

Cheetah Chatter

September 16, 2016

Calendar

Sept. 19 – Back 2 School Night
RECC- 2nd Grade 7PM

Sept. 20 – GT Open House 6PM

Sept. 20 – Back 2 School Night
Grade 3-5

Sept. 23 – Orange & Black Day!

Sept. 30 – Purple Friday!

Oct. 3 – Schools and Offices CLOSED

Oct. 8 – Purple Friday!

Oct. 12 - Schools and Offices
CLOSED

Oct. 13 – Fall Individual Pictures

Oct. 14 – Crazy Hair Day!

Oct. 21 – 1st Grade Field Trip

Oct 24- Nov 22 – Annual Canned
Food Drive

Oct. 31 – School Closed for Students

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From the Principal....

We have had a very productive first three weeks of school. The students are very responsive to our school expectations and show great enthusiasm in their daily work. We are looking forward to presenting all of our school and classroom news next week at Back-to-School Night.

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Thank you for all you have done at home and at school to support our opening weeks. Together, we have built a strong foundation that will support an amazing year of academic and personal growth for all students!

Have a wonderful weekend!

Picture  Day

October 13, 2016

Counselors Corner

Welcome to the 2016-2017 School Year! This year my theme is finding your "Super Powers" for Success! In addition to providing lessons from the Essential Counselor's Curriculum, students will be introduced to Gallops' Strengths Finder to help them discover their **strengths** and **strategies** for applying them to their learning!

Moreover, the new student **Peer Buddy System** is in its third year! Students in grades 1-5 are assigned a **Peer Buddy** for the first five weeks of school to help them with a smooth transition to their new environment. Their buddy will take them on a tour of the school to help them learn their way around, have a buddy to eat lunch with and play with at recess, and will practice identifying our school standards as well as who they should contact if they need help. For a closer look, please check out this link:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KN_kpiFj1Ls

Thank you and I look forward to working with each of you as we tap into your students "Super Powers"!

Young Writers of America's Student Poetry Contest

Young Writers of America's Student Poetry Contest for grades 3-5. The deadline is December 1st and students are challenged to write an original poem on one of the following prompts: "The world as I see it..." or "What my family means to me..." There are 10 prizes to be awarded, along with the pride of becoming a published writer! More details on: www.YoungWritersContest.com

Fliers will be sent home with grades 3-5.



Girls on the Run

Girls on the Run is a life changing, experiential learning program for girls 8-13 years of age. The program combines training for a 3.1 mile running event with self-esteem enhancing, uplifting workouts. The goals of the programs are to encourage positive emotional, social, mental, spiritual and physical development. The lessons promote self-challenge instead of competition: self-worth instead of societal worth; and cooperation instead of rivalry. Our mission is to inspire girls to be joyful, healthy and confident using a fun, experience-based curriculum, which creatively integrates running. The girls will meet after school twice a week for 10 weeks with the session ending 5k to be held on December 3rd in Howard County, MD. The first meeting will be Sept. 18, 2016. Visit www.gotrcentralmd.org to register.

The following announcements have been approved by the Public Information Office for school notices and distribution. Please feel free to contact the Public Information Office at 410-313-6682 if you have any questions.

Schools may publish any or all of the following announcements in their school newsletters when time and space permit. These notices should be clearly identified as "Community Notices" and preceded by a statement indicating that the events are neither sponsored nor endorsed by the Howard County Public School System.

Election Judge-Howard County Board of Elections

Please sign up to work as an election judge! Earn \$195.00, meet new people, and participate in the American democratic process. The Judge Department, Howard County Board of Elections, 410-313-5820. dawn.sinclair@maryland.gov HS

FREE Geocaching Adventure-Cub Scouts

Sun., **Sept. 18** from 12-1:15 pm. Rain or shine the Howard County Conservancy
To register, contact: astrozyk@verizon.net. ES

After School Cheerleading- SuperSquads

Fall after school cheerleading, SuperSquads begins the week of **9/19** at 12 elementary schools. Practice once a week. Register at www.supersquads.org, supersquadsinfo@verizon.net or 410-796-2244. ES

After school program-Girls on the Run

After-school program for grade 3-5, starting at Ilchester Elementary on **Sept. 20** and running 10 weeks on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:55-5:10 p.m., culminating in a season-ending 5k on Dec. 3. Registration closes soon. Sign up at www.gotrcentralmd.org. ES

Fall Equinox Twilight Hike-Howard County Conservancy

Thurs., **Sept. 22**, 5 p.m., 10520 Old Frederick Road, Mt. Pleasant Location, Hcconservancy.org/upcoming-events. ES, MS, HS

Fall Study Skills Classes-Healing Dimensions and Stressless Test

The new combined Middle School and High School class is offered starting **Sept. 27** and **Nov. 15**, meeting for four Tuesday nights at Burleigh Manor Middle School from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. To register, go to www.Stresslesstests.org or email Bcaldwell202@gmail.com MS

Free concert - Columbia Festival of the Arts

Fri., **Sept. 30**, 7 p.m., Columbia Lakefront. Bring your blanket, lawn chairs and enjoy. www.columbiafestival.org **ES, MS, HS**

Boy Scouts weekly meetings- Boy Scouts of Central Maryland

Come to one of our weekly Wednesday night meetings 7- 8:30 p.m., at Church of the Resurrection, Ellicott City. If interested, please contact Eileen Gattis at 410.740.0155 or email Eileen.gattis@gmail.com. **ES, MS, HS**

Social Media Workshop-Howard County Government

There's an APP for That Parent Workshop, Thurs., **Sept. 29**, 6-8 p.m., Bain 50+ Center, 5470 Ruth Keeton Way, Columbia, MD. Workshop is designed for parents and guardians only. Registration: 410-313-1440 or www.howardcountymd.gov/familyinstitute. Information: Lisa Rhodes, 410-313-1440 or lrhodes@howardcountymd.gov.

Women in Engineering-Girl Scouts

Girl scout Sat., **Oct. 8**, 10 a.m.-2:30 p.m., University of Maryland, College Park Computer Science Instructional Center, 8169 Paint Branch Dr., College Park, MD.
For more information, please contact Julia Anderson by email at jander03@umd.edu or by phone at 301-405-0315. **ES, MS**

STEM Shark Tank Competition-Le'Chic Academy Foundation

Le'Chic Academy Foundation invites boys and girls (Ages 5-18), to participate in our annual Young Entrepreneur's Shark Tank Competition (**Oct. 8**, 2016 from 12-3:00 p.m.) and "Biz Kidz" Vendor Exhibit Fair (**Nov. 5**, 2016 from 12-3 p.m. For online registration and detailed information, please call 410-530-4876 or visit www.lechicacademy.com **ES, MS, HS**

Mental Health Film Festival-Horizon Foundation

Tues., **Oct. 25**, 5:30-8 p.m. at UA Snowden Square Stadium in Columbia. Get your tickets for this free event that aims to build awareness and compassion for members of our community facing mental health challenges. Choose from one of four films, each followed by a panel discussion <http://bit.ly/HCMHFFler> **ES, MS, HS**