

The ViewPoint
Mount View Middle School
March 24, 2016

Upcoming Dates

March 25 – April 1

Spring Break

April 7

Internet Safety Presentation – 7 PM

April 8

3-hour Early Dismissal

Principal's Corner

Parent Quiz: Are you instilling respect in your child?

Take this quiz to see if you are teaching your child to be respectful in all situations. Answer *yes* for something you do often. Answer *no* if you do something once in a while.

1. **I model** respectful behavior for my child. I am respectful to my child and to others.
2. **I make it clear** to my child that I expect him to follow rules at school and at home.
3. **I talk with** my child about different points of view.
4. **I emphasize** the importance of manners.
5. **I talk with** my child about respectful ways to disagree.

How did you do? More *yes* answers means you are working to raise a respectful child. More *no's*? Try using ideas from the quiz to teach respect.

Source: The Parent Institute

Marquee Sign Campaign

Last week, we sent home a letter with interims talking about our exciting plan to raise money for a new marquee sign. All the details are in the letter.

We are looking at all options to replace the sign as it is in disrepair after 23 years. The cost can vary between \$10,000 and \$20,000 depending upon the sign size and style. We are currently working with a supplier to secure various quotes and to determine what is allowed under current County sign regulations.

We certainly do appreciate the partnership we have with our community and look forward to raising the funds together.

Tammy Goldeisen

We are pleased to announce that we have secured Mr. Vince DeVivo, Community Outreach Specialist from the United States Attorney's Office, District of Maryland to come to Mount View Middle School and present on the importance of Internet Safety. The title of the presentation is "Innocence Stolen: Protecting Our Children Online". The presentation informs adults about how best to protect young people from negative and criminal influences online. Topics include social networking, cyber bullying, sexting, and internet predators. The program provides prevention and intervention strategies and internet safety resources.

Date: Thursday, April 7, 2016

Time: 7:00pm-8:30PM, MVMS Cafeteria

RSVP (not required): <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e094dabad29a0f94-protecting>

This seminar is geared towards parents because there may be some graphic content. If you have any questions please free to contact Angie Szalecki in Student Services.

Coding Club

Come to the after school Coding Club this spring! Do you like to play video games? Why not learn how to create your own? Do you like to make cool designs or captivating stories? Come to the coding club to use computer programming to make your designs and stories interactive. All levels of computer programming are welcome, whether you've been coding for years or you've never coded at all. Check out the permission slip (at the end of this newsletter) to learn more about the Coding Club.

MVMS 2015/2016 Yearbooks

Mount View Middle School 2015/2016 **Yearbooks** are **ON SALE NOW!** Yearbooks can be ordered online at YBPay.lifetouch.com using the ID Code: 9869916. The cost is \$25.00. Yearbooks will not be available for purchase

after the order is placed. They will be distributed the last week of school in June. Questions? Call MVMS at 410-313-5545.

Save The Date! G/T Open House on May 24th

Please join us from 6:00-7:30 on Tuesday, May 24th for our G/T Open House! This special event is a celebration of the projects completed in G/T instructional seminars, curriculum extension units, and classes. It's also an opportunity for ALL students to learn how to get involved in G/T instructional seminars and give feedback on which seminars they would like to see offered next school year! (*Remember - G/T instructional Seminars are open to ALL students. Learn more at www.mvmsgt.weebly.com*).

The entire family is welcome to attend the Open House, and there will be special activities for younger siblings.

Every student at Mount View has talent... Help us ensure that Mount View's G/T program includes opportunities for each student to develop his/her talent. ***Come to the G/T Open House!***

PLEASE NOTE: NEW POLICY Forgotten Items

In an effort to decrease disruptions to classrooms during instructional time, the front office will no longer call students when "forgotten" items are brought into the front office. This includes homework, folders, gym uniforms, musical instruments, phones, etc. The only exceptions will be for eyeglasses and medication. Lunches brought to school for students will be labeled and brought to the lunchroom before each lunch shift.

Parent Volunteers:

Child Abuse and Neglect Training

All volunteers working with students in the school or on field trips must read an overview of MD State Law and HCPSS Policy 1030 regarding Child Abuse and Neglect. Please complete the course and return the certificate of completion to Jane Antico in the MVMS Front Office. [Click here to access the training course.](#)

Confidentiality Training Course

Thank you for your interest in volunteering within the Howard County School System! We value our volunteers and the contributions they make to our students and schools.

