

Atholton Elementary School Panther Press

4/30/15

Dates to Remember

- 4/30 PTA Restaurant Night at Cheeburger Cheeburger
- 5/1 Schools closed for students
- 5/4 Teacher Appreciation Week
- 5/7 Sandy Spring Banking Day at AES 9-9:15
- 5/7 Interim reports go home
- 5/8 Spirit Day—Hat Day
- 5/8 PTA Picnic
- 5/9 Board of Education Coffee and Conversation, Waverly Elementary 9:30
- 5/11 PTA Meeting 7pm
- 5/13 Coffee and Conversation with the Principal: Focus on Testing 1-2pm
- 5/14 Field Day
- 5/19 New kindergarten play date 4-5pm on the playground
- 5/21 Sandy Spring Banking Day at AES 9-9:15 am
- 5/25 No School
- 5/26 AES Vocal and Instrumental Music Concert
- 5/28 Volunteer Tea 9:30 am
- 5/31 AES 5 K and 1 mile Fun Walk/Run

Staff Appreciation Week

Staff Appreciation Week is coming, Monday, May 4th through Friday, May 8th! Help your child(ren) and the PTA celebrate our amazing staff. Flyers will be sent out in your child's Friday Folder with gift suggestions. Also the PTA will sponsor several events during Staff Appreciation Week. Please contact your room parent for additional donations the PTA needs.

Change Matters

Thank you very much for your generosity to our Change Matters Program for Grassroots. Our school collected \$726.59. We appreciate all you do to help others.

Coffee and Conversation with the Principal

Join Mrs. Lancaster for a presentation and discussion about the standardized assessments administered to students K-5. We will meet in the media center on May 13th from 1-2 pm. The presentation will also be offered to parents in the evening at the beginning of the 15-16 school year.

BOGO Book Fair is Coming!

We are excited to announce our first **Buy One Get One** free Scholastic Book Fair. The book fair will be held May 12-14 from 8 am to 6 pm in the Media Center. Stop by to take advantage of this great opportunity to stock up for summer reading!

<http://bookfairs.scholastic.com/homepage/atholtones>

Field Day

Field Day is taking place on Thursday, May 14th. The rain date is Thursday, May 21st. We have planned a fun-filled day of station challenges and games for AES students in grades K-5. The activities will review the skills and concepts that students have learned in Physical Education class throughout the year. We are in need of 30 parent volunteers for each half of the day. If you are available to help, please visit the following link to our sign up genius page:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0449abae2da5ff2-field>

On the sign up, you can select the time slot that you are available to attend. Please make sure that you sign up under both the morning and afternoon if you are helping for the full day. Volunteers will oversee one station activity or help with rotations. We cannot provide the best experience for our students without your support! If you have any questions, please e-mail Mrs. Hlavka at Lindsay_Hlavka@hcpss.org

Warmer Weather Clothing

Now that the weather is getting warmer, please make sure your child is dressed appropriately for the school day. Once the air conditioner is turned on the temperatures in the building vary from room to room. Please make sure your child has a sweater or sweatshirt in his/her backpack just in case he/she gets cold. Halter tops, and tops with spaghetti straps are not appropriate unless worn with another shirt on top. It is also best that students wear sneakers and closed toe shoes, they are the safest footwear when moving about the school and going out to recess.

Part 2 PARCC

Students in Grades 3, 4, and 5 will take the second part of PARCC in May. Please do not schedule appointments on testing days.

Grade 3

5/4 Math 9:30-11:00

5/5 Math 9:30-11:00

5/6 ELA 9:30-11:00

Grade 4

5/4 ELA 12:50-2:30

5/7 Math 10:35-12:35

5/8 Math 10:35-12:35

Grade 5

5/6 ELA 1:35-3:00

5/11 Math 10:20-12:20

5/12 Math 10:20-12:20

Arrival for Walkers/Car Riders

Students should not arrive to school before 9:00, except on rainy days when cars can use the bus loop from 8:50 to 9:00. Walkers/car riders should use the Atholton Park for drop off in the morning and pick up in the afternoon. Thank you for your assistance.

PTA News

PTA is sponsoring an end of year picnic on May 8th.

The Atholton PTA is looking to fill several Executive Board and Committee Positions for next year. The time commitment is minimal and we really need your help! PTA plays a very important role in the Atholton Elementary community and many activities will be greatly impacted if positions are not filled. Please contact the current president, Amy Rushing, at aesptapresident@gmail.com to share your interest.

Register now for the AES 5K and 1 mile Family Walk/Run at <http://aes5k.info>.

Community Notices

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

Recreation and Parks

Recreation & Parks has established local baseball teams for several age groups in your community. We are writing to invite you and your neighbors to participate in the Columbia Baseball League (CBL). Come help us bring baseball back to your community. First time and experienced players are welcome. Thanks to support from the Howard County Public School System, permits for your local school fields were issued to Recreation & Parks. We recognize some families could use a little extra assistance with the price of registration. Recreation & Parks has a sliding scale for financial assistance program. Howard County residency is required for financial assistance. To apply for financial assistance, a scholarship application and acceptable proof of income must be submitted. Applications and income verification can be faxed to 410-313-4658, emailed to registration@howardcountymd.gov or mailed/delivered to Howard County Recreation & Parks, 7120 Oakland Mills Road, Columbia, MD 21046.

