

PAW PRINTS



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Note from Mr. Davis:

I wanted to congratulate the 4th and 5th grade chorus members for an outstanding winter concert. They brought lots of energy to the performance and sounded amazing. Mrs. Cousin had them ready and selected fantastic songs. They spent a great deal of time practicing and it was fun to see them improve throughout the three concerts they performed on Tuesday! Thank you to all the families who joined us for the evening performance. Make your calendar for our band and strings concert on January 19, 2016.

Have you checked the calendar lately? School is in session for students through Friday, December 22nd and reopens on Monday, January 2nd.

Progress reports will be sent home on Wednesday, December 21st. Progress reports require teachers to identify a child's progress as either Satisfactory or Unsatisfactory. Just a reminder that receiving an A, B, or C on the report card is considered Satisfactory. Please take this opportunity to review your child's progress with them. If you have any questions feel free to reach out to them directly.

As we head into this holiday season, we hope you are able to spend quality time with your family. I know I am excited to have a some extended time with my family.

Have a wonderful winter break!

Jonathan

The Howard County Reading Council is proud to sponsor the local Young Author's Contest for 2016-2017! Students in grades 2-5 are eligible to participate by writing a poem and/or short story.

- All entries must be **original work**
- All entries must use no smaller than 12 point font in Times New Roman or Comic Sans
- Be sure to save your file. Winners will be asked to email their entry to the chairperson.
- Short story entry may range from a minimum of 300 words to no more than 800 words.
- Poem entry will consist of a single poem, any style, from a minimum of 25 words to no more than 150 words
- Entries must **not** include graphics
- Each entry must include a completed cover sheet signed by the student author, parent, and sponsoring teacher.

Students who are interested in participating must submit their entries by **Monday, December 19th**. The YAC Announcements poster and Cover Sheet for entries have been posted on Guilford's website. Any questions can be directed to our Reading Support Teacher, Joanna Kasda. Thank you for supporting our young authors!

5th Grade Parents

The date for the Thomas Viaduct MS Parent Orientation will be January 11th at 6:30 PM. The snow date is February 2nd.

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NOVEMBER

Pre-Kindergarten: Samuel Sang

Kindergarten: Moses Thwang, Gabriella Pleitez, Shreeya Patel

1st Grade: Farhan Aslam, Issac Barraza, Matthew Smith, Raiha Noman

2nd Grade: Michelle Calderon, Ashley Robinson, Jonitta Samuels, Trinity Bentsil

3rd Grade: Mahnoor Aslam, Jonathan Samuels, Nana Amoateng

4th Grade: Aysha Noman, Marygil Siojo, Tiffany Sung, Brandon Holmes

5th Grade: Mason Hitesman, Duane Fralin, Mi'la Marshall, Trishele Boateng

Art: Nick Cosgrove

Media: Stephen Pryor

Music: Nansirah Bundu

P.E. Hancock: Tyera Smith

P.E. Wolter: Anthony (AJ) Jackson

Technology: Michael Scarbourough

Instrumental Music: Kaitlyn Firth



Important Math Information for Parents of 4th and 5th graders: Students who are not fluent with basic multiplication and division facts are at a huge disadvantage with many other aspects of math. For example, solving division problems and working with equivalent fractions is much easier if students are able to easily access related multiplication facts. So how do we accomplish this? Flashcards are one option, but students will be more engaged and interested if we find meaningful ways for them to practice. There are a wealth of online computer games and apps for practicing basic facts. Many of them are free. The attached pdf file contains suggestions for online multiplication facts practice. The file contains live links, so you can access the game by simply clicking on the link. Feel free to contact Mrs. Akers (Math Support Teacher) or your child's math teacher if you have questions about basic facts.



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MUSIC NEWS

Parents:

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



Please encourage your 3rd, 4th and 5th 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.



MEDIA BOOK CHALLENGE- Last week we introduced the media book challenge to all 3rd, 4th and 5th grade students. Please check the announcement section on the Media canvas homepage for further details and information. You can also ask your child all about the details. The treasure box opens on November 11, 2016 and **will close on December 23rd**.

If you have any questions about either event please contact Mrs. Tarash and Mrs. Jenkins in the media center.

Changing Weather: As the weather continues to fluctuate between warm and cold, please make sure you 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.



PTA NEWS

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!

The PTA is always in need your help with *Volunteering* for a few things for our children and staff at GES

You can also email Melanie Tindale at guilfordpta@gmail.com for more assistance.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

December

- 16 Spirit Day - Wear something from your heritage that shows your culture or tradition
- 19 Young Author's Contest – Submissions Due
- 21 Interim Progress Reports Issued
- 26-30 Schools and Offices Closed

January

- 2 Schools Reopen
- 4 Kindergarten Field Trip, Central Library
- 6 Spirit Day – Backwards Day
- 11 Thomas Viaduct MS Parent Orientation 6:30 PM



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.



TKA MARTIAL ARTS

Karate and jujitsu for all ages

TKA Karate – Youth

Boys and girls of all skill levels, come learn karate and jujitsu. Black belt instructors emphasize safety and fun. One week is spent taking or viewing the test or participating in a refresher class. If a class is not listed as beginner or intermediate, it is for all level students. (No class 1/16, 2/20, 2/21, 3/9.)

