



# MURRAY HILL

## Middle School

*Celebrating 20 Years of Excellence*

Week of March 20, 2017

RESPECTFUL

RESPONSIBLE

READY



### MHMS Community

### Dates to Remember:

#### Bright Minds Foundation

The Bright Minds Foundation, the educational foundation for the Howard County Public School System, will be hosting the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual "Strutting With the Staff" dance contest on March 22, 2017 from 7-9pm at the Jim Rouse Theater at Wilde Lake High School. Many of the principals, teachers and staff from eleven high schools will compete in this dance contest.

#### Yes, a dance contest!

This year's event is part of the Columbia 50 Celebration and Dick Story is the Emcee along with four Celebrity Judges. You can vote for your favorite high school dance team with dollars starting February 22, online with PayPal at <http://www.brightmindsfoundation.org/> or on the night of the event. \$1 = 1 VOTE. Prizes will be awarded for the winning dance teams based on judges' scores, funds raised and creativity. Join us for a night of fun and school spirit! Tickets are on sale online now at <http://www.brightmindsfoundation.org/>

March 20 – Howard County Debate Tournament – Johns Hopkins APL

March 20 -21 – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade State Science Testing (MISA)

March 21 – Pre-Assessment Band Concert – 7:00 p.m.

March 22 – PTA Canvas & Cupcakes – 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

March 23 – 25 - Howard County Band Assessment @ RHHS – 2:00 p.m.

March 27 – PTA Meeting – 6:30 p.m.

## **Important News from the Health Room**

### **Attention 6<sup>th</sup> grade parents:**

1 dose of Tdap vaccine and 1 dose of Meningococcal vaccine is required by the State of Maryland for **all students prior to entering 7<sup>th</sup> grade**. Many students may have received these immunizations. The Health Room needs the **updated** immunization record. Please contact your child's doctor and send/fax in an **updated** copy of your child's immunizations to the Health Room. Our fax # is 301-317-5048. If you have further questions, please call MHMS at 410-880-5897 and ask for the Health Room.

Also, please note that in accordance with HCPSS policy, students are not allowed to have medications on their person unless they have a doctor's order specifying that they can self-carry. Also students who have the proper orders should make sure medications are labeled and kept secure.

### **MHMS March Students of the Month**

Congratulations to the following students for receiving Student of the Month for March: Christian Jackson (6th Grade), Christian Lapid (7th Grade), Andrea Camacho (8th Grade), and Giovani Goncalves-Silva (Related Arts).

Congratulations to the following students for receiving the Respectful, Responsible, Ready award for March: Ryan Betts (6th Grade), Noelle Williams (7th Grade), Ribha Gondal (8th Grade), and Casey Coughlan (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.

### **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 "other adult relationships". 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.

## Course Placement Review Form

In preparation for the 2017-2018 school year, students have received course placement recommendations based upon multiple criteria, including classroom performance, student interest, and results on standardized measures. As we work together to provide students with the most challenging courses in which they can be successful, we are offering families the opportunity to make adjustments to the recommended academic program if they feel their students are demonstrating readiness for more advanced levels of instruction. If, after reviewing the Course Placement Review form and the Middle School Course Catalog <http://www.hcpss.org/f/academics/ms-catalog-2017-18.pdf>, you wish to request changes in course placement, then please visit <http://www.hcpss.org/academics/-ms-course-review> to print out, complete, and return the Course Placement Review Form to Student Services by Monday, March 20, 2017. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact your student's school counselor at 410-880-5838.

## PTA News

### Upcoming PTA Events

- ✓ 3/22 Cupcakes & Canvas Paint Night 6-8pm
- ✓ 3/27 PTA Meeting, 6:30pm
- ✓ 3/28-3/30 Book Fair
- ✓ 4/4 Chick Fil-A Spirit Day

### Cupcakes & Canvas

It's not too late to sign up for this great family fun event. Join your PTA on March 22<sup>nd</sup> for a night of painting and cupcakes! Check out this SignUp Genius for additional information: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090A48ADA92BAB9-family1>

### Book Fair

Your PTA is hosting a Spring Book Fair in the Media Center. Set-up will take place on Monday, March 27<sup>th</sup> immediately following our PTA meeting. The Book Fair will run from Tuesday, March 28<sup>th</sup> until Thursday, March 30<sup>th</sup> during the school day. We are looking for volunteers to help during the book fair. If you are able to help, please contact Maha Blair at [MahaPTAMHMS@gmail.com](mailto:MahaPTAMHMS@gmail.com). Here's the link to the SignUp Genius: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090A48ADA92BAB9-mhms1>

### PTA Meeting

Join us at our next PTA meeting on **3/27/2017 at 6:30pm** in the Media Center! Come out and see what your PTA has planned for the rest of the school year!

