

Atholton Elementary School Panther Press

4/29/16

Dates to Remember

- 4/29 Spirit Day—wear your AES spirit wear or colors
- 5/2 Teacher Appreciation Week
- 5/3 Band/Orchestra/Choral Concert at Atholton HS 6pm
- 5/4 Executive Functioning Parent Workshop Part 2 6:30
- 5/6 Spirit Day—Hat Day
- 5/9 PTA Meeting 7pm
- 5/12 Sandy Spring Banking Day
- 5/13 Box Tops Due!
- 5/13 Family Fun Movie Night
- 5/16 Play Date for new Kindergarteners 4pm
- 5/17-19 BOGO Book Fair
- 5/19 RECC Art in the Park 5:30
- 5/20 No School for Students
- 5/25 Simulated Congressional Hearings Grade 5—all wear red, white, blue
- 5/26 Last Sandy Spring Banking Day 9-9:15
- 5/26 Field Day and Volunteer Lunch
- 5/30 No School
- 6/2 Rain Date for Field Day
- 6/3 Kindergarten Program 9:30
- 6/5 PTA 5K and 1 mile Fun Run
- 6/6 PTA 7pm
- 6/7 Excellence Night
- 6/13 Readers' Picnic
- 6/17 Last Day of School

HCPSS Summer School

HCPSS offers a variety of summer classes for students. Register at www.hcpss.org/summer. Registration will continue until all classes are filled. However, the last day to register for the Comprehensive K-9 and BASAP Programs is June 24th.

PTA 5K and 1 Mile Fun Walk/Run

Register now to participate in the AES 5K and 1 Mile Walk/Run on Sunday, June 5th starting at 9 am. In order to receive a t-shirt, registrations need to be submitted by May 13th. Registration forms are attached, including a family or adult waiver form.

AES School Fundraiser

Last week in Friday Folders you received a packet with information about a school fundraiser. Please consider registering today. Completed envelopes should be returned to your child's homeroom teacher. Students will receive a watch when the completed envelope is returned;

G/T Parent Academy

Parents of primary aged children are invited to attend the G/T Parent Academy at Northfield Elementary on Thursday, May 12th from 7-8:30 pm. The presentation will focus on the use of picture books to generate and inspire philosophical thinking and discussion, creativity and problem solving, and real critical thinking.

Box Tops

The next (and final) due date for Box Tops is May 13th. Please support AES and clip those box tops. The class with the largest number will win a prize.

Executive Functioning Workshops!

Dr. Ridgely and Mr. Tobin will present part 2 of the *Executive Functions for Elementary School Students*, on May 4th at 6:30 pm in the media center. Free babysitting will be provided in the cafeteria.

Music Newsletter

Summer Institutes for Talent Development

Just a few weeks left to register for the Summer Institutes for Talent Development this summer. Don't miss out on this opportunity for your child to engage in these fabulous enrichment opportunities. Visit <http://www.hcpss.org/summer-programs/> for the full course catalog and class enrollment availability.

PARCC Testing in April and May

Students in Grades 3, 4, and 5 will take part in the PARCC assessments on the following dates. Please do not schedule appointments on these mornings. It is very important that students are in school for the assessments (unless they are sick) so they don't miss instruction when making up missed sessions. Testing will take place in the morning.

Grade 3: 4/29, 5/16, 5/17, 5/18, 5/19

Grade 4: 5/10, 5/11, 5/12, 5/13,

Grade 5: 5/3, 5/4, 5/5, 5/10, 5/11, 5/12, 5/13

PTA News

2016-17 PTA

AES PTA is seeking volunteers for the 2016-17 school year. We currently need to fill the President and Secretary Executive Board positions. Executive Board elections are held during the June meeting.

We also have many opportunities to serve as committee chairs or members. To see a list of all current committees, please visit the contacts page on the AES PTA website (aespta.my-PTA.org).

