

Atholton Elementary School Panther Press

3/13/15

Dates to Remember

- 3/13 Howard County Library Spelling Bee at Reservoir High School 7pm
- 3/13 PTA Movie Night—Shrek Doors open at 6:30, movie begins at 6:45
- 3/16 Sandy Dog's Savings Club Information Sheet Due
- 3/16 PARCC ELA Grade 5 AM
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- 3/17 5th Grade Parent Meeting for Puberty Education 4:00
- 3/18 PARCC ELA Grade 5 AM
- 3/19 PARCC Math Grade 4 AM
- 3/19 Coffee and Conversation w/ Board of Education, Lake Elkhorn MS 7:30 pm
- 3/20 PARCC Math Grade 4 AM
- 3/20 Spirit Day March Madness—wear your favorite college colors or shirt
- 3/25 Grade 3 Books and Bagels 8:35
- 3/26 Quarter 3 On Track Celebration to celebrate positive behaviors
- 3/27 Early Dismissal for the end of Quarter 3 12:45
- 3/30 Beginning of Spring Break
- 4/7 Back to School after Spring Break
- 4/8 Preschool and Kindergarten Parent Workshop—Executive Functions
- 4/9 Spring Pictures

Keys for Reading

Atholton Elementary is participating in the 2015 Keys for Reading Weekend in order to celebrate your child's reading achievements at the Frederick Keys Ballpark! The pre-game student parade and ball game will take place the weekend of April 24th (more specific dates/time to come). Please be on the look out for a Frederick Keys Baseball flyer and Keys for Reading Ticket Voucher/Bookmark coming home in Friday folders. Students can earn a free ticket to the ball game just by reading and recording three books before the due date ! Instructions regarding ticket redemption can be found on the reverse of the bookmark/ticket voucher. Mark your calendars with these important program dates: **March 16th - Program begins, April 17th - Program Ends, April 20th - Online Ordering Available, April 24-26th - Howard County Keys for Reading Weekend**

Arrival for Walkers/Car Riders

Thank you very much for your patience with the ice and snow these last few months. It looks like we will finally be experiencing warmer temperatures. Please remember that the bus loop is only an option on inclement weather days, which for now means rain. On all other days, students should not arrive before 9:00. Please use the Atholton Park behind the school to drop off your car riders.

Save the Date—Parent Workshops Presented by our School Psychologist and Counselor

Dr. Ridgely and Mr. Tobin will present *Executive Functions for Preschool and Kindergarten Students*. There will be a total of 4 different workshops. The first two will be held April 8th and 22nd at 6:30 pm in the media center. The second two will be held in the fall. These workshops will provide parents with strategies for helping their children develop self-control, manage frustration, develop flexibility, and develop organization skills. This is a series of workshops, each one with different content. Babysitting will be available. Registration information will be available next week.

Lost and Found

We have collected many, many, items of clothing over the winter months in our lost and found containers. Items will be displayed during lunches next week and all students will be given an opportunity to look for missing items. All items left at Spring Break will be donated.

Hammond HS Robotics Team

The robotics team at Hammond High School, Ursa Major 2849, will be hosting an open house for students in grades 2-8 this Saturday, March 14th. During this event, guests will have the opportunity to explore what goes into designing a robot, and see how that process translated into Ursa Major's competition robot, Rockem' Sockem'. Guests will also have the opportunity to create a working paper circuit that will light up their own unique robot design! The Team Ursa Major's website is <http://www.hammondursamajor.org/>

PARCC

We have just one more week of testing. Third grade finished today and fourth and fifth will be done next week. Please see the dates above or below so you are aware of the days your child will be testing. Please don't schedule appointments when your child is scheduled to be testing. All students are required to take this assessment so it is very important that your child be at school, on time, to take the test.

Grade 4

Math: March 19th and 20th 9:20 – 11:00

Grade 5

ELA: March 16th, 17th, 18th 9:20 – 11:00

Sandy Dog's Savings Club

Atholton Elementary has entered into a partnership with Sandy Springs Bank to give students the opportunity to open a savings account and participate in a savings program right here at school. Information about this savings program was sent in last week's Friday folders. If you and your child are interested in this program, please complete the Sandy Dog's Savings Club Information Sheet and return it to school by March 16th.

Middle School Orientations

Save the date: Hammond Middle School Parent Orientation is April 15 and the Oakland Mills Middle School Parent and GT Orientation is April 20th at 6:30.

