

# KNIGHTLY NEWS

4-24-2023

4/25: A Little Knight Music Recital 7:00-8:30

4/26: 8th Grade Field Trip

4/26: Knight Time - Club Day

4/27: Patapsco Wellness Evening (*¡también en español!*) ❀

4/29: MESA Competition

5/1, 5/2, 5/4, 5/5: MCAP 8th Grade Social Studies

5/4: Crazy Mason Fundraiser for PTA

5/5, 5/6: Addams Family Play (ticket information below)

## Important Phone Numbers

School Office: 410-313-2848

Student Services: 410-313-2850

Health Room: 410-313-2574

Dear Patapsco families:

As we enter the fourth quarter, we have so many exciting things happening at Patapsco. I hope to see you at our A little Knight Recital, our Wellness evening this Thursday, our upcoming Crazy Mason Jar evening, and our upcoming play of the Addams Family...plus so much more in May and June. Patapsco has so much going on and your involvement contributes to our continued successes...thank you!

I also have wonderful news to share. We have been informed that our school has earned and is recognized as a **Maryland Green School**. This is an incredible accomplishment and I would like to recognize our students, staff, and families for their contributions and impact for our school to earn this honor. In particular, Mrs. Danielle Stephenson, who has led the initiative and coordination to become a Maryland Green School.

Thank you for your partnership,

Mike Babe

Principal

*Patapsco- a place where **everyone** is valued and important!*

Refer to the [Patapsco Calendar](#) to stay up to date with all the events at Patapsco Middle School.

❀ **Patapsco PTA Spring into Wellness Night! ❀**  
**WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!**

Patapsco Middle School PTA invites you to enjoy an evening of **health and wellness** activities and information sessions for the **whole family!** Highlights include: Bluebird yoga, Kangaroo Kidz, Tiger World Class Tae Kwon Do, fun games, fitness activities, school play sneak peek, mental health talks, and health information for everyone!

Come strengthen your mind, body, and soul with us on Thursday, April 27th from 5:30PM-7:30PM! See main event [flier](#) for details.

❀ The Spring into Wellness Night will also feature numerous FOOD TRUCKS! See our [flier](#) for featured food trucks!

We also need volunteers- please consider helping. [Sign-up](#) if able.

### ❀ ¡Evento de bienestar e información de seguro médico! ❀

Patapsco Middle School ofrecerá información de seguro médico **el jueves, 27 de abril 2023 a las 6:15PM**. Vendrán los representantes de Priority Partners para darles información muy importante y les contestarán cualquier pregunta que tengan (en español). Y como es un evento para **toda la familia**, también habrá sesiones de yoga, charlas de salud mental, ejercicios, actividades divertidas, y más (5:30PM - 7:30PM). Vengan a fortalecer la mente, el cuerpo, y el alma. Haz clic en [el volante \(en español\)](#) para más información.

### Students of the Month for March

Congratulations to the following Knights who have been nominated by our staff to be the March Students of the Month. They have exhibited being **Resilient, Responsible, and/or Respectful!**

6th	7th	8th
Alexa R.	Anya S.	Jaini B.
Cael K.	Asher V. P.	Kaitlyn W.
Dharmik P.	Bryan P.	Liam H.
Esther O.	Chloe W.	Rihaan D.
Ethan S.	Cora S.	Selena O.
Jasper C.	Eric O.	Tia J.
Leah C.	Issa H.	

Mack C.	Muhammad R.	
Srinika D.	Nissy B. M.	
	Orion C.	
	Srikar M.	

## MCAP Testing Information

8<sup>th</sup> grade Social Studies MCAP- May 1st, 2nd, 4th, and 5th

Please remind students to bring their charged Chromebook to school on testing days. Contact Heather Dinicola ([heather\\_dinicola@hcpss.org](mailto:heather_dinicola@hcpss.org)) with any questions.

## 8th Grade Field Trip: April 26th

8<sup>th</sup> Graders will have the opportunity this week to watch performers with the Chesapeake Shakespeare Company present *Romeo and Juliet*. As part of their Shakespeare Unit, 8<sup>th</sup> graders will read and discuss the iconic play, as well as perform their own take on important scenes. This week's field trip aims to enhance their understanding of the play and their love of literature.

## Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week: from our PTA

Please help celebrate our amazing teachers and staff by signing up [here](#).

## Pajama Collection

Please join our school, along with Hollifield Station and Mt. Hebron High School in supporting the Casey Cares Foundation. We will be collecting new pajamas to support critically ill children by providing comfort. 20,000 children are diagnosed with a critical illness every year. Help us help kids by bringing some joy when they need it the most! We will be collecting new pjs from April 12-26th in homerooms.

