

# POINTER VIEW NEWSLETTER

[www2.hcpss.org/pres](http://www2.hcpss.org/pres)

February 16, 2012

Health Room Direct Dial Line 410-313-5633

Health Room Fax line 410-531-4825

School Hours: Arrival 9:10 - 9:25

Dismissal 3:45 - 3:55

**Lunch Prices: Please do not send large denominations of bills for lunches**

[www.schoolmenus.com](http://www.schoolmenus.com)

Student Lunch - \$2.50

Milk - .50

Adult Lunch - \$4.00

**The Master Schedule for students is on our website.  
Please consult it to check your child's schedule.**

**DON'T FORGET To send in your box-tops!**

The PRES website ([www2.hcpss.org/pres](http://www2.hcpss.org/pres)) will link you to each staff member's email address (the best method of communication) and webpage (if available). Just click on the staff member's name under their team to go directly to their email. Please use this as your first line of communication when time is not of the essence. **Please keep in mind that when the office staff takes phone messages they are e-mailed to the staff member.**

## IMPORTANT CALENDAR DATES

### FEBRUARY

- 20 School Closed - President's Day
- 23 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip - Baltimore Museum of Industry
- 27-3/2 Kindergarten Registration Week 10:00 - 2:00 (see below for information)
- Lime Kiln Middle School meeting cancelled for Monday 2/27.

Further information to follow.

- 28 Picture Day
- 29 Picture Day
- Interims Issued

### MARCH

- 01 Family Reading Night
- 02 Dr. Seuss Day
- 05 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Field Trip - In-House, Zoomobile
- 06 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Field Trip - In-House, Zoomobile
- 14 MSA Reading Test-Grades 3-5
- 15 MSA Reading Test-Grades 3-5
- 20 MSA Math Test-Grades 3-5
- 21 MSA Math Test-Grades 3-5
- 22 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Field Trip - Atholton High School Play
- 30 School Closes 3 Hours early - End of 3<sup>rd</sup> Marking Period

### **VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED FOR TUESDAY AND THURSDAY**

We are still in need of parent volunteers to help cover the office during the week of New Student/Kindergarten Registration. **If you are available for a two hour time block from 10:00 – 12:00 on Tuesday 2/28 or Thursday 3/1,** email Ro Pavlovsky at [rpavlovsky@hcpss.org](mailto:rpavlovsky@hcpss.org) to sign up. Please include your phone number and email address when responding. We so appreciate your help and look forward to hearing from you. Thank you so much!

Does your child deserve a special treat for bringing home a great report card?? If so, visit Kupcakes & Co.! All K-2 students receiving satisfactory or better and 3rd-5th students receiving all A's & B's can receive a free cupcake (a \$2.50 value). This offer is good through 3/1/12. Simply bring your report card to Kupcakes & Co. for your special treat!

Kupcakes & Co. is located at 6010 Meadowridge Center Drive (in the back of building), Elkridge, MD 20175, Phone - 443-552-3033. [www.kupcakesco.com](http://www.kupcakesco.com)

### Jump Rope For Heart

Congratulations to all of our 3rd, 4th and 5th graders for participating in our Jump Rope For Heart event and being "Heart Hero's"!! All had a fun afternoon!! We raised just over \$5,600 for the American Heart Association!! Way to go!! Special congrats to Meena Manoj and Bridgette Kim for raising \$225 and \$310 respectively!! To see how much fun we had check out our PE web page after Spring Break to see the 2012 version of our Jump For Heart Video!!

**New Student Kindergarten Registration February 27<sup>th</sup> – March 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Please make arrangements to come in to register your child. Classes will be formed in May. If we do not have an accurate number of new enrollments (because parents might wait until summer to register) it could cause us to have larger class sizes. **PLEASE REGISTER YOUR CHILD THIS WEEK AND ENCOURAGE YOUR NEIGHBORS TO REGISTER AS WELL!**

Below is a list of required documents needed to register your child.