Girls on the Run

Girls on the Run® is a life-changing, experiential learning program for girls age eight to thirteen years old. The programs combine training for a 3.1 mile running event with self-esteem enhancing, uplifting workouts. The goals of the programs are to encourage positive emotional, social, mental, spiritual and physical development. Beginning March 16th, Atholton's Girls on the Run will meet from 3:45-5:00pm on Mondays and Thursdays through the end of May. Registration for 3rd through 5th graders opens on Sunday, February 22nd at noon. Please see <http://www.gotrcentralmd.org> for more details.

RAZ Kids

Please take advantage of this excellent resource we purchased for students to use at home. Students in K-3 have access to 400+ leveled, electronic books that they can listen to and read. It's a free website/application that they access at school on a regular basis. Books are accessible online at www.raz-kids.com/main/login.

Why Do They Do That? How Does That Work?

Do you have a question about the way we do something at Atholton Elementary? Are you unsure about a policy or procedure? If so, we want to hear from you. We would like to start a regular column in the Panther Press called "Why Do They Do That? How Does That Work?" In this column we will answer questions asked by the AES community. If you have a question you want answered, please email it to denise.lancaster@hcpss.org or melanie.secula@hcpss.org.

PTA News

Please join us for another Family Fun Movie Night and see *Shrek*. Doors open at 6:30 and the movie starts at 6:45. Refreshments are available. Please see the attached flyer.

Community Notices

These events are provided to you as a service. They are not sponsored nor endorsed by the Howard County Public School.

Columbia Association Art Center

Choose Civility in Sports Poster Exhibit March 12-26, reception Mar.12, 5:30- 7:30 p.m. Howard County Library and Public Schools have co-sponsored this event with the Art Center. Come see the posters created by Howard County students of all ages. For info please call Columbia Art Center at 410-730-0075 or email art.staff@columbiaassociation.org

Howard County Dept. of Citizen Services

Do you know a person, program or business - perhaps a police officer, athletic coach, tutor, religious leader or music teacher - that deserves recognition for positively impacting Howard County children? Nominate them online by Fri, Mar.13 for the 16th annual Dept. of Citizen

Services “Celebrating Successes for Children” awards program. The Ceremony will be held, Tues., April 28, Ten Oaks Ballroom. <http://www.howardcountymd.gov/celebratingsuccesses>

Columbia Association

Pizza and Portfolio workshop series, grades 8-12 *with Alina Poroshina*. Sat., Mar. 14, 10:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m., \$25

This workshop is designed for beginner and intermediate level students. Pizza will be served. To register, please call Columbia Art Center at 410-730-0075.

Robinson Nature Center

Anne Robinson’s Centennial Birthday Celebration, Sat., Mar. 14 and Sun., Mar. 15.

Visit for complementary admission, cupcakes and more courtesy of the James & Anne Robinson Foundation in honor of Anne's 100th birthday. For details, visit www.friendsoftherobinsonnaturecenter.htm 410-313-0400.

Howard County Conservancy

Sat. Mar. 14, 10 a.m., Day Tripping, 50 Natural Places and Gardens. The Howard County Conservancy offers guided hikes and talks on the second Sat. of each month. A beautiful and interesting place to visit in all seasons of the year, rain or shine, program is FREE but registration is necessary. Pre-register on line through our website, <http://www.hcconservancy.org/upcoming-events.html> 410-465-8877 www.hcconservancy.org

Boys Scouts of America

Scouting for Food will be held on Sat., Mar. 14. Cub Scouts and Girl Scouts will be out in your neighborhood to collect your donations, which will go to one of 25 food pantries we service in the county. A bag will be dropped off at your home a few days before. Please remember to put your donations by your front door or your mailbox by 8 a.m. on March 14. Thanks for your generous donations. scoutingforfodddnpd@verizon.net.

Columbia Association

Every third Sun. come to the Columbia Art Center in Long Reach and enjoy a **FREE** family friendly art activity. Sun., Mar. 15, 1-3 p.m.

Girls on the Run

Girls on the Run® is a life-changing, experiential learning program for girls grades 3-8. The programs combine training for a 3.1 mile running event with self-esteem enhancing, uplifting workouts. The girls will meet after-school twice a week for 10 weeks with the season ending 5k to be held on May 30, in Howard County, MD. The program begins the week of Mar. 15, and will end the week of May 31. **To register your daughter, go to www.gotrcentralmd.org.**

Howard County Government

The Challenges of Parenting an Adolescent, Mon, Mar. 16, 6:30-8:30 p.m. at 3300 N Ridge Rd #240 Ellicott City MD. The transition into adolescence can pose challenges as the area of the teen brain governing judgment, emotional regulation, impulse control and self-awareness is in a constant state of development. This change can be very frustrating for parents as the rules of the relationship with their growing children keep shifting and expectations need adjustment. Learn why teens do what they do, as well as how to channel their impulses into safer and saner activities.

