



Keepin' On Track

News And Notes from Hollifield Station Elementary

Up and Coming Dates and Events

May 14th- Orientation for Incoming Kindergarten Parents Cafeteria 2:00pm
 Grade 4 Field Trip- St. Mary's City
 May 15th - Kindergarten Field Trip – Baltimore Zoo
 May 16th – Professional Development Day-Schools Closed for Students
 May 19th – PreK Field Trip – Miller Branch Library
 May 20th- Grade 5 Student Congressional Hearing
 May 21st – Field Day- Grades 3-5 8:45-11:30/Grades K-2 12:15-3:00
 May 22nd – Rain Date For Field Day
 May 26th - Memorial Day- Schools and Offices Closed
 May 28th– PTA Meeting
 May 29th – Enrichment Fair 6:30pm
 May 30th – Grade 4 Field Trip – National Portrait Gallery Washington DC

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Kindergarten Promotion Ceremony June 13th-8:45
 Grade 5 Promotion Ceremony June 17th-8:45

HSES News

The Imagination Express (school-wide enrichment fair) is fast approaching. Please join us for an evening of creativity and innovation on Thursday, May 29, 2014 from 6:30 – 8:00 PM. Come view all the wonderful projects that the students have worked on throughout the school year. The HSES jazz band will close out the evening with a performance in the cafeteria starting at 7:30 PM. We hope to see you at the station!

Lori Speelman/Gifted and Talented HSES

Summer Packets

The Elementary Curriculum Office **will no longer** be printing the *Staying Sharp in the Summertime* summer packets that usually go home with students in June. The up-to-date aligned resources identified below provide more activities and useful parent information than was available in the old summer packets.

Mathematics Resources:

Elementary mathematics resources, websites, and activities for students in kindergarten through fifth grade are available at the following site:

<http://smart.wikispaces.hcpss.org>

Language Arts Resources:

The *Elementary Language Arts Parent Support Website* is found at the following site: <http://elaparentsupport.weebly.com/>
 (Also linked to www.hcpss.org.)

The Elementary Language Arts Office has compiled a wealth of resources for parents that complement the instruction that takes place in the classrooms. This site contains information about the Common Core, includes overviews of what students will learn in each grade, and activities and technology links to support student learning. Research strongly reports the benefits of wide reading and writing to promote literacy growth. In addition to exploring the materials listed on this site, parents are encouraged to provide opportunities for students to read and write regularly throughout the summer.

Science Resources:

Elementary science resources, websites, and activities for students in kindergarten through fifth grade are available at the following site:

http://www.hcpss.org/academics/science_elem.shtml

Social Studies Resources:

Elementary social studies resources, websites, and activities for students in kindergarten through fifth grade are available at the following site: http://www.hcpss.org/academics/socialstudies_elem.shtml

Please call with any questions. Thanks!
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Students Not Returning

Students that will be leaving Hollifield Station and not returning for the 2014-2015 school year need to contact the front office. We will send a packet home with your child the last week of school so you are able to enroll your child in their new school.

Counselor's Corner

Congratulations to the following Students

Congratulations to our **April** "Caught Being Your Best" Station Call Award Winners! The following students were recognized at our monthly award assemblies for demonstrating outstanding behavior in one of the categories **Be Respectful, Be Responsible, Be Ready**. They have showed wonderful manners and we are very proud of **YOU!**

PreK- Christian Jimenez-Martinez, Alex Jimenez, Irah Chong, Damla Tulukcu, Benjamin Hildebrand, Lebari Giadom

Kindergarten- Priscilla Kim, Kyuwon Park, Iven Chen, Euna Woo, PJ Opoku, Graysen Trevisan, Charlie Keaton, Jayla Bogues, Aditi Kemburu, Allee Burrell

1st Grade- Ananya Sundarajan, Sashank Kotla, Adan Sowers, Karunya Ganga, Conor Hewat, Ragib Ahanaf, Viola Fairchild, Katie Cruz-Tapia, Gabriel Vilardo, Junior Izaguirre-Lopez, Justin Mejia-Avila, Adonay Contreras-Segovia

2nd Grade- Roger Zhu, Tanisha Suri, Jacinda McNeal, Kaitlyn Moving, Shashank Sambaru, Noorain Fatima, Alexis Mays, Nathan Perez, Caroline Petrilla, Natalie Machiran, Ina Gahan, Alyamin Alwidyan