According to HCPSS Board Policy, all parent volunteers must complete a Confidentiality Training Course about protecting the privacy of our students, staff, and schools.

[View the brief training presentation and print out a certificate of completion](#)

PTA News

TREATS FOR TOPS IS COMING SOON!

The students loved this promotion so we are bringing it back!

Your child can bring in Box Tops and exchange them in for a treat at lunchtime.

WHEN: MAY 4th, 5th 6th (Wed-Fri)

Please begin clipping and saving your Box Tops now so that your child can participate in this event and help us reach our goal. Thank you for your support!

QUESTIONS: Contact Sharon Carpenito: carpenito3@verizon.net

The PTA Needs You!

Even though the snow days might have put us a little behind, the PTA is already starting to plan for next year and WE NEED YOU! We need some volunteers to spread the word not only at MVMS, but at our feeder schools that we have open committee positions for the 2016-2017 school year. We would also love to see more of current parents fill these positions. It's a great way to learn more about the PTA and meet other people in your school community. If you are interested in being part of the nominating committee, or joining a committee for next year, please email Shelley Tolle, shelleytolle@verizon.net, or Kathy Baur, kdbaur@gmail.com

PTA News: Mount View MS can win \$500 this month if we get 10 families to download the BENEFIT APP and set it up to earn for Mount View Middle School. Plus, all supporters who get started with BENEFIT could also win a \$250 Amazon gift card for themselves. Here's how to get started: 1) Go to www.benefit-mobile.com to get the FREE app 2) Select MVMS - the ID # is 6540358 3) Set up your account so that you can instantly purchase and redeem gift cards that give back! Thanks for supporting our great middle school!!

Winter Teen Night: "Under the Sea"

Date: Friday, April 15, 2016 – RESCHEDULED!

Time: 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Cost: **\$3.00**

The Fall Teen Night was a hit, so we're doing it again! Come have a great time hanging out with your friends, dancing to some music, and having a chance to play some basketball in the gym. Water and snacks will be provided. *Pizza and candy will be sold at a nominal price during the event, so please bring a few dollars to spend!*

Tickets: Will be sold Wednesday, April 13th- Friday, April 15th and at the door.

Parents: We will need some chaperones (especially Dads to help out in the Gym). Please sign up, we can't do it without you! <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e044aabad29a31-winter>

Collection: We will be accepting can good donations in conjunction with our Back Pack Buddies Outreach effort, so please don't forget to bring something to donate.

School Guidelines:

- Only MVMS students are allowed to attend the event.
- Students are required to have their parents/guardians sign the ticket prior to the night of the event including a phone number where the parent can be reached between 7-9 p.m.
- Tickets will be available the night of the dance at the door but parents must accompany child to ticket counter to purchase ticket.
- At the end of the event, parents MUST ENTER THE BUILDING to pick up their child. For safety concerns, students cannot be released to the parking lot.
- It is the expectation that ALL students will be picked up by 9PM. Failure to do so may result in student being denied attendance at future activities.

Do you grocery shop at Harris Teeter? If so, please, please, PLEASE register your VIC card to MVMS #2942 so that MVMS will receive a percentage of your purchase. You can either do this online at www.harristeeter.com or ask your cashier to connect your VIC card. Also, we receive more money if you go through the Self Checkout line. If everyone from our school participates, we could earn a LOT of money to benefit your children at MVMS! Thanks so much.

Escrip Rewards: You're ONE CLICK away from supporting Mount View Middle School!

The online shopping you do is the ticket. It's easy! No cards to register and it can mean hundreds of dollars to us. Click this link: <http://groups.escrip.com/jsp/mall.jsp?ref=g}?id=6540358> and check it out.

We appreciate your support.

MVMS Families – Earn money for our school by shopping at Giant, Harris Teeter, Martins, Target and Amazon! Here's how:

- 1) GIANT – Go to the website www.giantfood.com/aplus and register your bonus card. The MVMS School ID is #02996. (Giant has requested that customers register their own cards.)
- 2) MARTINS –Go to the website www.martinsfoods.com/aplus and register your bonus card. The MVMS School ID is #20219 (different than last year)

3) HARRIS TEETER – Go to the website www.harristeeter.com and link your VIC card. The MVMS School ID is #2942. OR, simply give your card to a cashier when you're shopping there, and tell them to link your card to MVMS #2942.

4) TARGET – Sign up for a Target REDCARD (debit or credit card) by going on the website www.target.com/redcard. The MVMS School ID is #58022.