## SPRING CLEANING? Clothing to Cash- easy donation!

Please donate to our Clothing to Cash fundraising program! [Clothing to Cash](#) is a textile recycling program that donates money to the school for every pound of donated items. Look for the white donation bin in the parking lot. Clothing to Cash will accept items in ALL conditions: new with tags, or torn, stained, worn-out knees, shoes with holes or only one shoe, backpacks,

old sheets, towels, blankets, stuffed animals and more. What a great way to help the school and clean out your closets! All donations must be bagged and put in the collection bin.

## **The Mall in Columbia Art Exhibit**

The 49<sup>th</sup> annual Columbia Mall Show runs until May 1st. Be sure to visit the second floor where you will find Patapsco's art panel. It is a really stellar display this year of 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders' beautiful work!

## **Addams Family School Play Tickets**

The Addams Family presented through young@part is coming to Patapsco Middle School! America's darkest family comes to life on stage as they learn about love, family, honesty, and growing up. Our students have been working hard to bring this story to life with these memorable characters. Please see the attached [flier](#) for more information.

## **IEES Survey**

As part of our school improvement process, we are asking families to provide input about their equity priorities at our school. Please use the link below to complete the HCPSS Indicators of Educational Equity Survey by May 1, 2023. We will use your input, along with other school data, to refine our school improvement plan for next year.

This survey is anonymous and available in multiple languages. If you have children at more than one school, please complete one survey per school.

- [English survey](#)
- [Spanish survey](#)
- [Chinese survey](#)
- [Chin survey](#)
- [Korean survey](#)

## **Student Recognition Donations Needed**

In order to help us recognize the hard work and good habits of our students the Student Recognition Committee needs your donations!

Patapsco Middle School students are resilient, responsible, and respectful! They have been earning Sir Prize Dollars which can be spent at the school store or used as RAFFLE TICKETS.

Help make our END OF THE YEAR RAFFLE a great success by donating any new items you think they might like. Please review the available slots under the suggested ideas below and click on the button to sign up. Then bring items to the office marked "Student Recognition Committee donation" by Friday May 26th.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0B4CAEA62EAAF85-student>

Thank you!  
The Student Recognition Committee

## Health Room Reminder

### Attention 6<sup>th</sup> grade parents:

Please remember to turn in your permission slips for immunizations if your child needs immunization of Tdap and MCV4 at the clinic on 5/22/23. These forms are due May 5! If there are any questions, please call your school nurse.

## FAMILIES WHO NEED BUS TRANSPORTATION FOR NEXT YEAR MUST DO THIS

Families Must Register by June 1 for 2023-2024 Bus Service

[Español](#) | [中文](#) | [한국어](#)

Per [Board of Education Policy 5200 Student Transportation](#), families whose students are eligible for bus transportation are required to register through HCPSS Connect Synergy to receive bus service for the upcoming 2023-2024 school year. This new registration process will take place annually to help the HCPSS Office of Student Transportation plan for more accurate student ridership and to make routes more efficient. **Registration for 2023-2024 bus service is open now through June 1.**

Please note, families who reside in non-transportation areas are not eligible for bus transportation and do not need to take any action. Find the new [non-transportation areas](#) for your school online. Additionally, students who receive transportation as part of their Individualized Education Program (IEP) or 504 Plan do not need to register.

[Register Now](#)

Families who need assistance with the registration process should reach out to their child's school.

Bus routes for the 2023-2024 school year, along with specific school start times, will be finalized

in August, prior to the start of school. [More information](#) is available online.

## Patapsco MS School Musical - Cast Party Donations

Hello PTA members! Our students have been preparing for the awesome spring musical and they are having a cast party to celebrate after the Saturday performance. Please see signup to help provide some goodies! Items are to be dropped off at school by 2pm on May 6th.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F45ABAF29A46-patapsco14>

## PTA News

### Crazy Mason Fundraiser

Please help support our PTA by joining us at Crazy Mason on May 4th. Please see the attached [flier](#) for more details.

## Nominees Needed for 2023 - 2024

Look at all Patapsco PTA has accomplished this year! Without a **president, vice president and some crucial committee members**, our school will not have a PTA next year. This means most of these things will not be around for our students. Please do not think that others will show up -- we need YOU to step up and volunteer for our school and our students.