1. Custodial parent must register the student.
2. Original **Birth Certificate or Passport** as child's proof of birth.
3. **Parent Photo ID** (driver's license, passport, etc.)
4. Any one of the following **utility bills** showing property address:
  - a. BG&E
  - b. Telephone (land line only)
  - c. Water Bill
  - d. Comcast Cable
5. **Proof of residency (any ONE of the following):**
  - a. **Original Deed or Deed of Trust** if you have been in your home for more than more than 90 days (with all required signatures) or,
  - b. **Signed settlement** papers once you have settled on your home or,
  - c. Original Current **Lease** if you are leasing a house or apartment

• **If you have not yet settled on your home you must contact Marsha Miller at 410-313-6997.**

• **If you live with another family in their home you must contact PPW Kevin Lee at 410-313-7478, to fill out a Multi-Family Disclosure Form.**

6. Proof of **Immunizations** (even if not current, with Dr.'s signature or office stamp).
7. **Social Security Number** or card (requested, not required)
8. Legal proof of custody (court order) *If applicable.*

Children not born in the USA will need to contact the Office of International Student Services @ 410-313-7101 or 7102.

**PARENTS:**

**PLEASE REVIEW THE UNSCHEDULED CLOSING ROUTINE YOU DESIGNATED FOR YOUR CHILD AT THE BEGINNING OF THIS SCHOOL YEAR. WE HAVE ESCAPED SERIOUS WEATHER SO FAR, BUT WE WANT TO BE PREPARED IN THE EVENT OF SUCH WEATHER!**

## PREKINDERGARTEN PROGRAM

The Pointers Run Regional Early Childhood Center (RECC) toddler and preschool programs will begin accepting applications for classes for the 2012-2013 school year on **February 13th**. These classes include children with and without disabilities. The program's focus is helping all children develop communication, literacy, math, problem solving, motor, and social skills. Parents of children who will be 3 and 4 years of age for the 2012-2013 school year may pick up an application package in the school office **beginning February 13, 2012**.

All applications must be returned by March 16, 2012. A limited number of openings are available for children without disabilities. Children are selected based upon screening information given on the application form and the "Ages and Stages Questionnaire," as well as observations of the child's participation in a playgroup. If necessary, a lottery process is conducted.

If you have any questions, please contact Jane Berman at (410) 313-7142 or at [jane\\_berman@hcpss.org](mailto:jane_berman@hcpss.org).

## **SAVE THE DATE!**

**Are you excited to go to middle school?**

**Are you looking forward to meeting new friends and teachers?**

**This year you have a chance to get to know Clarksville Middle School a few months early, at their first annual "Family Fun Run" on May 17th - Save the Date!**

**Who?** PRES and CES 5th graders, current CMS 6th, 7th, and 8th graders, and their families

**When?** May 17th, 2012, 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

**What?** A 2-mile run/walk, followed by a picnic with family & friends. There will be a DJ to help celebrate you becoming a new member of our school!

**How?** Registration forms will come home in a few weeks!

Immediately after the Fun Run, you are invited to attend CMS' annual GT Enrichment fair, starting at 7 p.m. inside the school.

More details are coming soon!

## Redistricted Student Information

Pointers Run Elementary School will receive 177 students from Fulton Elementary School for the 2012-13 school year. We are planning a set of transition activities to help the families prepare to join our school community. Throughout the school year we will be sending you more information about activities planned for the Fulton families, some of which the entire PRES community will be invited.

Between January and May you will be notified about these events:

- An opportunity for entire families to attend a welcome activity at PRES
- An opportunity for new students to visit our school
- Opportunities for Fulton families to attend additional activities at PRES

We look forward to having our new students join us. We hope to provide a welcoming environment for all children at PRES. Please help us by extending your welcome to the Fulton students and families. We look forward to the activities that will be planned by PTA and the school in the spring. Thanks!

Darlene Fila

**Battle of the Books, April 2012:** If you are coaching a BoB team this year; please send me an email to let me know. I am happy to be a point of contact for all of the 12 PRES teams....yes folks, **12 teams!!!** Please indicate if it you give permission to share your contact information with other coaches from PRES. With this many teams, you may want to be in contact with each other to share ideas and strategies that you find work for your team.

