

**Atholton Elementary Panther Press**  
**May 2, 2014**

**Dates To Remember**

5/5-9

Teacher Appreciation Week

5/7

Interims go home

5/9

Spirit Day: dress like a teacher or other career

5/9

Deadline to sign up for the AES 5K and be guaranteed a t-shirt

5/10

Board of Education Coffee and Conversation at Atholton ES 9:30

5/12

PTA Meeting 7:00 pm

5/13

Volunteer Reception “Just Desserts” 1-3 pm

5/15

Field Day

5/19

Field Day Rain Date

5/20

Band and Strings Concert: Strings at 6:00 and Band at 7:30

5/22

Chorus Concert

5/26

Memorial Day—No School

5/30

All books due to the media center

6/1

AES 5K and Fun Run 9:00 am

6/2

Readers Picnic

6/2

PTA Meeting 7:00 pm

6/4

5<sup>th</sup> Grade Simulated Congressional Hearings

Wear Red, White and Blue

6/5

Spring Fling

6/6

Wear Atholton spirit wear or blue and yellow

6/11

Excellence Night 6-8 pm

6/13

End of Year Kindergarten Program—(the incorrect date was listed last week)

6/18

5<sup>th</sup> Grade Promotion

6/18

Early Dismissal 12:45

6/19

Early Dismissal 12:45

6/20

Last Day of School! Early Dismissal 12:45

### **Teacher Appreciation Week**

Next week is teacher appreciation week. We are so proud of the excellent instruction taking place at Atholton each day in an engaging, caring, and nurturing environment. Our teachers and staff are #1!

### **Rube Goldberg Spirit Award Voting Begins Today**

Voting for the Rube Goldberg Community Award begins today. Show your Atholton spirit and please go to the Howard County Library website and vote for the Atholton Rube Goldberg videos as many times as you like.

### **Walker and Car Rider Arrival/Dismissal Meeting**

Thank you to the parents who volunteered to meet and discuss options for arrival and dismissal for next school year. We will meet on May 22 from 9:15 to 10:00 in the conference room at school. If you are not able to attend but have some ideas you would like considered, please email them to [denise\\_lancaster@hcpss.org](mailto:denise_lancaster@hcpss.org).

### **Volunteer Appreciation Celebration**

We would like to celebrate and honor all our Atholton Elementary volunteers with a “Just Desserts” reception on May 13<sup>th</sup>. Join us any time between 1:00 and 3:00 pm. A formal invitation is in today’s Friday folder.

### **GRAB A STACHE AND JOIN THE BASH!**

Save the Date! Families are invited to our annual Reading Picnic on **Monday, June 2nd** (rain date will be June 9th). Grades K -5 will celebrate their reading accomplishments with a picnic, family reading time, tattoos, popsicles, and a DJ! Invitations with specific times and a chance to volunteer will be sent home the week of May 12th. **DON'T MISS OUT ON THE FUN!** Feel free to contact Aura Volz at [a\\_volz@hcpss.org](mailto:a_volz@hcpss.org) with any questions about the event.

### **Bowie Baysox Read and Hit a Home Run Program**

If your child's class participated in Bowie Baysox's Read and Hit a Home Run program, they received their tickets for the game on **Friday, May 9th, 2014 at 6:35pm**. Students should arrive an hour before game time for the on-field parade for **YOUR** child that starts at 5:50pm. Also, stay after the game to watch a **FIREWORKS spectacular!** You will have a chance to purchase discounted tickets for the special night at a later time so you, too, can recognize your child’s achievement. You can purchase these tickets either on the phone at 301-464-4880, or on the Baysox ticket purchase page for Friday, May 9 at [www.baysox.com](http://www.baysox.com), click Tickets & Promotions in upper left corner, then click Individual Game Tickets, then click Buy Tickets for May 9 and use Special Offer Code **READING5** or via mail with the ticket flyer your teachers will be distributing with the free tickets. Tickets start at only \$5.50 each. The Baysox hope to see you when we celebrate the achievements of the 2014 Reading Program readers at the ballpark! Great schools, and students like your child, have helped make this program one of the most successful reading programs in the state.

### **Dressing for Warmer Weather**

As temperatures begin to warm-up please be sure your children are dressing in a manner that is healthy, safe, and conducive to student learning. The school system has a dress code (policy 9210) that does not allow: tank tops with spaghetti straps, halter tops, tops that are strapless, low cut, or expose the midriff; pants worn low or loose that expose skin or undergarments, hats, hoods, bandanas and other head coverings (except for a religious belief). Please be sure shorts and skirts are long enough so students can comfortably sit without exposing too much skin. For safety, we highly recommend sneakers/tennis shoes or shoes with straps. Flip flops are not safe for the school environment. Additionally, as temperatures warm up, the air conditioning system will be turned on. Students should keep a sweatshirt or sweater in their backpacks since temperatures often fluctuate across the school.

### **Mall Art Show**

The 42 Annual Spring Students Exhibition at the Mall in Columbia is here! The show features artwork from all of the schools in the county and is open until Sunday, May 4th, 2014 at noon.

