



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

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**June 5, 2015**

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### **DATES TO REMEMBER**

June 11	Parent Orientation for Summer School @ 6:00 pm
June 16	Kindergarten Closing Celebration – 9:15 am
June 18	Fifth Grade Closing Celebration – 9:15 am
June 18	<b>School Closes 2 hours early @ 1:15 pm</b>
June 19	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Picnic at SJLES – 10:00 am – 12:00 pm
June 19	Last newsletter for this school year
June 19	<b>Last Day of School - School Closes 3 hours early @ 12:15pm</b>

## **From the Principals**

We hope you were able to make it to our May Day and 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration last Saturday. We had a beautiful day and were visited by County Executive, Alan Kittleman, HCPSS Superintendent, Dr. Renee Foose, HCPSS BOE Vice Chairwoman, Anne DeLacy, BOE Member, Ellen Giles, Administrative Director of Elementary, Schools Ron Morris, and former principals Debbie Jagoda and Richard Douglas (first principal in 1954). Our guests brought congratulations and recognition of our strong community spirit. It was a beautiful way to celebrate 60 years of educating our students through outstanding instruction, partnership, friendship, and leadership! Thank you for sharing the fun with us! Special thanks to May Day Chairwoman, Erin Donnell and our wonderful PTA for all of their efforts in creating this memorable day. In case you didn't see the photos on the Sun's website, here is the link below. The Howard County Times will also be running a story this week or next.

<http://www.baltimoresun.com/news/maryland/howard/columbia/ph-ho-cf-st-johns-lane-0604-pg-photogallery.html>

*Mrs. Sarro and Ms. White*

## Returning Books to the Media Center

All books are due back to the media center. Last day for Media classes is June 11<sup>th</sup>. 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

All medications **MUST** be picked up **before 12:15 PM on the last day of school, June 19<sup>th</sup>**. 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>

## Lost and Found

Lost and Found is full of hats, coats, jackets, and lunch boxes. Please stop by to claim your child's lost belongings by 12:15pm on June 19<sup>th</sup>. After this time, all unclaimed Lost & Found 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.

## Last Day of School

The Maryland State Board of Education has approved the HCPSS 2014–2015 Calendar Waiver request to waive one instructional day that was lost due to inclement weather. The last student day will now be on Friday, June 19, 2015. All schools will be open for a full day on Wednesday, June 17. All schools will **close two hours early for students on Thursday**, June 18, and will **close three hours early for students on Friday**, June 19.

For SJLES, this means:

- Regular school days and closure times through Wednesday, June 17<sup>th</sup> - SJLES closes at 3:15pm.
- Thursday, June 18<sup>th</sup>, SJLES closes at 1:15pm.
- Friday, June 19<sup>th</sup>, SJLES closes at 12:15pm.
- Tuesday, June 16<sup>th</sup> @ 9:15 am - **Kindergarten closing ceremony** followed by picnic.
- Thursday, June 18<sup>th</sup> @ 9:15am - **Fifth grade closing ceremony**
- Friday, June 19<sup>th</sup> @ 10:00-12:00 - Fifth grade picnic

***Please carefully observe the school day closing times for June 17, 18 and 19 because they are different each day.***

Information on other grade level end of year activities will be forthcoming from your child's teacher.

## **Congratulations to SJLES!**

### **G/T Enrichment Fair**

There were over 30 projects displayed at the Enrichment Fair on Thursday evening. These projects showcased student talent and interest during Curriculum Extension Units, Instructional Seminars, and G/T Math. Great job students!

### **Orchestra Concert**

Bravo to our 100 beginning and advanced strings students for a beautiful Spring Concert last week. You made some beautiful music under the directions of Mr. Jim Kroll. Great job!

### **First Grade Writer's Showcase**

All first graders selected a piece of their own writing to read to an audience of classmates and parents during the Writer's Showcase. We heard wonderful stories, poems, letters and more. Beautiful writing and reading first graders!

### **Mind and Muscles**

Our M & M Ball was held this week to recognize the boys and girls who participated in reading for at least 20 minutes five times per week and exercising at least three times per week for five months of the school year. Congratulations boys and girls!

### **Girls On The Run**

Congratulations to the enthusiastic and hard working girls who have participated in GOTR this year. These girls have trained all year and ran their second 5K last Saturday! The SJLES group was awesome! Thank you to the adult sponsors, Teddey Jones, Melissa Mitchell, Linda Odum and teacher Mrs. Maddock for sponsoring and supporting the program.