3rd Grade- Noah Carter, Amyah Maze-Arnold, Ben Kayes, Lauren Skaggs, Sam Santos, Jacob Jones, Kyle Oh, Aminatta Sillah

4th Grade- Julianne Vengroski, Ahmad Abu-Arqoub, Hawaa Sillah, Laurie Satchell, Rishi Chandu, Varun Samy, Gabby Wasson, Julia Taylor, Nathan Jackson, Connor Croft

5th Grade- Morgan Amos, Benji Shin, Sneha Kuppireddy, Tatum Pinsky, Poorni Balakrishnan, Julia Park, Keya Shah, Abigail Song

Community News

Please join **CUB SCOUT - PACK 2005** for our **Spring OPEN HOUSE** at Crossroads Church of the Nazarene – 2750 Rogers Avenue on Thursday, May 22nd from 6:30pm-8:00pm. Cub Scouting is open to boys presently in kindergarten – 4th grades. It is a great opportunity for kids to build character, teamwork, and self-esteem. For more information contact: Danielle Smith at 410-461-7680 (scoutmom3696@gmail.com), or Jarrett Reid at 410-336-9718 (jarrett@reidhome.com).

Ballet Royale Institute's Exceptional Children's Dance Company

Special needs children have special abilities and Ballet Royale is offering a new Exceptional Children's Program to embrace them through our love of dance, movement, music and fun. The program is designed for physical and intellectually challenged children to help them make new friends, learn to dance and facilitate team work. Classes will take place on Saturdays and will include ballet and movement with musical emphasis. Performance demonstrations will take place in our new black box theater

Ages 3 - 6 Saturday 2:00-3:00 pm

Ages 7 -13 Saturday 3:00-4:00 pm

Cost \$68.00 per month

Registration Opens on May 17th

For additional information, please contact Ballet Royale Institute of Maryland: 410.997.8443

balletroyale@verizon.net

Neighbor Ride is seeking volunteers to decrease isolation and improve the quality of life for local seniors by providing transportation for medical appointments, social outings, shopping, religious services and other needs. Parents may bring children along on rides and No Set Schedule is required. Contact Patrice Cerwonka or Rosemary Noble volunteer@neighborride.org or 410-884-7433 for more information.

AFS Exchange Students

Next school year, some twenty AFS exchange students from around the world will come to Howard County for a life-changing year of cross-cultural sharing. The students live in a family such as yours and attend high school from your address. They learn about our American culture from the inside and share about theirs. Students are available from many countries, such as Denmark, Germany, Thailand, Japan, Norway, Turkey, Georgia, and Italy. Students have interests such as art, soccer, running, filmmaking, violin, martial arts and guitar.

The Howard County Public Schools placement deadline is coming soon. If you would like to hear more about the process of becoming a host family or any other aspect of our program, please contact Christina McGarvey 410-997-7087 or ckmgarvey@yahoo.com, Cindy Clemens 410-730-7411

The Howard County Ballet proudly presents J.M. Barrie's captivating tale of *Peter Pan*, choreographed by Kathi Ferguson. Sun., May 18, 1 p.m. and 6 p.m. at Centennial High School.

Order tickets online at www.howardcountyballet.org, or contact Ticket Sales Coordinator, Suzette Becraft, at suzettebecraft@hotmail.com.

The Elkridge Volunteer Fire Department Junior Firefighter Program sponsors Chaperoned Dances for ages 9-15 on these dates for 2014, June 7, Aug. 23, Sept. 20, Oct. 25, and Nov. 15. Dances are from 7-10 p.m. It is \$10 for admission to the dance and the kitchen is open to sell food throughout the dance. A dress code is strictly enforced; if you can't wear it to school don't wear it to the dance. For more information email us at elkridgejuniors1998@gmail.com.

HopeWorks is accepting applications for their Youth Leadership Projects 2014/2015 school year. The projects are service-learning programs promoting healthy relationships and peaceable living. Open to youth ages 13-18, youth leaders explore violence prevention concepts including media literacy, bystander intervention, cultural relativity, sexualized bullying and safe use of technology. To apply visit the HopeWorks [website](#) to download an application or contact Vanita Leatherwood at (410) 997 -0304.

