the Sailor. Sat. **Feb. 20**, 10:30 a.m. or 1 p.m. Children 11 & Under are Free and all others are only \$15. Please visit [www.columbiaorchestra.org](http://www.columbiaorchestra.org).

### **Savage Volunteer Fire Co.**

The Savage Volunteer Fire Co Ladies Auxiliary is having their Bingo fundraiser on Sat., **Feb. 20**, 8521 Corridor Road Savage, MD. Doors open at 5:00 p.m. Games start at 7:00 p.m. For advance tickets call: 301-604-2468 or 301-725-6409. Please provide name, phone and number of tickets.

### **Oakland Mills Community Center**

Lively Arts for Little Ones presents: "Musical Fun with Mr. Hyson" on Fri., **Feb. 26**, 10 a.m. at The Other Barn, 5851 Robert Oliver Place, Columbia. For more information, call 410-730-4610 or visit [oaklandmills.org](http://oaklandmills.org).

### **Columbia Association**

The Columbia Art Center is offering Drape and Texture Graphite Drawing with Alina Poroshina, Sat. **Feb 27**, 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m. For inquiries or to register, please call Columbia Art Center at 410-730-0075 or [art.staff@columbiaassociation.org](mailto:art.staff@columbiaassociation.org).

### **Howard County Government**

Talking to your Teens About Sex, Thurs, **Feb. 25**, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Bain Center, 5470 Ruth Keeton Way, Columbia. Parents will be able to discuss common concerns such For more information or to register, visit [www.howardcountymd.gov/familyinstitute](http://www.howardcountymd.gov/familyinstitute), call 410-313-1440 or email [children@howardcountymd.gov](mailto:children@howardcountymd.gov).

### **Howard County Government**

Student Loan Forum and Resource Fair on Wed., **Mar. 2**, 7 p.m. at the George Howard Building, 3430 Courthouse Drive in Ellicott City, MD. A panel of local, state and federal experts will answer questions about the student loan process, provide vital resource materials and offer one-on-one guidance. A printable flier is available at [www.howardcountymd.gov/comsumer](http://www.howardcountymd.gov/comsumer) or call 410-313-6420 (voice/relay) for more information.

### **University of Maryland**

Keys to Empowering Youth program, **Mar. 5**, 10 a.m.-3:30 p.m. at the University of Maryland. Registration is conducted on a first come, first serve basis until all available spaces are full. Submit your registration form, which can be found at [www.wie.umd.edu/k12/key-program](http://www.wie.umd.edu/k12/key-program) as soon as possible to secure your place in the March program. For further about this program, please contact Dawn Ginnett at [dginnett@umd.edu](mailto:dginnett@umd.edu) or 301-405-0315.

### **John Hopkins Applied Physics Lab**

Girl Power engages middle and high school students in interactive demonstrations from female STEM professionals. This is a free event held at the Kossiakoff center at JHU's Applied Physics Lab on **Mar. 6**, 2-5 p.m. <http://www.jhuapl.edu/STEM/Students?APL-Programs>.

### **Strathmore Hall Foundation**

Annapolis Symphony Orchestra and world-renowned cellist Lynn Harrell will perform at the Music Center at Strathmore, 5301 Tuckerman Lane, North Bethesda, MD. Sun., **Mar. 6**, 3 p.m. For more information and to purchase tickets visit <http://www.startmore.org/events-and-tickets/annapolis-symphony-16> or contact the Strathmore at 301-581-5100.

### **Howard Community College**

Educational Foundation cordially invites you to the annual Silas Craft Collegians Dinner to benefit the Silas Craft Collegians Scholarship Endowment and Program. The Chinese dinner buffet will be served continuously from 5-8 p.m. on Mon., **Mar. 7**, at 7091 Deepage Drive in Columbia. For more information or to purchase tickets, please call the Development Office at Howard Community College, 443-518-1970 or visit [www.howardcc.edu/sccathunan](http://www.howardcc.edu/sccathunan).

### **Howard County Government**

TEEN Anxiety: How to Recognize, Communicate, and Help Your Teen  
Wed., **Feb. 17**, 6:30-8 p.m. Ellicott City 50+ Athletic Center Conference Room, \$8 Space is limited, pre-registration is required. [www.howardcountymd.gov/familyinstitute/](http://www.howardcountymd.gov/familyinstitute/) or phone (voice/relay): 410-313-1440.

### **Oakland Mills Village Center**

Lively Arts for Little Ones presents: "Mr. Gabe" on Fri., **Mar. 11**, 10 a.m., The Other Barn, 5851 Robert Oliver Place, Columbia. Tickets are \$5.00 (ages 2 and up). For more information, call 410-730-4610 or visit [oaklandmills.org](http://oaklandmills.org).

### **St. Louis Catholic Church**

Youth Ministry Presents The 35th Annual Italian Dinner On Sun., **Mar. 13**, 12:30-6:30 p.m., St. Louis Cafetorium, Rte. 108 & 32. All meals include Spaghetti or Lasagna soda/coffee/tea, salad, garlic bread, and homemade desserts. Tickets cost \$10/adult, \$5/children (10 & under), \$13/Lasagna, \$16/Combo Spaghetti/Lasagna & \$40/Immediate family of 6. Call (410) 531-6668.

