



St. John's Lane Elementary School

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March 20, 2015

DATES TO REMEMBER

Mar. 20	PTA Bingo @ 6:30 PM
Mar. 24-25	Class & Individual Pictures
Mar. 25	Fieldtrip, 5 th grade to DC, 8 am – 4 pm
Mar. 27	All schools close 3 hours early–end of marking period-(SJLES closes @12:15pm)
Mar. 30-Apr.6	All schools closed for Spring Break
April 7	Schools Reopen
April 10	Next newsletter
April 10	HC Library's Battle of the Books
April 14	Report Cards
April 17	Fieldtrip, 2 nd to Bldg. Museum, DC, 8 am – 2 pm
April 22	Dunloggin Middle School 6 th Grade Orientation @ 6:00 pm (see below)
April 23	Patapsco Middle School 6 th Grade Orientation @ 6:00 pm (see below)

From the Principals

Happy first day of spring! It's been an interesting winter and we are happy to see the possibility of winter weather related interruptions to school come to an end (we think!). Although we have one more week to go before Spring Break, please let us take this opportunity to wish all of our St. John's Lane ES families and community a very happy and safe spring break. After next week, we will see you again in April!

Mrs. Sarro and Ms. White

Spelling Star!

Congratulations to 5th grader Yash Baja who represented St. John's Lane ES in the Howard County Library Spelling Bee last Friday night at Reservoir High School. Great job Yash!

PARCC

Congratulations to our third, fourth, and fifth grade students for their successful participation in the new PARCC assessments. We have observed strong effort and persistence as the students have completed each test session over the last few weeks. Today is the final day of assessments with make-ups taking place next week. End of year PARCC assessments begin in April. Nice work Jaguars!

PARCC for Parents

[#PrepareforPARCC Updates](#)

Science Fair

Our annual SJLES PTA Science Fair was outstanding!! Our young scientists performed impressive investigations and displayed their work in an exemplary manner. It was very exciting to see the student work come alive last week and listen to them share their high quality projects with pride. Bravo students! We are proud of your accomplishments!

Middle School Orientations

Attention Parents of 5th Graders:

Patapsco Middle School - April 23rd, GT discussion begins @ 6:00pm. General Meeting starts @ 7:00pm.

Dunloggin Middle School - April 22nd -General Meeting begins @ 6:00pm, GT meeting begins @ 7:00pm

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/>

Teachers are Heroes

This is a monthly program highlighting one Maryland school teacher (K-12) who has gone above and beyond his or her job description and instilled a lifelong love for learning in Maryland students. The program runs August 2014 through June 2015. ABC2, in partnership with MECU - Baltimore's Credit Union, will award the monthly selected teachers a \$250 check to use toward classroom supplies along with a plaque acknowledging their achievement. Winners will be highlighted on ABC2 News throughout the school year. The online application is found at: <http://www.abc2news.com/teachersareheroes>

LOST and FOUND

We have an overabundance of items in our Lost and Found. Please claim your items by 12 noon on Friday, March 27. All unclaimed items after that time will be donated to charity.

A Message for Parents of 5th Grade Students from the Patapsco PTA President, Ms. Melissa Barrett

Great opportunities for next year!

The Patapsco Middle School PTA Nominating Committee is looking for parents to serve in the following positions for next year. Our school's population is constantly growing, changing, evolving...so our PTA should, too! We look forward to new faces, new voices, and new ideas! This is a GREAT way to get involved at the school, know what's going on behind the scenes, and to have a positive impact on the Patapsco MS community! There is no PTA experience necessary...if your child will be a student at Patapsco next year, you are invited to get involved!

If you are interested, have any questions, or would like to get involved, please contact the Nominating Committee: Cindy Anderson at cindyanderson21042@comcast.net or Jenise Dunn at jedunn3@verizon.net

Executive Board Open Positions

PTA President: The President of our PTA does not work alone: you have two VPs working with you, and an Executive Board to help with decision making and leadership! The President is responsible for running the monthly PTA meeting and for facilitating communication throughout the PTA, staff, and community. Melissa Barrett, our outgoing President, will be available throughout the year to assist you! Any questions about this job? Contact Melissa at barrett2831@gmail.com

Corresponding Secretary: The corresponding secretary serves as part of the Executive Board, and attends meetings. Also serves as recording secretary in the event of an absence, and takes meeting minutes.

PTA Council of Howard County Representative (2 needed): PTACHC reps attend monthly PTACHC meetings at the Board of Education. PTACHC reps report to PTACHC the decision of the Patapsco PTA on matters referred to it for approval or information. PTACHC reps serve as delegates from Patapsco Middle School and represent our positions and concerns to the greater PTA community. PTACHC reps also keep the Patapsco PTA abreast of countywide PTA issues.