5) AMAZON – New this year...go to www.smile.amazon.com. You can sign up for MVMS to receive .5% of your purchases.

Thank you to all of you who support MVMS. Every dollar helps!!

Drivers Needed for the Backpack Buddies Program!

The Community Outreach Committee needs parent volunteers to assist with the monthly drop-offs! Responsibilities include picking up food from MVMS, sometimes dividing food donations into bags and dropping it off at the Ellicott City Center located at:

8510 High Ridge Road

Ellicott City, MD 21043

410.313.2570

Copy and paste this link into a web browser to sign-up and view the volunteer information sheet:

<http://mvmspta.yolasite.com/backpack-buddies.php>

On Thursday, April 7 at 7:00pm Marriotts Ridge High School will present our annual **Jazz at the Ridge** concert. This year's concert will feature the Award winning Marriotts Ridge Big Band and the Mount View Middle Jazz Band. Our Featured Guest Artist this year is **David Bach and the David Bach Consort**. David Bach is an award winning composer and performer and has been at the top of the Maryland music scene in the Jazz Category for well over a decade. *"You only have to watch a minute of David Bach's slamming performance at the 2014 Silver Spring Festival....to realize he's an explosive, funky player whose band – while still more of a regional sensation – is on par with that of any top act on the contemporary jazz scene."*

Tickets are only \$10 in advance and \$12 at the door. To order tickets just send an email to jazzattheridge@gmail.com

Check out David Bach and The David Bach Consort at www.davidbachmusic.com

The Columbia Figure Skating Club is preparing for their spring performance Cinderella on Ice. Ian Lorello, International Ice Dance Competitor will be performing the role of the Prince. Ian currently teaches locally and works with The Next Ice Age. Julia Choi, a junior at Marriotts Ridge High School and National Pairs Intermediate Competitor will be performing the role of Cinderella. The show includes over 60 local skaters from Howard County Public and Private Schools. Please join us at one of our shows April 9th or 10th at either 4:00 pm or 6:00 pm. Tickets are available at the Columbia Ice Rink at 5876 Thunder Hill Road, Columbia, MD 21045 or at www.columbiafsc.com for \$12.50 per ticket.

Thank you for helping us get this information to support our local skaters.

You, your family, or your club can be a vendor for the 2016 **River Hill Yard Sale!** Get easy money from stuff you already own, with just a \$30 space fee. To reserve a spot, fill out this form <http://goo.gl/forms/vY2JM81XdO>. The yard sale is Saturday, April 16 from 8am to 1pm, so sign up now and tell your friends to come find some great buys. Registration deadline is April 9th. Email rhhsyardsale16@gmail.com with questions or for more information contact John Difato (john_difato@hcpss.org) and Cristin Lauer (cristin_lauer@hcpss.org). See you there!

MVMS Website

The MVMS website is updated regularly! Visit <http://mvms.hcpss.org> and bookmark for future reference.

Follow us on Twitter! @hcpss_mvms

Community Information

The following announcements have been approved by the Public Information Office for school newsletters and distribution. These events are neither sponsored nor endorsed by the Howard County Public School System.

Lego® Challenge

Bring your best building skills at our monthly LEGO® challenge! Ages 9-17.
Sat, Mar 26th, 3:30 - 4:30 pm

Celestial Searchers Young Astronomers Club

Local astronomy educator Dr. Joel Goodman discusses our solar system and beyond with hands-on activities. Includes outside telescope viewing (weather permitting). Grades Kindergarten - 8; with adult; 60 min.

Mon, Mar 28th, 7 - 8 pm

Get in the Game: Baseball Crafts

Celebrate Opening Day with crafts and activities using baseball cards: make a pencil case, wallet, or personalized baseball card. Ages 9 & up; 60 min. Ages 9-12.

Wed, Apr 6th, 3:30 - 4:30 pm

Mock SAT Test & Strategy Session

Are you ready for the NEW, revised version of the SAT? Take a timed practice test with the Princeton Review. Ages 14-17. Registration Required.

Sat, Apr 9th (11 am - 3 pm): Mock Test --- Bring pencils and a calculator

Sat, Apr 23rd (2:30 - 3:30 pm): Results and strategies. Parents welcome.

Register: <http://goo.gl/irzPzD>

Put the ART in EARTH

Celebrate Earth Day by creating a large-scale, mixed-media mural. Ages 9 & up; 90 min.

Thu, Apr 21st, 3:30 – 5:00 pm

Intro to College Applications & Essays

The college application process can be daunting so let local expert Gail Jacobson guide you with successful strategies for applying to colleges and for writing your college essays.

