

# THE CLARKSVILLE COMET



CLARKSVILLE MIDDLE SCHOOL / MAY 8, 2015 / VOLUME 19

## Our PTA is suh-weet like Berger Cookies and Fisher's Popcorn!



Thank you for all of the kind words and deeds this week during our **"Maryland Style" Staff Appreciation Week!** Walking into school this week was such a treat – we were surrounded by "All Things Maryland" – from red, yellow, black and white decorations, to Preakness, Terps and crab-themed décor.

Everyday was something different, and we were reminded each day how lucky we are to be part of such an amazing community. On behalf of our entire faculty I wish to extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone who acknowledged our staff and helped us feel valued, with a special thank you to **Ellen Duncan** for organizing the entire week. For so many different reasons we just don't know what we're going to do without her next year!

Also during Staff Appreciation Week, as you know, our secret families were revealed. Thank you to all of the students and families who participated in the **"Secret Family"** program. Your random acts of kindness and generosity throughout the year really had a positive impact and made a lasting impression on each of us. Thank you! ☺

Have you ever wondered what happens in an enrichment seminar or G/T class? Now is your chance to find out! On **Thursday, May 21<sup>st</sup>**, from **7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.**, we will host our annual **G/T Enrichment Fair**. There will be a gallery walk featuring student work, in addition to a variety of student-led presentations about various projects they worked on during 2014-2015 school year. Students, parents, and other family members are welcome to attend! Don't forget, the Enrichment Fair takes place immediately following the **4<sup>th</sup> Annual Fun Run/Walk**. If you are still interested in participating in the Fun Run/Walk, please review the flier at the end of this newsletter for more information and a **registration form**. We hope to see you there!

Finally, it's here! Our this weekend! Columbia and Clarksville Middle **High School Musical on** p.m. and on May 9 at 1:00 \$5 adults / \$3 students. We



**wildcats** are performing Center for Theatrical Arts School present **Disney's Stage!** on: May 8 at 7:30 p.m. & 7:30 p.m. Tickets: hope to see you there!

Have a wonderful

weekend!

Sincerely,  
*Melissa Shindel*

# IMPORTANT DATES

## MAY 21:

4th Annual Fun Run/Walk

## MAY 25:

Memorial Day  
Schools & Offices Closed

## JUNE 5:

Spirit Day: Disney

## JUNE 19:

Last day of School for  
Students

## AT CLARKSVILLE MIDDLE SCHOOL, THE COMETS' RULE!

### WE ARE:

RESPECTFUL OF SELF, OTHERS AND THE SCHOOL

ULTIMATE TEAM PLAYERS

LEADING RESPONSIBLY

ENGAGED IN LEARNING



This Week, look who was recognized for being...

### Respectful of Self, Others and the School



Marisa Patel, Brian Shipley, Max Mohink

### an Ultimate Team Player



Anna Gibbons, Tim Vuong, Jeffrey Li

### Leading Responsibly



Josh Maslan, Anjali Pulim, Jack Burns

### Engaged in Learning



Kenneth Ho, Tara Sarraf, Katie Holz, Grayson Vintz, Justin Shaw, Iris Zhang, Michelle Han, Chantel Desmarais, Reva Polineni, Hudson Kennedy, Campbell Carlson, Alaina Bosmans, Lauren Easley, Jonathan

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**APRIL 2015**

**Each month, staff members on each team - 6th, 7th, 8th and Related Arts - will select students to be recognized as the "Students of the Month." This is not an easy task, as we have so many wonderful students at Clarksville Middle School! However, after careful thought we wish to congratulate the following students for being recognized by the identified teams of teachers:**

**6th: GRAYSON VINTZ  
CLAIRE KELLY**



**7th: MICHAEL ORLOSKY  
ANDY ORLOSKY**



**8th: HEATHER WYNN  
SIMON BARN**

**RA: SAM GOODING  
EMILY WU**

## **==Middle School World Language:**

Students are now able to register for the Middle School World Language program through the HCPSS BSAP/ K-9 Summer Institute. Rising 8th graders, who were not enrolled in world language in grade 7, may enroll in French or Spanish this summer. Successful completion of this course will prepare students to enroll in the appropriate grade 8 language course for the 2015-2016 school year. The course meets from June 29 - July 24 from 8:30am - 12:15pm at Lime Kiln Middle School (\$275). Students have the option of also registering for the afternoon enrichment sessions with the BSAP/K-9 Summer Institute (\$550).

