

KNIGHTLY NEWS

4-29-2022

UPCOMING EVENTS:

4/29-4/30: High School Musical Jr.

5/02: No school for students (professional day for staff) - **New Date**

5/03: Regular school day for students - **New Date**

5/03-5/06: Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week

5/3: ELA MCAP (7th grade)

5/4: Outdoor Ed Trip (6th grade)

5/5: ELA MCAP (7th grade)

5/5: Music Boosters Meeting, 7PM

5/6: ELA MCAP (8th grade)

5/6: PTA Spring Fling Fun KNight, 7-9PM

5/9: ELA MCAP (8th grade)

5/10: SS MCAP (8th grade)

5/11: SS MCAP (8th grade)

5/11: Outdoor Ed Trip (6th grade)

5/11: PTA Meeting, 7PM

5/12: Knight Time/School Store

5/12: Rising 6th grade visit to Patapsco

5/13: Music in the Parks (Hershey Park)

5/16: 8th Grade Panoramic Picture

5/18: #OnePatapsco Day of Belonging, 8:15-11:50AM

5/31: 7th Grade field trip to Maryland zoo

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

Important Phone Numbers

School Office: 410-313-2848

Student Services: 410-313-2850

Health Room: 410-313-2574

Dear Patapsco Families and community:

This past Wednesday we celebrated **Administrative Professionals Day!** We cannot express our gratitude and appreciation for our amazing secretaries at Patapsco. Please join us in celebrating and recognizing **Ms. Nedzel, Ms. Anderson, Ms. Miles, Ms.**

Douglass, and Ms. Brengle who are the true multi-taskers of our building. Patapsco could not function without these amazing individuals!

I also want to highlight an amazing event that we had yesterday. First, all of our students participated in science lessons around the books from the award-winning author, Patricia Newman. Then yesterday during an extended period 7, all of our students participated in a virtual assembly with Ms. Newman. This virtual assembly could not be possible without Ms. Autumn Smith, our Reading Specialist, our family engagement committee, and our PTA who sponsored the virtual assembly. Ms. Newman not only talked about science but showed science demonstrations and our students asked fantastic questions about the environment. It was such a great experience!

Additionally, we had a fantastic family event last night for our Green Patapsco #OnePatapsco event. It was amazing to see students, families, former students, sponsors, community organizations, businesses, etc all supporting the Environment and Literacy. I thank our Family Engagement Committee under the leadership of Danielle Healey, Kendra Lee, and Autumn Smith and the many...many staff members who supported and helped make this event successful. Also thank you to the PTA for their support and providing a huge hit...pizza! The highlight was talking with students who said they had so much fun, loved the event, and learned a lot about the environment. Please check out some highlights this weekend on social media.

Next week is Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week. We thank our PTA and families who are providing breakfast, snacks, and lunch next week for our staff! Please take a moment to send a note to any of our Teachers and Staff who work at Patapsco. [Here is a link](#) with all contact information for the Patapsco staff.

Finally, our musical High School Musical Jr. is this weekend and our students have worked so hard for this show. We hope you can make it either this evening at 7 PM or tomorrow at 2 PM or 7 PM...*"we're all in this together."*

I wish you and your family a wonderful weekend. Thank you for sending us your best!

Mike Babe
Principal



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

High School Musical Jr. (Come see our talented students)

Patapsco Performers presents, "High School Musical Jr."

Come see our Patapsco Knights perform tonight **April 29th at 7:00 pm** and tomorrow **April 30th at 2:00 and 7:00**. Tickets will be sold at the door for \$5.00 and all funds go back to building up our drama program!

We're All in this Together and we hope to see you there!

WEngineer

Hello! We are WEngineer, a Maryland non-profit organization that strives to inspire younger students to take part in Engineering/STEM fields. We run after school programs at Patapsco Middle School, where we deliver interactive lessons on various fields of engineering in a hands-on and educational fashion.

This May, our second academy of the school year will be *Weather Warriors*! The academy will feature six after-school sessions over the course of three weeks. Students will explore the topics of Construction Engineering, Civil Engineering, and Mechanical Engineering. Students will also be involved in a different project each day, with a cumulative project on the final day. The *Weather Warriors* after-school academy will take place on May 17th, 19th, 24th, 26th, 31st, and June 2nd from 3:00 - 4:00pm after school. Sign up at <https://tinyurl.com/Weather-Warriors>. More details will be sent out during the coming weeks!

TURN YOUR DREAMS INTO A REALITY

WEEngineer

A fun, interactive, afterschool engineering academy to boost your mind and grow your interest for engineering!

Academy: Weather Warriors

Challenge your skills and build structures to combat the elements of our world – **Air, Water, and Earth** – in this construction-based engineering academy!

REGISTER HERE:



Architecture
Construction
Skyscrapers
Water Vehicles
Gliders



<https://tinyurl.com/Weather-Warriors>

REGISTER TODAY – LIMITED SPACE!

Who: Patapsco Middle School 6–8th graders

Where: After School 3:00 – 4:00 pm

When: May 17th, 19th, 24th, 26th, 31st, and June 2nd

Contact us: we.engineer@yahoo.com

Website: wengineer.org

MCAP Testing

Patapsco students will continue to participate in the Maryland Comprehensive Assessment Program (MCAP) over the next few weeks. Please read the following carefully to help your student be prepared. We want to congratulate our 6th graders who started this week and did an excellent job!

What is MCAP?

