

February 5, 2016

Greetings WLMS!

It is nice to be back in a routine this week. Thank you for participating in mid-year parent teacher conferences yesterday and today! Please continue to keep in contact with your child's teachers and progress via Canvas, email, phone, etc. Quarter Two Report Cards will go home on Tuesday, February 9th. Please take a moment to sit down and review your child's report card with her/him. Focus on what went well and discuss areas of improvement. Third quarter can be a difficult time for students to sustain their learning momentum. Let's encourage students to set goals for success and stay on top of it!

Congratulations to our WLMS Strings Students who participated in this week's "String Fling" at Wilde Lake HS! Ms. Spiro and our students did an amazing job!

Just a reminder that there is no school for students on Monday . . . See you Tuesday!

Anne Swartz, Peter Gaylord, Lexi Couch, Tiffanie Nunley

IMPORTANT DATES

February 8 – Professional Learning Day – Schools closed for students

February 9 – Report Cards Issued

February 9-12 – Kindness Week

February 12 – Activity Day

February 15 – Presidents' Day – Schools & Offices closed

February 18 – Hoops for Heart (during Related Arts Classes)

February 19 – Student 2nd Quarter Awards Ceremony

The new date for the Dental Clinic is Wednesday, March 9th. If you have any questions, please contact the Cluster Nurse, Annette Grzybinski R.N. at 410-313-6957.

Want information on SCHOLARSHIP, INTERNSHIP aLEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES?

HCASC invites **all middle and high school students interested in leadership with a purpose** to participate in our unique student-run monthly meetings the second Wednesday of every month-

- learn leadership skills and best practices
- discuss current events impacting students in HCPSS
- explore ways to make a difference in their schools and communities
- have fun!

Come see what 100 student leaders, athletes, and artists, who meet each month already know- HCASC is for students who want to get involved and work together to make their schools and HCPSS as strong as it can be.

Next meeting **Wednesday 2/10 7-8:30** at the **Homewood School 10914 MD-108, Ellicott City, MD 21042**. For more information contact cindy_drummond@hcpss.org

Community Notices

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

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 for more information. For inquiries or to register, please call Columbia Art Center at 410-730-0075 or email art.staff@columbiaassociation.org.

Columbia Association

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Howard County's Department of Citizen Service

Winter 2016 Edition of Parent Pages, a newsletter designed for parents and families raising children in Howard County. Published by the Department's Office of Children's Services, the Winter issue contains articles about topics such as helping children with stress, how to start difficult conversations with teens and planning for the long term. To view the newsletter, click on Winter 2016 Parent Pages.

North Laurel Community Center

Mother and Son dance, Sat. **Feb. 6**, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Mothers (or special adults) and sons, ages 3-12 are invited to an evening jam-packed with fun to include refreshments, live DJ, dancing and more. Inclement weather date is Feb. 20. Preregistration is required. Contact: Ashley Jones 410-313-0459 or amjones@howardcountymd.gov.

Columbia Association

When Howard County is out of school the Columbia Art Center host an Artsy Fun Day. The next one will be held on Fri., **Feb. 5**, and Mon., **Feb. 8**, 7:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Art lesson begins at 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. For more information, please call Columbia Art Center at 410-730-0075 or email art.staff@columbiaassociation.org

St. Andrews Episcopal Church

Pancake Supper, Tues. **Feb. 9**, 6-8 p.m., St Andrew's Episcopal Church, Rt. 97 in Glenwood. Contact Beth at elizlindblom@hotmail.com with questions.

Howard County Government

Chess Club After School with Silver Knights Chess Company
Grades K-5 / 14 classes starting **Feb 9** / \$185

Learn how to play chess from highly rated professional chess instructors who have coached many state and national champions. All chess supplies provided. (No class 3/29, 4/26.) Info: Adam Wienckowski, 410-313-4714 or awienckowski@howardcountymd.gov

Glenelg Country School

The College Admission Process: The Past, Present, and Future, **Feb. 10**, 7 p.m., Multz Theater, Glenelg Country School, 12793 Folly Quarter Rd, Ellicott City, MD. A panel of distinguished college and university admission officers will host a frank and informative discussion
Full Details and RSVP: www.glenelg.org/dragindialogues.

St. Louis Church

Middle School Feb. Fun Friday Event, Fri, Feb 12, 7-10 p.m., school cafeteria.
Ticket Sales, Feb. 8-12, 9 a.m., ticket sales, Feb. 8-12, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., PAC Building.
For Information 410-531-6668 psprinkle@stloiusparish.org

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“2016 “Children On Board” Preschool/Child Care Information Fair, Sat., **Feb.13**, 1-4 p.m., Ten Oaks Ballroom, 5000 Signal Bell Lane, Clarksville, MD. The new 2016 Parent’s Guide to Howard County will be distributed at the event free of charge. For more information about the Fair, contact the Office of Children’s Services at either 410-313-1940 or via e-mail at children@howardcountymd.gov.

American Association of University Women

All organizations and individuals interested in the advancement of girls in STEM fields are invited to attend the upcoming MAGiC Research Forum, Sat., **Feb.13**, 9 a.m.-12 p.m., University of Maryland Jeong H. Kim Engineering Building College Park, MD.
<http://ngcproject.org>

Columbia Association

Join the Columbia Art Center for Free Family Art Frenzy on Sun., **Feb. 14**, 1-3 p.m. All ages welcome, come and enjoy making a small heart mosaic. For more information, please call Columbia Art Center at 410-730-0075 or email art.staff@columbiaassociation.org

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@jmaryland.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 or call 410-465-8777 for 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.

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.

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Student Loan Forum and Resource Fair on Wed., Mar. 2 at 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/consumer 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 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 or 301-405-0315.

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. Tickets are \$45 per person and the Silas Craft Collegians Endowment receives 100% of the proceeds from the ticket sales to the event. 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.

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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/familyinstitutue/ or phone (voice/relay): 410-313-1440.

St. Louis Catholic Church

Youth Ministry Presents The 35th Annual Italian Dinner On Sun., **Mar. 13**, 12:30-6:30, 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.

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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

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

University of Maryland

Maryland Junior Science and Humanities Symposium, Weds., **Mar. 30**, at the University of Maryland. The priority deadline is Fri., **Jan. 22**. Subsequent applications will be accepted on a rolling basis through Fri, **Feb. 12**. The A. James Clark School of Engineering at the University of Maryland is facilitating this event in partnership with the School of Public Health, the College of Computer, Mathematics, & Natural Sciences, and the College of Agriculture & Natural Resources. For more information on Maryland JSHS, and for instructions on how to register, please visit <http://jshs.umd.edu>. For general questions on JSHS, you may also visit www.jshs.org. You may also email jshsterp@umd.edu.

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, 301-779-8000, www.cptennisclub.com

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 or jguy@the4thqtr.org