

# Cheetah Chatter

## 3-9-18

### Calendar

3/13 - GT Math Olympiad  
5<sup>th</sup> 9:30 AM  
4<sup>th</sup> 11:30 AM

3/16 - IES Day

3/19 - JA in a Day

3/21 - Hearing and Vision  
Screening

3/21 – Math Night at UNO's

3/22 - Spring Individual and  
Class Pictures

3/23 - Maryland Day

3/23 - Steam Day

3/29 - Kindergarten Play

3/30 - Spring Break through  
4/3

4/4 – School Reopens

### *From the Principal*

Being respectful is one way your youngster can build strong relationships with teachers, classmates, and family members. Here are tips for helping them understand and show respect.

#### **Imagine your powers!**

If your child were a respect "superhero," what would their super-powers be? Let them draw a picture of themselves in this role. He/She might be carrying a backpack full of supplies for writing thank-you notes. Or perhaps they will be wearing a bracelet with a "grabber" that picks up litter to show respect for the environment.

#### **Roll for respect**

Have your youngster number a sheet of paper 1–6. Beside each number, He/She could list a person (custodian, bus driver, neighbor). Take turns rolling a die and naming a way to show respect for that person. If 2 is for bus driver, they might say, "Follow bus rules." That demonstrates respect for the job they do.

#### **Write a poem**

Suggest that your child write the word RESPECT down the left side of a sheet of paper. They can make an acrostic poem by writing a way to show respect that begins with each letter in the word.

Examples: "Really listen when others speak" for R, "Everyone's equal treat them that way"

Source: Home & School Connection March 2018



## A note from Mrs. Legambi:

Follow up from **Reading Night:**

Thank you to all who attended and participated in Ilchester's Reading Night! It was a fun and lively evening.

**Book Drive:** A special thanks to the families who donated books for the book drive! 70 gently used books were collected and are now in the classrooms for student use.

**Author Signing:** We hope you enjoyed the author, Jerdine Nolen. If you have one of her books you would like signed, please bring the book into your teacher. Be sure to mark it with your name. Books will be collected in Mrs. Legambi's room by Friday, March 16th, signed by the author, and returned to you.

## RECC/Pre K Registration

The Ilchester Regional Early Childhood Center (RECC) preschool programs are making preparations for classes for the 2018-2019 school year. These classes include children with and without disabilities. The program's focus is helping all children develop communication, literacy, math, problem solving, motor, and social skills. Parents of children who will be 3 by September 1st or 4 years of age may pick up an application package from the front office beginning February 15.

All applications must be returned by **March 29**. A limited number of openings are available for children without disabilities. Children are selected based upon screening information given on the application form and the "Ages and Stages Questionnaire," as well as observations of the child's participation in a playgroup. If necessary, a lottery process is conducted.

If you have any questions, please contact Ashley Murphy at [ashley\\_murphy@hcpss.org](mailto:ashley_murphy@hcpss.org) or at 410-313-2524.

## Changes to Spring Break

As you may be aware, April 4th, 5th and 6th are now full days of school. Therefore, Spring Break will now be Friday, March 30th - Tuesday, April 3rd. If you had planned on a family vacation and choose not to adjust plans, the HCPSS attendance policy gives families three discretionary days for students to be given excused absences for days missed. Please use this [Extended/Discretionary Absence Form](#) to let us know of your plans. Our teams will continue to plan engaging learning activities for students who are present at school. If there is another school cancellation due to inclement weather this school this year, June 15th will be the make-up student day.



## The Latest Green School News

There are always ways to save our environment. Check out these simple ideas:

<https://www.realsimple.com/home-organizing/green-living/green-home#swap-household-cleaners>

Parents do not forget to help your child(ren) pack a waste free lunch on Wednesdays!! We will be weighing the trash and recycling next week and the class with the greatest reduction in trash will win **extra recess!**

## Math Fun and Food!

The IES Math Committee is teaming up with IES PTA's Family Restaurant Night on Wednesday, March 21, 2018 at Uno Pizzeria & Grill to have Math Night (5:30 PM-7:30 PM)! Families can play math games while enjoying dinner. No homework passes will be given to students who participate. More information to come!

## From the Health Room

Attention all volunteers for Hearing & Vision Clinic on Wednesday March 21 at 9:00 AM. Clinic typically ends at noon. Any duration of time to volunteer would be helpful. Volunteers needed to escort children from their classroom and supervise children in a group while waiting their turn.

Please contact [terina\\_galarneau@hcpss.org](mailto:terina_galarneau@hcpss.org) if you can volunteer.

## Interested parents and community members are invited to attend...

THE HOWARD COUNTY GIFTED AND TALENTED EDUCATION PROGRAM  
PARENT ACADEMY

From Philosophy to Logic: Resources to Support Curiosity, Creativity, and Analytical Reasoning in Young Children

Presented by Kathy Gregory Talented and Gifted Program Specialist Prince George's County Schools

Join us to learn about multiple resources and strategies that parents can use to help nurture their child's creativity and reasoning skills

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21 7:00 P.M. Wilde Lake Middle School Cafeteria  
10481 Cross Fox Lane Columbia, MD 21044**