

# Cougar News

April 4, 2016 Issue

## Upcoming dates:

April 4	Pennies for Patients (April 4-18 <sup>th</sup> )
April 6	Pending Date: K Field Trip: Howard County Library
April 7	Hearing & Vision Screening
April 8	Early Dismissal – End of Marking Period
April 11	PTA Meeting 7pm
April 12	Spirit Day (P.J. Day)
April 12	Coffee with the PTA 9:30am
April 14	4 <sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip: St. Mary's City
April 14	3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade Music Night 7-8:00pm
April 14	Hearing and Vision Re-screening
April 15	Battle of the books 7pm @ Mt. Hebron H.S.
April 20	Class Photos
April 21	Author Visit
April 22	Report Cards Issued
April 22	Earth Day
April 26	Schools Closed – Primary Election Day
April 28	Take Your Child To Work Day
April 29	2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade Bread Making
April 29	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip: Philadelphia
April 30	Spring Fling

## Cougar Club Dates:

Each month students that meet the Cougar expectations the whole month can participate in the Cougar Club. Some activities are extra recess, making a craft, playing board games, and extra computer time.

April 20	Grade 2
April 28	Grade 4
April 29	Kindergarten, Grade 1
May 6	Grade 5

## Upcoming Testing dates:

It is very important for all students to be tested. If possible, please plan appointments around testing dates/times.

Grade 5 PARCC ELA	April 22 <sup>nd</sup> , 25 <sup>th</sup> , 27 <sup>th</sup> , 28 <sup>th</sup> (10:45am – 1:15pm)
PARCC Math	May 12 <sup>th</sup> , 13 <sup>th</sup> , 17 <sup>th</sup> , 18 <sup>th</sup> (11:am – 1pm)
Grade 4 PARCC ELA	April 29 <sup>th</sup> , May 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 4 <sup>th</sup> (9:30am – 11:45am)
PARCC Math	May 12 <sup>th</sup> , 13 <sup>th</sup> , 17 <sup>th</sup> , 18 <sup>th</sup> (9:30am – 11:00am)
Grade 3 PARCC ELA	May 5 <sup>th</sup> , 6 <sup>th</sup> , 10 <sup>th</sup> , 11 <sup>th</sup> (9:30am – 11:45am)
PARCC Math	May 23 <sup>rd</sup> , 24 <sup>th</sup> , 25 <sup>th</sup> , 26 <sup>th</sup> (11:45am – 1:45pm)

## Pennies for Patients April 4-18<sup>th</sup>



For the past several years Clarksville has taken part in the fight against childhood cancer by helping the Leukemia and Lymphoma Foundation. Starting the day we get back from Spring Break- Monday, April 4th our students will be given a mini collecting envelope and will be asked to help support kids with Cancer. You can also donate on line. Check out our website as the address will be posted. Every penny counts. Thanks so much for considering.

I wanted to remind you about your Online Fundraising Page that has been set up. Here is the CES link: <http://events.ils.org/pages/md/ClarksvilleElementarySchoolClarksville>

**Congratulations** to the following CES students who took 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the **2016 Maryland Elementary School Chess Championships**:

**Dinobi Offurum, 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade**  
**Noya Offurum, 1<sup>st</sup> Grade**  
**Teddy Yao, Kindergarten**  
**Winston Yao, 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade**

**Congratulations** to **Eric Marlo** for having his artwork displayed at Howard County Executive Allen H. Kittleman's office. There will be an **Artist Reception on Tuesday, April 19<sup>th</sup>** from 5:30pm-6:30pm.

## ***The PTA is looking for you...***

**Do you want to get involved with CES and have a say in the programs planned by the PTA?** If so, the PTA is looking for people to fill the following vacancies:

Vice President	Giant/Safeway
Treasurer	Health and Wellness
Council Delegate	Kids Holiday Shop
4Hour Power/Volunteer Coordinator	Sock Hop
After School Programming	Spirit Wear
Book Fair Bingo	Spring Fling
Cultural Arts	Valentines for Hospitalized kids
Directory	Website
Front Sign	Welcome
Fundraising	Yearbook

Please email [Stephanie McClellan](mailto:Stephanie McClellan) if you have a question about any of these positions.

