

Atholton Elementary Panther Press
May 9, 2014

Dates To Remember

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 7:00

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—Primary at 11:15, Intermediate at 12:35

6/3

PTA Meeting 7:00 pm

6/4

5th 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
5th 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

Thank you for making the entire staff feel appreciated this week! Everyone enjoyed the flowers, donations of school supplies, sweet treats, books for the classroom, and thank you notes. We have the best job in the world working with your children each day and the partnership we have with our families makes all the difference in helping our students reach their full potential.

Attention parents of 5th Graders

In Friday folders today you will receive the course recommendations for 6th grade. Please read the information carefully. Questions about specific recommendations for your child should be directed to your child's teachers. If you have questions about the middle school program, contact the middle school.

Volunteer Appreciation Celebration

We would like to celebrate and honor all our Atholton Elementary volunteers with a "Just Desserts" reception on May 13th. Please join us between 1:00 and 3:00 pm.

Field Day is Thursday, May 15th

Please be sure your child is ready for field day. Students need to wear appropriate clothing (sneakers, comfortable shorts, t-shirt and hat) and please apply sunscreen before they come to school. They should also bring a filled water bottle, labeled with their name. Grades 3-5 will participate from 9:30 to 11:55 and Grades K-2 will participate

from 12:55 to 3:20. All students will eat in their classrooms. Bag lunches are available from the cafeteria. Morning volunteers should arrive at 9:15 for the morning shift and 12:40 for the afternoon shift. Volunteers should check in at the front office and go to the gym for instructions. Thanks for your assistance.

Rube Goldberg Spirit Award Voting Continues through May 11th

Keep voting. 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.

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 were sent home this week. **DON'T MISS OUT ON THE FUN!** Feel free to contact Aura Volz at a_volz@hcpss.org with any questions about the event.

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.

Summer Packets

The Elementary Curriculum Office will no longer be printing *Staying Sharp in the Summertime* summer packets that usually go home with students in June. The resources below provide more activities and useful parent information than was available in the old packets.

Mathematics: <http://smart.wikispaces.hcpss.org>

Language Arts: <http://elaparentsupport.weebly.com/>

Science: http://www.hcpss.org/academics/science_elem.shtml

Social Studies: http://www.hcpss.org/academics/socialstudies_elem.shtml

Atholton ES Recognized at the Board of Education Meeting

Yesterday afternoon Atholton was recognized for participating in Governor O'Malley's *Explore & Restore your Schoolshed* initiative. Thanks to this grant our 5th grade Stream Savers participated in some amazing experiences. These students are testing the water quality of the stream next to our school and reporting the results to the state.

Additionally, they are also getting ready to release the trout they raised from eggs. We are very proud of our participation in this initiative.

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.

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!

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 1st at 9:00. The deadline to guarantee a t-shirt is Friday, May 9th. More information is available at www.aes5k.info.

Community News:

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

CONCERT BAND /WIND ENSEMBLE

Where: Marriott's Ridge High School

When: July 7 – 18, 2014

Time: 9:00 am – 12:00 pm (Elem., M.S., H.S.)

Grades: 4 through 12

Fee: \$225 (includes camp t-shirt)

Concert: July 18, Marriott's Ridge High School

JAZZ BAND

Where: Marriott's Ridge High School

When: July 7 – 18, 2014

Time: 12:30 pm – 2:30 pm (M.S. and H.S.)

Grades: 5 through 12

Fee: \$195 (\$170 if registering for Band and Jazz.(includes camp t-shirt)

Concert: July 18, Marriott's Ridge High School

DIRECTORS:

David Smith - Clarksville Middle School
Kendall Davis - Pointers Run Elementary School

Bring a snack and a drink in a non-breakable container.
Questions? Please call David Smith (410) 925-6519;
Kendall Davis (443) 742-7400; or Music & Arts (410) 461-1844

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)

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 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 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 5th 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 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 or call 410-707-0201 for more info.

Kid Empowerment Smashing ANTs™ Plus Leadership

Register now for our Spring Session at 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 or email 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

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

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 to register. For more information, contact 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 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. 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 5th 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. 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. For more information, contact Betty Caldwell at 410 740-4659, or Bcaldwell@comcast.net.