

The ViewPoint
Mount View Middle School
March 6, 2015

Upcoming Dates

March 27

Half Day for Students

March 30 – April 6

Spring Break

Principal's Corner

Help your middle schooler choose interesting reading

Choosing reading material for a middle school child can be challenging. Most children this age are past books elementary children read. But they may not be ready for adult books. Even if they can read them, the themes and language in many adult books may be too mature for a middle school child.

Here are some ideas for the in-between stage:

- Books about real things and people. A new book is a great way for your child to find out more about his interests. He may also enjoy the biography of a person he admires.
- Books that teach. Schoolbooks are not the only books that teach. How about a book on cooking or a new card game?
- Books that are close to, but don't exactly match, his interests. Example: Your child is interested in computers. He may enjoy reading about inventors.

Source: Toby Leah Bochan, "Choosing Books for a Middle Schooler," Scholastic.com

Coffee & Conversation with the HCPSS Board of Education

Thursday, March 19, 2015

7:30-9:30 p.m.

Lake Elkhorn Middle School Media Center
6680 Cradlerock Way in Columbia

The Board of Education of Howard County regularly holds Coffee & Conversation sessions at schools throughout the county. These meetings provide citizens with an opportunity to share a cup of coffee and chat informally with Board members. The meetings are held in various regions of the county but interested persons from throughout the county are invited to attend any or all of the meetings.

Parking Lot Reminder:

With the recent cold temperatures and snowy weather, we have noticed an increase in the amount of traffic in our parking lot in the mornings. In an effort to allow all students and staff members to arrive to school safely and on time, we encourage you to allow your student(s) to ride the school bus. If you must drive your student(s), please consider timing your arrival so that you can drop them off without waiting in the parking lot. Students may stand in the lobby before the bell rings. Please do not park in the lower lot, as this takes up spaces that are needed for our staff members. Also, please drop your student off **ONLY** in the designated drop off zone. Allowing students to exit cars in other areas creates a dangerous situation for students and staff members.

PARCC Assessments at Mount View Middle School

It is very important that students arrive to school on time on the days of their scheduled tests. The testing schedule and days are listed below.

- ◆ Monday, March 9th & Tuesday March 10th ~ All 8th grade students will be taking the PARCC ELA assessment.
- ◆ Wednesday, March 11th & Thursday, March 12th ~ All 7th grade students will be taking the PARCC ELA assessment.
- ◆ Friday, March 13th & Monday March 16th ~ All 6th grade students will be taking the PARCC ELA assessment.

RESCHEDULED DUE TO RECENT SCHOOL CLOSURES

- ◆ Tuesday, March 17th ~ All 8th grade students will be taking the PARCC Math assessment.

More information about the PARCC assessments can be found on the Mount View Middle School website under HCPSS Resources. The following website will also provide additional information: www.parcc.org.

Volunteers Needed to Support an Afternoon of Designing with Birdseed

6th grade is getting together as a team to provide a community service for our feathered friends. As part of our reforestation project, 6th grade students will be creating food chains that can be hung on trees to attract birds to our habitat. We need at least 20 adult volunteers to join us on Friday March 13th in the cafeteria to help us setup for this event, refill supplies, and clean up after students return to class. This is a short one-time commitment from 12pm until about 2:25pm (or earlier if we are finished cleaning up). This is the perfect project to bring along a

grandparent who may wish to help too. What a great excuse to take a Friday afternoon off and join your child for a worthwhile and fun project. Please contact Mrs. Merza if you can help. Call (410) 3113-5545 and leave your name, contact number and mention you are willing to volunteer for our birdseed activity on Friday, March 13th from 12- 2:25. Thank you.

It's Time To Order YEARBOOKS!

Orders can be placed online with the yearbook company's website. No more lost checks in backpacks or lockers! Just go to ybpay.lifetouch.com and enter **9869915** as the yearbook code. From there, you'll be prompted to order your yearbook.

The yearbook costs \$25 and is an 80 page hardback book in full color which will be given to students during the last week of school. Please have all orders in by March 20th. If you have any questions about ordering a yearbook, please contact Ms. Stumpfl at pamela_stumpfl@hcpss.org.

