

# PAW PRINTS

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***Note from Mr. Davis:***

This week our teachers have been involved with Long Range Planning for the third quarter. It's clear as we look ahead we are about to come into a busy time of the year. Below are a few highlights from the next two weeks.

On Thursday, January 19th, our Band and Strings students will host their winter concert at 6:30 pm in the Cafeteria, we look forward to seeing many of you in attendance. Our students will have an opportunity to hear the concerts during the day on Thursday.

On Friday, January 20th, Guilford will celebrate our Cozy Reading Day! We are encouraging all students to wear school appropriate pajamas. It should be a fun filled day of reading!

On Wednesday, January 25th, 43 Guilford students will be recognized by the Council of Elders of Howard County for academic achievement and success. Congratulations to our students!

On Thursday, January 26th, Guilford will host our annual Art Night. We hope you are able to join us in the cafeteria for this fun filled evening of art.

We've noticed that we are having more and more students coming late to school. Please remember that our doors open at 9:10 each morning and that the students are considered late after 9:25. Please adjust your morning routine so that you can help your child arrive on time! Thank you!

***Jonathan Davis***

**DATES TO REMEMBER:**

**January**

- 19 Winter Band and Orchestra Concert 6:30 PM
- 20 Spirit Day – Cozy Reading Day  
GES Spirit Wear orders due
- 25 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip to UMBC 9:30-2 PM  
PTA Restaurant Night: Grotto Pizza 4 PM – 9 PM
- 26 End of Marking Period  
Art Night 6-7:30 PM
- 27 Schools Closed for Students



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## **February**

- 3 Report Cards Issued  
Spirit Day - Orioles Day
- 13 Community Advisory Council Meeting 7:30-9:30 PM
- 14 PTA Meeting 6:30-8:00 PM
- 20 Schools and Offices Closed
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## **Excellence In Action:**

**Spelling Bee:** On January 6<sup>th</sup> Guilford held its annual spelling bee, congratulations for all our participants:

### **4<sup>th</sup> Grade:**

Jordyn Bennett  
Marshieh Johnson  
Dylan Kelly  
Cole Martin  
Bianca Myers  
Kayla Purcell  
Marygil Siojo

### **5<sup>th</sup> Grade:**

Nicholas Cosgrove  
Aubrey Franks  
Brian Huntley  
Michaela Jones  
Sarah Lian  
Humail Rizvi  
Alissa Sawnhey  
Angelina Taylor

Guilford Spelling Bee Champion: Angelina Taylor  
Guilford Spelling Bee Runner Up: Nicholas Cosgrove

## **January Student's of the Month**

Zoha Rana  
Stephen Pryor  
Mack Clawson  
Angely Rem  
Nicolas Moreno  
Hannah Johnsen  
Halimat Shuaib  
Tatiana Velazquez  
Lexi Potter  
Knyair Crumb  
Dario Lucic  
Dylan Markley  
Gabriel Annan  
Ava Matthews  
Ernest Zeh  
Tessa Draminski

Steven Nguyen  
Malik Barksdale  
Zahara Bascho-George  
Jeremy Kelly  
Ayomide Akindele  
Bianca Meyers  
Marshieh Johnson  
Hector Castelan  
Tyaisa Oliver  
Alyssa King-Lewis  
Anjan Racharla  
Muhammad Alvi  
Nicholas Cosgrove



## Young Author's Contest



Thank you to the following students for participating in the Young Author's Contest! Your stories and poems were well written and showed off your creativity! We are so proud of you!

Alyssa Burger  
Zahara Bascho-George  
Angel Bentsil  
Thomas Smith  
Taylor Smith  
Ty'asia Oliver  
Trishele Boateng  
Bradley Agyare Thomas  
Mi'la Marshall  
Monye Young

Marygil Siojo  
Sarah Cing  
Janie Sung  
Odinachi Ofunedu  
Mikayla Miller  
MacKenzie Somerville  
Ashlee Robinson  
Trinity Bentsil  
Iman Ali  
Jordyn Bennett  
Tiffany Sung

Congratulations to the Guilford winners! Your short story or poem will be sent to the county competition for judging. You will be notified if you have won the Howard County competition. Good luck!

Alyssa Burger  
Ashlee Robinson  
Iman Ali  
Jordyn Bennett  
Zahara Bascho-George  
Ty'asia Oliver  
Mi'la Marshall

Students who participated in the contest will be recognized on Guilford's morning announcements and on Thursday, January 26<sup>th</sup>, at a breakfast celebration. Parents/Guardians of participants are welcome to join us for the celebration (be on the lookout for an invitation). Any questions may be directed to our Reading Support Teacher, Joanna Kasda ([Joanna\\_Kasda@hcpss.org](mailto:Joanna_Kasda@hcpss.org)).

