

POINTER VIEW NEWSLETTER

www2.hcpss.org/pres

September 30, 2011

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

\$2.50 Student Lunch

.50 Milk

\$4.00 Adult Lunch

www.schoolmenus.com

DON'T FORGET! To send in your soup labels, box-tops and pop-tops!

The PRES website (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 that staff member.

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.

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

If you need additional "A Note from Home to School" pads (used for dismissal changes or absences), you may pick them up in the front office.

Reminder:

All parents and visitors must sign in at the front office before proceeding to anywhere in the school; including the playground for recess and cafeteria. Also, if you need to give your child medication during school hours, you have to come to the health room to administer it.

Korean

공지사항:

모든 부모님과 방문객은 쉬는 시간에 아이들이 노는 운동장으로 가시든, 식당으로 출입하시든, 학교 내 어느 곳으로든 가시기 전에 교무실에서 출입 사항을 기입해주셔야 합니다..

또한, 학교 시간 중 자녀에게 약을 줘야할 경우, 양호실로 와서 주셔야 합니다.

IMPORTANT CALENDAR DATES

OCTOBER

- 04 Interim Progress Reports go home
- 07 RECC field trip to Clark's Elioak Farm, 9:30 - 11:30
- 11 Reptile Wonders Assembly (PTA)
- 14 School Spirit Day - Jersey Day (wear a football jersey)
- 18 Mix-It-Up Day (3rd -5th Grades) More info to follow
- 20 Girls Night Out grades 3-5, 6:00 - 8:00 - Save the Date
- 21 No School for Students - MSEA Convention**
- 25 Flu Mist Clinic
- 27 Kgtn Field trip to Fire Station

NOVEMBER

- 04 No School for Students - Professional Development Day**
- 07 Fall Picture Make-up Date - All Grades
- 08 G/T Field Trip to Phillip Merrill Center, Annapolis
- 09 1st Grade Field Trip to Sharp's Farm
- 10 School Spirit Day - Hippy Day (wear Hippy Style Clothing)
- 11 Report Cards Issued
- 14 American Education Week
2nd Grade Field Trip to Ho Co Conservancy
Book Fair Starts
- 17 Family Book Fair Book Night
- 21 School Closes 3 hours early at 12:55 for Conferences**
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23 School Closed for Students – Conferences

24-25 School Closed – Thanksgiving Holiday

FluMist vaccine is once again being offered FREE of charge by Howard County Health Department for elementary students at Pointers Run on **October 25th**. Forms will be coming home OCT 7th. Please return them as soon as possible and NO later than OCT 14th. Return them with a YES OR NO response. Parent volunteers are welcomed, please call the Health Room at 410-313-5633.

Calling All Volunteers for STEM Day 2012!

STEM Day 2011 was a huge success thanks to all of the wonderful parents volunteers who planned and/or ran activities for students in the areas of science, technology, engineering and mathematics. We are looking for parent volunteers again this year to run a STEM activity in a grade-level on Thursday, April 12, 2012. The event will last the entire school day as students in each grade level rotate through four to five STEM stations. You may either plan an activity or one can be provided for you. First come first serve on grade-level choice so sign up soon! Please email Jessica Brown at jessica_brown@hcpss.org if you are interested.

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

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

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 using ID 02671.

Pop Tops/ pull-tabs from cans: These pull tabs on cans (soda, soup, etc) benefit families of the Ronald McDonald House. RMD house recycles them for money, which goes to help the children and families that stay there. This is an easy way to help another child or family going through an illness. Please keep these separate from the Box Tops, if possible. For more information, please contact Liz Tomalis at Prescs@gmail.com

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:

Dede Matrangola	Debbie Engle
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COMMUNITY NEWS

SuperSquads Cheerleading After School Program will be starting Monday, Sept. 19th, 3:55 to 5:25 pm. If interested, please register on-line www.eteamz.com/supersquads or email mona_weinberg@hcpss.org.

'Girl Scouts'

Open House

Looking for a Girl Scout Troop for your daughter?
Wondering if girl scouting is right for your family?
Meet some of our volunteers and share some of your memories of being a scout.

