

KNIGHTLY NEWS

5/15/2023

5/12 - 5/18: Shakespeare Residency (8th graders in ELA classes)

5/15, 5/16: MCAP 7th Grade Math

5/17: Knight Time Schedule - Club Day
PTA meeting @ 7:00 PM (through zoom)

5/19: Schools closed

Music in the Parks (Hershey Park)

5/22, 5/23: MCAP 8th Grade Math

5/29: Schools closed

Important Phone Numbers

School Office: 410-313-2848

Student Services: 410-313-2850

Health Room: 410-313-2574

Dear Patapsco families:

On behalf of the Patapsco staff, I want to express our sincere gratitude and appreciation for the delicious food and snacks last week for Teacher and Staff Appreciation week...it was unbelievable. We are incredibly grateful for our PTA and families.

I also want to share some AMAZING news...our MESA teams just earned first place in these categories: Wearable Technology, Expanding Structures, and NEDC (National Engineering Design Challenge) at the Maryland State competition. Our NEDC team is now going to the National competition in New Mexico. Way to go, Knights! Also thank you and kudos to Ms. Stephenson and our parent volunteers.

Congratulations to:

National Engineering and Design Challenge; *BabyBot* created by: Ahana Roy, Amitha Sabbani, Saanvi Kakarlapudi, and Sravika Laasya Bolla

Wearable Technology; Created by: Caleb Son, Rihaan Desai, Rajit Rath, and Shreyas Lingam

Expanding Structures; Created by Nathaniel Cherian, Timothy Lu, Abhi Muthoju, and Rafael Hugo Pangan

Go Knights!

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.

MCAP Testing Information

7th grade Math MCAP - May 15th and May 16th
8th grade Math MCAP - May 22nd and May 23rd

Please remind students to bring their charged Chromebook to school on testing days. Contact Heather Dinicola (heather_dinicola@hcpss.org) with any questions.

Bus Evacuation Drill 5/17

On Wednesday 5/17, students riding the bus to Patapsco will participate in their Bus Evacuation Drill for the spring. Students will receive information about this Tuesday afternoon, and drivers will provide directions on the bus PA system before the drill begins.

8th Grade Promotion Ceremony

The 8th grade promotion ceremony will be held on June 9th at noon at Mt. Hebron High School followed by a PTA sponsored evening dance. Click [here](#) for more information about the ceremony and please consider volunteering/chaperoning for the dance.

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-s>

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Thank you!
The Student Recognition Committee

Time is Running out to Receive Bus Transportation

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

[Español](#) | [中文](#) | [한국어](#)

Next School Year Families whose children are eligible for bus transportation must register through HCPSS Connect Synergy to receive bus service for the 2023-2024 school year. Visit <https://www.hcpss.org/schools/transportation/registration/> for instructions on how to register and more information.

We don't want any students who qualify for transportation to be without a bus if they rely on that to get to and from school. Please contact the school if you need help registering your child. Please contact the HCPSS Office of Transportation at transportation@hcpss.org or 410-313-6732 if you have questions related to your eligibility to receive bus service. You may also find several frequently asked questions online.

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. Students who receive transportation as part of their Individualized Education Program (IEP) or 504 Plan do not need to register.

Free Summer Meal Program Begins June 21

HCPSS will run a free summer meal program weekdays June 21-Aug. 4. Meals will be served only on days schools are open; there will be no meal service Tuesday, July 4. There are no applications, enrollment or fees to participate in this program, but children must be present to receive free meals. [Additional information](#), including a list of meal sites, is available online.

Special Education Parent Involvement Survey, Spring 2023

All Parents of students with disabilities were sent the Maryland Special Education Parent Involvement Survey. The purpose of this survey is to hear from parents about how well they think their child's school is partnering with them and promoting parent involvement in their child's

education. This information will provide valuable feedback for the HCPSS Department of Special Education. The last day to complete the survey is May 19. The survey can be accessed online here: www.mdparentsurvey.com/

Amazing Art News

Congratulations to Anjali Perni and Charvi Rathod whose art was selected from the Columbia Mall exhibition by the Howard County Office for Fine Arts to be displayed again in future exhibitions!