## ***Artist's Reception for Game Changers: Collaboration, Play and the Search for New Ideas.***

There will be an artist reception held at the Howard County Center for Arts, 8510 High Ridge Road, Ellicott City MD 21043 on **April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2016 5pm-7pm**

Congratulation to several of our fourth grade students for having their artwork displayed this year:

**Taylor Gochar**  
**Nourah Barden**  
**Justin Blackman**  
**Sarah Lieber**  
**Kylie Stewart**  
**Evan Marlow**  
**Allison Shaw**  
**Ellie Chi**  
**Bennett Lin**

This exhibit will be held from March 11-April 22, 2016. Gallery hours are Monday – Friday, 10am – 8pm; Saturday 10am-4pm and Sunday Noon-4pm. The Center is closed on March 27, 2016.

## ***Keys for Reading (March 21<sup>st</sup> – April 22<sup>nd</sup>):***

Each year the students participate in the The Keys For Reading Program. The Keys For Reading Program kicked off this year on March 21st. You should have received a flier and a red bookmark explaining the program in your child's folder. Students need to read 3 books to earn tickets to go to a Fredrick Keys baseball game. Please write the book titles on the red bookmark and follow the instructions on the back to redeem your tickets. There are also ways to purchase addition tickets for parents and siblings. Tickets become available Friday April 8th. The program ends on Friday April 22nd. Happy Reading!

## ***From the Media Center:***

The Media Center wants to thank all the fantastic parents that volunteered their time for the Scholastic Book Fair. We were able to raise enough funds to pay for another famous author next year - thanks to the strong support of our Clarksville families.

This year we are fortunate to have author Kate Klise making a visit to our students on April 21st. If your child has any of her books, remind them to bring them in on that day for her to sign. We will be sending home an order form if you would like to purchase one for her to sign.

## ***From the Health Room:***

Parents of Kindergarten and 1<sup>st</sup> grade students, please check that your child has spare clothing at school and that it is weather and size appropriate clothing. Having those little mishaps can be embarrassing enough.

## **Field Trip Planner for 2015-2016**

As spring approaches, the number of field trips planned increases. Below is a *current* summary of planned field trips and details about those trips. Additional field trips will be added as approved. Please note that in an attempt to minimize the financial impact, the permission slip and money may be due long before the trip occurs.

<b>GRADE</b>	<b>TRIP TO</b>	<b>TRIP DATE</b>	<b>COST</b>
K	HCC Library	April 6	\$0
K	Baltimore Zoo	May 18	TBD
1	Krashaur Auditorium, Goucher College	May 5	\$18.25
2	College Park Airport	May 13	\$11.00
3	BSO Joseph Meyerhoff Symphony Hall	March 24	\$17
3	Howard County Nature Conservancy	May 3	\$11.75
4	St. Mary's City	April 14	\$37.00
5	Philadelphia	April 29	\$64.00
Multiple grades	Visiting Author at CES – Kate Klise The author visit is paid for with proceeds	April 21	\$0

	from our annual book fair. Our next book fair will be in February. Thank you for your continued support!		
Multiple grades	Cougar Day @ River Hill High School	May 9	\$0

The PTA is selling (tax free!!) tote bags, accessories, kitchenware & more through a Mixed Bag Designs fundraiser!

Your orders are due April 15th!

THERE ARE TWO WAYS TO ORDER:

INSTRUCTIONS FOR CATALOG PURCHASES

- \* Add your contact info to your form. Our fundraiser ID is: 293128
- \* Collect money with the orders. **Don't collect tax!**
- \* Make checks payable to: Clarksville Elementary School PTA
- \* Turn in money with a copy of your order form to: CES Front Office by April 15th
- \* Keep a copy of your orders to easily distribute your customer orders!
- \* Questions? Contact: Nikki Bena at [nikkibena@hotmail.com](mailto:nikkibena@hotmail.com)

INSTRUCTIONS FOR ONLINE PURCHASES

Tell friends & family to support us online at [www.mixedbagdesigns.com/?fundraiserid=293128](http://www.mixedbagdesigns.com/?fundraiserid=293128)

Make sure our ID number 293128 is added at checkout. Add the seller you are supporting too!

