



# MURRAY HILL

## Middle School

*Celebrating 20 Years of Excellence*

Week of May 8, 2017

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### MHMS Community

#### Memory Book Sales Have Begun!!

As we near the end of the year, it's time to capture all the year's memories in the form of our fabulous 2016-2017 memory book. Our students have worked hard to produce a book full of fun memories, color, and school spirit!

The Memory Book costs \$17 and can be ordered online following the directions below. All orders are due by **May 16!** We will only be accepting online orders this year. All orders will be delivered to the school and then distributed to the students. There is no need to include shipping information. If there is a problem with ordering online, please contact Ms. Behrens ([laura\\_behrens@hcpss.org](mailto:laura_behrens@hcpss.org)).

Directions for ordering:

1. Visit [www.schoolpix.com](http://www.schoolpix.com)
2. Click on the Green Preorder Portraits Online button
3. Type in the Murray Hill code: 27UKUP7U (the code is case sensitive)
4. Complete your order. All books will be delivered to the school; no shipping information is necessary

#### Honor Roll Recognition

We are very proud of our Murray Hill Scholars! 3rd Quarter Honor Roll students will be recognized with individual certificates, a bumper sticker

#### Dates to Remember:

May 12 – 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Walkathon – 10:15 a.m.

May 16 – Evening of Jazz – 7:00 p.m. – Cafeteria

May 17 -18 – BioBlitz Field Trip

May 17- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade G/T ELA Shakespeare Festival at Wilde Lake HS

May 19 – Professional Work Day – No School for Students

May 22 – Final PTA Meeting – 6:30 p.m. – Room 214

May 23 – Incoming 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Visit to MHMS

May 23 – PTA Chick Fil-A- Spirit Day

May 24 – 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Progress Reports Issued

for you, and congratulatory remarks from our Principal, Rick Wilson, on **May 17th** during 7th period. Parents and Guardians are invited to join us for the group picture during the following times:

6th grade – 2:25 to 2:35 PM

7th grade – 2:40 to 2:50 PM

8th grade – 2:55 to 3:05 PM

### **PARCC & MAP Assessment Dates**

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

#### **PARCC:**

Grade 7 - May 8

Grade 8 - May 9, 10, 15, & 16

#### **MAP:**

Grade 6 - May 11-12

Grade 7 - May 22-23

Grade 8 - May 24 -25

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

### **MHMS May Students of the Month**

Congratulations to the following students for receiving Student of the Month for May: Jairo Espino (6th Grade), Shumyle Malik (7th Grade), Ife Kayode (8th Grade), and Max Yil (Related Arts).

Congratulations to the following students for receiving the Respectful, Responsible, Ready award for May: Priscilla Ruiz (6th Grade), Dylan Blair (7th Grade), Elijah Johnson (8th Grade), and Jared Chernack (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 an introduction to the Search Institute's 40 Developmental Assets. This week's asset is "youth programs". 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.

## **6<sup>th</sup> Grade News**

6th Grade Student Service Learning is Sponsoring "Hats for Homelessness" on Thursday, May 18th. Students can donate \$1 to Grassroots, Howard County's Crisis Intervention Center, for the ability to wear a hat in school that day. Donations will be collected in first period classes on the 18th. Students can wear any school appropriate hat, so pick something fun!

## **Schedule for Eighth Grade End-of-Year Activities 2017**

Wednesday, May 31st – Boat Cruise during school day

Monday, June 5th – Picnic at Centennial Park during school day

Wednesday, June 7th – High School visits to Reservoir and Atholton

Thursday, June 8th – Promotion Ceremony at Murray Hill at 10:00 a.m.

## **Music News and Notes**

Thanks to all of our Music Booster parents (band, chorus, drama and orchestra parents) for your support this year!!!

Our music students did very well during Howard County assessments! Thanks for your support!!

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

Our musicians have been working so very hard and are ready to GO! We wish all of our performers the BEST!! And we hope that they have fun too!

As a reminder, all Chaperones and Students must arrive at MHMS by 5:30am. Our buses will pull out for the competition on time! We will be returning around 10:00pm.

## **Upcoming Concerts**

"An Evening of Jazz" - Tuesday, May 16th, 7:00pm

"Pops Concert" (chorus) - Wednesday, May 24th, 7:00pm

## **Music in the Field Cookout – Spring – Friday, June 9 from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.**

Back by Popular Demand....Murray Hill Music Boosters is proud to sponsor this Fabulous Music and Community Event!!

Bring your chair or blanket and come out and enjoy burgers and wonderful music by our award winning Jazz Band and Beginning Band!!! Please reserve your meal by sending in your payment and pre-order form in no later than Wednesday, May 24th.

This is a great opportunity for our musicians to shine and a fantastic community event! Let's end this year on a high note!!!!

## **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**

## **PTA News**

### **Upcoming FUN Events**

- 5/9-5/11 Mother's Day Shop – Open during lunch periods
- 5/22 PTA Meeting 6:30 p.m. – Room 214
- 5/23 Chick-Fil-A Spirit Day – 6:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.

### **Mother's Day Shop**

Mother's Day is on Sunday, May 14<sup>th</sup>! It's time for your kids to help around the house and start earning some money so, in turn, they can buy a gift and/or card for their Mom, Grandma, Aunt, Godmother, Teacher and that special someone who is like a Mom to them. The shop will be open during their lunch periods starting on **Tuesday, May 9<sup>th</sup> until Thursday, May 11<sup>th</sup> at 11am and closing at 1:30pm.**

We still need volunteers to help for about 30 minutes during lunchtime. Please consider signing up for a lunch slot. It's only a 30-45 minute time commitment, and you can help during your child's lunch period. Check out this SignUp Genius to find a way to help:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090a48ada92bab9-ptamothers>

## **Spirit Wear Spring Sales**

Spirit wear sales are back and the deadline to place your order is drawing near! The order form is attached to the newsletter as a pdf file. Please place your order no later than May 12<sup>th</sup>. You can send in your order form along with the cash or check payable to MHMS PTA in an envelope marked PTA Spirit Wear with your child. They can give the envelope to their 1<sup>st</sup> period teacher.

## **PTA Meeting**

Join us at our next PTA meeting on **Monday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30pm in Room 214 (note new location)**! This is our last PTA meeting before the end of this school year. Come out and meet your PTA board members! If you have any suggestions for the upcoming school year, we'd love to hear from you. So come on out and let your voice be heard!

## **Facebook**

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.

## **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 at the end of 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!

Here's a SignUp Genius link if you'd like to serve on the new board:  
<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090a48ada92bab9-20172018>

# HCPSS News

## **Fourth Quarter Interim Reports Issued May 24**

Fourth quarter interim progress reports, originally scheduled for issue on Thursday, May 18, will now be issued Wednesday, May 24, for Pre-K-11. Senior fourth quarter interims will be issued April 28.

## **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)

### **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](mailto:CampDirector@pallottihs.org) if you have any questions about their summer camp program.