Although this course was listed in the HCPSS Summer Catalog, it was not available on any of the online registration forms, prohibiting students from enrolling. If you have any students interested, please encourage them to complete the online registration form on the summer school website.

- Registration website - <http://tinyurl.com/HCPSS-summer>
- Direct link to MS World Language Program registration form - <http://tinyurl.com/MSlanguage-2015>



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.

High school exams will be held on Tuesday, June 16; Wednesday, June 17; Thursday, June 18; and Friday, June 19.

## **CMS BLOOD DRIVE**

Thank you!

The CMS Blood Drive was a great success! Twenty units of blood were collected, or 111% of our goal!

Through your efforts you helped save up to 60 patients in our local Community.

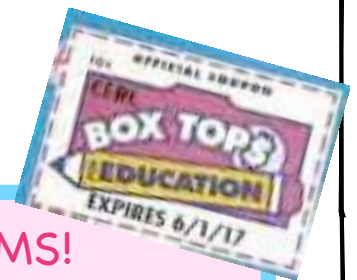
The need is constant. The gratification is instant. Give blood.



**American  
Red Cross**



Congratulations to 6<sup>th</sup> grade student **Amogh Thakkar**. His artwork was selected to be featured in the HCPSS middle school literacy magazine *Our Voice*. The annual publication features exemplary poems, short stories, and artwork produced by HCPSS middle school students.



We are collecting **Box Tops** here at CMS!  
Please bring them to Mrs. Elliott Room 34.  
The school earns \$.10 per box top and  
more for **BONUS** box tops.

# COMMUNITY NEWS

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The Howard County Public School System is offering a variety of visual arts courses during the summer. Courses include drawing, painting, and photography. Registration information and course descriptions can be found at:

<http://www.hcpss.org/f/summer/summer-course-catalog-gt.pdf>

There are deadlines and space is limited so register early.

## Summer Sports Camps at Atholton High School

The Atholton Athletic Boosters will hold sports camps for basketball, baseball, field hockey, lacrosse, soccer, tennis, track, volleyball, and wrestling this summer at Atholton High School in Columbia. The summer camps are for boys and girls that are incoming third graders thru incoming ninth graders. The camps are taught by high school coaches who will be assisted by current players. Tuition for each camp is \$135 and includes an Atholton Raider t-shirt, individual skills testing, specialized instruction from qualified staff members, guest speakers, and daily awards. You can register for the camps at [atholtonboosters.org/athletics](http://atholtonboosters.org/athletics) For more information, contact Beth DeFrances [410-313-7065](tel:410-313-7065) or [elizabeth\\_defrances@hcpss.org](mailto:elizabeth_defrances@hcpss.org)

**The River Hill High School Boosters** are sponsoring summer camps at River Hill High School. The camps are designed to help young athletes improve their fundamental athletic skills. Weekly camps begin June 15 from 9am - noon or 1pm - 4pm. Over twenty different camps are offered this summer, including football, soccer, baseball, softball, lacrosse, field hockey, volleyball, basketball, cross country, track & field, Allied sports, cheerleading, weight training, wrestling, and dance. Camp forms are available in the main office at River Hill High School or online at [www.riverhill.org](http://www.riverhill.org). For more information call 410-313-7120 or email Brian Van Deusen at [bvandeusen@hcpss.org](mailto:bvandeusen@hcpss.org).

**The River Hill Poms team** will be hosting our yearly "summer" camp June 22-26 from 1-4 pm at River Hill High School. We will learn dances & choreography, play games, make some cool crafts, and have a lot of fun! The cost of camp is \$150 and is open to 1st through 8th graders. Payment will be collected on the first day of camp. Checks payable to River Hill Poms.

To register, please email the following information to [rhhspons@gmail.com](mailto:rhhspons@gmail.com):

Student's Name & Grade (Fall 2015)

Parents Name & Cell Number

Additional Emergency Contact Info

## River Hill RideAbout

Saturday, May 16 at 9:30 a.m.

Meet at the Village Center Courtyard

A 2.8 - mile family friendly bicycle ride on the pathways through the beautiful open space of River Hill. Stops along the way will highlight the history of River Hill and the work of the village's watershed committee to improve the environment.

Pre-registration encouraged at [RiverHillRideAbout.EventBrite.com](http://RiverHillRideAbout.EventBrite.com)

FREE

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## **Kennedy Krieger**

We are recruiting children ages 8-12 to participate in an MRI research study to learn if there are differences between the brain's structure and its function in children with and without ADHD as well as with and without High Functioning Autism.