Project Linus

On Falcon Day, 3/27 one of the activities will be making fleece tied blankets for Project Linus. Project Linus donates handmade blankets to seriously ill children or children who've experienced a trauma of some kind. We are asking for donations of fleece 1 1/2 yard (54 in. long x the width off bolt). If you have any kind of fleece at home that is at least this size, would you consider donating it? If you'd like to buy some, Jo Anne's has kid themed fleece and usually has sales. Fleece from home needs to be clean and free from smoke or pet hair. Straight from store is fine. Send the fleece in to Mrs. Grimes Room 16 or Mrs. Merza room 13. Thanks for your help with this worthwhile project that we think the kids will enjoy doing.

Reading Events at Mount View---

Three reading incentive programs are underway at Mount View. The Bowie Baysox are offering a free student ticket to a baseball game in May to any student who reads 4 books by the end of March. The Frederick Keys will give a free ticket to any student who reads 3 books by April 17th. Read Across Maryland and the "30/30 Challenge" started on March 1st. Students who pledge to read 30 minutes every day for the next 30 days (March 1-March 30) will be entered to win a Kindle Fire or Amazon Gift Card. Contact Mrs. DeMoss, or any ELA or II teacher for additional information.

Girls on the Run is a life-changing, experiential learning program for girls in third through eighth grade. The programs combine training for a 3.1 mile running event with self-esteem enhancing, uplifting workouts. The goals of the programs are to encourage positive emotional, social, mental, spiritual and physical development. The lessons promote self-challenge instead of competition; self-

worth instead of societal worth; and cooperation instead of rivalry. our mission is to inspire girls to be joyful, healthy and confident using a fun, experience-based curriculum which creatively integrates running. **The girls will meet after school twice a week for 10 weeks with the season ending 5K to be held on Saturday, May 30th., in Howard County, MD. Mount View Middle School will meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2:30-3:45 starting the week of March 16th. To register your daughter, go to www.gotrcentralmd.org.**

From the Health Room

Immunization Requirements for the 2015-2016 School Year

Students entering 7th Grade for the 2015-2016 school year are required by the State of Maryland to have a meningitis vaccine and a Tdap vaccine by the first day of school, August 24, 2015.

Please contact your child's health care provider to obtain documentation of these vaccines (if they have previously been administered) or to schedule an appointment to receive the required vaccinations. Failure to provide proof of updated immunizations by the first day of school next year could result in your child being excluded from school. Please turn in the necessary documentation to the Health Room as soon as possible.

Physician's offices may fax immunization documentation directly to the Health Room at

410-442-8050. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Health Room at 410-313-5550. Thank you!

Stay Active In Winter! Since cold weather and snow is lingering, the campaign for Staying Active in Winter will continue for 2 more weeks. If you're playing out in the snow, shoveling or getting ready for March Madness and spring sports, TAKE A PICTURE and send it to Mrs. Pearce at cathy_pearce@hcpss.org. Remember fruit infusion water bottle prizes are being awarded so don't miss out on your chance to win – send any active selfie pic now.

G/T Summer Institutes

The G/T Summer Institutes for Talent Development course catalog is now available online at <http://www.hcpss.org/academics/gifted-and-talented/>

Green Team Tip Of The Month: Recycle FILM (aka plastic bags) Right Here At Mount View!

Did you know... Plastic bags of all kinds can be recycled in your county blue bins, BUT they are easily contaminated with food products. **It's better to take them back to the grocery store, Walmart, or Target and put them in the collection bins located at the store entrance.** The bags collected at these spots become new materials like Trex Decking. In fact, the

front benches and planters at Mount View, as well as the picnic tables in our outdoor classroom are all made from recycled plastic!

If getting to the store doesn't work for your family, Mount View's Green Team is happy to help. **Just drop off your bags at our RecycleASE location outside of the FACS classroom**, right next to the Reuse-A-Shoe drop off.

FILM that can be recycled includes not just grocery store bags, but any stretchy thin plastic like bread bags (just shake out the crumbs!) and newspaper bags.