Ages 14 & up. Parents strongly encouraged to attend with student.

Tue, Apr 12th (7 – 8 pm): Navigating the College Application Process

Tue, Apr 26th (7 – 8 pm): Writing Your College Essay

Register: <http://goo.gl/irzPzD>

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Join Us Every Month

Teen Advisory Board (with snacks!)

Tue, Apr 12th 3:30 – 4:30 pm

Lego® Challenge

Fri, Apr 15th 3:30 – 4:30 pm

Knit 'n Chat Teen Knitting Group

Fri, Apr 1st 3:30 – 5:00 pm

Tue, Apr 19th 6:45 – 8:15 pm

Glen Mar Church

Maundy Thurs., service on **Mar. 24**, 7:30 p.m., Good Friday Service on **Mar. 25** at 7:30 p.m. at the church, 4701 New Cut Road, Ellicott City. The public is also invited to Easter services on **Mar. 26** at 5 p.m. and **Mar. 27** at 6:30 a.m. (sunrise service), 8, 9:30, and 11 a.m. For more information, call 410-465-4995.

Columbia Art Center

Choose Civility Poster Contest and Exhibit, Entries due **Mar. 25**, Columbia Art Center, 6100 Foreland Garth, Columbia, MD. Details at ChooseCivility.org,

Exhibit: **Apr 11-29**. Reception and Awards Ceremony: Wed., **Apr 13** from 5:30 to 7 p.m.

Columbia Association

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 are needed 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

Columbia Association

Artsy Fun Day Spring Break, **Mar. 28-Apr. 1**, 7:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. For more information, please call Columbia Art Center at [410-730-0075](tel:410-730-0075) or email art.staff@columbiaassociation.org.

Columbia Association

Visiting Artist Spring Break Extravaganza, **Mar. 28- Apr. 1**, 7:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. For more information, please call Columbia Art Center at [410-730-0075](tel:410-730-0075).

Columbia Gym

KidSpace Adventure Days, Grades K-6, **Mar.- 28 –Apr. 1** and **Apr. 26**, Full Day 7 a.m.-6 p.m. \$50 per child,
half day 7 a.m.-1 p.m. \$25 per child.
Register online, over the phone 410-531-8984 or in person at the Columbia Gym KidSpace.

Viking 5K

24rd Annual Viking 5K Cross Country Race/Walk and 1 Mile Fun Run
Sun., **Apr. 3**. Details and registration for the event can be found
at <http://viking5k.wikispaces.com/Details>.

Howard County Veterans and Military Families Commission

Veterans Resource Fair on Tues, **Apr. 5**, 5-8 p.m. at the Miller Branch Library, 9421 Frederick Road in Ellicott City. Admission is free. 410-313-0821.

CrossLife Community Church

Financial Peace University, **Apr. 9- June 4**, Sat., 9-11 a.m., at 5941 Setter Dr., Elkridge. Cost is \$93.
Contact Sandy Cook sandy.cokk1020@gmail.com Click on the slideshow link at
www.crosslifeonline.com.

Cedar Lane School

Walk for Our Stars, Sat. **Apr. 23**, 10 a.m., Come join us for this fun, non-competitive walk. All money raised will be used to support our students with significant special needs and our staff. Please support The Walk and help those who can't walk, learn to stand on their own and those who can't speak, find their voice. For further information please contact Cedar Lane School at 410-888-8800 or karioreilly@verizon.net.

Howard County Government

Womenfest, a FREE Health & Wellness Event for Women, Sat., **Apr. 30**, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.,
Gary J. Arthur Community Center at Glenwood, Cooksville.
For more information about WomenFest, visit the event's website at
www.howardcountymd.gov/WomenFest or call 410-313-5440.

Howard County Police Department

FREE overnight Youth Police Academy, July 24-29, Public Safety Training Center. It is for students between the ages of 15-18 years old who are interested in a law enforcement career. For more information,

contact your School Resource Officer or check out the Howard County Police Department website at www.hcpd.org under Youth Programs.

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

CAMPS

CrossLife Church

Track and Field Camp, **June 20-June 24**, 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Long Reach High School, 6101 Old Dobbin Ln, Columbia, MD. <http://crosslifeevents.org/>

Howard County Conservancy

Full-day nature camps, **June 27 –Aug. 19**. Camps are located in Woodstock on our 232-acre nature center and at the Belmont in Elkridge www.hcconservancy.org/camp.html

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. 301-405-0315.