The study involves participating in 2 seven-hour days of paper and pencil tasks, computer activities, and a Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) of the brain. Parents will receive a report of the IQ assessment administered to their child as well as the radiology report. All testing is done free of charge and you get to choose the dates you participate. For more information about this study, please contact Alyssa Tiedemann at 443-923-9263, Mary Martinelli at 443-923-9258, or Kristie Sweeney at 443-923-9254 or by email [LNIR@kennedykrieger.org](mailto:LNIR@kennedykrieger.org) **ES, MS**

## **Girls Who Code**

Celebrate Scratch Day at HCC. Girls and Boys in grades K-12 are invited to celebrate Scratch Day on Sat., May 9, at Howard Community College. Girls Who Code Howard County is hosting this event to teach kids about computer science and various coding opportunities in #HoCoMD. This is a FREE event. Space is limited. Register here <http://day.scratch.mit.edu/events/57/>

## **Slayton House**

Sign up now for these spring workshops in the Performing Arts

Razz-A Ma Tap-Shuffle off to Buffalo and learn techniques of Tap dance for fun, Exercise or that next audition.

Classes begin May 12 on Tues., for grades 3-10. For more information call 410-730-2380. **ES, MS, HS**

## **Robinson Nature Center**

Native Plant Palooza, Sun., May 12- 4:30 p.m./ **FREE**

Come shop Robinson Nature Center's native plant sale and learn how best to care for native plants that can attract wildlife while reducing the need for pesticides and fertilizers in your lawn and garden. A portion of the proceeds from the sale of all plants benefits educational programs at the Nature Center. See [www.howardcountymd.gov/RNCplantnative.htm](http://www.howardcountymd.gov/RNCplantnative.htm) **ES, MS, HS**

## **Columbia Association**

Free Mosaic Mural, join celebrated artist Susan Stockman and your fellow community create a collaborative mosaic.

Dates & Locations, Tues., May 12, at Columbia Art Center, 4-8 p.m., Sat., June 13, 10 a.m.- 4 p.m., call 410-313-2787. **ES**

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## **Howard County Office of Children's Services**

Parenting Workshop for Families of School Aged Children.

The Family Institute will present a workshop, Internet Safety 101 for Parents to protect their children online no matter where they access the Internet. Wed., May 13, 6:30-8 p.m. at the Bain Senior Center, 5470 Ruth Keeton Way. The cost is free but space is limited so pre-registration is required. Parents can register online at [www.howardcountymd.gov/familyinstitute](http://www.howardcountymd.gov/familyinstitute) or by phone (voice/relay) at 410-313-1440.

## **Howard Community College**

Estate Planning: Special Needs Families for parents, guardians and other family members with children of any age with special needs. Offered at the Gateway Campus of Howard Community College, Thurs., May 14, 7-9 p.m.

Offered through Howard Community College Division of Continuing Education.

## **Columbia Orchestra**

Into the Woods, Carousel, & Porgy and Bess, blockbuster scores from Star Wars & James Bond, and jazz hits from Billie Holiday and Ella Fitzgerald. Vocalist Delores King Williams and the Columbia Jazz Band join the Orchestra on Sat., May 16, 7:30 p.m., The Jim Rouse Theatre. Call 410-465-8777 or visit [www.columbiaorchestra.org/hcps](http://www.columbiaorchestra.org/hcps) to purchase tickets or for more information.

### **Columbia Association**

**FREE** Family Art Frenzy, Sun., May 17, 1-3 p.m., all ages can enjoy a free creative event. May project is an up-cycled rocket bird feeder. **ES, MS, HS**

### **Beth Shalom School**

Open House and Reading Festival, Sun, May 17, 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., 8070 Harriet Tubman Lane, Columbia [www.beth-shalom.net](http://www.beth-shalom.net) or 410-531-5115.

### **Town Center Community Association**

Art in the Afternoon, Sun, May 17, 3-5 p.m. Historic Oakland 5430 Vantage Point Road Columbia, MD. **FREE** admission. Registration preferred 410-730-4744.

### **Columbia Association**

Painting Exploration and Design with Manique Buckmon begins with the basics for ages 6-9, Tues., May 26-June 16, 5:30-7 p.m. Painting by Design with Kate Cavanaugh explores composition and color theory for students ages 10 and up begins Mon., June 1-22, 5:45-7:15 p.m. To register, please call Columbia Art Center at 410-730-0075 or email [art.staff@columbiaassociation.org](mailto:art.staff@columbiaassociation.org).