Remember... the more you recycle the less you pay in taxes! We pay to have our garbage hauled away to a landfill in Virginia (Alpha Ridge is just a convenience center) so the more that you recycle, the less you throw away. The less you throw away, the less tax you pay for garbage removal!
Be Green To Save Green!

Calling all chefs! Mount View has entered the 2nd annual Healthy Howard County Cook-Off. Last year one of our own, Keaton Reidy made it to the semi-finalist. This year we want to win and need your help to do so. Here's how it works. Select a recipe for submission. All recipes must be prepared in 20 minutes or less (not including pre-prep) and be an original healthy creation or a healthier version of traditionally unhealthy foods. Such as baked chicken versus fried chicken. No frying or baking is allowed. Recipe's cannot contain added shortening or butter and must contain at least 3 vegetables. Your recipe must be able to be duplicated by the student if they become finalist during the cook-off. Please see Mrs. Pearce during Falcon time if you want help with your recipe. You can get full information about the contest by visiting www.HealthyLittleCooks.com. You can also join the 7-Day Challenge on the website to help get healthy recipe ideas. Recipe submission and parent consent forms are available from Mrs. Pearce or Mrs. Mako. All you have to do is submit your recipe to Mrs. Pearce by March 13th so get cooking Mt. View. Also, submit a picture of your created recipe to cathy_pearce@hcpss.org.

...and Mount View's Green Team reminds you to **BUY LOCAL** when cooking to ensure the best quality ingredients in your cooking! We are fortunate to have many local farms and farmers' markets here in Howard County.

Happy Cooking!

PTA News

Karaoke & Pizza Night scheduled for Friday, 3/6

POSTPONED due to inclement weather

Watch for a reschedule date to be announced.

Send in those soda pop tabs for the Ronald McDonald

House! The Community Outreach Committee is collecting soda pop tabs (aluminum) for the Ronald McDonald House. The funds generated from recycling these aluminum gems help offset expenses for families so they can have a home away from home with children receiving medical care. This collection of pop tabs goes until the end of the school year. Collection containers can be found around the school or send in directly to Mrs. Parson's classroom. Thank you - every bit makes a difference!

Backpack Buddies Program - *Are you up next?*

The following *Falcon Time Classrooms* are asked to bring in donations for our 7th collection:

Klingler, Merza, Cutsail & Lewis

DUE Thursday, March 19th!

Did you know... 9.8 million kids - more than ever - get free or reduced school price breakfast on an average day but... 10.6 million eligible kids go without. Use this link for a food list or to gather more information about this program: <http://mvmspta.yolasite.com/backpack-buddies.php>

MVMS Website

The MVMS website has a new look! Visit <http://mvms.hcpss.org> and bookmark for future reference.

Follow us on Twitter! @hcpss_mvms

**NEWS OF INTEREST FROM
MARRIOTTS RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL**

The 7th Annual Mustang Flea Market to benefit the MRHS Music Department will be this Saturday, March 7, 8AM - 1PM in the Cafeteria and Commons! LOTS OF GOOD STUFF – CHEAP!! Please come and support our Music Program Refreshments will also be sold. \$1 donation at the door.

***Marriotts Ridge High School Presents:
JUKEBOX 10 “The Legend Ends”***

Dates: March 19, 20 and 21 at 7:00 PM
Sunday, March 22 at 3:00 PM
Show Tickets: \$12.00

RESERVE TICKETS: You can order tickets on line at
<http://www.seatyourself.biz/marriottsridge>

Tickets will be sold at MRHS during lunch shifts (10:15-12:15) during the week of March 16th or at the door, if tickets are still available.

For additional information, visit the MRHS Theater website at
<http://www.mrhstheatre.org>

Think summer!!! Join in the fun at Marriotts Ridge!!!
Summer Sports and Music Camps Registration is now open.