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### **Title 1 News...Save the date**

Maryland Science Center will be hosting a Family Engineering Night at GES on Thursday, February 9, 2017 from 6 PM – 8 PM. More information will be sent home about this event. Questions, email [Krista\\_Shaul@hpcss.org](mailto:Krista_Shaul@hpcss.org) or Donna\_Bethune-Brown@hpcss.org

### **BSAP Saturday Math Academy Spring Session:**

Saturday Math Academy offers mentoring and enrichment in math. For further information and registration information please click the link below.  
<http://www.hpcss.org/schools/bsap/saturday-math-academy/>

### **School Spirit Day:**

Cozy Reading Day--January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2017

In honor of Maryland Reading Month, Guilford will celebrate COZY READING DAY on **FRIDAY, JANUARY 20<sup>TH</sup>**. Students are encouraged to show school spirit by wearing their favorite cozy pajamas or comfortable clothing as they will be snuggling up with a book at school. Please remember, pajamas must be school appropriate and must be worn with shoes. Students are invited to bring a favorite book to enjoy at school.

### **MUSIC NEWS**

#### **Parents:**

	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
3 <sup>RD</sup>		Kelly	Magulick		Waite
5 <sup>TH</sup>	Lambert	Hill	Carter	Pearman	
4 <sup>TH</sup>	Schultz		Fowler	Chanda	Walker

Please encourage your 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grader to remember to always bring their Soprano Recorder and Recorder folder to Music class. See the chart above for your child's music day.

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## It's Cold Outside!

Children go outside for recess unless it is below 20 degrees, (wind chill or ambient temperature). It is important the children get fresh air and have exercise so we ask that they are dressed for the weather. As the weather continues to fluctuate between warm and cold, please make sure your child is sent to school in the appropriate clothing. Our goal is to have outdoor recess each day and wearing the proper clothing is important to enjoy the time outside.

### PAWPRINT SUBMISSIONS

are due (in writing) in the office to Barbara Brown every Monday by 12:00p.m.  
Submissions can be emailed to [Barbara\\_A\\_Brown@hcpss.org](mailto:Barbara_A_Brown@hcpss.org)



### PTA NEWS

#### Volunteer of the Month Winners:

November: Andrea Patton-Jones

December: Michael Hitesman

#### GES Spirit Wear 2016

Spirit wear order forms have been sent home with your child/children. A copy of the design and order form are available on the website. All orders are due Friday, January 20<sup>th</sup>.

#### Guilford PTA Restaurant Night at Grotto Pizza

January 25<sup>th</sup>, 4PM – 9PM

7075 Minstrel Way, Columbia, MD 21046

Your child will be bringing home a Grotto Pizza Community Pizza Night coupon; which must be presented at time of purchase. An amount equal to 20% of your total bill will be donated to Guilford Elementary PTA.

#### BOX TOPS for EDUCATION

Where have all the box tops gone? They maybe on a cereal box in your pantry, or on an applesauce container. Maybe they are in a baggie hanging on your refrigerator door. Whether you have 5 or 50, send them in. Our box tops submissions have been low for November and December. Each valid box top is worth 10 cents. It really does add up. Thanks for supporting our school!

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## **COMMUNITY EVENTS**

Please visit the Community News and Programs page (<http://www.hcpss.org/community-news-and-programs/>) on the HCPSS website for announcements of upcoming events and programs sponsored by non-profit organizations.

Below is a link to the after-school classes being offered at Guilford ES this winter and information on spring leagues that are open for registration.

<http://conta.cc/2ibk6YO>

### **Summer Camps 2017 – Columbia Association**

For information on Columbia Association offered camps and registration information go to [www.ColumbiaCamps.org](http://www.ColumbiaCamps.org)

## **School Reminders:**

### **Emergency Notifications**

As we enter the school year, make sure you know where to find emergency closing information. A complete list of places can be found on the HCPSS [website](#).

### **SCHOOL HOURS**

Grades K– 5 9:25a.m. – 3:55p.m.

Preschool AM - 9:25 – 11:55a.m.

Students may enter the building at 9:10 am, when the bell chimes.

### **LATE ARRIVALS**

Students who arrive at school after 9:25a.m. MUST be accompanied by a parent to the Main Office to be signed in before reporting to class.

### **EARLY DISMISSAL**

Teachers may not dismiss students to parents/guardians. Parents/guardians must come to the Main Office, with identification, to sign out students and the office will request that the teacher send the student to the office. This procedure is for the safety of all our students.

### **ABSENCE POLICY**

A parent note explaining a student's absence is required when a student is absent for any portion of the school day. Please include date(s) of absence(s). When a student is absent 3 or more consecutive days a doctor's note is requested upon the student's return to school.

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## **BUSES**

Children are assigned to buses by the Pupil Transportation Office based on where they live. Lists of students who ride a particular bus are kept on record in the office. Children are not permitted to ride on another bus. If an emergency arises, please call the main office 410-880-5930.

## **WALKERS**

The Crossing Guard will be on post from 8:55-9:20a.m. Please do not send your children before this time. Students will not be permitted in the building until 9:10 a.m.

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