### **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)

### **Benjamin Banneker Historical Park**

Colonial Market Fair, Sat and 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. **ES, MS, HS**

### **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) **ES, MS**

### **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 FHSTC.com and click Swim Lesson and or Dive Team tab.

### **SPORTS**

#### **Laurel Soccer Club**

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

## **Report Underage Alcohol Parties and Other Offenses**

The Howard County Police Department and HC DrugFree would like to stress the importance of citizen involvement. If you know of parties where underage drinking is happening, or if you are witness to any illegal or dangerous activity, alert HCPD immediately. Your tips are held in high regard and will result in police involvement whenever warranted. You ALWAYS have the option to remain completely anonymous.

### **HCPD PHONE NUMBERS:**

**911:** report any criminal or dangerous situations

**410-313-2200:** report non-emergency situations

**410-313-STOP:** report any criminal or dangerous situations

**410-290-DRUG:** report confirmed or suspected drug activity

### **Other helpful contact information:**

- National Alliance for Mental Illness - [nami.org](http://nami.org) 1-800-950-NAMI
- Grassroots Crisis Intervention Center - [grassrootscrisis.org](http://grassrootscrisis.org) 24-hour crisis hotline [1-410-531-6677](tel:1-410-531-6677)
- Protect Your Family, Friends and Neighbors From Identity Theft : [410-313-6420](tel:410-313-6420) or visit [www.howardcountymd.gov/idtheft](http://www.howardcountymd.gov/idtheft)



# Attention Parents

## Vaccines Needed

### For 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Students

### 2015-2016 School Year



### 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Requirements

- MCV4 (Meningococcal) vaccine (Meningitis)
- Tdap vaccine (Tetanus, Diphtheria, Pertussis {whooping cough})

These vaccines are needed in addition to current school vaccination requirements.

**\*\* Please check with your child's doctor to see if they have already received these vaccines, and take a copy of the record to their school.\*\***

Your child can get the vaccinations from his or her doctor, or you may come to:

### Free Immunization Clinic For:

6<sup>th</sup> grade students (age 11 years and older) going to 7<sup>th</sup> grade in  
September 2015:

FRIDAY

MAY 1, 2015

8:30am – 3:30pm

Howard County Health Department

8930 Stanford Blvd.

Columbia, MD 21045

CALL FOR AN APPOINTMENT

410-313-7500

You will receive documentation to share with your child's doctor and their school.



# 4th Annual Family Fun Run/Walk

Promoting Health & Wellness in Our Community



2 Mile Fun Run/Walk for the entire family!

THURSDAY, May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2015 from 5-7pm

Clarksville Middle School (Run starts promptly at 5:30pm)

**Prize to the top 10 boys and top 10 girls**

Raffle for prizes!

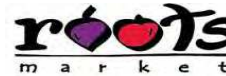
CMS GT Enrichment Fair to follow from 7-8:30pm

T-Shirts

**All participants registered by May 8th will be guaranteed a T-shirt!!**

# Special Thanks

To our Sponsors!



*DJ will be provided by Aaron Weingrad*

Contact Information

Please contact Shari Wettstein at sheriwettstein@gmail.com or Sherry Smith at sherrylynsmith4@gmail.com with questions.

Return Registration Forms To:

CMS HomeRoom Teacher/ CMS Front Office

Or

Mail Registration Forms to:

Clarksville Middle School, C/O CMS Family Fun Run 6535 South Trotter Rd., Clarksville, Maryland 21029

# Entry Form

Please use one entry form per person registering!

First Name, Middle Initial, Last Name

Address

City, State, Zip Code

Telephone (home and cell)

Email

Currently attending: (circle one if applicable)  
CMS, PRES, CES      Grade \_\_\_\_\_

T-Shirt Selection: (circle one)  
S      M      L      XL

Subway Sub Selection: (circle one)  
Turkey    Ham    BMT    American Cold Cut    Veggie

Entry Fee: \$10 per person  
Circle: cash    check (payable to CMS PTA)  
Total amount enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

Waiver statement/ Athletes Release

In consideration of the acceptance of this entry the undersigned, assume full and complete responsibility for any injury or accident which may occur during the event or while I am on the premises for the event. I attest and verify that I am physically fit and have sufficiently trained for this event. Furthermore, I hereby release and hold harmless the sponsor, promoter, organizers and all other person or participants in this event.

Signature

Waiver must be signed to participate. Parents must sign if participant is under the age of 18.