Online orders ship directly to the supporter (anywhere in the US) & shipping is free on orders \$75 & up!

[Click Here](#) for a printable flier. Thank you for your support!!!!

## Animals on School Property

HCPSS just released guidelines regarding *Animals on School Property*. Our RHHS campus is a large school campus in Howard County and provides easy access for our community to pass through to the elementary school and to use the Columbia walking paths. Please encourage your friends and family to avoid bringing their animals on school property. This helps keep our fields safe and clean for our athletes and our students who may be outside for class activities. For any questions, we can provide reference to the HCPSS Circular 21. Circular 21 introduces the information shared below:

*Animals in schools or offices, leashed or not, present safety, environmental, and liability issues. Students and staff may be exposed to potential physical hazards, such as bites, and/or allergy related health problems. As a result, animals are prohibited within HCPSS buildings. Animals are also prohibited on school system property during arrival, dismissal, recess or other HCPSS sponsored outdoor activities. Service animals or service animals in training per MD Annotated Code Section 7-705 (Service Animals) and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) as well as animals approved for instructional purposes are exempt from this prohibition.*

### ***“Community Notices”***

*The events listed below are neither sponsored nor endorsed by the Howard County Public School System. They are being provided as a community service.*

## **Pointer's Run Elementary PTA's Family Education Committee Presents:**

### ***An Evening with Dr. Bonnie Zucker***

**How to Raise Anxiety-Free Kids (or at least try) in Today's World**

**Tuesday, April 19<sup>th</sup> from 7-8:30 pm in the Cafeteria**



PLEASE join the Family Education Committee for a night of engaging and informative parent education. Dr. Bonnie Zucker, PhD will share valuable and practical information including strategies on how to foster resiliency and self-confidence in our children to enhance their ability to be self-efficient AND anxiety-free in today's world.

**To RSVP for the event, PLEASE visit the sign up genius and register.**

[www.SignUpGenius.com/go/4090844ACA728A64-anight](http://www.SignUpGenius.com/go/4090844ACA728A64-anight)

If you have any questions, please email Emily Greenberger at

[Emily@collaborativecounselingcenter.com](mailto:Emily@collaborativecounselingcenter.com)

### **River Hill Boosters Summer Sports Camps**

The River Hill High School Boosters are sponsoring summer camps at River Hill High School. The camps are designed to help young athletes improve their fundamental athletic skills. Weekly camps begin June 13<sup>th</sup> from 4pm – 7pm and June 20<sup>th</sup> to August 5<sup>th</sup> from 9am - noon or 1pm – 4pm. Over twenty different camps are offered this summer, including football, soccer, baseball, softball, lacrosse, field hockey, volleyball, basketball, cross country, track & field, cheerleading, weight training, wrestling, and dance. For the first time, we are also offering a Youth Sports camp for 5-10 year olds. Camp forms are available in the main office at River Hill High School, at [www.riverhill.org](http://www.riverhill.org), or call 410-313-7120 for more information.

### **2016 Children's Discovery Fair: Books Come Alive!**

**Saturday, April 9, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.**

[Howard County Library System - East Columbia Branch, 6600 Cradlerock Way, Columbia, MD 21045](#)

Join us for a celebration for young children ages 3-5 years old and their families. This free event will include hands-on activities relating to classic children's literature including interactive games, songs, crafts and stories. The theme for 2016 is "Books Come Alive!". Admission is free. Please bring a non-perishable donation for the Howard County Food Bank.

This event is part of the “Launch into Learning” school readiness initiative and is sponsored by the Howard County Early Childhood Advisory Council and Howard County Library System. For more information, call 410-313-1940 or 410-313-7750 or e-mail [children@howardcountymd.gov](mailto:children@howardcountymd.gov).