I will run a mock battle of the books sometime in the weeks preceding the actual event and would like to be sure to include all of the teams. I'm so excited for all of the participants. This is truly a wonderful event and everyone participating is a winner. Contact me at: [Janet\\_Browning@hcpss.org](mailto:Janet_Browning@hcpss.org)

All the best and Happy Reading!!! Janet Browning, Library Media Specialist

The following students will be representing Pointers Run Elementary School at a special exhibition entitled "The Third and Sixth Grade Showcase". The exhibit will run from January 23 – March 18 at the Board of Education Gallery. An

artist's reception is scheduled for Wednesday, January 25 from 5-7 pm.  
Congratulations, super 3<sup>rd</sup> graders:

- ❖ Drew Kassman
- ❖ Ethan Chiang
- ❖ Enoch Graham
- ❖ Cristina Zhang

### Animal Shelter Donations

Girl Scout Troop 3364 comprised of PRES 5<sup>th</sup> graders is collecting donations for Animal Advocates of Howard County. This organization is a nonprofit with no paid staff members. They count on donations to help save the lives of homeless animals. Donation boxes are located in the front of the school and in the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade areas. Recommended items are dry/wet cat and dog food, soft treats and biscuit type treats, new dog and cat toys, especially Kong type indestructible toys, leashes, blankets, and towels. If you are an animal lover, please consider donating to this worthy cause. Any questions, please contact [Jo Greenberg at 410-531-0331](#).

### HEALTH ROOM REQUEST:

Parents PLEASE send in clothes for health room. We are low on sizes 5 on up to small adult sizes. We also need shoes. Sweats are best because they fit most kids. Thanks!

### Student Photograph/Videotape Refusal Form

Newspaper and television reporters/photographers may visit Howard County schools to report on events or stories. If your child may be photographed, videotaped or interviewed, you do not have to do anything! Note: Such photographs or videotape may be used in school system publications, local print and television news, and media websites.

**If you DO NOT want your child to be interviewed, photographed or videotaped by school system, local or national media, during the 2010-2011 school year please download the form from the PRES website and submit it to your child's teacher.**

Spring is Coming....  
And So is PRES?

Mixed Bag

Fundraiser!



## February 13 to February 29<sup>th</sup>!

### **Attendance Policy Reminder**

Please be advised that each student is allowed 3 Local Discretionary days each school year that can be used for personal reasons (vacations, reunions, etc). Any days over and beyond the 3 LD days may be coded as Unlawful/Unexcused depending on the reason for the absence. Teachers are not required to give students missed work for Unlawful/Unexcused absences.

Furthermore, any student requesting an absence of 15 days or more (not including the 3 LD days) for Unlawful/Unexcused reasons will be withdrawn and parents will be required to re-enroll the student upon return. For further information please consult the HCPSS website to see policy [9010 - Attendance](#).

Please access the [Extended Absence/Discretionary Absence](#) and the [Religious Obligation: Request for Absence](#) forms on the HCPSS.org website to use when appropriate.

### **Attendance Information:**

Please adhere to our school policy of sending in a **handwritten** note to school the day your child returns to school after an absence. While emailing your child's teacher is acceptable to notify them that your child will not be in school that day, that same email cannot be used to adjust the attendance from truant to an excused or unexcused absence. Please follow-up with a signed note. Thank you.

### Calling All Volunteers for STEM Day 2012!

Pointers Run is still in need of parent volunteers to run activities for STEM Day on April 12, 2012. There are openings in grades K through 4 for volunteers to run four to five 45 minutes sessions in a STEM-related area. If you work in a STEM-related field or are just interested in STEM, please consider volunteering. If interested please email Jessica Brown [jessica\\_brown@hcpss.org](mailto:jessica_brown@hcpss.org) before February. You can either design your own activity or an activity can be assigned to you. Thank you!

### **ONGOING PROGRAMS THAT BENEFIT OUR SCHOOL:**

#### **DON'T THROW OUT THAT INK CARTRIDGE!**

Our school will continue our fundraising project of collecting empty cartridges in a zip-loc bag. Small personal printer sizes only – not office size printer cartridges. Please turn it in to the box located in the hallway in front of the main office.