Registration is now open for the Marriotts Ridge Booster summer sports and music camps. Several music and vocal camps. Check out new age groups for many of the camps. For a complete list and registration information, check out the website:

<http://www.mrhs-boosters.com/summer-camps>

Register now, early registration until May 15, 2015

Folly Quarter Middle School Community Indoor Yard Sale – Sat. March 21, 8:00am -12:00pm, 13500 Triadelphia Rd. Ellicott City. Get your spring cleaning done early! Clean out your closets, basements, and garages! Sell your items at our yard sale. Do you have a craft or product you wish to sell? Space available at \$20 per space. Vendors keep their profits. Donations are also being accepted at the PTA's Donation Tables. The Donation tables ONLY will be open to "Invited Guests" to shop FREE. These guests are from local agencies which serve those less fortunate. Donations are tax-deductible. Donations can be dropped off at FQMS Friday, March 20 4pm-8pm in the cafeteria. To reserve a space call 443-506-7394 or Neighbornetwk@aol.com.

Community Information:

The HCPSS Office of Public Information has approved the following announcements for use in school newsletters. These events are neither sponsored nor endorsed by the Howard County Public School System.

Howard County Library System

Invites students in grades K to 12 to enter the annual Choose Civility Poster Contest to help visually communicate the importance of “Civility in Sports.” Contest entries will be accepted Mar. 1. All entries must include the student’s name, grade level, and school on the reverse side of the artwork. Categories, details, and art and judging criteria are available at choosecivility.org/civility-in-sports-poster-contest. Posters should be submitted by mail or in person to Monica Herber, Columbia Association Art Center, 6100 Foreland Garth, Columbia, MD 21045.

For additional information, students, parents, and/or teachers please call 410.730.0075 or email monica.herber@columbiaassociation.org

Howard County Government

The transition into adolescence can pose challenges as the area of the teen brain governing judgment, emotional regulation, impulse control and self awareness is in a constant state of development. This change can be very frustrating for parents as the rules of the relationship with their growing children keep shifting and expectations need adjustment. Learn why teens do what they do, as well as how to channel their impulses into safer and saner activities. Tues., Mar. 3, 6:30-8:30pm at 3300 N Ridge Rd #360 Ellicott City MD.

St. Louis Catholic Church

Youth Ministry Presents The 34th Annual Italian Dinner On Sun., Mar. 8, 12:30-6:30 p.m., St. Louis Auditorium Off Rte. 108 and 32. Dinner will be spaghetti with meatballs, sauce or lasagna if you prefer. All meals include soda, coffee, tea, salad, garlic bread and homemade desserts. This dinner supports the Youth Ministry activities. Call 410- 531-6668 for more info.

Johns Hopkins University

This Girl Power event is **FREE** for Middle and High School girls to explore careers in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM), Sun, Mar. 8, 2-5 p.m., Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Laboratory, 11100 Johns Hopkins Road, Laurel. Questions can be directed to aplstem@jhuapl.edu or 443-778-7836.

Columbia Association

Columbia Art Center School's Out Spring Break program for grades 1-8. Mar. 30- Apr. 3 and Apr. 6, 7:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m., \$50 per child, drop-off begins at 7:30; art activities beginning at 9 a.m. To register, please call Columbia Art Center at 410-730-0075 or email art.staff@columbiaassociation.org.

Columbia Association

School’s Out Youth Visiting Artist Series, Mosaics, grades 6-8. Come create your own mosaic with Jackie Serpico on Mar. 31, \$50 per child, drop-off begins at 7:30 a.m.; art activities begin at 9 a.m. To register, please call Columbia Art Center at 410-730-0075 or email art.staff@columbiaassociation.org.

Columbia Association

Every third Sun. come to the Columbia Art Center in Long Reach and enjoy a **FREE** family friendly art activity. Sun., Mar. 15th, 1-3 p.m.

Howard Community College

The Educational Foundation cordially invites you to the annual gourmet Chinese buffet to benefit the Silas Craft Collegians Scholarship Endowment. The dinner buffet will be served continuously from 5- 8 p.m. on Mon., Mar. 9, 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

Columbia Association

Pizza and Portfolio workshop series, grades 8-12 with *Alina Poroshina*. Sat., Mar. 14, 10:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m., \$25

This workshop is designed for beginner and intermediate level students. Pizza will be served. To register, please call Columbia Art Center at 410-730-0075.

Boys Scouts of America

Scouting for Food will be held on Sat., Mar. 14. Cub Scouts and Girl Scouts will be out in your neighborhood to collect your donations, which will go to one of 25 food pantries we service in the county. A bag will be dropped off at your home a few days before. Please remember to put your donations by your front door or your mailbox by 8 a.m. on March 14. Thanks for your generous donations. scoutingforfoddnpd@verizon.net.