The Maryland Comprehensive Assessment Program (MCAP) provides information to educators, parents and the public on student progress towards proficiency on the Maryland College and Career Ready Standards. Through a strong assessment system, stakeholders gain an understanding of how schools are performing and where assistance can be directed to support student growth and achievement.

Students will be testing on the following dates.

- **ELA MCAP: 6th grade- April 28th and 29th (finished)***
 - 7th grade- May 3rd and May 5th
 - 8th grade- May 6th and May 9th
- **SS MCAP: May 10th and May 11th (8th graders only)**
- **Math MCAP: 8th grade- May 16th and May 17th**
 - 7th grade- May 19th and 20th
 - 6th grade- May 23rd and May 24th
 - Algebra I, Algebra I, Geometry- May 26th and May 27th

Be prepared

Students should bring a charged HCPSS Chromebook for testing. Students can also bring wired headphones (Bluetooth/wireless headphones cannot be used). We encourage students to get a good night sleep and eat breakfast at home or at school. Students are not permitted to have or use personal electronic devices during testing.

Please contact Heather Dinicola with any questions, heather_dinicola@hcpss.org.

7th Grade Field Trip

Greetings Families!

We are excited about our upcoming field trip to the Maryland Zoo in Baltimore on Tuesday, May 31st. But we need your help! Please consider chaperoning for this trip. The zoo requires a 1 to 8 adult to student ratio. We need at least 20 chaperones, and to date 7 parents have volunteered. If you are interested, please be sure to check the box at the bottom of the permission slip. You can also email Mr. White at Edward_White@hcpss.org.

Thank you for supporting the 7th grade!

Feminine Hygiene Product Drive

Through May, we will be collecting women's hygiene products to benefit Grassroots. This initiative is organized by students at Patapsco. Students can bring any of the following to Student Services to be donated and help local women in need:

Dental Hygiene Products (toothpaste, toothbrushes, floss, etc.)

Feminine Hygiene Products (pads, tampons)

Shampoo and Conditioner

Masks

Hand Sanitizer

Brushes and Combs

Attention 6th grade families

Just a reminder that different homerooms are attending Terrapin Adventures on different dates as follows:

May 4th

- Kelly's Homeroom
- Ordovensky's Homeroom
- Price's Homeroom
- Weeks' Homeroom

May 11th

- Kruger's Homeroom
- Harris' Homeroom
- Saks' Homeroom
- Shaw's Homeroom
- Shum's Homeroom

If you have forgotten your lunch option (bringing from home or ordering from cafeteria), please email: jennifer_meikrantz@hcpss.org

Also remember to dress in comfortable clothing for that day's weather. It is a rain or shine trip and we will be outdoors the entire day.

May 6th Spring Fling fun KNight

Students are invited to the last Fun Knight of the school year on Friday, May 6th from 7:00 to 9:00pm. This event has something for everyone!

- *DJ & Dancing in the cafeteria
- *Special appearance from Patapsco's very own teacher band – Death of Knowledge
- *Basketball and other activities in the gym
- *Bingo with prizes in the media center
- *Concessions for sale

Permission forms went home with students during homeroom on Friday, April 29th. Signed permission forms are required to purchase tickets which will be on sale during all lunch periods on May 4, 5, and 6. Tickets are \$5 and can be paid for by cash or check (made payable to Patapsco MS PTA).

Fun Knights require many parent volunteers to keep our kids safe and happy. Please check out the SignUp Genius here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0f45abaf29a46-spring>

Questions about the Fun Knight? Contact Michaela Muffoletto at muffs@muffsonline.com.

Share your voice!

As part of our school improvement process, we are asking families to provide input about their equity priorities for our school. Please use the link below to complete the Indicators of Educational Equity Survey by April 29th. We will use your input, along with other school data, to refine our school improvement plan for next school year.

The survey is anonymous and available in multiple languages. If you have children at more than one school, please complete one survey per school. If you have questions, please contact michael_babe@hcpss.org.

[English version](#)

[Chin version](#)

[Chinese version](#)

[Korean version](#)

[Spanish version](#)

#OnePatapsco Day of Belonging (parents/families wanted)

Looking for Parent Volunteers to come share! We are excited about our #OnePatapsco Day of Belonging! We look forward to having an opportunity for students, staff, and families to share about our countries, cultures, and/or traditions and to celebrate the diversity of our community. It will take place on 5/18 from 8:15 - 11:50 and we want to know if any of you want to be part of the day. If you are interested in presenting to our students, fill out the form linked below. Please reach out to Mr. Weeks (william_weeks@hcpss.org) with any questions.

[#OnePatapsco Day of Belonging Participant Interest Form](#)

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Thank you for supporting the 7th grade!

8th Grade Promotion Ceremony and Celebration

We will have our 8th grade promotion celebration on June 14th during the school day.

[Here is information!](#)

From the Health Room

[Students who will be entering 7th grade next year](#)

COVID-19 Self-Screening Symptoms Self Check

[Click on this link for more information](#)

Student Absences, Late Arrivals and Early Dismissal

A reminder to all families that **if your student arrives late to school, please send them in with a parent note or doctor's note that indicates the reason for their late arrival** so that their attendance may be appropriately adjusted. You can also email pmsabsence@hcpss.org with a late arrival or absence note. If we are not provided a parent or doctor's note for lawful late arrivals or absences, your child will be marked unexcused. [Click here](#) for more attendance information.

Knighly Newsletters

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

Community Notices:

New HCPSS Community News and Programs Site:

In response to community requests for resources, HCPSS' new [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 for more information. Questions should be directed to the Public Information Office at publicinfo@hcpss.org.