Be a Leader - Start a new troop for your daughter and friends.
Join us for an informative session about Girl Scouts in our area.

**When: Wednesday, October 5th
6:30pm**

Where: Clarksville Middle School Cafeteria

Please contact Sheri Keller at keller.sheri@gmail.com for more information

SLAYTON HOUSE - MUSICAL THEATRIX - FALL CLASSES IN PERFORMING ARTS THE CARE CENTER - CHILD AND ADOLESCENT RESOURCES

The CARE Center, Child and Adolescent Resources, provides information and referrals for parents who may have questions or concerns about their children and teens.

Examples of available resources include finding childcare, parenting classes, grandparent support, emotional or mental health concerns, behavior concerns, special needs and may others. The CARE Center can be reached at 410-313-CARE (2273) Monday through Friday from 9 am-5 pm. The service is offered by the Howard County Office of Children's Services - Department of Citizen Services.

For more information, call 410-313-1940, visit their website at www.howardcountymd.gov/children or email at children@howardcountymd.gov.

TWO AREA WALKS FOR AUTISM

National Walk Now for Autism Speaks

The National Mall

October 22, 2011

Registration 8:30 a.m.; Walk - 10 a.m.

www.WalkNowForAutismSpeaks.org/National

Baltimore Walk Now for Autism Speaks

M&T Bank Stadium, Lot C

October 29, 2011

Registration 8:30 a.m.; Walk - 10 a.m.

www.WalkNowForAutismSpeaks.org/Baltimore

It's a Pumpkin Palooza in River Hill

On Sunday, October 2, the River Hill Community Association, in conjunction with village merchants and Kimco Realty will host **Pumpkin Palooza**. This family-friendly, fall festival will be held from 1- 4 p.m. in the River Hill Village Shopping Center and will be an event to remember. There will be live music for the adults and tons of fall fun for the children. Games, prizes, face painting, crafts, pony rides, and, of course, pumpkin painting will entertain children while giving families an opportunity to enjoy the day together. Activities are free so gather your neighbors, load up the children and head for Pumpkin Palooza in River Hill. For additional information go to www.villageofriverhill.org or email events@villageofriverhill.org.

Ying String Quartet – Saturday, October 1, 2011; 8 p.m.

Smith Theatre, Horowitz Performing Arts Center, Howard Community College, 10901 Little Patuxent Parkway, Columbia, 21044

One of the most internationally acclaimed chamber ensembles: Program: Mozart: Quartet in E-flat Major, K. 428; Paul Moravec: Anniversary Dances; John Novacek: Three Rags for String Quartet; Smetana: Quartet No. 1 in E minor, "From My Life"

Students to age 17 receive one free ticket when accompanied by a paying adult

\$30 / \$28/ \$12

Info and tickets: www.candlelightconcerts.org 410-997-2324

info@candlelightconcerts.org

Performance is suitable for 9 years and older

The Howard County Autism Society's 5th Annual One Step Closer...Autism Walk & 5K Run - Raise Autism Awareness and Support HCAS!

Saturday, November 5, 2011

Check-in/registration begins at 9 a.m. with complimentary breakfast;

5K race/walk begins at 10 a.m.

For those who do not wish to participate in the 5K, we will feature our "Lake Walk" and "Piece of Cake Walk" again this year. Children's area will feature a moon bounce, face painting and giveaways. New this year: professional Star Wars characters and a light saber show! Start building your team and register today. For more information and to register, visit: www.howard-autism.org

Funds raised will help maintain the Autism Resource Center in Columbia, fund the Fitness First program at the Columbia Gym for individuals with autism and their families, and directly support continuous efforts to promote autism awareness in Howard County.

Multi-Cultural Festival - Travel around the globe without leaving Howard County!