### **Howard County Government**

Youth and Teen Model Call, young men and women are invited to participate in an audition to perform in the 4th annual Fashion Show produced by Sean Gibson of Model Citizen Models. Model Call for 8-10 year olds will run from 1-2 p.m.; Model Call for 11-17 year old will run from 2-3 p.m. Fashion Show will take place on Sat., **Mar. 19**. Preregistration is encouraged, but not required. Registration: 410-313-7275. Information: Holly Harden, 410-313-4625 or [hharden@howardcountymd.gov](mailto:hharden@howardcountymd.gov)

### **Columbia Association**

Howard County Library System, Howard County Public School System, and the Columbia Association Art Center are calling on students in grades K to 12 to enter the annual Choose Civility Poster and Video Contest. Posters and videos should be submitted by **Mar. 25** by mail or in person to: Monica Herber, Columbia Association Art Center, 6100 Foreland Garth, Columbia, MD.

### **Glen Mar Church**

Singers (adults and high-school age) are needed to perform John Rutter's entire "Requiem" at a Good Friday Worship Service on **Mar. 25**, 7:30 p.m. at Glen Mar United Methodist Church in Ellicott City. Practice starts on Thurs., 7 -7:30 p.m. in Jan. Contact Sophie Hong, Glen Mar's Music Director at 410-465-4995 ext. 209 or [sofie.hong@glenmarunc.org](mailto:sofie.hong@glenmarunc.org)

### **University of Maryland**

Exploring Engineering is a one-week residential summer program for high school women (rising juniors and seniors) who are considering engineering as a possible major and career. **July 10-16**, (Session I) or **July 17-23**, (Session II) The application deadline is **Mar 31**.

Students will live on campus for one week and be immersed in the world of engineering through hands-on activities, laboratory experiments, informative workshops, team challenges and seminars with professional engineers. Space is limited to 32 girls per session. Bria Barry, 301-405-3283, [bmcelroy@umd.edu](mailto:bmcelroy@umd.edu)  
<http://wie.umd.edu/k12e2atumd>

### **University of Maryland**

Stepping Stones to Your Future (SSTYF) summer camp. This week-long coed commuter camp is for rising 7th & 8th graders who are interested in learning more about engineering. Each day is filled with a variety of fun hands-on activities and engineering challenges. There are two weeks to choose from: Session 1 **July 18-22** or Session 2 **July 25-29**. To apply, we require an online form and a teacher recommendation from a current math or science teacher. For more information and to fill out the application, visit our website at <http://wie.umd.edu/k12/sstyf>. If you have any questions, contact Dawn Ginnett at [dginnett@umd.edu](mailto:dginnett@umd.edu). 301-405-0315.

**July 18-22**, (Session I) or **July 25-29**, 2016 (Session II)

### **University of Maryland**

iEngineer is a summer STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) camp for rising 4th and 5th grade girls. **July 11-15**, deadline **March 7**. This one-week commuter day camp is an exciting opportunity for girls to learn more about STEM. Contact: Candice Staples, 301-405-6610, [cstaples@umd.edu](mailto:cstaples@umd.edu), <http://wie.umd.edu/k12/iengineer>

### **University of Maryland**

SPICE Camp – Students with Potential and Interest, Considering Engineering, **June 27-July 1**.

SPICE Camp is a week-long commuter program for young women who will be entering the 9th and 10th grade next fall and would like to learn more about engineering University of Maryland, College Park. Space is limited. The application deadline is March 31st. Scholarship opportunities will be made available once admittance decisions have been made. Bria Barry, 301-405-3283, [bmcelroy@umd.edu](mailto:bmcelroy@umd.edu),  
<http://wie.umd.edu/k12/spice-camp>.

### **College Park Tennis Club**

Learn Tennis at the Premiere Tennis Center, **June 13 –Aug. 19**, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., College Park Tennis Club 5200 Paint Branch Parkway, College Park, MD.

Our students will learn the sport of a lifetime, under the direction of our certified teaching staff. Center. [tdelaney@cptennisclub.com](mailto:tdelaney@cptennisclub.com), 301-779-8000, [www.cptennisclub.com](http://www.cptennisclub.com)

### **Glen Mar Church**

Glen Mar church summer mission trip opportunities. The first trip is to Crisfield, MD. The second and third trips are to Hurley, VA. The fourth trip is to inner city Baltimore. The fifth trip is to Cherokee, NC. Join us at [www.glenmarumc.org](http://www.glenmarumc.org) and click on the 'Mission' tab. There are pictures from last year, dates, and information on costs. For more information, contact: D.C. Veale at 410-465-4995 ext. 205 or [dc.veale@glenmarumc.org](mailto:dc.veale@glenmarumc.org).

### **Girl Scouts**

Teddy Bear and Me Tea on Sun., **Mar. 13**, 1:30- 3:30 p.m., at the Mt. Zion United Methodist Church, 12430 Scaggsville Road, Highland. Contact Gay Williams [gaywilliams12@gmail.com](mailto:gaywilliams12@gmail.com) or call [301.740.0295](tel:301.740.0295). Delicious treats, crafts, songs and activities Coordinated by G.S. Cadette Troop 10076  
Should you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me at [301.740.0295](tel:301.740.0295).

### **SPORTS**

#### **4th Quarter**

Spring after school leadership program at Bonnie Branch and Elkridge Landing Middle School (Spring registration ends **Mar. 1**, 2016). The Fourth Quarter uses fitness and touch football to tackle these MAJOR community issues: 1. Lack of focus 2. Experimentation with drugs and alcohol 3. Childhood obesity 4. Failing to reach ones leadership potential. Become apart of the 4th Quarter TEAM by downloading a 4th Quarter Spring registration form at [the4thqtr.org](http://the4thqtr.org) or [jguy@the4thqtr.org](mailto:jguy@the4thqtr.org)

#### **SuperSquads**

It's not too late for after school cheerleading with SuperSquads. Team practice is once a week and ends late April in 11 county schools. Please contact [supersquadsinfo@verizon.net](mailto:supersquadsinfo@verizon.net) or 410-796-2244.