### **K/1 Registration for the 2014-2015 School Year**

Registration for next year is available daily from 9:30 to 2:30. Please refer to the Howard County website for information about enrollment procedures.

<http://www.hcpss.org/schools/enroll.shtml> If you have any questions please contact the school at 410-313-6853.

### **Green School News**

Thank you to all the families who participated in Beautification Day at Atholton! I think you would agree our "schoolyard" looks beautiful!

### **PTA News**

Check out the PTA website and register to receive email from the PTA: <http://aespta.my-pta.org>

The annual AES 5K and 1 mile Family Fun Run/Walk will be Sunday, June 1<sup>st</sup> at 9:00. The deadline to guarantee a t-shirt is Friday, May 9<sup>th</sup>. More information is available at [www.aes5k.info](http://www.aes5k.info).

### **Community News:**

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

High school juniors and senior are invited to this free event May 1 to learn more about [#STEM](#) careers. Registration required; see link below for more information.

<http://www.mdbiofoundation.org/programs/atlas/index.php>

**Head Start** is a national federally funded program that provides comprehensive services to low-income pre-school children between the ages of 3-5 and their families. It promotes school readiness by enhancing the social and cognitive development of children through the provision of educational, health, nutritional, social and other services to enrolled children and families.

Administered by the Community Action Council of Howard County, Head Start has four centers – three in Columbia and one in Ellicott City. Two of our sites have classes that are 4 hours long and two have 6-hour programs. Howard County Head Start program serves 264 income eligible families who are at or below the Federal Poverty guidelines. (410-313-6482)

### **Howard County Youth Theatre Workshop**

Sat., May 3, 12-4:30 p.m., Long Reach High, 6101 Old Dobbin Lane, Columbia, MD.

Workshop offered in partnership with the HCPSS Fine Arts Advisory Council. Registration is \$25 and includes a t-shirt. Please contact Holly Harden, 410-313-4625 or

[hharden@howardcountymd.gov](mailto:hharden@howardcountymd.gov). Deadline Apr. 25.

### **Howard County Conservancy**

**Weather to the Extreme** Ninth graders from four Howard County high schools will participate in an educational conference, seven learning stations run by local businesses on May 7, 8:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Howard County Conservancy, 10520 Old Frederick Road, Woodstock MD. Join over one hundred ninth graders along with industry representatives from the follow companies: Baltimore Gas & Electric, Bartlett Trees, EH Commercial, REI, National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration, WBAL TV, Northrop Grumman, University of Maryland Extension Service, and Howard County Office of Emergency Management. Hands-on experiential education stations scattered around the Conservancy buildings and property through which students will rotate throughout the day. Please call 410-465-8877 or visit [www.hcconservancy.org](http://www.hcconservancy.org) for further information.

### **Boy Scout Troop 615**

Annual Bull-Pork Roast on Sat., May 10, 6 p.m.-10 p.m. Held at Church of the Resurrection, 3175 Paulskirk Dr., and directly benefits the boys of the Troop and the Church. This buffet style, all you can eat feast (on premises) with musical entertainment and more. For more information, please contact Friends of Troop [615@verizon.net](mailto:615@verizon.net) or Dan at 410 992-7723. Hope you can join us for a night of great food and fun.

### **Howard County Conservancy Mother's Day Special**

Sat., May 10, 10 a.m. Enjoy a beautiful springtime morning out with your mother or a friend. Sip tea and sample home baked scones at the historic Brown sisters' farmhouse. Stroll to the Conservancy's eight gardens and talk with the garden clubs, Master Gardeners, and volunteers who design and maintain these gardens year round. In case of inclement weather, check website. REGISTRATION REQUIRED! For more information or to sign up for this program, visit <http://www.hcconservancy.org/upcoming-events.html>.

### **Kid Empowerment Smashing ANTs *Plus* Leadership Summer Program**

Can help put your child on a path to success and happiness. All kids benefit from grades 1-8. Visit [www.smashingants.com/KidEmpowermentCamp.php](http://www.smashingants.com/KidEmpowermentCamp.php) to register and use coupon code POWER14 for \$15 off one week or \$20 off 2 weeks for registering by May 16.

**Make-A-Wish Mid-Atlantic** is gearing up for our 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Make-A-Wish Kids Triathlon-hosted at Padonia Park Club in Cockeysville May 18. The Kids Triathlon is for age 5-14. The event brings kids, families and the community together for a great day of fun, fellowship and athletic exercise (running, biking and swimming), but the greater purpose is to help our local Make-A-Wish children. [www.makeawishkidstrimd.org](http://www.makeawishkidstrimd.org) 410-453-9430

### **Potomac Valley Pearls**

A competitive synchronized swimming club invites girl's ages 6 to 17 that can swim 50 yards in deep water to give synchro a try. Join us for "Pearl for a Day" on Wed May 28, 6-8 p.m., or for beginning synchro lessons from 6:15-7:30 p.m. each Wed in June at Fairland Aquatic Center. Contact [ginnychadwick@hotmail.com](mailto:ginnychadwick@hotmail.com) or call 410-707-0201 for more info.