Visit the St. Matthew Multi-Cultural Festival, featuring handmade international foods, free live entertainment, handmade crafts, a silent auction, and an circus-themed children's

area with games and prizes. For more information visit: www.stmatthewfestival.org
October 1; 11 a.m. - 9 p.m. *and* October 2; 12- 6 p.m.
7271 Eden Brook Drive, Columbia, 21046 (Kings Contrivance Village Center)

EYO Sports –Basketball Registration Open for Grades K-12 - EYO Basketball is a co-ed recreational program with an emphasis on skill development, exercise and fun! The season begins in early November and continues through February. For more information contact Lisa Costello, the EYO Basketball Commissioner at, eyobasketball@yahoo.com. Financial assistance and large family discount programs are available. www.EYOBasketball.org

EYO – Girls Softball Registration Closing soon for Grades K- 12 - We are in the home stretch for registering for the fall 2011 season of EYO Softball. This year we are pushing to set records in participation!! Featuring a new lower priced 8U Clinic, new uniforms for 10U and 12U, and returning from a three year absence the 14U/16U league. Any questions, email Coach Ken at eyosoftball@yahoo.com. Financial assistance and large family discount programs are available. www.EYOSoftball.org

Bethel Korean Presbyterian Church Bazaar

October 8, 2011 (rain or shine) 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

3165 St. Johns Lane, Ellicott City, 21042

Bethel Korean Presbyterian Church welcomes the public to experience Korean-American culture through culinary delights, crafts and activities geared toward children at the annual bazaar. Proceeds from the event, including the yard sale and car wash, will go toward the Promise Center expansion project. For information about this project, please visit <http://bethelpromisecenter.org>

Mental Illness Awareness Week is NAMI's (National Alliance on Mental Illness) premiere public education and community outreach activity. Held each year during the first full week of October, NAMI affiliates across the country sponsor events to promote mental illness awareness, put an end to stigma and advocate for support for treatment and recovery. NAMI Howard County will host a program at Wilde Lake Interfaith Center on Wednesday, October 5, specifically targeting family members of teens and young adults whose behaviors and emotions are of concern.

Special Halloween Skate for Howard County Middle School Students. The Columbia Association Middle School Advisory Committee is offering a free ice skating session at the Columbia Ice Rink (5876 Thunder Hill Road, Columbia 21045) on Sunday, October 30, 1:15 pm to 3:15 pm. Come in costume and enjoy the special tricks and treats for the day. Please call to register by October 26 at 410-715-5523.

Ellicott City Volunteer Fire Department Open House - Saturday, October 15, 1-4pm. Fire Station #2, 4150 Montgomery Road, Ellicott City, 21043.

The second week of October is Fire Prevention Week; this year's theme is "Protect Your Family From Fire!" Learn how to keep your family safe, and enjoy food and fun with your children, neighbors, and the local fire department. Children can use a real fire hose

or carry a dummy in one of the Junior Firefighter Challenge activities. They can also explore the fire trucks, and have their faces painted. Ident-A-Kid will offer identification cards for children. Blood pressure checks, vehicle rescue demonstrations, and tours of the fire station will also be available. Visitors can meet and talk to the men and women who respond to fire and rescue emergencies in our community. If you find the firefighter with a boot collecting contributions, and decide to make a donation while you're visiting, we would certainly appreciate it, but the event is free to the public. For additional information you can call 410-313-2600, or check out these websites: www.ellicottcityvfa.com, www.firepreventionweek.org, www.sparky.org.

PFLAG - All are welcome to attend PFLAG Columbia/Howard County chapter's presentation on the D.C. Latina/o GLBT History Project on Oct. 11, 2011 at the Owen Brown Interfaith Center, 7:30 p.m. David Perez and Jose Guterrez will share the history and contributions of the Latina/o gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender community leaders and their impact on today's society in the Washington D.C. Metro area. They will address the barriers and struggles of GLBT Latinas/os in our society. For more information and directions, visit: <http://pflagmd.org>

Young Engineers and Scientists Seminar Series

Young Engineers and Scientists Seminars are a free series of lectures and challenges for high school students. Discover and apply the engineering method. Meet scientist and engineers from our region. Explore cutting edge topics like space science, radar, computer modeling, and more. Work in a team. Compete in contest and earn prizes. Learn about all the new ways engineers are helping to solve the world's problems. Wednesday evenings at the National Electronics Museum (near BWI Airport-1745 West Nursery Road. Linthicum, MD) 410-765-0230
October-November 6:30-8:30pm (Oct. 12,19, 26 and 11/2). Register online at www.yesnem.org.