If you are interested in serving in any capacity, please contact Megan Drasin at aesptapresident@gmail.com or Shelley Mansolillo at aesptavicepresident@gmail.com

AES 5k

Atholton Elementary School is gearing up for our 6th annual Panthers Pounding the Pavement 5k and 1-mile Fun Run on Sunday, June 5th at 9 AM. This family fun event is open to HCPSS families, students, faculty and staff, as well as local community members. The race takes place in the scenic Allview Estate neighborhood around AES. All pre-registered participants receive a free technical race shirt and finishers metal. There is a fantastic post-race party for all racers and their families featuring food, music, entertainment, and raffles. Join us as we celebrate family fitness and support our PTA. For more information and to register visit www.aek5k.org or email Allison at baderadecker@gmail.com.

Join us for our next Family Fun event on May 13th.

Community News

These events are neither sponsored nor endorsed by the Howard County Public School System

Animal Welfare Society of Howard County

Animal Lovers Shopping Benefit (Community supported benefit and celebration)
Sunday May 1, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at Fulton Elementary School, 11600 Scaggsville Road, Fulton, MD. Tara Carbo, 443-677-2114 tara@GoldPartyEvent.com event link: <http://bit.ly/shopforpaws2>

FROM OAKLAND MILLS MS: The OMMS Evening of Excellence is just 1 month away! On Weds 5/25/16, from 6:00 - 8:20pm, enjoy a fabulous set of student-led sessions and performances. See the attached flyer, and more details to follow. This year's event will include a scavenger hunt!

Registration for Swim Lessons at Atholton Swim Club is available now on our website: www.AtholtonSwimClub.com. We offer small class sizes and follow the American Red Cross Learn-to-Swim curriculum. Lessons are conveniently offered in the mornings or evenings in 2 week long sessions. Sessions begin June 6th - Register today!

Hammond High Summer Camps

Hammond Boosters Camps! Sign up now for Hammond HS Boosters sports and activities camps for incoming 6th thru 9th graders. Camps run from mid-May thru beginning of August. Signups and information is located at <http://www.hammondboosters.org/camps/> These programs offer a great opportunity for your student to get to know the high school coaches, learn some skills, and experience a little of the high school sports experience. PLEASE NOTE - Basketball, wrestling and volleyball camps are held in evenings in May or June. All other camps (Band, Baseball, Cheerleading, Football, Soccer) will be mornings during the summer break (June, July or August). Wrestling will accept elementary and middle school aged campers. Camp admission includes an exclusive Hammond Golden Bears t-shirt.

Lacrosse Opportunity for Girls 3rd-5th Grades

Calling all 3rd through 8th grade girls: bring a lacrosse stick to any Hammond girls home game and get a half hour free clinic with a coach after the varsity game AND join us for the first annual elementary middle school game for details click here: <https://www.smores.com/738k4-calling-all-3rd-8th-grade-girls>
Follow Coach Holly on Twitter to see what the team is up to: @CoachHollyhahs

Ranker's Sports Camp

Come out to Reservoir High School for Ranker's Sports Camp July 18-22. The camp is designed for rising 3rd-9th graders and features multiple sports everyday! Flag football, kickball, soccer, basketball, volleyball, team handball and Lithuanian ball are just a few of the sports we will play. Coach Phil Ranker is a physical education teacher at Lime Kiln Middle School and he currently coaches the girls soccer team at Reservoir. He has also coached Lacrosse and Basketball at the High School Level. Visit <http://rankerssportscamp.weebly.com> for more information and to register.

Literacy Center at Loyola Clinical Centers: Summer Reading Programs July 6-29

Running Brook Yard Sale: May 21st, 8-2pm

Girl Scouts

Financing Your Adventure, two-day mini camp for fourth and fifth grade girls on **Apr. 26**, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., and **Apr. 30**, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Girls will learn about financial literacy while doing archery, hiking and making s'mores.

The cost is three dollar per girl and takes place at Camp Ilchester, 5042 Ilchester Road, Ellicott City, MD 21043.

Questions? Contact Marisa Quin at mquin@gsmc.org or 410-358-9711 ext. 251.

Howard County Government

Womenfest, a **FREE** Health & Wellness Event for Women, Sat., **Apr. 30**, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m., Gary J. Arthur Community Center at Glenwood, Cooksville.