Our PTA is currently accepting nominations for next year. **If we do not have a president to vote in during the May 17th General Membership meeting, there will be no PTA during the 2023/2024 school year at Patapsco Middle School.** Please fill out the link below to nominate yourself!

Sign Up Here: <https://forms.gle/uerpjcE6vXgqqBiT9>

## PTA Sponsored Event

Come join the Hollifield Station Elementary School and Patapsco Middle School PTAs to cheer on the O's as they take on the Texas Rangers on Sunday, May 28th! Tickets will be \$15 per seat, and for each ticket sold, the Orioles will be donating \$5 to us. After the game, kids ages 4-14 can run around the bases. When you order your tickets, make sure to check off which schools your kids go to, and that will let us know where the raised funds should go. Please order your tickets

by April 28th!

You may order tickets here: <https://hollifieldstationpta.memberhub.com/store/items/834102>

## Music Boosters

We need your help to keep our music boosters up and running!

Come join us for our last meeting (Tuesday May 9th), or better yet JOIN THE BOARD! We will be in need of a Vice President and Secretary next year (2023-2024).

As Vice President, you will help out with the logistics, like helping secure fundraisers and working with the rest of the board to help the music programs run smoothly.

As Secretary, you will take the meeting notes for each meeting and update the booster website (don't worry it's super easy).

And the best thing, everyone helps each other and we work as a team!

If you're interested in joining the board, please let your child's Music Director know (Mr Drake, Mr Rainbow, Ms Haight, or Ms Shum) or email [patapscomusicboosters@gmail.com](mailto:patapscomusicboosters@gmail.com).

## Hershey Park Chaperones

Attention Hershey Chaperones! Thanks so much for volunteering to join us on our Hershey Park trip on Friday, May 19th. To make sure we are all prepared and on the same page with trip procedures, we are asking you to attend one of the below meetings on Google Meet using the code PMS-hershey. Please sign in with your child's credentials. Please contact a music teacher if you are unable to attend.

- Tuesday, April 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm
- Thursday, April 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm

## HCPSS Rainbow Conference - Register Now!

The HCPSS Rainbow Conference will be held on Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup> from 9am - 5pm. The conference will be hybrid with opportunities for both virtual and in-person participation. For more information scan the QR code on the [Rainbow Conference Flier](#) or access this [link](#). We hope to see you there!

9:00am-1:00pm is VIRTUAL

[15 virtual sessions](#) to select from

Register for up to four sessions

Target audience - high school students, educators, parents, and community members

1:00pm-5:00pm is IN-PERSON

Join us at the Homewood Center for [in-person activities](#)!

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ALL are welcome to join us for the children and YA book talk sessions, Pride Outside session, Exhibition Hall, and outdoor activities.

Also featured will be "Prom wear Pop-Up" where high school students attending prom can take home party clothing, free of charge.

Target audience - The afternoon sessions and activities have a strong family focus.

#### Registration Information

Thanks to the It Gets Better Project 50States50Grants for funding this event! This conference is a FREE HCPSS event.

Participants must register to attend.

Register [HERE](#).

### Mount Hebron Spring Dance Concert

Please see the attached [flier](#).

### Food Resources

[Howard County Food Connection Map](#) - The Howard County Food Connection Map is an interactive tool to help you find low-cost, accessible food and nutrition resources in the County. Bus routes are also added on the map.

[Howard County Food Bank](#)[Links to an external site.](#) - Access to shop twice a month for families that meet eligibility requirements. Walk-ins and appointments available.

[Columbia Community Care](#)[Links to an external site.](#) - Provides food, hygiene items, household supplies and baby supplies to families in Howard County. Distribution sites are at the Wilde Lake Interfaith Center, The Other Barn in Oakland Mills, and the Long Reach Village Center, on Saturdays from 10 am - 12 pm. Delivery Service is available, and you may re-order food for delivery every 7 days.

[The Salvation Army](#) - Drive Thru Food Distribution flier available in English and Spanish

- Dates: April 24th, May 22nd, and June 26th
  - July - October TBD
- Time: Noon - 2:00 PM

### Community Notices

HCPSS' [Community News and Programs](#) website makes it easy for families to find educational and recreational resources, events and after-school programs beyond the school day by non-profit organizations."



Community organizations requesting their announcements be shared in school newsletters should visit [community-programs.hcpss.org](http://community-programs.hcpss.org) for more information. Questions should be directed to the Public Information Office at [publicinfo@hcpss](mailto:publicinfo@hcpss)

### **Knightly Newsletters**

All previous newsletters are posted under News at <http://pms.hcpss.org/>