Head Start is a national federally funded program that provides comprehensive services to low-income pre-school children between the ages of 3-5 and their families. It promotes school readiness by enhancing the social and cognitive development of children through the provision of educational, health, nutritional, social and other services to enrolled children and families. Administered by the Community Action Council of Howard County, Head Start has four centers – three in Columbia and one in Ellicott City. Two of our sites have classes that are 4 hours long and two have 6-hour programs. Howard County Head Start program serves 264 income eligible families who are at or below the Federal Poverty guidelines. (410-313-6482)

Amazing Futures Foundation

Presented by Nancy Sheain, Creator of Kid Empowerment Smashing ANTs

Successful Parenting: Gaining Kid Cooperation Wed., May 14, 7-8:30 p.m. Turning Losses into Wins Wed., June 4, 7- 8:30 p.m. Contact Nancy Sheain at Nancy@smashingants.com or 410-707-6288 or visit our website at www.smashingants.com/ParentWorkshops.php

The Potomac Valley Pearls, a competitive synchronized swimming club, invites girl's ages 6 to 17 that can swim 50 yds in deep water to give synchro a try. Join us for "Pearl for a Day" on Wed. May 28, from 6-8 p.m., or for beginning synchro lessons from 6:15-7:30 p.m. each Wed in June at Fairland Aquatic Center. Contact ginnychadwick@hotmail.com or call 410-707-0201 for more info.

NAMI Basics is a free six-week course specifically designed for parents and other primary caregivers of children and adolescents who are living with mental illness faced by families dealing with mental illness. It is not necessary that the child have received a specific diagnosis. The next course runs from Wed., May 14- June 18 in the evenings from 7-9:30 p.m. Please call the NAMI Howard County office at 410-772-9300 or email Kate Gerwin at kgerwin.namihc@gmail.com

Make-A-Wish Mid-Atlantic is gearing up for our 5th Annual Make-A-Wish Kids Triathlon- hosted at Padonia Park Club in Cockeysville May 18. The Kids Triathlon is for age 5-14. The event brings kids, families and the community together for a great day of fun, fellowship and athletic exercise (running, biking and swimming), but the greater purpose is to help our local Make-A-Wish children. www.makeawishkidstrimd.org 410-453-9430

Atholton Swim Club Open House Sun., May 25, 1-5 p.m. and Sat., May 31, 12-4 p.m. Allview Estates, 6731 Seneca Drive, Columbia MD. Offering Red Cross Learn to Swim Lessons, and competitive CMSL Swim Team. All levels of membership are now available. For more information go to www.atholtonswimclub.com or email atholtonswimclub.membership@gmail.com

Summer Reading Kickoff Sat. May 31, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. HCLS Miller Branch 410-313-1950 hclibrary.org/summerreading.

Columbia Orchestra

Season Finale, Sat., May 31, 7:30 p.m., Jim Rouse Theatre at Wilde Lake High School. www.columbiaorchestra.org/hcpcss

Colonial Market Fair Committee

History comes alive at the Colonial Market Fair on June 14-15, 10 a.m.- 4 p.m., at the Benjamin Banneker Historical Park and Museum, 300 Oella Avenue, in Catonsville. Watch a blacksmith at work, dip candles, and see a Revolutionary War surgeon and Benjamin Banneker himself. Try your hand at colonial games and chores. There is something for the whole family at this free event offered by the Baltimore County Department of Recreation and Parks and the Friends of Benjamin Banneker Historical Park and Museum

National Aquarium's Annual Grade A Student Night Thurs., June 26, 2014, 6 -9 p.m.

Students must have 3 A's (or equivalent) in any marking period. Free for student w/report card; one adult also free. Other family members are \$5 Register online at www.aqua.org/gradeastudent, call 410.659.4200.

SPORTS

Ellicott City Patriots Football and Cheer

Choose from Tackle Football, Cheer, or Poms, ages 5-12. www.ecpatriots.com

Soccer Association of Columbia will be holding tryouts for the Fall 2014/Spring 2015 Travel season beginning May 14th. The league is open to players from ages 7 to 17. Go to www.sackick.com for the tryouts schedule. For more information, contact asksac@sac-hc.org.

