

GATOR NEWS

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Dear Gorman Crossing Families & Friends,
We are so proud of all of the students here at Gorman Crossing! Everyone has settled into their routines so nicely and the students have shown all of us that they are ready to learn. We want to thank all of you for making sure that all of our kids are ready to learn and thrive when they come to school each day. We couldn't do it without you!

Please make note of the following updates and reminders below.

Drop Off in the Morning:

Supervision of students does not begin until 9:10. That is when staff members come outside to welcome our students for the day. We have a number of children that are being dropped off well before this time. Please help us keep all of our students safe and remain with your child until 9:10. Thank you!

School Visitation:

The Howard County Public School System welcomes visitors to our schools. To limit interruptions and distractions to teaching and learning and to maximize safety for all, persons who wish to visit a school campus, building or classroom are asked to comply with the following procedures:

- Anyone wishing to visit a school is asked to contact the Principal or Assistant Principal to discuss the purpose of the visit and to establish a convenient time for both the visitor and the school.
- The school will arrange for an escort for the visitor.
- Upon entering a school, all visitors must sign in at the main office and receive a visitor badge. Visitors may be required to provide a photo ID before going into other areas of the building.
- To avoid interrupting instruction, no students are allowed to shadow HCPSS students.
- Understandably, interactions between visitors and school staff and students will be limited.
- If a follow-up meeting with school staff is desired, the visitor will schedule it for a mutually convenient time.

For more information about school visitation, please visit the Howard County website, www.hcpss.org.

If at any time you have a compliment to share about a staff member or our school, a concern, or a question, please do not hesitate to contact me via phone or email.

I look forward to hearing from you!

Sincerely,

Deborah Holmes Caldwell

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DATES TO REMEMBER

Sept 12th – Schools closed for students – Professional Learning Day

Sept 16th – Back to School Movie Night – 6:00-9:00pm
(see info in newsletter)

September 9th Home Report Distribution

2015-2016 State Assessment Results

PARCC and MSA Science Reports

Students who participated in the PARCC assessments for grades 3 & 4 (current 4th & 5th graders) in the 2015-2016 school year, will be receiving home reports on Friday, September 9th. The reports will be distributed to your child at school to hand carry home.

A summary of the Maryland PARCC results were released on Tuesday, August 23rd and can be viewed at <http://reportcard.msde.maryland.gov/>. County and school summaries will be released on September 27th after the state board meeting.

Digital Access to Test Results

You now have access to a running record of your child's raw standardized assessment scores in the HCPSS Connect.

1. Go to <http://www.hcpss.org/connect/>
2. Login and find "Standardized Test Scores" on the left menu

PARCC, High School Assessment (HSA) and MSA Science results from the 2015-2016 school year have been loaded and are viewable now.

This will give you a preview of your child's score prior to the distribution of detailed paper home reports. For a preview of the PARCC paper home report and an explanation of the PARCC scores, please visit <http://understandthescore.org/>.

Gillian Spivey
Assistant Principal

[NEWS FROM MRS. HYUN](#)

Gifted and Talented Parent Orientation

The GCES Gifted and Talented (G/T) teachers will hold an orientation about the G/T program **from 5:45 p.m. – 6:30 p.m., on Wednesday, September 21st in the Media Center**. This orientation is for any parent who wants general information about the G/T Program, as well as parents of students in the G/T math program.

The orientation will focus on the three basic parts of the G/T program: Instructional Seminars, Curriculum Extension Units, and G/T math. During the math portion, the school's math procedures and practices will be covered, as well as the Core Curriculum focus in G/T Math classes. Christine Hyun and Rachael Wood will conduct the session.

G/T Math Nomination Process for NEW 4th and 5th Grade Howard County Students

Howard County Public Schools are currently in the process of accepting nominations for **4th and 5th grade students NEW** to Howard County Public Schools for possible inclusion in the G/T Mathematics Program.

If you have a child, new to Howard County Public Schools in 4th or 5th grade whom you wish to nominate for G/T Math, please submit your request for testing to either Mrs. Hyun (Christine_hyun@hcpss.org) or Mrs. Wood (rwood@hcpss.org) **as soon as possible**.

[G/T SEMINAR NEWS:](#)

2nd grade students heard a presentation about 3 different seminar choices for this school year. They can choose from **Project Feeder Watch, Math Games, and Talking Tangrams**. Application forms are available from their homeroom teachers and due back to Mrs. Hyun by Friday, **September 23rd**.

4th graders learned about their choices today. Students may choose to participate in a **Rubik's Cube** seminar or in an

Engineering seminar where they will learn about and build bridges. Those interested may get an application form from their homeroom teacher. They are due back to Mrs. Wood by Wednesday, **September 21st**.

In 5th grade, students heard about the opportunity to participate in **Fantasy Football** or **Myth Busters**. Forms were due Friday, September 9th, but will also be accepted on Tuesday if they missed the deadline. E-mail Mrs. Wood if you need an application or for more information. (rwood@hcpss.org)

****3rd grade...stay tuned for more information next week!****

NEWS FROM THE PTA

It's time for our Back to School Movie Night Event!

Join us September 16th from 6-9pm

We will begin the evening with a brief PTA meeting to update you on this year's school-wide events and to vote on the budget.

Directly following the meeting, we will have a showing of ZOOTOPIA!

Admission is FREE for GCES families... there will be pizza, drinks and snacks available for sale.

Please do us a favor and RSVP using the following link, as this will help us more accurately prepare for food and drinks!

Movie Night RSVP: www.SignUpGenius.com/go/4090E4BACA82DA57-first2

Additionally, volunteers are needed to help with set up, concession sales, door security and clean up.

You can use the following link if you are interested in helping out!

Movie Night Volunteer Sign Up:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090e4baca82da57-movie>

Nicole Mazzei-Williams
GCES PTA Treasurer

COMMUNITY NOTICES – the following events are neither sponsored nor endorsed by the Howard County Public School System

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(GUMC)**

**FOOD PANTRY IS OPEN EVERY 3rd SATURDAY OF THE
MONTH FROM 9am-11am.**

**WE SERVE THOSE IN NEED OF GROCERY ASSISTANCE
IN HOWARD COUNTY. BOTH HOWARD COUNTY FOOD
BANK AND PRIVATELY DONATED ITEMS ARE GIVEN
OUT.**

UPCOMING DATES:

SEPTEMBER 17, 2016	MARCH 18, 2017
OCTOBER 15, 2016	APRIL 15, 2017
NOVEMBER 19, 2016	MAY 20, 2017
DECEMBER 17, 2016	JUNE 17, 2017
JANUARY 21, 2017	JULY 15, 2017
FEBRUARY 18, 2017	AUGUST 19, 2017

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