Kennedy Krieger

We are recruiting children ages 8-12 to participate in an MRI research study to learn if there are differences between the brain's structure and its function in children with and without ADHD as well as with and without High Functioning Autism.

The study involves participating in 2 seven-hour days of paper and pencil tasks, computer activities, and a Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) of the brain. Parents will receive a report of the IQ assessment administered to their child as well as the radiology report. All testing is done free of charge and you get to choose the dates you participate. For more information about this study, please contact Alyssa Tiedemann at 443-923-9263, Mary Martinelli at 443-923-9258, or Kristie Sweeney at 443-923-9254 or by email LNIR@kennedykrieger.org

The First Tee

A unique youth development program that teaches children and youth ages 7-14 core values and healthy habits through the game of golf. Classes begin in Apr. at Fairway Hills Golf Club in Columbia and additional program locations will be offered around the county this summer. Sessions are \$60-\$150 and scholarships are available. For more information call 410-730-1114. info@thefirstteehowardcounty.org

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 ckmgarvey@tahoo.com More information is also available <http://www.afsusa.org/hosy-family>.

Columbia Association

Mixed Media Mania with Korey Rosenbaum ages 5-10, Tues., April 26 - May 18, or Sun., June 7-28, 1-2:30pm. Note: Drop-ins for one or two classes are welcomed. To register, please call Columbia Art Center at 410-730-0075 or email art.staff@columbiaassociation.org.

Slayton House

Sign up now for these spring workshops in the Performing Arts
Razz-A Ma Tap-Shuffle off to Buffalo and learn techniques of Tap dance for fun, Exercise or that next audition. Classes begin May 12 on Tues., for grades 3-10. For more information call 410-730-2380.

Robinson Nature Center

Native Plant Palooza, Sun., May 12- 4:30 p.m./ **FREE**

Come shop Robinson Nature Center's native plant sale and learn how best to care for native plants that can attract wildlife while reducing the need for pesticides and fertilizers in your lawn and garden. A portion of the proceeds from the sale of all plants benefits educational programs at the Nature Center. See www.howardcountymd.gov/RNCplantnative.htm

Town Center Community Association

Art in the Afternoon, Sun, May 17, 3-5 p.m. Historic Oakland 5430 Vantage Point Road Columbia, MD. **FREE** admission. Registration preferred 410-730-4744.

Benjamin Banneker Historical Park

Colonial Market Fair. Sat and Sun., June 13 & 14, 10 a.m.- 4 p.m., Benjamin Banneker Historical Park, 300 Oella Avenue, Catonsville, MD. A \$5.00 donation for parking is requested.

Columbia Association

Schools Out Botanical Printmaking, June 17; Dimensional Explorations, June 18. To register, please call Columbia Art Center at 410-730-0075 or email art.staff@columbiaassociation.org

Forest Hill Swim and Tennis Club

Swim America swim lessons, 3, 2-week sessions starting June 22- July 31. Learn to dive lessons, 5, 1-week sessions starting June 22-July 20, 4310 Columbia Road Ellicott City. For more information go to FHSTC.com and click Swim Lesson and or Dive Team tab.

CAMPS

Centennial High School Boosters

2015 Lady Eagles Basketball Camp, girls ages 8-14, July 13-17, 9 a.m.- 12 p.m., Centennial HS, 4300 Centennial Lane, Ellicott City, MD. For information contact Bobby Macheel, 443-474-5558, macheelr@gmail.com

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

Junior Achievement

JA BizTown Summer Venture for young people ages 9 to 12. Dates: June 22 – 26, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m., Junior Achievement of Central Maryland, 10711 Red Run Blvd., Suite 110, Owings Mills, MD. For details or to register, contact Rebecca Golloub at rgolloub@jamaeryland.org or 410-753-3292 <http://jamaeryland.org/programs/summer-camp>

Savage Boys and Girls Club

Savage Recreational Baseball, register now and learn from the 2014 Maryland High School Coach of the Year. Coach Adam Leader of the Reservoir Gators will conduct free in-season Coach & Player clinics this season. Ages 5 - 14 can register at savagebgc.org or call Ken Harn at 443-605-6977

Baseball Factory

July 6-10, 2015 at Kiwanis-Wallas Park, July 13-17, 2015 at Kiwanis-Wallas Park.

All Star Camp Designed for boys and girls ages 8-11. Grouped according to age and ability, players will learn the fundamentals of baseball through individual, group and team instruction.

Elite Camp This camp is for boys ages 12-15 and is designed to teach fundamentals, advanced skills and strategies of baseball. Learn and improve skills through an intense week of instruction, drills and simulated game experiences. All proceeds benefit the Factory Athletics Foundation, the charitable arm of Baseball Factory.

www.baseballfactory.com/camp Mark Lemon at 800.641.4487 x 109