



MURRAY HILL

Middle School

Celebrating 20 Years of Excellence

Week of April 24, 2017

RESPECTFUL

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MHMS Community

Dates to Remember:

Family Gift Card Bingo - Friday, April 21st

Come have pizza and play to win wonderful gift cards from our local business community! Doors open at 6:30pm and Bingo begins at 7:00pm.

April 24 – PTA Meeting – 6:30 p.m. – Media Center

April 25 – PTA Sweet Frog Spirit Night – 3:00 – 9:00 p.m.

PARCC & MAP Assessment Dates

Starting next week, Murray Hill Middle will begin administering spring assessments. Both assessments measure students' performance in the areas of reading/English and math. Below, you will find test dates per grade.

April 26 – Student Member of the Board Elections

April 26 – 8th Grade Spanish Field Trip

PARCC:

Grade 6 - April 27-28 and May 1-2
Grade 7 - May 3, 4, 5, & 8
Grade 8 - May 9, 10, 15, & 16

April 26 – French Field Trip

April 28 – PTA Family Fun Fitness Friday – Yoga or Zumba – 6:30 p.m. – Gym

MAP:

Grade 6 - May 11-12
Grade 7 - May 22-23
Grade 8 - May 24 -25

May 3 – Chorus Showcase Concert – 7:00 p.m.

Please, help us to ensure that students have eaten a good breakfast, arrive to school on time, and are prepared to do their best.

May 4 – Immunization Clinic – 8:30 a.m. - Cafeteria

Student Services News

Directory Of Mental Health Services In Howard County

The “Directory of Mental Health Services in Howard County,” provided by the Howard County Mental Health Authority, is available to the public and can be found at the following link: <http://www.hcmha.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/10/HCMHA-Directory-October-2015.pdf>

CRISIS TEXT LINE – Text START to 741-741

Teaching the Whole Child - Asset of the Week:

One of the many wonderful things about being a middle school educator is observing how much our students grow during their 3 years with us. This growth is not just physical or in the critical academic arena, but also in their equally important social/emotional domains. In an effort to support the social/emotional growth of our students this year, Murray Hill will be leading our students through a introduction to the Search Institute’s 40 Developmental Assets. This week’s asset is “peaceful conflict resolution”. Each week, 1 asset will be highlighted with MHTV segments, associated quotes, and posters displayed throughout the building. We hope you will reinforce these assets at home with your children and support their individual development with positive praise and recognition.

Want to know more about the 40 Developmental Assets and ideas for helping young people build them? Visit <http://www.search-institute.org/assets>.

If you have any questions, comments, or suggestions please don't hesitate to reach out to Mr. Wilson.

MHMS April Students of the Month

Congratulations to the following students for receiving Student of the Month for April: Julyana Medina (6th Grade), Rachel Uwimana (7th Grade), Mary Lima (8th Grade), and Bishoy Asaad (Related Arts).

Congratulations to the following students for receiving the Respectful, Responsible, Ready award for April: Garvey Walker (6th Grade), Jariatu Kargbo (7th Grade), Nyla Harding (8th Grade), and Tyler Geesaman (Related Arts).

These students have been nominated by their teachers for displaying the appropriate behaviors and work ethic both in and out of the classroom.

Health Room News - Attention all 6th grade Parents:

The Health Department is offering free Tdap and MCV vaccinations to be given at MHMS on May 4 for all 6th grade students that currently have no record of receiving these vaccinations. Permission slips were sent home with students that have been identified as needing these vaccinations. Please check with your student to see if they received a permission slip.

Permission slips need to be returned by April 24, 2017.

Music News and Notes

Thanks you for your support as we continue getting our groups ready for the Howard County assessments.

Music In The Parks Competition at Hershey Park (Bands) - Saturday, May 6th

Last year, our students won so many awards and performed so very well! We are looking to meet or exceed last year! Our Chaperone meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 1st at 7:00pm in the band room.

Volunteers are always needed to make MHMS Music the BEST! If you are able to help in any way (a little time or a donation), please let your Director know so that we may add you to our email list or go to our website at <http://mhmsmb.weebly.com/> and sign up!!!

