



Bushy Bear Tales

Bushy Park Elementary School



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Upcoming Dates to Remember

11/11 – PTA Meeting 6:45 PM

11/17-21 – American Education Week (See “focus days” below.)

11/12 – Report Cards Issued

11/20-25 – Book Fair (See hours in PTA section below.)

Responsibility

One of our core values is responsibility. We expect students to exhibit responsibility by taking necessary materials and assignments home when needed. Please encourage your child to be responsible for bringing all necessary materials home at the end of each school day. The classroom doors remain locked after 4:05 p.m. each day to secure the building once student dismissal concludes. Our custodial staff will not unlock classroom doors in the evening.

First Quarter Report Cards, MAP Reports, and Goal Setting

First Quarter Report Cards will go home next week and Fall 2014 MAP Student Progress Reports will go home the following week. Information about report cards can be found under “Parent Resources” on the Bushy Park Elementary School website. Students in Grades 1-5 recently participated in the Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) in mathematics and reading. MAP is an un-timed computer-adaptive assessment that measures student growth and achievement, independent of grade level or age.

Students who take the MAP assessments receive the following scores:

- RIT – your child’s overall score.
- Norm Level Mean RIT - your child's score compared with a national sample of students who took the Fall 2014 MAP and are enrolled in the same grade.
- District Level Mean RIT - your child’s score compared with the scores of other HCPSS students who took the Fall 2014 MAP and are enrolled in the same grade.
- Lexile range – indicates the level of reading materials that may be appropriate for your child, based on your child’s reading MAP performance. Other considerations for choosing appropriate text include your child’s interests, themes and content of the books, and the purpose for the books.

On the back of your child’s progress report is a quick reference that provides more details about the information on the report. For more information about MAP, you may visit the HCPSS website at

<http://www.hcpss.org/academics/testing/map-information/>

Over the next few weeks, teachers will be meeting with each student to review a variety of performance indicators, including their MAP Student Progress Report, in order to establish academic goals. By establishing goals, students have the opportunity to take greater ownership in their education. When they meet their goals, they raise their grades and build greater self-esteem. We hope this will help students feel successful in school. If you have any questions about your child's overall academic performance, please contact your child's teacher.

Parent/Teacher Conferences

Parent conferences are coming up on November 24, 25, and 26. If you have not done so, please schedule your conference through the online scheduling program, Pick-A-Time. To access Pick-A-Time, you can go to the main page of the HCPSS Website. The site will be active until **November 17 at 9:00 p.m.**

SPECIAL FOCUS DAYS FOR AMERICAN EDUCATION WEEK

Monday, November 17 – Kindergarten, Grade 1, and Grade 4

Tuesday, November 18 – Grades 2, 3, 5, and PreK

Donations Needed for the Health Room

Our health room is in need of long pants for girls in all sizes. If you have any gently used pants you can donate, please send them in to the Main Office. Thank you.

PTA

MEETING

The November PTA Meeting will be on Tuesday, November 11th. The meeting will begin at 6:45 pm. The meeting is starting early due to a guest speaker. Stephanie Milligan, Elementary Language Arts Resource Teacher, will present information about the Building Vocabulary program.

BOOK FAIR

Our Scholastic Book Fair will be taking place November 20-25. The hours will be as follows:

Nov. 20 - 8:30 – 11:00 AM and 3:30 – 6:30 PM

Nov. 21 – 8:30 – 11:00 AM and 3:30 – 5:00 PM

Nov. 24 – 1:00 – 7:30 PM

Nov. 25 – 1:00 – 3:00 PM

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Cub Scouts

Sign your son up today. Now is the time to sign up your son for one of the nation's foremost youth development programs. Cub scouting is the elementary school age division of the Boy Scouts of America.

Each elementary school in Howard County has a Cub Scout Pack. If you are unsure about which pack you belong in, go to www.beascout.org and type in your ZIP code. If you have any questions or concerns, contact Joe Azzarello, jazzarello@baltimorebsa.org.

Howard Community College

Presents A Joyful Noise at the Hickory Ridge Building on Sat., Nov. 8, 10 a.m.-1p.m. Individual and family friendly opportunity to learn basic vocal techniques, connect your body, breath and voice and learn new, multicultural songs. Raise your voices together. Register at howardcc.edu/ConEd. For more information, call Rosemary Muir at 443 518-4404.