PTA News

We will be having our very last PTA meeting of the year next Wednesday night at 7pm. We will be meeting virtually on Zoom. Please plan on attending so that we may vote in new executive board members and vote on the budget to bring us into the new year. Please see Zoom details below!

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81731049614?pwd=aDdJaGpMUFJ6dUMrOFhwU3JTNzVSdz09>

Meeting ID: 817 3104 9614

Passcode: 440109

8th Grade Celebration Help Needed

Please sign up here to help with the 8th Grade celebration.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0a4ea4a92aa7fa7-8thgrade1#/>

WEngineer - another upcoming session!

WEngineer Power Pioneers:

An Overview of Computers, Digital Logic, Circuitry, and Boards, Digital Electronics and more!

In person, we will meet for around one hour twice a week over the course of four weeks from May 15th to June 5th from 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm at Patapsco Middle School. Teachers will introduce topics and walk through lessons with the Patapsco Middle School students. The academy will be engaging, fun, creative, and thought-provoking! All of the necessary materials used in class will be provided by the instructors. Our team is very excited about this unique STEM opportunity to reach Patapsco Middle School Students this year! What are you waiting for? Sign up today! (<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040544A5AC2CAAF7-power>)

Dates: May 15, 17, 22, 24, 31, and June 5

Time: 3-4pm
Location: Mrs. Stephenson's Room
See [flier](#) for details!

Thanks,
-The WEngineer Team

“Our Time to Thrive”

Howard County Pride is proud to present our first ever T-Shirt Art Competition! This competition is designed to provide an excellent opportunity to local Maryland artists in grades K through 12. Please see the attached [flier](#).

Mt. Hebron Department of Music

Mt. Hebron HS Music Department would like to invite our community to their Spring Concerts. Please see the attached flier for the [Jazz Spring Concert](#).

Mt. Hebron Lancers Dance Team Audition

Attention rising 9th graders. Please see the attached [flier](#) if you are interested in participating in Dance at Mt Hebron High School next year. If you are interested, please fill out the audition form link <https://forms.gle/WSupvS9AWwp9v9yj9>

HC DrugFree Updates

Vaping Town Hall: Thursday, May 18 at 7:00 p.m. on Zoom. Free, but must register to receive the link. Nearly 40% of high school students will try vaping. Despite being promoted as a healthier alternative to smoking, vaping poses many health risks. Join HC DrugFree Executive Director Joan Webb Scornaienchi, Mark Donovan, LCPC, LCADC of Congruent Counseling, and Dr. George Kolodner, a board-certified psychiatrist specializing in nicotine addiction to learn the consequences of youth vaping and what we can do about it. Learn more and register: www.HCDrugFree.org/currentevents/

8 th–12th Grade Teen Advisory Council: Free. HC DrugFree's Teen Advisory Council is open to all Howard County students in grades 8 through 12. This is a great opportunity to help prepare younger students for success in high school while allowing older students to develop their leadership and mentoring skills. The registration form is available at

<https://hcdrugfree.org/teen-advisory-council/> and community service hours are available. Email your registration form to admin@hcdrugfree.org or mail a hard copy to the office. Meetings are on Zoom from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. To register for the Monday, May 22 meeting or any upcoming meeting, click on the TAC Registration link next to the meeting date <https://hcdrugfree.org/teen-advisorycouncil/>

Know What's Happening in Howard County: Sign up for HC DrugFree's newsletter at <https://hcdrugfree.org/enews-signup/> or follow us on social media to get updates on events as well as information to keep your family safe and informed: [Facebook](#) [Twitter](#) [Instagram](#) [LinkedIn](#)

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 for more information. Questions should be directed to the Public Information Office at publicinfo@hcpss

Knighly Newsletters

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