

# Cougar News

September 9, 2016 Issue

## Upcoming dates:

Sept 12	Schools Closed for Students: Professional Learning Day
Sept 21	Back to School Night: K-2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade, 6pm – 7pm
Sept 22	Back to School Night: 3 <sup>rd</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup> Grade, 6:00pm-7:00pm GT Presentation 7:00pm-7:45pm
Sept 28	School Pictures, K-5 Individual School Pictures
Oct 3	Schools and Offices Closed: Rosh Hashanah
Oct 5	Walk to School Day
Oct 12	Schools and Offices Closed: Yom Kippur
Oct 31	Schools Closed for Students: Professional Learning Day

## Upcoming Testing dates:

It is very important for all students to be tested. Make sure your student gets a good night sleep and has a good breakfast the morning of test days. If possible, please plan appointments around testing dates/times.

**There are NO TEST dates scheduled at this time but we will inform you of dates and times as soon as they are scheduled.**

## 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.

**There are NO DATES scheduled at this time.**

## ***From the Principal's Den:***



**DEAR CLARKSVILLE FAMILIES,**

**WELCOME TO THE 2016-17 SCHOOL YEAR!! IT WAS SO GREAT TO MEET SO MANY OF YOU AT OUR OPEN HOUSE AND PTA MEET AND GREET EVENTS THESE PAST TWO WEEKS. WE HAD A GREAT TURN OUT FOR BOTH AND I SHARE YOUR ENTHUSIASM AND EXCITEMENT FOR A NEW AND EXCITING SCHOOL YEAR. AS OUR STUDENTS ARRIVED TO SCHOOL FOR THE FIRST DAY LAST WEEK, I COULDN'T HELP BUT THINK ABOUT THE UNIQUENESS AND INDIVIDUALITY THAT EACH OF THEM BRING TO OUR SCHOOL. THEY ARE THE FABRIC OF WHAT MAKES THIS SCHOOL SO FANTASTIC AND FULL OF LIFE. I WANT TO PERSONALLY THANK EACH OF YOU FOR SHARING IN YOUR CHILDREN'S LIVES AND TAKING THE TIME TO BUILD A RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE HOME AND THE SCHOOL. WE ARE OFF TO A GREAT START!**

**I WANT TO GIVE A BIG COUGAR ROAR OUT TO OUR PTA FOR THEIR WELCOME BACK LUNCH FOR OUR STAFF DURING TEACHER WEEK AS WELL AS MANY OTHER HELPFUL CONTRIBUTIONS THEY HAVE GIVEN TO OUR SCHOOL AS WE PREPARED FOR OUR FIRST WEEK BACK TO SCHOOL. OUR PTA DOES SO MANY FABULOUS THINGS FOR OUR STAFF AND STUDENTS AT CLARKSVILLE ES, AND CLARKSVILLE WOULDN'T BE THE AMAZING PLACE WITHOUT THEIR LEADERSHIP AND WITHOUT SO MANY FAMILIES SUPPORTING THE PTA. SO, IF YOU HAVEN'T DONE SO YET, PLEASE BE SURE TO JOIN THE PTA. WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO BE ACTIVE PARTICIPANTS IN YOUR CHILD'S EDUCATIONAL JOURNEY.**

**WE LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH YOU, YOUR CHILDREN, AND THE STAFF AS WE BEGIN A YEAR OF ACADEMIC SUCCESS FOR EVERY CHILD AT CLARKSVILLE ES. THANK YOU FOR SHARING YOUR CHILDREN WITH US. IT IS OUR HONOR TO WORK WITH THEM EACH AND EVERY DAY. COUGARS RULE!**

**WARM REGARDS,**

**ROBIN MALCOTTI  
PRINCIPAL**

## Parent Volunteer Information

According to HCPSS Board Policy, each year all parent volunteers must complete a Confidentiality Training Course about protecting the privacy of our students, staff, and schools. Please complete this course before registering to volunteer at your child's school, for a field trip or even coming into the school to visit for lunch. The course takes about 5 minutes to complete.