MakingChange

MakingChange will host a **FREE** Money Matters Fair on Sat., Mar. 14, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., at Long Reach High School. Free activities for the entire family will focus on such issues as living within your means, college funding options, preparing for retirement and caring for aging parents. More information is available at <http://www.eventbrite.com/e/moneu-matters-fair-tickets-14759039685>

Columbia Figure Skating Club

Annual spring production, featuring multiple performances at the Columbia Ice Rink, located at 5876 Thunder Hill Rd., Columbia. Sat, Mar. 21, 3 p.m. and 6 p.m. and Sun., Mar. 22, 2 p.m. and 4:30 p.m.

For tickets and more information, please visit the Club's website: www.columbiafsc.com.

North Laurel Community Center

The MSC 2015 Spring Career Fair is being held on Tues., Mar. 24, 9 a.m. -1 p.m. The event will take place at the North Laurel Community Center on 9411 Whiskey Bottom Road, Laurel MD 20723. Pre-Registration is highly encouraged at <http://mcs2015careerfair.eventbrite.com>.

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National Institute of Mental Health, National Institutes of Health, Department of Health & Human Services

NIH Research Study: How does Puberty Affect Brain Development?

Your healthy child age 8, 12, or 13 is invited to participate in an NIH outpatient research study that examines how puberty affects brain development.

Call for information and eligibility criteria: 301-496-9576, TTY: 1-866-411-1010

Detailed Protocol Description, www.clinicaltrials.gov

National Institute of Mental Health, National Institutes of Health, Department of Health & Human Services

Do You Have A Child with ADHD? Researchers at the National Institute of Mental Health are comparing Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder to Bipolar Disorder by investigating brain function and irritability in children. For more Information call: 301-496-8381, TTY: 1-866-411-1010 Ellen Leibenluft, M.D. or Kenneth Towbin, M.D. bipolarkids@gmail.nih.gov **ES, MS, HS**

Cedar Lane School

Cedar Lanes Annual Walk for Our Stars, Sat. April 18, 10 a.m., Maple Lawn Community Center. 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. Funds will go towards the purchase of specialized equipment, expand the school's cultural arts program, increase the number of student field trips, and provide staff development opportunities beyond what is provided by the county. 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 walkforourstars2015@verizon.net

Howard County Government

Howard County Office of Workforce Development & the Mid-Maryland Youth Council
2015 Youth Job Fair, Friday, Apr.17, 2- 5 p.m. The Sheraton Hotel in Columbia, located at 10207 Wincopin Circle, Columbia, Md. **Free** but youth must register at www.MIDMDYOUTHFAIR2015.EVENTBRITE.COM Jermira Sarratt 410-290-2623 or jesarratt@howardcountymd.gov.

CAMPS

YMCA

Join us for the best summer ever. At the Y, for various camps, discover, create and make memories that will last a lifetime. Whether you're the outdoorsy type, the air-conditioning type, the nature-lover type, the sporty type, the traveler type, the science type, the "I want to get away from home!" type, or every type in between, Y Camp will leave you with a grin on your face! For more information visit www.ymaryland.org.

The Columbia Foundation, Women's Giving Circle

Summer camp for rising 8th and 9th grade girls who will live on a college campus and learn leadership and interpersonal skills, is set for July 12-18, at Washington College in Chestertown, Md. Sponsored by the Women's Giving Circle of Howard County and operated by Maryland Leadership Workshops, Journey is accepted applications at www.mlw.org Limited financial aid is available. Deadline is Mar. 15, 2015.

University of Maryland

Stepping Stones to Your Future is a coed engineering summer camp for rising 7 and 8 graders who are interested in math, science, and engineering. There are 2 Stepping Stones sessions students can choose from: Session 1 July 13-17 and Session 2 July 20-24, 2015. The application deadline is Fri., Mar. 20.

Applications can be found on the Women in Engineering website, <http://www.wie.umd.edu/k12/sstyf>

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me via email at dginnett@umd.edu or call me at 301-405-0315.

