



MURRAY HILL

Middle School

Celebrating 20 Years of Excellence

Week of June 12, 2017

RESPECTFUL

RESPONSIBLE

READY



Dates to Remember:

June 9 – Jazz ‘n the Field Concert – 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

June 9 – 7th and 8th Grade Orchestra – Hershey Park

June 12 – June Jamboree – 12:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

June 13 – 3 Hour Early Dismissal for Students

June 14 – Last Day of School for Students – 3 Hour Early Dismissal

September 5 – First Student Day of 2017-2018 School Year

MHMS Community

Important News from the Health Room

Please remember to pick up all medications from the health room before the end of the school year. The nurse will be in the health room until 1:00PM on June 14. **All medications that are not picked up will be discarded.**

All medication orders for next school year need to be dated on or after July 1, 2017.

Effective Communication Survey

The Murray Hill staff is committed to providing each parent and guardian with excellent customer service, including effective communication. To help us meet this goal, please take a few minutes to complete this brief survey, linked below. Thank you, in advance, for helping us continue to improve Murray Hill Middle School!

https://docs.google.com/a/hcpss.org/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfVXz8UsaTiC-_d4PmbJp4hK96lXgpKE7vrLBI7O3YROK7Enw/viewform?c=0&w=1

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 an introduction to the Search Institute's 40 Developmental Assets. This week's asset is "creative activities". 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.

Thank You from Grassroots

THANK YOU for supporting Grassroots and the Change Matters program this year! The MHMS community took it **OVER THE TOP** with lunchtime change collections, TWO music concerts, a walkathon, and food collections! With the support of the MHMS students, staff, and parent community, Change Matters collectively raised over \$3,500 to support Grassroots homeless and crisis services. That is an **AMAZING** amount of change!!! Every coin, every dollar will be spent helping people in crisis who live in our community. I know you will agree that teaching young people about compassion for others, and how to actively engage in social philanthropy are valuable life lessons.

Change Matters will be celebrating 10 years of educational philanthropy next school year! There will be new material and opportunities for student engagement to share. Regardless of these changes, I hope you will continue to support Change Matters and the essential services Grassroots provides. Together, we will continue to make a positive difference in the lives of the children and families living in our community.

PTA News

We can't say it enough, but **THANK YOU!** Thank you to all of our volunteers, our stars, this year! We had over 80 parents and teachers step up and help your PTA when called upon. That is quite an impressive number! Thank you!

2017-2018 MHMS PTA Executive Board Members

CONGRATULATIONS! Please join us in congratulating the newly elected Executive Board Members: Femi William, President, Jennifer Smith, returning Vice President, Monica Lewis, Treasurer and Kay Rogers, Secretary. If you would like to become involved, please consider becoming a star! Here's a list of committees that need you:

- 20 Year Anniversary
- Staff Appreciation

- Book Fair
- PTA Membership
- PTA Website
- Spirit Wear
- Valentine's Day & Mother's Day Shop
- Annual Art Show & Workshop
- 5K / 1K Fun Run/Walk (new event for 2017-2018)
- Cultural Arts
- Fashion Show
- Multi-Cultural Event/International Night

Remember there is something for each and every one of you to stay connected with your child through your PTA! If you don't see something on this list that you would like to bring to Murray Hill, please contact Maha Blair at mahaPTAMHMS@gmail.com. All suggestions are welcome!

Facebook

Stay in touch with us over summer break! If you'd like to be 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! Search for us on Facebook under @PTAMHMS.

Box Tops

Keep on clipping those Box Tops! It's "free" money in your pocket!

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



We need Your Help Parents!

All MHMS Library Media books are due now. Please ask your kids if they have any Library Media books to return & if they do, please help get them back to school. Thank you!



Summer Reading List

The MHMS & HCPSS Middle School Summer Reading List is Out!

Please visit either our Library Edublog or the MHMS front webpage to view & download the reading list. BONUS: Lists for all grades K-12 & even grown-ups are also on that page!

Ms. Jones & Ms. Bell– Media Center.

Reservoir High School Summer Camp

Summer camp opportunity at Reservoir High School!

Don't miss out on these great camps at Reservoir High School. Your children will be coached by Reservoir High School coaches and associates with extensive teaching and coaching experience. Campers learn fundamentals and benefit from individual and group instruction. You can't get better than this. High quality sports training for an affordable price. Best of all it's FUN!

Sign up at: <http://www.rhsboosters.com/camp/>

HCPSS News

Samsung Galaxy Note7 Recalls

Because of recent [recalls](#) of the Samsung Galaxy Note7 smartphone, these phones are no longer allowed on school property. The lithium-ion battery in the Galaxy Note7 smartphone can overheat and catch fire, posing serious fire and burn hazard to consumers.

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)

Announcements of Upcoming Community Events

Please visit the Community News and Programs page on the HCPSS website (<http://www.hcpss.org/community-news-and-programs/>) for announcements of upcoming events and programs sponsored by non-profit organizations.

Summer Camps at Pallotti High School

Pallotti High School in Laurel, MD is proud to offer three weeks full of camps for the summer of 2017! Take a look at the attached flyer; most camps welcome rising 1st graders through rising 9th graders. Contact Jess Palumbo at CampDirector@pallottihs.org if you have any questions about their summer camp program.