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

Columbia Festival of the Arts

Deanna Bogart in Concert on Sat. **May 14**, 7 p.m., at Smith Theatre, Howard Community College, Columbia. Tickets are \$25 and available at www.ColumbiaFestival.Org

Food on the 15th

Volunteer opportunities for students. We collect, sort and deliver free non-perishable groceries directly to low-income Howard County senior citizens. To learn more about what we do, visit our website www.foodonthe15th.org.

Howard County Government

Please take this questionnaire to help determine Howard County's community needs, strengths and gaps for children and families. Your participation and voice are important to the Governor's Office for Children and the Howard County Local Children's Board. We want to hear from everyone. Thank you, in advance, for taking the time to complete this survey.

<http://strtigixconsulting.howard-county-family-youth.sgizmo.com/s3/>

AFS

Host Families Sought for AFS Exchange Students: Next school year almost 20 exchange students will come from around the world to experience a life-changing year or cross-cultural sharing here in Howard County. If you are interested in more information, please contact Christina McGarvey at ckmcgarvey@yahoo.com or 410-997-7087.

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College Park Tennis Club

Learn Tennis at the Premiere Tennis Center, **June 13 –Aug. 19**, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., College Park Tennis Club 5200 Paint Branch Parkway, College Park, MD.

Our students will learn the sport of a lifetime, under the direction of our certified teaching staff. Center. tdelaney@cptennisclub.com, 301-779-8000, www.cptennisclub.com

Starthmore's Summer Intensive

Apply now for a select spot in Strathmore's Summer Intensive—part of our Institute for Artistic and Professional Development. This program will take place **July 11-15** and is designed to provide in-depth experience to outstanding high school instrumentalists as they consider a performing arts career. For more information <https://www.strathmore.org/education/artistic-development/summer-intensive>

CAMPS

Elkridge Youth Organization

(EYO) is excited to offer another season of our tennis program.

All activities are at Rockburn Branch Park in Elkridge. Go to www.eyotennis.org.

Soccer Association of Columbia

SAC Training Academy Summer Camps scheduled throughout the summer. Players of all abilities, ages 5 to 14. Both full and half days sessions are offered. SAC also offers extended care

from 4-6 p.m., for an additional fee. Go to www.sackick.com. For more information, contact asksac@sac-hc.org.

CrossLife Church

Track and Field Camp, **June 20-June 24**, 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Long Reach High School, 6101 Old Dobbin Ln, Columbia, MD. <http://crosslifeevents.org/>.

Bethany United Methodist Church

Surf Shack Vacation Bible School (VBS), **June 27-July 1**, 9 a.m.-12 p.m., Bethany United Methodist Church, 2875 Bethany Lane, Ellicott City.

For more information or to register, please visit: <http://cokeburyvbs.com/bethanyum>

Forest Hill Swim and Tennis Club

Looking for summer activities for your child? Forest Hill Swim and Tennis Club, located in Ellicott City, offers a variety of weekly tennis camps, as well as swim and dive lessons for children of all ages. For more information and to register, please visit www.fhstc.com

Howard County Conservancy

Full-day nature camps, **June 27-Aug. 19**, camps are located in Woodstock on our 232-acre nature center and at the Belmont in Elkridge www.hcconservancy.org/camp.html

Center for Disease Control

The National Center for Health Statistics is excited to announce the 2016 Data Detectives Summer Camp, **Aug. 15-19**, 9 a.m.- 4 p.m. Contact us at datadetective@cdc.gov.

SPORTS

The Howard County Recreation and Parks

Volleyball classes and leagues for all ages and skill levels, for questions, please contact Carson Nickell at cjnickell@howardcountymd.gov or 410-313-4720. To register, call 410-313-7275.

Sign up now to reserve your space.

Howard County Striders

Bullseye Running/HO CO Striders is now taking registration for two training programs Youth Track Team (competitive) and Youth Fitness Spring Training (non-competitive)

<http://www.bullseyerunning.com/youth/>

SuperSquads

It's not too late for after school cheerleading with SuperSquads. Team practice is once a week and ends late April in 11 county schools. Please contact supersquadsinfo@verizon.net or 410-796-2244.