

MAYFIELD WOODS

MAYFIELD WOODS MIDDLE SCHOOL/ APRIL 24, 2015



From the Principal's Desk...

I wanted to give you some information about a few updates which will go into effect for the **2015-2016 school year.**

Policy 8030 - has been updated to include revisions to High School Courses taken in Middle School. Beginning in the 2015- 2016 school year, Algebra, Geometry, and World Language courses will count toward the 21 credit requirement. Grades and credits will be reflected on the high school transcript, however, grades earned will NOT calculate into the GPA. If a high school student retakes a course taken in middle school, the high school grade will be calculated into the GPA and only one credit will be awarded.

BYOD - Middle school students will have an option to use their personal devices in class as instructed by the teacher. HCPSS will not mandate that students provide their own technology and students assume full responsibility for their own devices. As is current practice now, if a student is not following the guidelines for use of personally owned devices, an administrator can revoke this privilege through the regular discipline process.

Synergy - A new Student Information System (SIS) will be replacing Aspen in August. We will no longer be using the Family Portal. Parents will still be able to use the mobile-friendly benefits of this new program. I will send out more information as well as how to set up accounts when we receive it.

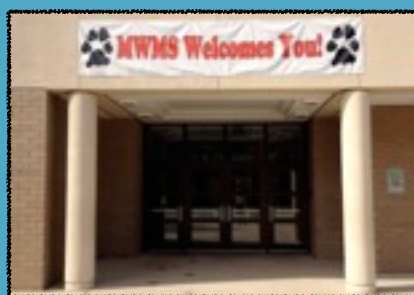
Regards,

JoAnn Hutchens



Family Portal

<https://hcpss.me/fp>



WEB SITE:

<http://mwms.hcpss.org>

FRONT OFFICE: 410-313-5022



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STUDENT RECOGNITION & ACTIVITIES

PARCC Testing - End of Year Math & ELA - 8th Grade: April 27 & 28

FIELD TRIP COLLECTION

7th Grade National Aquarium Trip - June 1

Permission slips and fee will be collected during homeroom, Monday-Thursday, April 27-30. The cost is \$20.

BAND ADJUDICATION

Congratulations to our Concert Band and Mr. Hunter! They did a great job at their adjudication!

SPRING MUSICAL

The cast, crew, and directors of "The Music Man" did an amazing job! Thank you for such a great event!

SPRING SCHOOL PICTURES - Thursday, April 30

An envelope will be sent home the day before pictures are taken. A flyer was sent home in the 4/20 Monday folder.

INTERIM PROGRESS REPORTS

Interim reports will be sent home with students on Thursday, May 7.

THE MAYFIELD WOODS ENRICHMENT FAIR - "CELEBRATING GIFTS & TALENTS"

All parents and friends are invited to attend this open house that will showcase exemplary student projects. Please mark your calendar for Thursday, May 7, 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. Come help us celebrate a year of success!

MAYFEST IS COMING - MAY 16! Mark your calendars for an afternoon of music, food, fun, and friends!

LIBRARY BOOKS DUE - no later than June 5

All student library books are due by June 5th. Failure to return them, pay for a replacement, provide a replacement or talk to Mrs. Melvin will result in the end of the year report card being held. All 8th grade students with overdue books will have their names forwarded to their respective high school .

PARENTS OF CURRENT 6TH GRADERS - IMMUNIZATIONS

Students entering 7th grade in the 2015-2016 school year will be required to show proof of Tdap and MCV4 immunizations. Please check with your child's doctor to see if your child has already received these immunizations. If not, there will be a FREE IMMUNIZATION CLINIC for 6th grade students (age 11 years or older) going into 7th grade in September 2015: Friday, May 1, 2015, 8:30 am - 3:30 pm at the Howard County Department of Health. Call for an appointment: 410-313-7500. The free clinic is only for current 6th graders in need of Tdap and/or MCV4 immunizations. you informed as information becomes available.

SCHOOL MEALS

Apr. 27 Popcorn Chicken w/Roll,
Chicken Nuggets w/Roll, *

Apr. 28 Beef Taco, Chicken Patty w/
Roll, *

Apr. 29 BBQ Rib Sub, Popcorn
Chicken w/Roll, *

Apr. 30 Hot Dog on Roll, Chicken
Patty w/Roll, *

May 1 Schools closed for students.

The May menu is not available at this time. Please look on the HCPSS website, www.hcpss.org, under Food Services for more information.

*EVERYDAY OPTION: Grilled Veggies
on Roll, Salad Bar

More Information...