Howard County Concert Orchestra

Our Feathered Friends, celebrating the beauty, grace, and athleticism of the avian kingdom with music by Haydn, Vaughan-Williams, Handel, and Vivaldi inspired by and about birds. The concert is scheduled for Sun., Nov. 9, 4 p.m., at the St. John's Episcopal Church at 9120 Frederick Rd. Ellicott City. For more information please visit www.hococo.org or call 888-921-7230.

Howard County General Hospital

Annual Symphony of Lights Symphony Woods off of Broken Land Parkway in Columbia, Md. Wed.-Mon., 6-10 p.m. starting Nov. 17 -Jan. 4.

In addition to nightly drives, Symphony of Lights offers special events. Event information is available by calling the Symphony of Lights Information Line at 410-740-7666 or by visiting www.hcgh.org/symphonyoflights.

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Glenwood Branch of the Howard County Library

Please visit the library website at www.hclibrary.org to view information & register for the following October classes: Fingerprint Fridays, The Count's Fall Spook-Tacular, Book Bingo, Fairytale Engineering, Sloppy Saturdays, and Inspiring Illustrators.

AFS USA Inc.

A student from Thailand who is a senior at Long Reach High School needs a new family through no fault of his own. His current host family agreed to host him for eight weeks to help him to get started in the US. Now his exchange organization is looking for a host family for him through the end of next June. In Thailand, he attended an English immersion high school, and he is excited to learn about US culture. He plays guitar, is interested in science, and is playing on his first youth baseball team. As a host family, you share your home -- and family life -- with the student. He has his own health insurance and spending money. This is an opportunity to learn about another country and culture -- as well as make a lifelong friend from Thailand! AFS Intercultural Programs has an active program in Howard County with support for both students and families. If you would like more information, please contact Christina McGarvey at 443-794-3264 or ckmgarvey@yahoo.com

Howard County Recreation and Parks

Bracelet Design at Roger Carter Community Center. Design a one of a kind bracelet in this jewelry making class that teaches the basics of crimping, bead weaving, bead making. This class is held on Sat., Oct 11, 3:30-5:30 p.m. To register by phone, please call Recreation and Parks at 410-313-7275. For more information, please contact Kori Jones at kjones@howardcountymd.gov or 410-313-4609.

Howard County Recreation and Parks

Tangles Hair Styling at North Laurel Community Center. Let a licensed cosmetologist teach you proper techniques in blow drying, flat ironing, up-dos and more. This class meets for two Tues., 6-8 p.m., Oct 15. To register by phone, please call Recreation and Parks at 410-313-7275. For more information, please contact Kori Jones at kjones@howardcountymd.gov or 410-313-4609.

Howard County Recreation and Parks

Chess Tournament Training at Veterans Elementary School. Come and get serious about your chess game! Focus on playing slower games, analyzing past games to learn from your mistakes. This class meets for 8 Thursdays from 6-7:30 PM, beginning Oct 16. To register by phone, please call 410-313-7275. For more information, please contact Kori Jones at kjones@howardcountymd.gov or 410-313-4609.

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Necklace Design at Roger Carter Community Center. Design a one of a kind necklace in this jewelry making class that teaches the basics of crimping, bead weaving, bead making. This class is held on Sat., Oct. 18, 3:30-5:30 p.m. To register by phone, please call Recreation and Parks at 410-313-7275. For more information, please contact Kori Jones at kjones@howardcountymd.gov or 410-313-4609.

University of Maryland College of Agriculture and Natural Resources AGNR offers a FREE, fun-filled day on the farm Sat., Oct. 11, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. The College of AGNR will host an Open House at the Central Maryland Research and Education Center Clarksville Facility 4240 Folly Quarter Road, Ellicott City. It's an interactive day of fun and learning for all ages. Young kids will receive a passport and can win a prize for getting it punched at all the different stations. Middle- and high-school students can also receive prizes for successfully completing an educational scavenger hunt. Visit <http://agnr.umd.edu/openhouse> or call 301-596-9330 for more information.

Glenelg Marching Unit Boosters fundraiser, Lisbon Pizza Hut, 706 Lisbon Center Drive, Woodbine Mon., Oct. 13, dine in or carry out all day. Mention the fundraiser to your server and a percentage of the sale will go to the marching unit.

Glen Mar United Methodist Church

Family 5K and 1-Mile Walk on Sat., Nov. 1 at 9 a.m. The course will cover streets surrounding the church. Visit <http://www.active.com/ellcott-city-md/running/races/glen-mar-family-5k-and-1-mile-walk-2014?int> to register. The event will benefit the Howard County Food Bank.