Candlelight Concerts

Two HCPSS students will perform for Violin Virtuoso Rachel Barton Pine
Fri, Mar. 20, 7:30 p.m. St. John Baptist Church, Columbia www.candlelightconcerts.org 410-997-2324

Candlelight Concerts

Performance featuring Rachel Barton Pine, violin
Sat., Mar. 21, 8 p.m. Smith Theatre, Columbia www.candlelightconcerts.org
410-997-2324.

Recreation and Parks

Spring Egg Hunt at Rockburn Elementary School. Collect eggs and enjoy prizes, games, and fun for the whole family. Sat. Mar. 21, 10 a.m., for children 2-10 years.

<http://www.howardcountymd.gov/specialevents.htm>

Columbia Figure Skating Club

Annual spring production, featuring multiple performances at the Columbia Ice Rink, located at 5876 Thunder Hill Rd., Columbia. Sat, Mar. 21, 3 p.m. and 6 p.m. and Sun., Mar. 22, 2 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. For tickets and more information, please visit the Club's website:

www.columbiafsc.com.

Candlelight Concerts

CandleKids: Beauty & the Beast featuring National Marionette Theatre, Sun., Mar. 22, 2:30 & 4:30 p.m.,
Smith Theatre, Columbia. www.candlelightconcerts.org 410-997-2324

Grassroots Crisis Intervention Center

The Rotary Clubs of Howard County in partnership with Wilde Lake High School are hosting the seventh annual Soup'r Sundae, a family event featuring soups prepared by area restaurants, on Sun., Mar. 22, 12-2 p.m., Wilde Lake High School, 5460 Trumpeter Road, Columbia, MD 21044.

Tickets are at www.souprsundae.eventbrite.com or by contacting cathyvsmith@verizon.net

Tickets will also be available at the door for cash and checks made out to Grassroots.

www.grassrootscrisis.org

North Laurel Community Center

The MSC 2015 Spring Career Fair is being held on Tues., Mar. 24, 9 a.m. -1 p.m. The event will take place at the North Laurel Community Center on 9411 Whiskey Bottom Road, Laurel MD 20723. Pre-Registration is highly encouraged at <http://mcs2015careerfair.eventbrite.com>.

The Village Howard, Inc.

SELMA will be shown on Tues, Mar. 24, 6:30 p.m., Slayton House in Wilde Lake, 10400 Cross Fox Lane, Columbia MD. Admission is \$6 at the door. Sponsored by The Village In Howard for the entire community.

North Laurel Community Center

A new, free walking program for the community beginning Sat., Mar. 28, at the North Laurel Park, at the North Laurel Community Center, 9411 Whiskey Bottom Road, Laurel MD. The walking program will be every Sat. from Mar. 28-Oct. 31. New member registration is at 8:45 a.m. program is 9-10 a.m. For more information call 410-740-7601.

Columbia Association Art Center

Columbia Art Center School's Out Spring Break program for grades 1-8. Mar. 30- Apr. 3 and Apr. 6, 7:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m., \$50 per child drop-off begins at 7:30; art activities beginning at 9 a.m. To register, please call Columbia Art Center at [410-730-0075](tel:410-730-0075) or email art.staff@columbiaassociation.org

Columbia Association Art Center

School's Out Youth Visiting Artist Series, Mosaics, grades 6-8. Come create your own mosaic with Korey Rosenbaum on Mar. 31, \$50 per child, drop-off begins at 7:30 a.m.; art activities begin at 9 a.m. To register, please call Columbia Art Center at [410-730-0075](tel:410-730-0075) or email art.staff@columbiaassociation.org

Columbia Association

School's Out Youth Visiting Artist Series, Mosaics, grades 6-8. Come create your own mosaic with Jackie Serpico on Mar. 31, \$50 per child, drop-off begins at 7:30 a.m.; art activities begin at 9 a.m. To register, please call Columbia Art Center at 410-730-0075 or email art.staff@columbiaassociation.org.

Robinson Nature Center

Anne Robinson's Centennial Spring Break Activities

All ages, Wed., April 1-Sat., April 4, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Free with Robinson daily admission or annual pass. www.howardcountymd.gov/RNCegacy.htm 410-313-0400.