Open Committee Positions

Membership: Assist membership chairperson Christa Kampert with fall PTA membership drive; requires an organized person to keep track of number of memberships sold, and distribute membership cards. Most of this work occurs August through October.

Hospitality: Assist chairperson Jennifer Meckes by helping to plan breakfasts and lunches throughout the year for our staff and guests. Hospitality Committee also plans Staff Appreciation events and recognizes staff achievements.

Music Boosters Liaison: The Music Boosters Liaison attends both Music Boosters and PTA meetings, and keeps each group informed about what the other is doing! Great for a parent with a child in chorus, orchestra, or band.

School Store: Do you love to shop? If so, this opportunity is for you! Keep the school store stocked throughout the year with fun items and prizes. No need to be available during the day- the PTA will provide you with plenty of volunteers to work the store, we just need someone willing to shop and keep the store stocked with goodies!

8th Grade Committee: We are looking for a few 8th grade parents to oversee the 8th grade committee. This means you're planning the 8th grade t-shirts, 8th grade promotion ceremony, 8th grade dance, and any other fun things you might want to come up with!



Did you know... SJLES Tweets?

You can follow St. John's Lane Elementary School on social media! If you are already on Twitter, follow us under the Twitter handle: @hcpss_sjles. If you are not on Twitter, you can follow our tweets by visiting our public Twitter page: https://twitter.com/hcpss_sjles.

Emergency School Closings:

Please refer to the 1/23/15 newsletter on our website, <http://sjles.hcpss.org/>, for information on procedures for school delays and closings.

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!

Order forms for our school yearbook (called the Memory Book) will be coming home with your Youngest & Only students in the next few days. Books are \$16 each, and orders can be sent into school or done online. The deadline for ordering is April 15, 2015. If you have any questions, please contact Joanne Gales at 410-480-1615 or email wvhokies@aol.com

Community Notices

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

Girls on the Run

Girls on the Run® is a life-changing, experiential learning program for girls grades 3-8. The programs combine training for a 3.1 mile running event with self-esteem enhancing, uplifting workouts. The girls will meet after-school twice a week for 10 weeks with the season ending 5k to be held on May 30, in Howard County, MD. The program begins the week of Mar. 15, and will end the week of May 31. To register your daughter, go to www.gotrcentralmd.org.

Candlelight Concerts

Two HCPSS students will perform for Violin Virtuoso Rachel Barton Pine

Fri, Mar. 20, 7:30 p.m. St. John Baptist Church, Columbia www.candlelightconcerts.org 410-997-2324

Candlelight Concerts

Performance featuring Rachel Barton Pine, violin

Sat., Mar. 21, 8 p.m. Smith Theatre, Columbia www.candlelightconcerts.org
410-997-2324.

Recreation and Parks

Spring Egg Hunt at Rockburn Elementary School. Collect eggs and enjoy prizes, games, and fun for the whole family. Sat. Mar. 21, 10 a.m., for children 2-10 years.

<http://www.howardcountymd.gov/specialevents.htm> **ES**

Columbia Figure Skating Club

Annual spring production, featuring multiple performances at the Columbia Ice Rink, located at 5876 Thunder Hill Rd., Columbia. Sat, Mar. 21, 3 p.m. and 6 p.m. and Sun., Mar. 22, 2 p.m. and 4:30 p.m.

For tickets and more information, please visit the Club's website: www.columbiafsc.com.

Candlelight Concerts

CandleKids: Beauty & the Beast featuring National Marionette Theatre, Sun., Mar. 22, 2:30 & 4:30 p.m.,

Smith Theatre, Columbia. www.candlelightconcerts.org 410-997-2324

Grassroots Crisis Intervention Center

The Rotary Clubs of Howard County in partnership with Wilde Lake High School are hosting the seventh annual Soup'r Sundae, a family event featuring soups prepared by area restaurants, on Sun., Mar. 22, 12-2 p.m., Wilde Lake High School, 5460 Trumpeter Road, Columbia, MD 21044.

Tickets are at www.soupsundae.eventbrite.com or by contacting cathyvsmith@verizon.net Tickets will also be available at the door for cash and checks made out to Grassroots.

www.grassrootscrisis.org

North Laurel Community Center

The MSC 2015 Spring Career Fair is being held on Tues., Mar. 24, 9 a.m. -1 p.m. The event will take place at the North Laurel Community Center on 9411 Whiskey Bottom Road, Laurel MD 20723. Pre-Registration is highly encouraged at <http://mcs2015careerfair.eventbrite.com>.

The Village Howard, Inc.