The Drama Club – If your teen will benefit from learning new skills to manage his/her anger, Laurel-Beltsville Oasis Youth Service Bureau is organizing the Drama Club, a 9-week interactive group program for middle and high school students. For more information, email Liliana or Rosalind at Dramaclub11@aol.com or call Lorry at 301-498-4500.

Girl Scouts ain't so girly girl anymore - Grades 9-12. Want more leadership? You got it! Just want to hang out with friends camping, talking or going to the movies? You got it! Like to learn new things? Got that for you, too. Looking for ways to help get you into college or college scholarships? Yep, got that! Enjoy learning about different cultures? Got that! Looking for more info or like to visit our troop? Contact Sandra Miller at 410-740-1231, email: gstroop688@gmail.com or visit our website at www.troop688rox.ScoutLander.com.

Youth on a Mission lock-in is a Disney themed fun night for kids on October 7 at Glen Mar Church that supports Katrina Relief mission trips for only \$15. Contact Taylor Burfeind at taylor.burfeind@gmail.com for more information or to reserve a ticket.

Come to the **NASA Goddard Visitor Center** for a night of science fun! Discover the variety of science and engineering that happens at NASA Goddard Space Flight Center while having fun as a family. Designed for middle school students and their families, visitors will work with NASA employees to explore the universe through two hours of hands-on activities (and take away resources to perform their own experiments at home). **On Thursday, October 20, 2011, we'll look at two big areas of research at Goddard: Earth Science and Heliophysics (studying the Sun). We'll explore the relationship between the Earth and the Sun, and discover what really accounts for differences between seasons.** In order to participate, at least one participant in your group must be in middle school. However, any family member over the age of 8 is welcome to join the team! Group members must be present during the entire 6-8 p.m. program. Space is limited; an adult must register the group in order to attend. All participants must have an inquisitive nature and an open mind! For more information, or to register, please contact Catherine Kruchten, NASA Goddard Space Flight Center, at 301-286-0251.

Howard County Conservancy Hosts Two FREE Family Events
Wonder Talk–Creepy Creatures: Bats, Toads, Worms, Spiders, Snakes... Oooooooo!
Saturday, October 8, 10 a.m.

It's almost Halloween. All sorts of creepy, maybe spooky animals are hanging about! Have a wide-eyed and fun experience learning about these warty, slimy, hairy, scaly, slithery animals with naturalist Shannon Davis, naturalist at Oregon Ridge Nature Center, and former grounds manager at the Conservancy. She will bring live animals for you to meet! Indoor program.

Family Hike on Site with a Conservancy Naturalist - Saturday, October 15, 10 a.m.
Enjoy an easy, beautiful walk in the meadows and woods and along stream banks of the Conservancy. No predetermined theme: the walk is one of discovery and surprises! Open to all who are interested, especially those who have not walked Conservancy trails before. FREE. If raining, check website.

The Conservancy is located on Old Frederick Road (Route 99) between Bethany Lane and Woodstock Road. Please call 410-465-8877 or visit www.hcconservancy.org for further information.

3-Mile Haunted Hay Ride - 3rd Annual Fundraiser for the Howard County Living Farm Heritage Museum, 12985 Frederick Road, West Friendship, MD 21794.
Fri & Sat Oct 14, 15, 21, 22, 28, 29; 7-10 p.m. (Last ride departs at 10 p.m.) \$15.00 pp.
Wanted: one group on each of the following evenings to help haunt the 3-Mile Haunted Hay Ride: October 15, 22, & 28. Three groups of 10-15 students plus 5-7 of their parents/adult guardians are needed, 5-11 p.m. Haunt dates are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Detailed info on volunteering is available at www.3MileHauntedHayRide.com. Contact Sue Romanic, the Hay Ride Coordinator: Phone/Text 410-995-0435 or SueRomanic@verizon.net.

