Upcoming Dates
March 2
Interim progress reports issued

March 27
Half Day for Students

March 30 – April 6
Spring Break

Principal’s Corner
Sticky notes are helpful
Most teens don’t read a long assignment in one sitting. But when they stop reading, they may forget what they’ve learned. Teach your teen to keep sticky notes nearby. Before she takes a break, have her jot down a few words and mark her stopping point. She’ll have a quick reminder of what she already read – without having to go back and reread the entire assignment.

Source: The Parent Institute

Young Authors’ Contest
We have exciting news about the Young Authors’ Contest. Mount View Middle School has a winner in the county contest. 7th grader, Joyce Chung, won first place in the countywide event for her poem entitled "Safe Haven". Joyce's poem is now entered in the state competition which will be judged in early March. Congratulations Joyce and good luck at the state level.

Information on PARCC Assessments at Mount View Middle School

Students at Mount View Middle School will be taking the PARCC Assessments beginning March 2, 2015. Each grade will be testing on a different day. 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 2, 2015 ~ All 8th grade students will be taking the PARCC Math assessment.
♦ Tuesday, March 3, 2015 ~ All 7th grade students will be taking the PARCC Math assessment.
♦ Wednesday, March 4, 2015 ~ All 6th grade students will be taking the PARCC Math assessment.
♦ 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.

Students will be practicing both the MATH and ELA online tests during their English and Math classes beginning the week of March 9th. 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.

**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!

Indoor Soccer intramurals were canceled on Tuesday, February 17 because of a snow day. A make date has been scheduled for Friday, February 27.

Recycling Questions Answered!

February 24th
2:30-3:30
MVMS G/T Resource Room

Mount View's Green Team invites you to a Question and Answer session with Alicia Moore from the Howard County Recycling Office. Learn which items can be recycled in your blue bin, which additional items are accepted at Alpha Ridge, and how Mount View's recycling program can make it easy for you to recycle.

Ms. Moore will start off with a brief presentation right after school, and then open for questions. Join us for the whole hour, or just stop by when you have a chance.

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 Tip of The Month: Recycle Your Old Shoes at Mount View

Mount View's Green Team wants your old, tattered, FUNKY shoes! We send them to the Nike Reuse-A-Shoe program where they are chipped up and made into new basketball courts and playground surfaces. Drop them off at the recycling center outside of the FACS room. ANY BRAND rubber soled athletic shoe can be turned in. If you have questions, just contact the Green Team at susan_mako@hcpss.org.
Clean out your closets, keep shoes out of the trashcan, and help the planet!

PTA News

Mt. View Middle School Bowling Night
FUN NIGHT WITH FRIENDS!

Saturday, February 21, 2015
7-9pm (arrive at 6:30)
Brunswick Zone Normandy
8419 Baltimore National Pike, Ellicott City, MD 21043
Tickets will be $15/student
Includes shoe rental

Buy tickets at lunch tomorrow. Cash or check payable to MVMS PTA.
If you forgot to buy tickets today you can pay at the door
$17/ticket

Please use this link to MVMS PTA website for cancellations if weather is questionable:
http://mvmspta.yolasite.com/

Questions? Contact lisadelmonte@verizon.net

Start searching for all those Box Tops you saved from the Holidays!!
MVMS PTA will be collecting Box Tops during all lunch periods on Mon-Tues-Wed, February 23-24-25. In exchange for a baggie of Box Tops, students will receive a small treat.
Collection boxes will be outside the cafeteria at the lunch hall monitor's table. Add an extra baggie of Box Tops to your child's lunch and ask them to drop them off!
It's easy, it's free, and it helps support Mount View Middle School!
Thank you!
Karaoke & Pizza Night!
The MVMS PTA Community Outreach Committee cordially invites you to join us for Karaoke and Pizza!

**Date:** Friday, March 6th  
**Time:** 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.  
**Where:** MVMS Cafeteria

$2.00 per slice (cheese or pepperoni)  
Purchase of pizza includes FREE bottomless Caesar salad and drinks and refills (lemonade and iced tea)  
**Dessert:** baked goods will be provided by the Community Outreach Committee student members and sold for $1.00.  
**Proceeds to support Operation Smile** ([http://www.operationsmile.org](http://www.operationsmile.org)). Operation Smile provides free surgeries to repair cleft lip, cleft palate and other facial deformities for children around the globe. *Every three minutes a child is born with a cleft. A child with a cleft has twice the odds of dying before their first birthday. Children with cleft conditions who survive may have difficulty eating, speaking, hearing or breathing properly. In some places, they are shunned and rejected. And in too many cases, their parents can't afford the surgeries they need to live a productive life.*

**Questions? Contact:** Theresa Yodzis at tbone119@comcast.net, Chele Ruetsch at chelediello@yahoo.com or Mrs. Parson at Nicole_Parson@hcpss.org.

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**Backpack Buddies Program - Are you up next?**

Congratulations to Mr. Grabau’s Falcon Time for rounding up the most donations with your class for our 6th collection.