Discrimination

(Policy 1010)

The Board is committed to providing an educational and work environment that is free from discrimination, fosters equitable opportunities, and values diversity and commonality. To that end, the Board prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, creed, national origin, religion, physical or mental disability, age, gender, marital status, or sexual orientation in its educational program, including co-curricular and extra-curricular activities, and in the workplace.

Furthermore, the Board recognizes its responsibility to promote the worth and dignity of all individuals through curriculum, instruction, professional development, and resource selection. Employees and third parties share responsibility for the health, safety, and general welfare of students and for contributing to an environment free from discrimination.

It is a violation of this policy for any student, employee, or third party to engage in acts of discrimination in schools, school system offices, or at school-related activities. It is a violation of this policy to engage in retaliation with regard to allegations of

discrimination. Violations of this policy are cumulative; subsequent offenses may affect the nature and severity of the consequences.

2015 Summer Classes & Camps

Summer school course catalogs and registration information is available on the HCPSS website, <http://www.hcpss.org/summer/> .

JROTC Anniversary 5K Run

Howard High School's JROTC will host a celebration 5K on April 25. For more information call, 410-313-2878, or email xolionsbattalion@gmail.com . To register, go to JROTC5K.com .

Coffee & Conversation

The Board of Education of Howard County regularly holds Coffee & Conversation sessions at schools throughout the county. These meetings provide citizens with an opportunity to share a cup of coffee and chat informally with Board members. The meetings are held in various regions of the county but interested persons from throughout the county are invited to attend any or all of the meetings.

The next Coffee & Conversation will be held:
Saturday, May 9, 9:30-11am

Waverly Elementary School
Media Center, 10220 Wetherburn
Road, Ellicott City

CALENDAR DATES

Apr. 27-30 7th Gr Field Trip Collection

Apr. 30 Spring Pictures

May 1 Professional Day - Schools closed for students

May 4 PTA Restaurant Night @ Panera Bread

May 6 Bridges Dinner - 6:30 pm

May 7 Interim Reports

May 7 Enrichment Fair

May 8 Music in Parks FT

May 11-15 Ticket sale for 8th Gr Dinner/Dance during 8th Gr lunch shift

May 12 Art Collaboration with Bellows Spring ES 5:00 - 6:00 pm

May 13 PTA Meeting

May 15 Bridges FT

May 16 MayFest 12-Noon

May 25 Holiday - Schools and offices closed

May 27 - Chorus Concert, 7pm @ Long Reach HS

May 29 8th Gr EOY FT

May 29 G/T Expo @ APL

June 1 7th Gr FT

June 3 Outdoor Band Concert, 7pm

June 4 Strings Concert, 7pm

AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

| PROGRAM | COORDINATOR & DATES |
|---|------------------------------------|
| AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM (Tues, Wed, Thurs) | MAR. 10 - MAY 7 Mr. Smith-Green |
| BRIDGES -- READING/ MATH INTERVENTION (Mon. - Thurs.) | MAR. 9 - MAY 7 Mrs. Starr |

PTA NEWS

mayfieldwoodspta@gmail.com

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- **PTA Meeting: Please join us at 7 pm in the Media Center on Wednesday, May 13.**
- **Restaurant Night: Mark your calendars for Monday, May 4! Join us for a meal at Panera on this evening!**
- **8th Grade Parents :**
 - **8th Grade Dinner/Dance Celebration - Mark your calendars for June 12! Tickets will be sold during lunch shifts, May 11-15. More information will be sent out at a later date. Please contact Donna Blackwell @ 443-755-9946 or dblackwell3@verizon.net to help.**
 - **Long Reach PTSA Needs You! The LRHS PTSA Nominating Committee is looking for people who may be interested in serving as officers or on committees next year (2015-16). If you are interested or would like to nominate someone who you think would be a great officer, email your suggestions to downtownjb0218@gmail.com. Please feel free to join us at an upcoming PTSA meeting. Meetings are usually the 2nd Monday of the month at 7:00pm in Student Services.**
 - **Visit <http://www.lrhsptsa.org/>**

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Howard County Conservancy

FREE Earth Day Celebration on Sat., April 25, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., at the Howard County Conservancy, 10520 Old Frederick Road, Woodstock, MD. Families and groups of all ages are welcome. For more info and to register please visit www.hoecoconservancy.org

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

Howard Community

College howardcc.edu/
ConEdTeen Denim-Mania for students 11-15. Offered at the Hickory Ridge Building, HCC, Friday, May 1, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. School is out for the day. Students will be engaged in a "reimagined" activity, recycling out-of-style, worn clothing into new, wearable fashions. Offered through Howard Community College's Continuing Education.