Soccer Association of Columbia is now registering players for SAC Training Academy Summer Camps scheduled throughout the summer. Players of all abilities, ages 5 to 14 years old, can take part in SAC's new professionally run summer camp. Both full and half days sessions are offered. SAC also offers extended care from 4-6pm for an additional fee. Go to www.sackick.com to register. For more information, contact asksac@sac-hc.org

Soccer Association of Columbia is now registering players for the Fall 2014/Spring 2015 Recreation season. The league is open to players from ages 6 to 18. Teams meet for eight weeks each season for practices and weekend games. Players receive an Under Armour jersey, shorts and socks. Register before June 30 to receive an early registration discount. Go to www.sackick.com to register. SAC's Select Team tryouts will begin May 27th. Please see website for the tryouts schedule.

For more information, contact asksac@sac-hc.org.

Soccer Association of Columbia is now registering players for the Fall 2014/Spring 2015 Clinic season. The league is open to players from ages 4 to 6. Gender based teams meet for eight weeks each season on Saturday mornings and focus on skills, teamwork and the basics of soccer. Players receive an Under Armour jersey and socks. Register before June 30th to receive an early registration discount. Go to www.sackick.com to register. For more information, contact asksac@sac-hc.org.

Thunder Soccer Club of Howard County is now accepting players for several programs.

Fall Tryout Registration is now OPEN for boys and girls U8 - U17 to join our competitive travel program.

Fall Recreation registration is now open for boys and girls U5 - U8. We maintain ideal roster sizes; provide parent and coaching education to ensure a well-rounded experience for both players and parents.

For information and registration, please visit www.thundersoccerclub.org or call Michele Geidel @ [443-741-2486](tel:443-741-2486).

CAMPS

Columbia Association

Athlete's Edge- Strength & Conditioning Camp, Columbia Gym

July 7-1; July 14-18; and July 21-25

Cost: CA Residents: \$175/Non-Residents \$205

Contact information: columbiacamps.org or call 410-715-3065

Lady Eagles Basketball Camp July 21-25, 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Centennial High School. This is a camp for girls aged 8-14, costs \$130. Work with experienced coaches on the fundamentals of basketball.

If interested, you can contact Coach Bobby Macheel at macheelr@gmail.com or visit Centennial Girls Basketball website at <https://sites.google.com/site/chsladyeaglesbasketball> for a copy of the camp brochure.

Dragons Elite Boys' Basketball Camp Glenelg Country School, 12793 Folly Quarter Road Ellicott City, MD. 410-531-8600

www.glenelg.org/summer. Weekdays 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Session I: June 23 - June 27 (\$325) Session II: June 30 - July 3 (\$260)

Session III: July 7 - July 11 (\$325)

Dragon Elite Field Hockey Camp

June 23-27 and June 30- July 3, this camp is designed for both Beginner and Experienced Field Hockey Players. Catered lunch, contests, and daily swimming are included in camp fees. Camp hours are 9 a.m. -3:30 p.m. before and after camp care available.

Bethany United Methodist Church

Vacation Bible School, June 23-27, 9 a.m. - 11:45 a.m., Bethany United Methodist Church 2875 Bethany Lane, Ellicott City.

VBS is open to all children in our community from age 3 years through completing 5th grade. Fee: \$35/child (\$15/child for VBS volunteers - must volunteer at least 2 days) Complete online Registration using the link on the home page at Bethanyum.org.

For more information, call the church office at [410-465-2919](tel:410-465-2919).

Stressless Test

Summer Study Skills Camps to be held the weeks of Aug. 4, 11 and 18. Middle School Classes meet from 9-11 a.m., during the weeks of Aug. 4-8 and 11-15. High School classes meet from 12-2:00 p.m., during August 11-15 and 9-11 am August 18 - 22, Monday-Friday. All classes meet at the Owen Brown Community Association building in Columbia. To register, go to www.Stresslesstests.org. For more information, contact Betty Caldwell at 410 740-4659, or Bcaldwell@comcast.net.

Marriotts Ridge Boosters

Summer sports and music camps, early registration until May 15. Many new music and vocal camps added this year. For a complete list and registration information, check out the website: <http://www.mrhs-boosters.com/summer-camps>