## 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>

## Atholton High School PTSA Seeking President for 2017-2018

The Atholton High School PTSA is in search of a President for the 2017-2018 school year. This is a 2 year position. It is very important that we identify interested individuals ASAP. The term for our current President will be ending in June although she will continue on the Executive Board as Immediate Past President. This is a critical position – we want to continue to offer/sponsor the many worthwhile programs at Atholton HS and achieve the objectives of the PTSA. Our parent support is what keeps our community strong. We already have a dedicated group of Executive Board members and committee chairs ready and willing to serve under the President's leadership. If you would like to nominate a candidate or yourself please contact Nikki Lee ([ndlee247@gmail.com](mailto:ndlee247@gmail.com)). The Election will be held May 15. For more information about the role of the AHS PTSA President please attend upcoming meetings (3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month), visit the Atholton PTSA website and/or contact Nikki Lee with questions. Thank you for your consideration.

## HCPSS News

**Building Resilience - A Workshop for Parents on How to Support Your Child's Mental and Emotional Health** will be held on Thursday, March 30, from 6-8 p.m., at the Wilde Lake Interfaith Center in Columbia.

A Community Partnership event between the Health Dept., School System, Mental Health Authority, Community Resources and Services, and HC DrugFree.

### Naviance Survey

#### **Survey deadline: Monday, March 20**

HCPSS middle and high school parents are invited to [provide feedback](#) on their use of Naviance. All responses are voluntary and the information collected will be shared with HCPSS school counselors.

#### **Centennial High School Hosting MU Alpha Theta Math Tournament This Saturday!**

On March 25th, 2017 from 8:30am - 2pm, Centennial High School is hosting a Mu Alpha Theta Math Tournament at CHS! Students may compete in six categories: Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II, Precalc, Calc AB, Calc BC. The top 5 students in each category will be recognized and even receive money! This is a great opportunity for students to be rewarded for all the hard work they have done so far. If you would like to register, go to <http://centennialmao.weebly.com/> Individual registration is \$5 per student and free refreshments are included!

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

## Patuxent Valley Middle School PTA To Host Annual Yard & Bake Sale – April 29<sup>th</sup>



**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<sup>\*</sup> 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

## SAVE THE DATE: FQMS Community Yard Sale - March 25 from 8 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Shopping open to the public from 8 a.m. to noon. Please visit our website at <http://www.follyquarterpta.org/> for more information, especially if you are interested in renting a table to sell your treasures.

## 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](mailto: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.

## The Faith Community Partnership Presents Soup'R Sundae: SAVE THE DATE

This is a "soup'r" event and it benefits Grassroots! Grassroots supports many of our own Murray Hill families. Please add Soup'r Sundae to your calendar! Share this event within your circles of influence. In addition to ticket sales, we are always looking for sponsorships! Information for volunteers will be sent out in a few weeks. Attached is flier and sponsorship information.

**Soup'r Sundae & Silent Auction**  
**Sunday, April 2, 2017**  
**Noon - 3:00 pm**  
**Wilde Lake High School**

The Faith Community Partnership  
presents  
**Soup'r Sundae**  
Fundraiser for Grassroots  
Hosted by Wilde Lake High School

**Sunday  
April 2, 2017  
Noon-3 pm**

\$20 for adults  
\$5 for children under 12

- All You Can Eat Soup from Howard County's BEST Restaurants
- All the Ice Cream You Can Eat! Make Your Own Sundae!
- Hundreds of Silent Auction Bargains
- Music and Entertainment for Children

Wilde Lake High School Calendar  
5400 Trueman Road  
Columbia, MD 21044



Purchase tickets on line at [www.grassroots.org](http://www.grassroots.org) or by calling or contact us here and before the door. Tickets will be available at the door. Make check payable to Grassroots.

Proceeds benefit Grassroots, Howard County's 26-hour at-risk intervention center and shelter for the homeless.