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](http://mvmspta.yolasite.com/backpack-buddies.php)
PTA!
Believe it or not, the PTA is already starting to plan for next year. We are specifically looking for a group of volunteers to help fill open committee chair positions for the 2015-2016 school year. This group should consist of at least three people (preferably one person from each feeder school) and the name of this group is called the Nominating Committee. Don't be shy! It is a great way to learn more about the PTA and meet new people in your school community. If you have an interest in joining this committee or just want to learn more, please contact Theresa Yodzis, 410.531.4929 or yodz@comcast.net.

The Marriotts Ridge High School Tri-M Music Honor Society will be holding its first annual Tutoring Night on Tuesday, February 24th, 2015.

Our outstanding musicians in the MRHS Tri-M organization will be providing free one-on-one tutoring to elementary and middle school students participating in choir, band, and orchestra.

The tutoring will take place in 30-minute sessions from 4:00-8:00 pm at Marriotts Ridge High School.

To sign up for a lesson or to ask questions, please email marriottsridgetrim@gmail.com. Tri-M will reply with your assigned time based on first-come first-served basis. Further details will be sent out to participating students and parents upon the approach of the date.

This is a great opportunity for students to prepare for the Solo & Ensemble festival! Don't let students miss out on the chance to be meet and mentored by experienced high school musicians!

MVMS Website

Follow us on Twitter! @hcpss_mvms

DONATIONS NEEDED!
The 7th Annual Mustang Flea Market to benefit the MRHS Music Department will be held on Saturday, March 7, 8AM - 1PM in the Cafeteria and Commons!
PLEASE SAVE YOUR "STUFF" AND DONATE ITEMS FOR THIS TREMENDOUSLY WORTHY CAUSE. Gently used items can be dropped off at the storage units that will be located in the parking lot behind the cafeteria.
Drop off times are:
Saturday, February 21: 9 AM - NOON
Friday, February 27: 5-8 PM  
Saturday, February 28: 9 AM-NOON

Large items will be accepted upon approval.  
Please hold your large items (furniture and sporting goods) and drop them off on Friday, March 6 from 4PM-8PM in the Commons.  
Donated items are tax deductible!

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.

Columbia Orchestra  
The Columbia Orchestra of Howard County presents on Sat., Feb. 21, at 10:30 a.m. and 1 p.m., its popular Young People’s Concert. Saint-Saëns’ well-known Carnival of the Animals, Peck’s, Thrill of the Orchestra, and music from the movie Frozen.  Costumed dancers from Dance Connections and narrator Greg Jukes will join the orchestra. A Musical Instrument Petting Zoo will be open from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. offering children of all ages an opportunity to see, hear, touch, and play orchestral instruments. 11 and under are Free. For more information or to purchase tickets, call 410-465-8777 or visit www.columbiaorchestra.org.

Howard County Government  
Howard County Executive Allan Kittleman has announced that nomination forms are now available for the 2015 “Volunteer of the Year” awards program. Sponsored by Howard County Government, the County Council and the Volunteer Center Serving Howard County, this program recognizes individuals (youth and adults), non-profit organizations or governmental agencies, and for-profit organizations or community groups that have demonstrated commitment and dedication to our community. The deadline for nominations is Fri., Feb. 27.  
For questions and more information, call 410-313-2023 or email voy@howardcountymd.gov.

MakingChange  
MakingChange will host a FREE Money Matters Fair on Sat., Mar. 14, from 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. Activities for children ages 12-18 and their parents will include an interactive financial simulation designed to show how career, education and spending choices impact success. More information is available at http://www.eventbrite.com/e/moneu-matters-fair-tickets-14759039685

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. Private and home school students are welcome to participate. 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
SPORTS

Howard County Recreation and Parks

The Howard County Lacrosse Program (HCLP) is currently accepting registration for the spring season. This program offers the opportunity for children ages 5-14 to learn and play the game of lacrosse. Children from the same schools are teamed together while keeping talent levels even. Because of this, practices will be located close to where you live. If your 5-8 year old does not have equipment, we will provide you with all of the pads they may need for the low cost of only $40 for the entire season. The price is $155 per child before Jan. 16, and $185 per child after that date. For any more information please visit www.hclacrosse.com or contact Derrick Thompson at 410-313-4736 or dethompson@howardcountymd.gov for more information.

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Spring Recreational Softball, Our recreational softball program is the largest in Central Maryland. We offer a strong softball experience in an environment for everyone from beginners to experienced softball players to enjoy the game. Early Bird 10U, 12U, 14/17U - $195 early bird
8U - $150. www.HCYP.org

HCYP

Spring Recreational Baseball. Our recreational baseball program is one of the largest in Maryland with almost 1500 kids participating each spring. We offer programs for all ages and skill levels, from instructional coach pitch to kid pitch programs. Rookie (Ages 5-6) - $105 early bird; Pinto (Ages 7-8) - $165 early bird; Little League (Ages 9-12) - $200 early bird; Pony (Ages 13-14) - $200 early bird; Colt (Ages 15-18) - $200 early bird. www.HCYP.org