



## ***St. John's Lane Elementary School***

**School Office 410-313-2813**

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**June 18, 2015**

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### **DATES TO REMEMBER**

June 18	Fifth Grade Closing Celebration @ 9:15 am
June 18	<b>School Closes 2 hours early @ 1:15pm – PLEASE NOTE THIS TIME</b>
June 19	<b>Last Day of School - School Closes 3 hours early @ 12:15pm – PLEASE NOTE THIS DIFFERENT TIME</b>

#### **For the 2015-2016 School Year:**

<i>August 20</i>	<i>Class Lists posted @ 4:00 pm</i>
<i>August 21</i>	<i>New Student/Family Orientation @ 1:30 pm</i>
<i>August 21</i>	<i>Open House for all students from 2:00 pm-3:00 pm</i>
<i>August 24</i>	<i>School opens for students</i>
<i>September 1</i>	<i>Back To School Night</i>
<i>September 2</i>	<i>Back To School Night</i>
<i>September 7</i>	<i>Labor Day – All Schools &amp; Offices Closed</i>
<i>September 14</i>	<i>Schools &amp; Offices Closed – Rosh Hashanna</i>
<i>September 23</i>	<i>Schools &amp; Offices Closed – Yom Kippur</i>

***(Dates & times are subject to adjustment.)***

### **From the Principals:**

Dear SJLES Families,

Another fantastic school year has come to an end. We have enjoyed instructing your children and watching them grow in knowledge and confidence. Thank you for the constant support that you so freely give that makes SJLES such a truly special place to learn, work and volunteer. Our curriculum and school-wide programs are greatly enhanced by your contributions. There are many ways to keep your child active over the summer that will support all that he/she has achieved this year in reading, math, writing, science, media, PE, music, art, technology, social development and more. Check out the Howard County Library, the SJLES PTA activities, and community based programs as well as the learning that will take place right there in your own backyard. You will also find links to summer learning activities provided by the HCPSS Elementary Curriculum Office listed below.

As you know, we have several farewells this year. Mr. John Seniura, Mrs. Michele Cook, Mrs. Theresa Thaler, Mrs. Gwen Sims and Mrs. Robin Lukens are retiring. Several staff are transferring to other schools; Ms. Hallie Nussbaum to Swansfield ES, Mrs. Gail Loeffler to West Friendship ES, and Ms. Casey Sauter to Bushy Park ES. Mrs. Suzy Pino will be leaving the classroom and moving to other opportunities within the school system. Each of these staff members have made lasting contributions to the St. John's Lane Elementary School community and will be greatly missed by all. We wish them the very best in their new ventures and every success in the future.

Student report cards will be mailed home after the last day of school. We will send periodic information out via email over the summer. The office will be open during the summer and don't forget to check us out on [https://twitter.com/hcpss\\_sjles](https://twitter.com/hcpss_sjles). Thank you all for a wonderful year and we wish you all a very happy and safe summer.

*Mrs. Sarro and Ms. White*

## Returning Books to the Media Center

All books that are past due must be returned back to the media center. If you have any questions about missing books or the replacement cost of lost books, please contact Mrs. Joan Cabiness, Media Specialist.

## Medications in the Health Room

Reminder! All medications **MUST** be picked up **before 12:15 PM on the last day of school, June 19th**. Medications may not be sent home with children. Any medications remaining after this time will be disposed of. Please contact the Health Room, 410-313-2813, with any questions or concerns.

## Summer Reading Lists

Lists are posted at <http://www2.hcpss.org/met/Media/srlbkawds.htm>. Many a great book listed there! The Howard County Public Library also has summer reading lists and sponsor a summer reading program. Get details about this incentivized program at <http://www.howa.lib.md.us/index.php?page=218>

## Summer Learning

The Elementary Curriculum Office has provided the following resources for student activities and useful parent information during the summer months for keeping students up-to-date with Howard County Public School System curriculum over the summer.

- **Mathematics Resources:**

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

- **Language Arts Resources:**

The Elementary Language Arts Parent Support Website is found at the following site:

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

(Also linked to [www.hcpss.org](http://www.hcpss.org).)

- **Science Resources:**

[http://www.hcpss.org/academics/science\\_elem.shtml](http://www.hcpss.org/academics/science_elem.shtml)

- **Social Studies Resources:**

[http://www.hcpss.org/academics/socialstudies\\_elem.shtml](http://www.hcpss.org/academics/socialstudies_elem.shtml)

- **Library Media Summer Reading Lists and Book Awards Site**  
<http://www2.hcpss.org/met/Media/srlbkawds.htm>.

## School Supplies for 2015-2016

The school supply lists for the 2015-2016 school year can be found on the SJLES website  
<http://sjles.hcpss.org/>

## Lost and Found

There are **MANY** clothing and other items in the Lost & Found. Please stop by and take a look **by 12:15pm on June 19th**. After this time on Friday, all unclaimed items will be donated.