Howard County General Hospital, Johns Hopkins Medicine

Free seminar for parents or coaches of student athletes featuring Johns Hopkins experts – learn about concussions, overuse injuries, heat illness, common knee injuries and hernias, as well as injury prevention and when to seek help for potentially serious conditions. Apr. 8, 6:30 p.m., register online: <http://bit.ly/YoungAthletteSeminar>

Robinson Nature Center

Butterfly Gala, all ages, Sat., Apr 11, 6:30-9 p.m. The Howard County Therapeutics Division and Robinson Nature Center cordially invite families of children and adults with special needs to join in an evening of sensory-friendly activities celebrating spring.

Elkridge Youth Organization

The EYO 12U Baseball Team is hosting a Bingo Night, April 11, 7 p.m., at the OLPH Gym located at 4801 Ilchester Road, Ellicott City. There will be Designer Purses filled with great prizes for each bingo winner and also Special Bingo card rounds. Tickets are \$20.00 in advance or \$25.00 at the door. Tickets may be bought online at <http://12ucanesbingonight.eventbrite.com> or 12ubingo@verizon.net

Howard County Government

Howard County Office of Workforce Development & the Mid-Maryland Youth Council 2015 Youth Job Fair, Friday, Apr.17, 2- 5 p.m. The Sheraton Hotel in Columbia, located at 10207 Wincopin Circle, Columbia, Md. **Free** but youth must register at www.MIDMDYOUTHFAIR2015.EVENTBRITE.COM Jermira Sarratt 410-290-2623 or jesarratt@howardcountymd.gov

Cedar Lane School

Cedar Lanes Annual Walk for Our Stars, Sat. April 18, 10 a.m., Maple Lawn Community Center. Come join us for this fun, non-competitive walk. All money raised will be used to support our students with significant special needs and our staff. Funds will go towards the purchase of

specialized equipment, expand the school's cultural arts program, increase the number of student field trips, and provide staff development opportunities beyond what is provided by the county. Please support The Walk and help those who can't walk, learn to stand on their own and those who can't speak, find their voice. For further information, please contact Cedar Lane School at 410-888-8800 or walkforourstars2015@verizon.net **ES, MS, HS**

Ballet Royale

Registration for Ballet Royale Institute of Maryland's 2015 Summer in Motion is open. Summer Programs include intensives, one-on-ones, camps, evening classes and maintenance classes for all ages. Programs run from July 13-Aug. 28, Ballet Royale offers an unbeatable combination of small class sizes, great value and internationally recognized faculty. Register Sat., Mar. 21, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. to receive 10% off your summer tuition. Call us at 410-997-8443 or visit us online at www.balletroyale.com.

AFS USA INC.

Host Families Sought for 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. Exchange students live in a family such as yours and attend the locally district HS from your address.

Contact Christina McGarvey at 410-997-7087 or ckmcgarvey@tahoo.com More information is also available <http://www.afsusa.org/hosy-family>.

Howard County Government

Womenfest...A Health & Wellness Event for Women, Sat., Apr. 25, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. **FREE**

Gary J. Arthur Community Center at Glenwood, Cooksville, MD.

For more information visit the event's website at www.howardcountygaging.org/WomenFest or call 410-313-5440.

University of Maryland

Study on Child Brain Development and memory. We are seeking children ages 4-8, typically developing children will participate. Children will receive \$60.00 for participating. Call 301-405-5922 or email kidbrainstudy@umd.edu.

CAMPS

YMCA

Join us for the best summer ever. At the Y, for various camps, discover, create and make memories that will last a lifetime. Whether you're the outdoorsy type, the air-conditioning type, the nature-lover type, the sporty type, the traveler type, the science type, the "I want to get away from home!" type, or every type in between, Y Camp will leave you with a grin on your face! For more information visit www.ymaryland.org.

University of Maryland

iEngineer@UMD a summer STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) camp for rising 4th and 5th grade girls. This one-week commuter day camp is an exciting opportunity for girls to learn more about STEM through a variety of fun, hands-on activities. Mon., Jul. 6 –Fri., Jul. 10, 9 a.m. -3 p.m. for more information and to apply, visit <http://wie.umd.edu/k12/iengineer>

UMBC Summer Day Camp

The UMBC summer Day Camp will be celebrating it's 36th year of existence in 2015, and we hope that you will send your child to spend all or part of the summer with us. Please let us know if you have any questions 410-455-2638 or email us at summercamp@umbc.edu

