

December 18, 2015

Greetings WLMS!

We've truly enjoyed a "Musical December" at WLMS. Earlier this month, Mr. Messick's Band Students received a standing ovation during their evening performance. Last weekend, we loved the acting and singing talents of 40+ students in the amazing musical, "There's a Monster in My Closet". This week, our students performed beautifully during both the Winter Choral & Strings Concerts. One parent shared that Mr. Hrico's Chorus stands out as one of "The Best" in the county! And, 7th grade's version of "Danny Boy" brought the house down during the Mrs. Spiro's Strings Concert. Thank you for coming out to support our "WLMS Musicians" this week!

On behalf of the WLMS Staff, we would like to wish you and yours a happy and safe holiday season. May your family enjoy some great quality time during the Winter Break. We will see you in 2016!

Anne Swartz, Peter Gaylord, Alexia Couch, Tiffanie Nunley

Important Dates:

December 24 – January 3 – Winter Break (Schools & Offices closed)

January 8 – Atholton and Wilde Lake High Schools visit 8th graders

January 14 – Spelling Bee

January 15 – 8th grade Lock-in

January 18 – Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday (Schools & Offices closed)

Community Notices:

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

Crisis Text Line

Help at your fingertips, Crisis Text Line serves anyone, in any type of crisis, bullying, self-harm, and more. A live, trained Crisis Counselor receives the text and responds quickly to help you move from a hot moment to a cool moment and to stay safe and healthy. **Text START to 741-741**, anonymous and confidential. If you have any questions or would like more information about Crisis Text Line, please contact Laurie Carson at lauriecarson@verizon.net for more information or to volunteer, visit www.crisistextline.org.

Howard County Recreation and Parks

Volleyball classes starting this Jan., you can view all of the programs and get more info at <http://www.howardcountymd.gov/volleyball.htm>. Just click on the Youth Volleyball Programs and Leagues link. For questions, please contact Carson Nickell at cjnickell@howardcountymd.gov or 410-313-4720. To register, call 410-313-7275.

Columbia Association

Holiday Breakfast, all ages, Pre-registration required. Sat, **Dec. 19**, 9:30-11 a.m., KidSpace/PPP Mbrs, \$10 per family Columbia Cardholder, \$12 per family, Non-Mbrs, \$14 per family. Enjoy our multicultural holiday breakfast, music, holiday stories, arts and crafts and more.

www.columbiaassociation.org/kidspace

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The Columbia Art Center offers a variety of Art Classes for children of all ages. 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](tel:410-730-0075) or email art.staff@columbiaassociation.org.

Brightminds Foundations

Invites you to attend The Business and Economics Impact of Howard County Public School System Locally and Globally. Register by **Dec. 28**, www.brightmindsfoundation.org 410-740-0707.

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Visiting Artist Workshops, **Dec. 29-Dec. 30**, 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. For more information, please call Columbia Art Center at [410-730-0075](tel:410-730-0075) or art.staff@columbiaassociation.org.

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Candlelight Concert Society

Brentano Quartet, Sat., **Jan. 9**, 8 p.m., Smith Theatre – Columbia, MD

For more information and to purchase tickets www.candlelightconcerts.org

Candlelight Concert Society

Junie B.'s Essential Survival Guide to School by Theatreworks USA, Sun., **Jan. 31**, 2 & 4 p.m.

Smith Theatre Columbia, MD. www.candlelightconcerts.org 410-997-2324

Food on the 15th

Volunteer opportunities for students of all ages. We collect, sort and deliver free non-perishable groceries directly to low-income Howard County senior citizens. To learn more about what we do, visit our website at www.foodonthe15th.org/. We are always looking for students and groups to do food drives for us. We can be reached at foodonthe15th@gmail.com.

Elkridge Library

Tween Club, Tues., 6:30-8 p.m., ages 9-12, 90 minutes, **Dec 15, 2015**: Craft & Create; **Dec 29, 2015**: "Art Market" - craft supplies with a "cost"; **Jan 12, 2016**: Scratch Games; **Jan 26, 2016**: Pop-Ups and More **Feb 9, 2016**: Design Challenge; **Feb 23, 2016**: Bubble. Bubble. Toil & Slime Science."

Columbia Association

When Howard County is out of school the Columbia Art Center host an Artsy Fun Day Culture Kaleidoscope: Celebrations Around the World, **Dec 28 - Dec 30**, 7:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Cost is 50\$ per day. Art lesson begins at 9:30 a.m. and finishes at 3:30 p.m. For more information, please call Columbia Art Center at 410-730-0075 or email art.staff@columbiaassociation.org.

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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

Ellicott City Soccer Club

Winter Soccer will host two winter indoor training five week sessions for players 3-12 years old, Sessions will be run by the City coaching staff and the entire Foundation Program will be run by City technical staff member Wade Whitney. www.ellicottcitysc.org.

Tot Development Academy, 3-5 yrs, Wednesdays, 5:30-6:15 p.m.; \$89

Youth Academy: 6-8 yrs; Wednesdays, 6:15-7:15 p.m.; \$99

Transitional Academy: 9-12 yrs, Mondays, 5:30-6:30 p.m.; \$99