## HCPSS 2015-2016 Calendar

The calendar for the 2015-2016 school year has been approved. Visit <http://www.hcpss.org/news/calendars/> to download a copy for yourself or to layer the HCPSS google calendar with your personal calendar.

## Moving?

If you are planning to move out of the SJLES school district this summer, please notify the front office before the end of the school year. This helps us plan homerooms and staffing for next year and enables us to make sure you have what you need to register your child(ren) in the new school. (This does not apply to 5<sup>th</sup> graders moving to middle school.)

## School Registration Ongoing

Families of children who will be five years old by September 1, 2015 are urged to register for Kindergarten. Staffing for next school year is based on the number of registered students, so please take time to register now rather than over the summer. Please call the school for an appointment at 410-313-2813. Visit the HCPSS website for additional information:

<http://www.hcpss.org/schools/kindergarten-registration/>

<http://www.hcpss.org/schools/enrollment-and-registration/>

## Job Opportunity:

Would you like to spend a few hours at SJLES for pay? We are currently searching for substitute lunch and recess monitors. Monitors work for 3 hours between the hours of 10:30 and 2:00 with other adults to supervise and assist students on our playground and field during outdoor recess and in the cafeteria for lunch. While our current positions are full, we have periodic days throughout they year when a monitor is unable to come in to work and we need to call a substitute. If you are interested in the position of Substitute Monitor, please call Assistant Principal, Barbara White, 410-313-2813 for details.

## Map Testing Reports

Map testing reports will be mailed along with your child's report cards.

## A message from Mrs. Cabiness & Mr. Ellis to SJLES Students:

What will you do this summer? Are you traveling to another state, going to an amusement park, visiting relatives or sightseeing? Send a post card from your travels to us at the Media Center. Write a few sentences to tell what you did. Come to the Media Center when you return in the Fall and see all of the post cards that have been sent. You will need a 35 cent stamp to mail your post card. Have a safe and happy summer. REMEMBER TO READ !!!!!!!!!

Send your post card to:

SJLES Media Center  
2960 St. John's Lane  
Ellicott City, MD 21042

## Community Notices

The following events are neither sponsored nor endorsed by the Howard County Public School System.

### **Girl Scout Troop says Thank You!**

Girl Scout Troop 2492 would like to Thank all St John's Lane Elementary Students, friends and family that sent in homemade Bookmarks to the troop collection for the Students Rebuild - Save the Children's - Literacy Boost program. You sent in 240 Bookmarks for \$240 for the children's Literacy programs in Peru, Mali, and Nepal. This adds up for Girl Scout Troop 2492 to total of \$670 for Literacy. The girls and you really helped make a difference! Thank You All for being a part of this!

### **Howard County Arts Council**

ARTreach, June 20, 11a.m.- 4 p.m., Join us for ARTreach, a free, outdoor, community arts festival at the Long Reach Village Center. To learn more or to get involved, visit <http://www.artreachhoco.org> or contact 410-313-ARTS (2787) or [outreach@hocoarts.org](mailto:outreach@hocoarts.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 [www.FHSTC.com](http://www.FHSTC.com) and click Swim Lesson and or Dive Team tab.

### **Bright Minds Foundation**

Come out to support the Bright Minds Foundation on Mon, June 22, 2015 by purchasing food at the Bethany Lane Pizza Hut at 10120 Baltimore National Pike from 5-9 p.m. A portion of the proceeds earned will be donated to Bright Minds to be used for the many programs in place to support Howard County Public School students. You must present a printed or electronic copy of the flyer at payment to direct the proceeds to Bright Minds; it will be accepted for delivery requests as well. The flyer is located at [www.brightmindsfoundation.org](http://www.brightmindsfoundation.org)

### **STEMaction**

WeDo/SuGO Robotics Workshop

Looking for a fun opportunity to let your child explore the world of robotics? Kids age 7-11 are invited to our full day robotics workshop to be held from 9:30 a.m.to 4:00 p.m., on July 25 and again on August 16 at the JHU Applied Physics Laboratory in Laurel MD. Register through this link [wedosgo.brownpapertickets.com](http://wedosgo.brownpapertickets.com)

### **Center for Creative Life and Learning**

Girls mentoring and Enrichment Program for Girls age 10-14, Girls on Fire, Sat., June 27, 3-5 p.m. This program is designed to help young girls reach their full potential, grow their self-worth and esteem and prepare them for academic success Registration is free. Space is limited. For additional program and registration info contact J Whitfield at 410-312-0758 or email [jwhitfield@cclal.org](mailto:jwhitfield@cclal.org). [www.cclal.org](http://www.cclal.org)

### **Columbia Association**

Basic Zentangle Workshop with Arlene Mindus, CZT for ages 9-13. Learn this easy and fun method of drawing linear, abstract patterns. A mini Zentangle kit is provided Saturday, June 27 1-3 p.m., cost: \$30, to register, please call Columbia Art Center at 410-730-0075 or email [art.staff@columbiaassociation.org](mailto:art.staff@columbiaassociation.org)