SELMA will be shown on Tues, Mar. 24, 6:30 p.m., Slayton House in Wilde Lake, 10400 Cross Fox Lane, Columbia MD. Admission is \$6 at the door. Sponsored by The Village In Howard for the entire community.

North Laurel Community Center

A new, free walking program for the community beginning Sat., Mar. 28, at the North Laurel Park, at the North Laurel Community Center, 9411 Whiskey Bottom Road, Laurel MD. The walking program will be every Sat. from Mar. 28-Oct. 31. New member registration is at 8:45 a.m. program is 9-10 a.m. For more information call 410-740-7601.

Columbia Association Art Center

Columbia Art Center School's Out Spring Break program for grades 1-8. Mar. 30- Apr. 3 and Apr. 6, 7:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m., \$50 per child drop-off begins at 7:30; art activities beginning at 9 a.m. To register, please call Columbia Art Center at [410-730-0075](tel:410-730-0075) or email

art.staff@columbiaassociation.org

Robinson Nature Center

Anne Robinson's Centennial Spring Break Activities

All ages, Wed., April 1-Sat., April 4, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Free with Robinson daily admission or annual pass.

www.howardcountymd.gov/RNCegacy.htm 410-313-0400.

Howard County General Hospital, Johns Hopkins Medicine

Free seminar for parents or coaches of student athletes featuring Johns Hopkins experts – learn about concussions, overuse injuries, heat illness, common knee injuries and hernias, as well as injury prevention and when to seek help for potentially serious conditions. Apr. 8, 6:30 p.m., *register online:*

<http://bit.ly/YoungAthletteSeminar>

Robinson Nature Center

Butterfly Gala, all ages, Sat., Apr 11, 6:30-9 p.m. The Howard County Therapeutics Division and Robinson Nature Center cordially invite families of children and adults with special needs to join in an evening of sensory-friendly activities celebrating spring.

Elkridge Youth Organization

The EYO 12U Baseball Team is hosting a Bingo Night, April 11, 7 p.m., at the OLPH Gym located at 4801 Ilchester Road, Ellicott City. There will be Designer Purses filled with great prizes for each bingo winner and also Special Bingo card rounds. Tickets are \$20.00 in advance or \$25.00 at the door. Tickets may be bought online at <http://12ucanesbingonight.eventbrite.com> or

12ubingo@verizon.net

Cedar Lane School

Cedar Lanes Annual Walk for Our Stars, Sat. April 18, 10 a.m., Maple Lawn Community Center.

Come join us for this fun, non-competitive walk. All money raised will be used to support our students with significant special needs and our staff. Funds will go towards the purchase of specialized equipment, expand the school's cultural arts program, increase the number of student field trips, and provide staff development opportunities beyond what is provided by the county.

Please support The Walk and help those who can't walk, learn to stand on their own and those who can't speak, find their voice. For further information, please contact Cedar Lane School at 410-888-8800 or walkforourstars2015@verizon.net

Ballet Royale

Registration for Ballet Royale Institute of Maryland's 2015 Summer in Motion is open. Summer Programs include intensives, one-on-ones, camps, evening classes and maintenance classes for all ages. Programs run from July 13-Aug. 28, Ballet Royale offers an unbeatable combination of small class sizes, great value and internationally recognized faculty. Register Sat., Mar. 21, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. to receive 10% off your summer tuition. Call us at 410-997-8443 or visit us online at

www.balletroyale.com.

Howard County Government

Womenfest...A Health & Wellness Event for Women, Sat., Apr. 25, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. **FREE**

Gary J. Arthur Community Center at Glenwood, Cooksville, MD.

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

University of Maryland

Study on Child Brain Development and memory. We are seeking children ages 4-8, typically developing children will participate. Children will receive \$60.00 for participating. Call 301-405-5922 or email kidbrainstudy@umd.edu.

CAMPS

YMCA

Join us for the best summer ever. At the Y, for various camps, discover, create and make memories that will last a lifetime. Whether you're the outdoorsy type, the air-conditioning type, the nature-lover type, the sporty type, the traveler type, the science type, the "I want to get away from home!" type, or every type in between, Y Camp will leave you with a grin on your face! For more information visit www.ymaryland.org.

University of Maryland

iEngineer@UMD a summer STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) camp for rising 4th and 5th grade girls. This one-week commuter day camp is an exciting opportunity for girls to learn more about STEM through a variety of fun, hands-on activities. Mon., Jul. 6 –Fri., Jul. 10, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. for more information and to apply, visit <http://wie.umd.edu/k12/iengineer>

UMBC Summer Day Camp

The UMBC summer Day Camp will be celebrating it's 36th year of existence in 2015, and we hope that you will send your child to spend all or part of the summer with us. Please let us know if you have any questions 410-455-2638 or email us at summercamp@umbc.edu