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

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SPORTS

Howard County Striders

Bullseye Running/HO CO Striders is now taking registration for two training programs Youth Track Team (competitive) and Youth Fitness Spring Training (non-competitive)

<http://www.bullseyerunning.com/youth/>

Ellicott City Soccer Club

FREE Special Needs Program Soccer Clinic Apr. 26, 9 a.m.-12 p.m., at Rockburn Park for players born in the years 2005-2009. Contact operations@ellicottcitysc.org Space is limited. Go to www.ellicottcitysc.org for more information and to register now for all of our programs.

Ellicott City Soccer Club

Foundation Program, our program is for players ages 3-12 years old, and will meet Wed. and Sat. for a total of 12 sessions. The program starts on **Apr. 6**.

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 or 410-796-2244.

Coding Club

Activity: Coding Club, Program: Tynker
(similar to Scratch)

Instructor: Ms. Starr

Limit: 16
First come,
first serve

Time: Thursdays 2:30 PM – 4:00 PM

Dates: April 7, 14, 21 & May 5, 12, 19, 26

Cost: \$13.00 (covers the cost of the program, including sign-in privileges and website access) ALL LEVELS WELCOME

Mount View Middle School Coding Club Permission Slip

I give permission for _____ to attend the **Coding Club** beginning on April 7, 2016. I will pick up my child in front of the school promptly at 4: 00 PM.

The undersigned parent or guardian agrees to, certifies and acknowledges the following:

- Parent or Guardian assumes all risks in connection with the student's participation in all Maryland PTA sponsored activities.
- The Maryland State PTA, all PTA officers, employees and agents are released and discharged from all liability for any damage, loss or injury to the student, the student's property, or parent's property in connection with participation in these activities, unless caused by the negligence of the PTA.
- The above-named minor is in good health. In the event of illness or accident, permission is granted for emergency treatment to be administered. It is further understood and agreed that the undersigned will assume full responsibility for any such action, including all costs associated with such emergency treatment.
- The above named minor has the following allergies, medicinal reactions or unusual physical condition which should be made known to a treating physician or which could limit participation:

(if none please write "none")

Child's Name: _____ Home Phone: _____

Address: _____ City: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature

Cell Phone

email address

THE COLUMBIA FIGURE SKATING CLUB PRESENTS:



Cinderella
Stories on ice



Saturday, April 9, 2016 4:00 & 6:00 pm
Sunday, April 10, 2016 4:00 & 6:00 pm

Columbia Ice Rink / Oakland Mills Village Center
5876 Thunder Hill Rd., Columbia MD 410-730-0322
Tickets \$12.50 online/in person / Age 2 & under FREE
www.columbiafsc.com

Sponsored by Columbia Association
Sanctioned by US Figure Skating



Reading Month Events at MOUNT VIEW:

DEAR--Drop Everything and Read (Wednesday, March 2nd during Advisory)

Read Across Maryland—(March 1-30)

- 1) Student participants take the “30/30 Challenge” and read for 30 minutes every day, March 1-March 30.
- 2) A “**2016 Reading Log**” must be kept and signed by the student’s parent. Find the reading log at readacrossmaryland.org
- 3) All entries must be submitted and received at the state level by **April 8th** to qualify to win an iPad mini or Amazon gift card.

Bowie Baysox—(March 1--March 24)

- 1) Student participants sign the **poster** in their ELA or II teacher’s classroom and check off boxes as they read books.
- 2) **Read 4 books by March 24th.**
- 3) Names of participants will be submitted to Mrs. DeMoss to receive one free game ticket per participating student. Students will receive a ticket to attend the game and fireworks on the following date: **Sat., May 7 @ 6:35.**

Frederick Keys—(March 21-- April 21)

- 1) Student participants keep track of books read on the designated **red bookmark**. The bookmark must be signed by a parent.
- 2) **Read 3 books by April 21st.**
- 3) The bookmark serves as the ticket voucher to attend a game on **one** of the following dates:
Fri., Apr. 29 @ 7:00 PM, Sat., Apr. 30 @ 2:00 PM,
or Sun., May 1 @ 2:00 PM.

**We want YOU TO SELL AT THE RIVER HILL
HIGH SCHOOL YARD SALE**



- High customer turnout**
- Bond with the community**
- Personal profit**

River Hill High School

April 16 8AM-1PM

**Contact Rhhsyardsale16@gmail.com for more
information and register online at**

<http://goo.gl/forms/bTQq53vaga>