**Together in Education: Harris Teeter** With the opening of the new Harris Teeter grocery store remember to designate PRES as your school. Go to the following link to sign up.

[http://www.harristeeter.com/community/together\\_in\\_education/link\\_to\\_your\\_school.aspx](http://www.harristeeter.com/community/together_in_education/link_to_your_school.aspx)

**Box Tops:** Remember to clip and send in your Box Tops (Box Tops for Education). Our school directly receives money for each box top submitted. Each one donated adds up! So far, we have submitted about \$470 worth of box tops for this year! Your child can drop these off in the box in the lobby, or in your child's pod. For more information, please contact Lisa Kim at [lmkim01@verizon.net](mailto:lmkim01@verizon.net)

**Giant Food A+ Bonus Bucks Program:** Remember to re-register Pointers Run for Giant Food A+ Bonus Bucks program. It is necessary to designate our school each year. Go to [www.giantfood.com/aplus](http://www.giantfood.com/aplus) using ID 02671.

## **PTA NEWS**

**PRES PTA**  
**2011-2012 Email Newsletter Sign Up**

We are happy to continue offering the PTA Email Newsletter through Constant Contact. In the past year the e-newsletter has helped the PTA to keep members informed about activities and service projects throughout the year. **If you signed up last year you do not need to do a thing in order to continue receiving the bi-weekly newsletter.** If you are not yet on the e-newsletter distribution list you can sign up now.

Simply go to the website at <http://pointersrunpta.org/> and fill in your email address where it asks you to "Sign Up" in the upper right hand corner of the home page. Just click "GO" and follow the directions from there to complete the sign up. You will receive a confirmation email.

For questions you can contact:

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## COMMUNITY NEWS

The Howard County Autism Society (HCAS) and the HCPSS Office of Special Education invite parents to explore programs offered at many local summer camps for students with special needs. For more information, contact the HCAS Resource Center at 410-290-3466 or [info@howard-autism.org](mailto:info@howard-autism.org).

### ***Dragons Elite*** **Boys' Basketball Camp**

**GLENELG COUNTRY SCHOOL**

**12793 Folly Quarter Road**

**Ellicott City, Maryland 21042**

**410-531-8600 • [www.glenelg.org/summer](http://www.glenelg.org/summer)**

#### **Weekdays**

**9:00 am – 3:30 pm**

\$249 for Week 3 (Jul 2-6)

\$309 for Week 4 (Jul 9-13)

\$309 for Week 5 (Jul 16-20)

*\*this includes catered lunch and a camp T-shirt*

Coming off a successful first campaign in the MIAA-A Conference and a MIAA-B Conference Championship in 2011, Coach Kevin Quinlan will offer **intensive skills training for competitive basketball players who dream of achieving success on the high school court and beyond.** Daily activities will include 5-on-5 and small-sided games, thoughts-of-the-day, fundamentals stations, film

sessions on classic NCAA and NBA games, discussions of character development, warm-up & cool-down periods, swimming, freeze pops, and much more. With almost two decades of experience in high school athletics and education, Coach Q, who has trained five Division I student-athletes, will find a way to elevate an ambitious young basketball player's game to the next level.

**For more information and a complete brochure contact Coach Q.**

**[kquinlan@glenelg.org](mailto:kquinlan@glenelg.org)**

**703-505-4707**

[www.glenelg.org/summer](http://www.glenelg.org/summer)

Online registration available with VISA, Mastercard, AMEX, and Discover.

**It's not too early to think about summer camps.** Slayton House Theatre Camp of the Arts is gearing up for an outstanding summer program. Join us for a magical experience. Your child will enjoy dance, music, art and drama. Each session ends in a full production on our professional stage. Discounts are offered for registrations received before Feb 29, 2012. Contact Kathy Verheul, Camp Administrator at [campadmin@columbiavillages.org](mailto:campadmin@columbiavillages.org) or 410-730-3987 for information.