### **Kid Empowerment Smashing ANTs™ *Plus* Leadership**

**Register now for our Spring Session at [www.smashingants.com](http://www.smashingants.com) - Classes beginning in April!**

This fun and enlightening program helps children have the Kid Power to create their own success and confidence. The children learn how to recognize their Automatic Negative Thoughts (**ANTs**) along with the Empowerment Skills to smash them! With a toolkit of Personal and Group Leadership skills kids learn how to lead and inspire themselves and others. Through *experiential*

*and enlightening, hands-on learning activities*, and cartoon animated lessons, we jumpstart your child on the path to success and happiness! Questions, call Michelle Schwelling at 410-292-2254.

### **Atholton Swim Club Open House**

Sun., May 25, 1-5 p.m., and Sat. May 31, 12-4 p.m. Allview Estates, 6731 Seneca Drive, Columbia MD. Offering Red Cross Learn to Swim Lessons, and competitive CMSL Swim Team. All levels of membership are now available. For more information go to [www.atholtonswimclub.com](http://www.atholtonswimclub.com) or email [atholtonswimclub.membership@gmail.com](mailto:atholtonswimclub.membership@gmail.com)

### **Columbia Orchestra**

The Columbia Orchestra's Season Finale on Sat., May 31 at 7:30 p.m. at the Jim Rouse Theatre at Wilde Lake High School takes a musical tour around the globe. Listen to the amazing talents of our Young Artist Competition Senior Division winners, Janie Shih from River Hill HS and Edmond Kim from the Gilman School. Actors from the Chesapeake Shakespeare Company, and a host of guest drummers help cap off the season with an impressive flourish! Visit [www.columbiaorchestra.org/hcpss](http://www.columbiaorchestra.org/hcpss)

### **Colonial Market Fair Committee**

History comes alive at the Colonial Market Fair on June 14-15, 10 a.m.- 4 p.m., at the Benjamin Banneker Historical Park and Museum, 300 Oella Avenue, in Catonsville. Watch a blacksmith at work, dip candles, and see a Revolutionary War surgeon and Benjamin Banneker himself. Try your hand at colonial games and chores. There is something for the whole family at this free event offered by the Baltimore County Department of Recreation and Parks and the Friends of Benjamin Banneker Historical Park and Museum.

## **SPORTS**

### **Ellicott City Patriots Football and Cheer**

Choose from Tackle Football, Cheer, or Poms, ages 5-12. [www.ecpatriots.com](http://www.ecpatriots.com)

## **CAMPS**

**Soccer Association of Columbia** is now registering players for SAC Training Academy Summer Camps scheduled throughout the summer. Players of all abilities, ages 5 to 14 years old, will take part in SAC's new professionally run summer camp. 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](http://www.sackick.com) to register. For more information, contact [asksac@sac-hc.org](mailto:asksac@sac-hc.org).

**Lady Eagles Basketball Camp** July 21-25, 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Centennial High School. This is a camp for girls aged 8-14, costs \$130. Work with experienced coaches on the fundamentals of basketball.

If interested, you can contact Coach Bobby Macheel at [macheelr@gmail.com](mailto:macheelr@gmail.com) or visit Centennial Girls Basketball website at <https://sites.google.com/site/chsladyeaglesbasketball> for a copy of the camp brochure.

**Dragons Elite Boys' Basketball Camp** Glenelg Country School, 12793 Folly Quarter Road Ellicott City, MD. 410-531-8600 [www.glenelg.org/summer](http://www.glenelg.org/summer). Weekdays 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Session I: June 23 - June 27 (\$325) Session II: June 30 - July 3 (\$260) Session III: July 7 - July 11 (\$325)

**Dragon Elite Field Hockey Camp**

June 23-27 and June 30- July 3, this camp is designed for both Beginner and Experienced Field Hockey Players. Catered lunch, contests, and daily swimming are included in camp fees. Camp hours are 9 a.m. -3:30 p.m. before and after camp care available.

**Bethany United Methodist Church**

Vacation Bible School, June 23-27, 9 a.m. - 11:45 a.m., Bethany United Methodist Church 2875 Bethany Lane, Ellicott City. VBS is open to all children in our community from age 3 years through completing 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Fee: \$35/child (\$15/child for VBS volunteers - must volunteer at least 2 days) Complete online Registration using the link on the home page at [Bethanyum.org](http://Bethanyum.org). For more information, call the church office at [410-465-2919](tel:410-465-2919).

**Stressless Test**

Summer Study Skills Camps to be held the weeks of Aug. 4, 11 and 18. Middle School Classes meet from 9-11 a.m., during the weeks of Aug. 4-8 and 11-15. High School classes meet from 12-2:00 p.m., during August 11-15 and 9-11 am August 18 -22, Monday-Friday. All classes meet at the Owen Brown Community Association building in Columbia. To register, go to [www.Stresslesstests.org](http://www.Stresslesstests.org). For more information, contact Betty Caldwell at 410 740-4659, or [Bcaldwell@comcast.net](mailto:Bcaldwell@comcast.net).