Melody Boettger	Jada Brown	Addy Burke	Kate Carneal
Nia Chavis	Abigail Fuller	Toni George	Tomi George
Katie Jones	Dana Landry	Eila Michaels	Katherine Millen
Natalie Minnich	Andrea Owusu	Katelynn Rogers	Isa Sanchez
Gabby Teachy			

## **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.

## A Request for Allergy Safety:

We have some students at SJLES with life-threatening allergies to shelled nuts. When the shells are cracked, the particles in the air create a life-threatening situation for sensitive students. We kindly ask that you do not send your child to school with any shelled nuts, for your child's lunch, snack, or after school activities. A common example of shelled nuts is, peanuts in the shell, however, we are referring to any shelled nuts. Thank you for helping us to keep our school a safe environment for all students

## Front Doors

**Please** keep the front doors closed after entering and exiting the building. The heating/cooling system cannot work properly when the doors are left open. This also has an impact on our security measures when doors are left open and unsupervised. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

## PTA Notices

### MEMORY BOOKS

The end of school is near, so one great way to remember the good times and great friends, is purchasing a **full color** 56 page school Memory Book! Each class has their own page with individual portraits plus there are over 20 pages of candid photos! We have a very small number still available. They cost \$16 each, and to purchase one, simply send in \$16 cash or check made out to SJLES PTA in an envelope addressed to "Memory Book Orders". Be sure to list your child's name and teacher on the envelope as well. All books will be sent home the last week of school. Thank you for supporting the Memory Book!

Would you like to make your child and their buddies stars in next year's Memory Book? The Memory Book Committee is still searching for a new Chairperson or co-chairs for the next school year, so if you love taking photos, being creative, scrapbooking online, and/or volunteering from home, this would be a great opportunity to get involved. Plus, the yearbook designers from the last 2 years will be available to advise you and bring you up to speed! If you'd like to know how to participate, feel free to contact Joanne Gales 410-480-1615 or [wvhokies@aol.com](mailto:wvhokies@aol.com)

## Community Notices

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

**ATTENTION 5<sup>TH</sup> GRADERS!** Come out to the Patapsco BEACH BLAST Tuesday June 16th 6-8 PM. IT is open to rising 6th graders through graduating 8th graders and their families. Note - This is not a drop off event, parental supervision is required. In case of rain the event will be moved indoors.

**DETAILS:** Tuesday, June 16 from 6:00 - 8:00 pm Patapsco Middle

- DJ spinning tunes and playing games
- Games! Minute-to-Win-It, Basketball "Knock Out", Plinko, putting green, bean bag toss
- FREE Snow Balls and Lemonade

- FREE Dessert Buffet
- PLEASE BRING a dessert for the Buffet!
- Pizza for sale
- PLEASE consider donating to the SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE
- MANY chaperones / volunteers are needed!

Sign up to help out with the day of the event, please click:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0f45abaf29a46-beach3> - we NEED your help to have a successful, fun and SAFE evening!!

### **We Promote Health**

Howard County Family Wellness Day, Sun. June 7, at Centennial Park from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. This free family event includes inflatable obstacle course, games, prizes and demonstrations promoting healthy lifestyles. Join us for the 11 a.m. welcome ceremony. [www.wepromotehealth.org](http://www.wepromotehealth.org)

### **STEMulating Minds**

HoCoSTEMFestival! Activities, demonstrations, discussions, giveaways, and more guarantee fun that's FREE for the entire family!!! Date and time of event: June 7, 1-5 p.m., Howard Community College, STE Building. Contact Information: [Melvin@stemulatingminds.com](mailto:Melvin@stemulatingminds.com) Visit our website [www.STEMulatingMinds.com](http://www.STEMulatingMinds.com)

### **Columbia Association**

Mixed Media Mania with Korey Rosenbaum ages 5-10, Sun., June 7-28, 1-2:30 p.m. To register, please call Columbia Art Center at 410-730-0075 or email [artstaff@columbiaassociation.org](mailto:artstaff@columbiaassociation.org)

### **Columbia Association**

Free Mosaic Mural, join celebrated artist Susan Stockman and your fellow community create a collaborative mosaic. Sat., June 13, 10 a.m.- 4 p.m., call 410-313-2787.

### **Benjamin Banneker Historical Park**

Colonial market fair, Sat-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](mailto:art.staff@columbiaassociation.org)

### **Howard County Arts Council**

ARTreach, June 20, 11 a.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.

### **Howard Community College**

Kids on Campus, now celebrating its 29th summer, enroll your child (ages 7-17) in Howard Community College's Kids on Campus courses. Over 250 enrichment classes offered June 22-August 14, in the morning and afternoon, with supervised lunch, before and after care. For more information, go to [www.howardcc.edu/kidsoncampus](http://www.howardcc.edu/kidsoncampus) or contact Sara Baum at 443 518-4976 or Elizabeth Watson 443 518-4102.

**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)

**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 Clinic and Recreation programs. 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 15 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)

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Will be holding tryouts for the fall 2015/spring 2016 season for the Travel and Select Programs beginning May 13. 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)

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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)

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

#### **The Women's Giving Circle of Howard County**

Journey Camp 2015 Sun., July 12 – Sat., July 18. Journey will be held on the picturesque campus of Washington College in Chestertown, MD on the Eastern Shore. Applications can be obtained at [www.mlw.org](http://www.mlw.org) and will also be available in guidance counselor offices at local middle schools. Limited financial assistance is available. Applications are due by May 15, 2015. For further information, contact the MLW office at 301-444-8623 or [office@mlw.org](mailto:office@mlw.org)