PTA News

Upcoming PTA Events

- ✓ 4/24 PTA Meeting – Media Center 6:30pm
- ✓ 4/25 Sweet Frog Spirit Night 3pm-9pm
- ✓ 4/25 Family Fun Fitness Friday 6:30pm-7:30pm

PTA Meeting

Join us at our next PTA meeting on **4/24/2017 at 6:30pm** in the Media Center! The school year is nearing the end, come out and see what your PTA has in store for you!

Facebook

If you'd like to stay in "the know," find us and "Like Us" on Facebook (Murray Hill Middle School PTA) to stay up to date with our most current events and happenings during the school year! Our website will also have up to date information as well: <http://mhmsptawebmaster.wixsite.com/mountainlion>

2017-2018 MHMS PTA Board Openings

It's that time of year already! It's time to start planning for the next school year 2017-2018. We are looking to fill the following PTA Executive Board positions. If you are interested or know of someone who would be a perfect fit, please contact the current board ASAP. A vote will take place in May.

President
Vice President
Treasurer
Secretary

If you would like to learn more about the time commitment and / or obligation of any of those positions, you may contact:

Maha Blair at MahaPTAMHMS@gmail.com (President)
Jennifer Smith at JenPTAMHMS@gmail.com (Vice President)
Lela Sewell-Williams at LelaPTAMHMS@gmail.com (Treasurer)
or Traci T. Jackson at TraciPTAMHMs@gmail.com (Secretary)

If you're looking to serve on the PTA Executive Board, this is your chance!

Thank you for continued support!

Atholton High School Poms Auditions

The 2017-2018 Poms (dance) team auditions will be held on Tuesday, April 25th, and on Thursday, April 27th. On Tuesday, students will be taught choreography from 3:30 to 5:30 in the Atholton dance studio. On Thursday, students should arrive at the time slot they signed up for on Tuesday; auditions will be in the dance studio. The time slots will begin at 4 pm. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Payne: nicole_payne@hcpss.org or (410) 313-7065.

HCPSS News

Middle School Course Catalog

The new HCPSS middle school [course catalog](#) is now available online. The catalog includes approved middle school courses, program of studies and general middle school information.

Community News (These programs are neither sponsored nor endorsed by HCPSS)

Youth Leadership Workshop – Developing a Strong Character

This workshop is presented in partnership with The Howard County MultiService Center and Dare to Soar LLC. Don't miss this opportunity to participate in a world-changing youth movement designed to empower young people to Be The Change they wish to see in the world! The workshop will take place on Saturday, April 29th from 1:00-4:30 p.m. at the North Laurel Community Center located at 9411 Whiskey Bottom Road, Laurel, Maryland. Please see the attached flier for more information.

Patuxent Valley Middle School PTA To Host Annual Yard & Bake Sale – April 29th



**Patuxent Valley MS PTA
Community Yard Sale**

Spring is here! Clean out your closets, attics, basements, and garages and sell your gently used treasures for CASH!

Saturday, April 29* 8am-12pm
* Rain Date May 6
PVMS bus loop / 9151 Vollmerhausen Rd Jessup MD 20794

SEEKING SELLERS
Early birds – Reserve before 4/15 and pay only \$10 per space, \$19 for two spaces.
4/16–4/27: \$12 per space, \$22 for two spaces.
4/28 and 4/29, price is \$25 per space IF space is available.
A "space" consists of 1/2 of a bus parking spot. No refunds unless both dates are rained out. Tables are not provided.

WELCOME BUYERS
Grab your cash and join us to support PVMS PTA & local community members.

Patuxent Valley MS Yard Sale

of parking spaces _____ X \$ _____ = \$ _____
Make checks payable to PVMS PTA

Name: _____ email: _____
(needed to confirm reservation)

Phone (contact # on day of event): _____
Questions? Contact chairperson: Christine Dietrich, dietrichs4@verizon.net
Mail form/payment to: Christine Dietrich, 8411 Foundry St. Savage, MD 20763

Girls Middle School Basketball League

We are attempting to establish a basketball league for middle school age girls. This league would be a step up from the REC program in terms of competition and the teams would probably be considered B-level travel teams. There has existed a similar league for the boys for many years and interest has grown in the last few years to establish the league for the girls. The league would start by having tryouts sometime in the late September/Early October time frame. As a result we are trying to establish a list of interested players.

If your daughter is interested in participating in this league, please send an email to the following address HCGMSBL@gmail.com and indicate her current grade and what middle school she will attend in the Fall. Also, if you have any questions regarding this league, please send those to same email address.