### **Columbia Association**

Pizza and Portfolio workshop with Thomas Engleman, for ages 16 and up, bring your portfolio and receive an in-depth critique. Also learn how to organize and present your work effectively, Sat., June 27, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. To register, please call Columbia Art Center at 410-730-0075 or email [art.staff@columbiaassociation.org](mailto:art.staff@columbiaassociation.org)

### **Alzheimers Association**

Howard County Walk to End Alzheimer's, Sat., Sept. 26, 9 a.m., Centennial Park, 10000 Route 108, Ellicott City, MD. For more information please visit [alz.org/walk](http://alz.org/walk), call 800.272.3900, or contact Kristina Beese at [kbeese@alz.org](mailto:kbeese@alz.org)

### **Howard County Chinese School**

Bilingual Chinese Language class and cultural classes offered at various locations.

Howard Community College, 10901 Little Patuxent Parkway, Columbia, MD, and

Community College of Baltimore County, 800 S. Rolling Road, Baltimore, MD

Level 1 to 2 ages 5-12, level 1 to 4 ages 13-17.

Young Adults or Adults (15 years old or over) Six-week seminar for basic conversations for touring in China, Level 1 to 2 for exchange students or business pursuits in China, Private or semi-private tutoring sessions. Culture classes: folk dance, watercolor painting, Tai-chi, traditional instruments, etc.

Registration accepted on-line at [www.hcc-md.org](http://www.hcc-md.org) For questions contact: [principal\\_CA@hccs-md.org](mailto:principal_CA@hccs-md.org)

### **Arc of Howard County**

Informational workshop on state and local resources available for children with disabilities, the workshop will be held Wed., Oct. 7, 7 -9 p.m., Howard high school, 8700 Old Annapolis Road Ellicott City, MD. We will be covering options on how to access funds for after school care, summer camp opportunities, Post secondary educational options, childcare and respite funds, etc. There will be a limited number of seats, so please email [MMDisabilityResources@gmail.com](mailto:MMDisabilityResources@gmail.com) so that we can send you a reminder in the fall. If you can't attend but still want information, please email [MDDisabilityResources@gmail.com](mailto:MDDisabilityResources@gmail.com)

### **SPORTS**

#### **Laurel Soccer Club**

Tryouts for 2015-2016, registration is open. [www.laurelsoccerclub.org](http://www.laurelsoccerclub.org)

#### **Soccer Association of Columbia**

Now registering players for SAC Training Academy Summer Camps scheduled throughout the summer. Players of all abilities, ages 5 to 14 years old, take part in SAC's 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) for more information, contact [ask@sac-hc.org](mailto:ask@sac-hc.org)

#### **Soccer Association of Columbia**

Now registering players for the Fall 2015/Spring 2016 season for the Recreation High School program. The leagues are open to players from ages 4 to 19. Teams meet for eight weeks each season for practices and weekend games. Register before July 15th to receive an early registration discount. Go to [www.sackick.com](http://www.sackick.com) to register. For more information, contact [asksac@sac-hc.org](mailto:asksac@sac-hc.org)

## **Soccer Association of Columbia**

Will be holding tryouts for the Fall 2015/Spring 2016 season for the Travel and Select Programs beginning May 13th. The leagues are open to players from ages 7 to 18. Go to [www.sackick.com](http://www.sackick.com) for the tryout schedules. For more information, contact [asksac@sac-hc.org](mailto:asksac@sac-hc.org)

## **CAMPS**

### **Stressless Test**

Don't miss out on the 2015 Summer Study Skills Camps, Aug. 3 -7 and Aug. 10-14 at the Owen Brown Community Association Center in Columbia. Middle School classes meet from 9-11 a.m. High School classes meet from 12-2 p.m. To register, go to [www.Stresslesstests.org](http://www.Stresslesstests.org). For more information, contact Betty Caldwell at 410 740-4659, or [Bcaldwell202@gmail.com](mailto:Bcaldwell202@gmail.com)

### **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](mailto:rgolloub@jamaeryland.org) or 410-753-3292 <http://jamaeryland.org/programs/summer-camp>

Leadership/Touch Football Summer Camp. The camp will run the weeks of July 6 and July 13, 12-4 p.m. Elkrige Landing Middle School, 7085 Montgomery Road, Ellicott City, MD. Cost \$250.00. For more information please contact [jguy@the4thqtr.org](mailto:jguy@the4thqtr.org) or [mcovington@the4thqtr.org](mailto:mcovington@the4thqtr.org)

Our Camps mission is to ensure youth athletes succeed in the “4th Qtr of life”

The “4th Quarter of life” is a metaphor for the pivotal moments our student athletes face on and off the field.

### **Bethany United Methodist Church**

VBS, June 22-26, 9-11:45 a.m., 2875 Bethany Lane, Ellicott City, MD. For more information or to register: <http://2015.cokesburyvbs.com/bethanyumvbs>