To complete your training course and register with your child's school, please complete the test and forms at this link:

<http://www.hcpss.org/parents/volunteer-information/>

### Update Your Child's Emergency Contact Information on HCPSS Connect

Thank you to the families who have updated student emergency contact information. It is very important for schools to have current information, should an emergency occur that would require us to contact you. If you have not yet completed this task, please log in to [HCPSS Connect](#) and select the Family File tab to review and, if needed, update your child's emergency contact, medical and arrival/departure information, and your preferences regarding data confidentiality. This must be completed each school year.

User guides for HCPSS Connect, including account activation, password reset, and Family File are located on the [HCPSS website](#).

## G/T Testing - Fourth and Fifth Grade Students NEW to Howard County

The Howard County Public School System is currently in the process of identifying students new to Howard County Public Schools for possible placement in the G/T Mathematics Program.

If you have a 4th or 5th grade student, new to the Howard County Public School System, whom you wish to have tested as part of the G/T placement process, please submit your request in writing to the G/T Resource Teacher by Friday, September 9, 2016.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call **Mr. Schwab or Mr. Weiskind**, G/T Resource Teachers, at **410-313-7050** or email **them at [rschwab@hcpss.org](mailto:rschwab@hcpss.org) or [bweiskind@hcpss.org](mailto:bweiskind@hcpss.org)**.

## ***Change in Dismissal for Students***

We understand from time to time dismissal for your child may change. If you have a change of dismissal for your student (i.e. early dismissal or the way your student will go home that day), please send a note in with your child the day when that change takes effect. You can also send a follow up email to your child's homeroom teacher.

## ***School Picture Day***

Clarksville Elementary School Picture Day is September 28, 2016. All students (K-5<sup>th</sup>) will have individual pictures taken that day for the yearbook and to purchase. You can pre-order online by going to [www.schoolpix.com](http://www.schoolpix.com). Click the Preorder Portraits Online here button. Type in the pre-order code: 36K9GPHS.

## ***Walk to School Day: Wednesday, October 5th***



This year is the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Walk to School Day. We encourage all students and parents to participate in this annual event that will be held on Wednesday, October 5<sup>th</sup>. Parents can get more information from the link below:

<http://www.walkbiketoschool.org/>

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

The Maryland Partnership for Prevention will be administering the flu vaccine in the HCPSS elementary and middle schools this year. Flu Mist WILL NOT be offered. The vaccine will be given as a shot (injectable). If you know that your child does not do well with shots, please consider accompanying your child. The CES flu shot clinic will be held on Wednesday, November 30<sup>th</sup>. The consent forms will be sent home next week and will need to be returned immediately. Consents received after September 9<sup>th</sup> will not be accepted. If you

wish for your student to receive the flu shot at CES, please complete the consent form entirely and return it by September 9th.

### ***“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.*

#### **River Hill Health Fair and 25<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration**

Saturday, September 17 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the River Hill Village Center (6020 Daybreak Circle, Clarksville)

Come out to celebrate the 25<sup>th</sup> Birthday of the Village of River Hill which is being held in conjunction with the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual River Hill Health Fair sponsored by CHOICE (Coalition Halting Obesity in Children Everywhere) and RHCA (River Hill Community Association). The Birthday Celebration will offer carnival games, an inflatable, face-painting, giveaways and a cake-cutting ceremony at 12:30 p.m. In addition, there will be excellent health awareness information, vision and dental screenings, wellness and holistic demonstrations, kids' scavenger hunt, nutrition games, door prizes and much more. The entire event is free, so bring the whole family! For more information, call 410-531-1749.

#### **River Hill Village-Wide Yard Sales**

Saturday, September 24 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. on streets throughout the Village of River Hill.

Shop for treasures at various yard sales throughout the neighborhood. Look for red balloons on River Hill street signs (most River Hill streets are off of Great Star Drive, Route 108, Guilford Road, Summer Sunrise, and Trotter Road).