S.12.yrs. - Classes.10					
RP8730.201	Gary J Arthur Comm Ctr	Jan 9	6:30-7:30pm	M	\$55
RP8730.202	Oakland Mills MS	Jan 9	7-8pm	M	\$55
S.12.yrs. - Classes.11					
RP8730.203	Worthington ES	Jan 10	7-8pm	Tu	\$61
RP8730.205	Longfellow ES	Jan 10	7-8pm	Tu	\$61
S.12.yrs. - Classes.12					
RP8730.206 (Reg)	Fulham ES	Jan 11	6-7pm	W	\$66
RP8730.216 (AdV)	Fulham ES	Jan 11	7-8pm	W	\$66
RP8730.207	Northfield ES	Jan 11	7-8pm	W	\$66
RP8730.208 (Reg)	Rockburn ES	Jan 11	6-7pm	W	\$66
RP8730.209 (AdV)	Rockburn ES	Jan 11	7-8pm	W	\$66
S.12.yrs. - Classes.13					
RP8730.210	German Crossing ES	Jan 12	7-8pm	Th	\$61
RP8730.211	Manor Woods ES	Jan 12	7-8pm	Th	\$61
RP8730.112	Pointers Run ES	Jan 12	7-8pm	Th	\$61

TKA Karate – Adult

Develop your physical condition as you learn karate and jujitsu in a relaxed environment. Black belt instructors emphasize safety. One week is spent taking or viewing the test or participating in a refresher class. Wear comfortable clothing or gi. (No class 1/16, 2/20, 2/21, 3/9.)

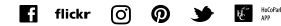
S.12.yrs. - Classes.10					
RP8731.201	Gary J Arthur Comm Ctr	Jan 9	7:30-9pm	M	\$68
RP8731.202	Oakland Mills MS	Jan 9	8-9:30pm	M	\$68
S.12.yrs. - Classes.11					
RP8731.203	Worthington ES	Jan 10	8-9:30pm	Tu	\$75
RP8731.205	Longfellow ES	Jan 10	8-9:30pm	Tu	\$75
S.12.yrs. - Classes.12					
RP8731.206	Fulham ES	Jan 11	8-9:30pm	W	\$82
RP8731.207	Northfield ES	Jan 11	8-9:30pm	W	\$82
RP8731.208	Rockburn ES	Jan 11	8-9:30pm	W	\$82
S.12.yrs. - Classes.13					
RP8731.209	German Crossing ES	Jan 12	8-9:30pm	Th	\$75
RP8731.210	Manor Woods ES	Jan 12	8-9:30pm	Th	\$75
RP8731.211	Pointers Run ES	Jan 12	8-9:30pm	Th	\$75

CONCUSSION & SUDDEN CARDIAC ARREST INFO
Road concussion & sudden cardiac arrest info at www.howardcountymd.gov/concussion and www.howardcountymd.gov/suddencardiacarrest. Review of this information is required by law before you are allowed to register for youth sports programs.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE
Limited financial assistance available for Howard County residents who qualify.
Information: 410-313-4639.

Howard County
RECREATION & PARKS

Information: Amanda Bartell, 410-313-1694 or abartell@howardcountymd.gov.
Registration: 410-313-7275 (voice/relay), www.howardcountymd.gov/rap, or 7120 Oakland Mills Road, Columbia, MD 21046.



Mail-In Form: TKA Karate Winter 2017			RP Course Number		
Participant's Name	Age/DOB	Fee Enclosed			
Home Phone	Cell Phone	Work Phone			
Address	City	State/Zip			
Frequently viewed e-mail address					
Completing the registration process today includes an understanding that you agree to all waivers and policies of Howard County Recreation & Parks. These waivers and policies can be found in our seasonal guides, online at www.howardcountymd.gov/recreationparks and on the bottom of your receipt. If you are unable to review this in our activity guide or online, our registration office can provide you written copies upon request.					
Signature	Date				
Does the participant have a disability or any special accommodation request that we need to know about? If yes, please explain.					
Does the participant have an allergy that we need to know about? If yes, please explain.					
Payment Method					
<input type="checkbox"/> Cash	<input type="checkbox"/> Check (make checks payable to Director of Finance, Howard County)				
<input type="checkbox"/> MasterCard	<input type="checkbox"/> Visa				
<input type="checkbox"/> American Express	<input type="checkbox"/> Discover				
Amount \$					
Exp. Date	/	/	CVC Code:		
Credit Card #	/	/	/		
Signature of Card Holder	Date				
Print Name					
* The finance office will add a \$15 charge to any returned check. Credit card users (MasterCard, Discover, VISA, or American Express) can also register by phone, 410-313-7275. Mon-Fri 9AM-5:30PM, FAX 410-313-4666, or www.howardcountymd.gov/rap .					
Office Use:					
Date rec'd	Amc. rec'd	Initials			

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PAWPRINT SUBMISSIONS

are due (in writing) in the office to Cathy Corrao every Monday by 12:00p.m. Submissions can be emailed to catherine_corrao@hcpss.org

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.

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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