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**(If you are unable to open the links below, please copy and paste web addresses into your browsers)**

**PRINCIPAL’S CORNER**

**Dear Gorman Crossing Family & Friends,**

**Today is the last day of first quarter and tomorrow is the first day of November. This school year is flying!**

 **Just a reminder that school is closed for a Professional Development Day on Monday, November 3rd and on Tuesday, November 4th for Election Day.**

 November is a busy month with lots of opportunities to visit our school. We hope to see you soon!

 Mrs. Caldwell, Principal

[deborah\_caldwell@hcpss.org](https://mail.hcpss.org/owa/redir.aspx?C=QZm2IMRhs0qO8UVdSX8cs0hoHGmhyNEIcto_ncF8xYAkNn-sE1KtEXZn_m99miHs33pfBr8hBRk.&URL=mailto%3adeborah_caldwell%40hcpss.org" \t "_blank)

American Education Week

American Education Week is the week of November 17 – 21. Remember to stop by and visit, whether it’s for lunch, recess, math, or related arts!  We look forward to seeing you!

 **Grandparents & Special Friends Day!**

Please join us at Gorman Crossing on Friday, November 21sr for our annual Grandparents & Special Friends Day!  All grandparents are welcome to join their student(s) for a special activity in class from 9:30 – 11:00.  No grandparents nearby? Students may invite Mom, Dad, Aunt, Uncle, or a family friend to join them!

  **Conference Time- Pick A Time Opens Monday!**

November conferences are fast approaching and once again GCES will be using the online PickAtime scheduling website. These conferences are for Monday, Nov. 24 and Tuesday, Nov. 25th. You can start scheduling on **Monday, November 3, 2014 at 12:01** am and continue through **Monday, November 17, 2014 until 11:59 pm.**

Go to the Gorman Crossing website at [http://gces.hcpss.org](https://mail.hcpss.org/owa/redir.aspx?C=QZm2IMRhs0qO8UVdSX8cs0hoHGmhyNEIcto_ncF8xYAkNn-sE1KtEXZn_m99miHs33pfBr8hBRk.&URL=http%3a%2f%2fgces.hcpss.org" \t "_blank)

and click on the link for PickAtime. If you have students in different schools, you will need to go to each school's link to schedule conferences. However, you will use the same pickAtime account for all school sites.

       If you are new to the system, you will need your child’s ID#.  If you have a problem creating an account for your child, please email: [Janie\_marrie@hcpss.org](https://mail.hcpss.org/owa/redir.aspx?C=QZm2IMRhs0qO8UVdSX8cs0hoHGmhyNEIcto_ncF8xYAkNn-sE1KtEXZn_m99miHs33pfBr8hBRk.&URL=mailto%3aJanie_marrie%40hcpss.org" \t "_blank) or [Marian\_Melnick@hcpss.org](https://mail.hcpss.org/owa/redir.aspx?C=QZm2IMRhs0qO8UVdSX8cs0hoHGmhyNEIcto_ncF8xYAkNn-sE1KtEXZn_m99miHs33pfBr8hBRk.&URL=mailto%3aTara_bizokas%40hcpss.org" \t "_blank) and they will send home the necessary information for you to create your account. If you need further assistance please contact Mrs. Marrie or Mrs. Melnick at 410 880-5900.

 **PBIS Awards October 27, 2014**

 ***Music Technology Art Media PE***

 ***Hobbs Kelly Reid Nix Nix***

 ***DATES TO REMEMBER***

***November 3 – Pickatime Opens***

***November 3 – Professional Work Day***

 ***GCES Closed for Students***

***November 4 – Election Day GCES CLOSED***

***November 10 – Picture Retakes***

***Nov. 21 –***

***Special Friends Day***

***9:30 am – 11:30 am***

Calling all GCES families!!!!  The 5th grade team needs your help!

The 5th grade is creating a custom cookbook featuring favorite recipes from the members of community. These cookbooks will be professionally published and are sure to be a treasured keepsake for us all. Money raised will be used towards our 5th grade special activities, including our picnic, SCH, lock-in, closing ceremony, and possibly even towards the cost of our t-shirts and Philadelphia field trip.

Please submit 3-5 of your favorite recipes so you can be represented in our cookbook. Many recipes from all members will ensure that our cookbook is a success. We are using Morris Press Cookbook’s web site to easily submit recipes online. If you do not have Internet access, our committee can enter them for you. Submit hardcopies of your recipes to either Katie Echentile or Glenn Reid. Please feel free to submit recipes on behalf of your student(s) at GCES or even come up with a creative title for your recipe!

Please submit your recipes online by **November 14th** so we can meet our deadline.

Thank you!

**To Submit Recipes Online:**

Go to www.typensave.com and click ‘Login.’

Enter the User Name: gators2014

Enter the password: dishes355

Enter your name and click ‘Continue.’

Click ‘Add Recipes’ to begin adding your recipes.

***Please contact katie\_echentile@hcpss.org with any questions.  Thank you in advance for your help and support with this activity!  Team Five***

**Scholastic Book Fair is Coming!**

 Dear Parents:

 It is that time again! The Scholastic Book fair is coming to Gorman Crossing. This annual event will be held from November 21st through November 25th. On November 24th,and the 25th we will be open until 7pm. When you send money with your child, please include the 6% sales tax with all orders. All checks should be made out to GCES. In addition to shopping at our school fair, the online book fair will be open from November 21st until December 5th.Please look for more details to follow. See you at the book fair!

**GCES PTA News 10-31-14**

**ChickFilA Calendar Sales:  For only $9 you can gift yourself free monthly ChickFilA for an entire year January 2015-December 2015… Get yours while supplies last!  There are only a few left! If you have purchased a calendar and have not yet received your extra 3 months of surprises for October, November and December please contact the PTA, [gcespta@gmail.com](https://mail.hcpss.org/owa/redir.aspx?C=oenl0UR3-kCE0AVKmC3nyfBUOvigyNEIlVNquFndzzourkrgSkVa9-N-_Sy0zXcu-5PMXty8rfM.&URL=mailto%3agcespta%40gmail.com" \t "_blank)**

 **Papa John’s BOGO offer: There are still some Papa John’s buy one get one free cards available- get yours now- $15 for one year of free pizza- if you buy one, you get one free; if you buy 10, you can get 10 free!  It’s a great deal! A Few will be available tonight at the Fall Fest!**

 **Shoe Recycling:  Have you grown out of your shoes?  If so, bring them to school to put in our new shoe recycling bins!  Shoes will be sent to less-privileged families in the US and abroad- please do not send flip flops, UGGs, winter boots or ski boots!**

 **Get a head start on your shopping by using the following links provided by our Fall Fest vendors:**

**Cookie Ride: [www.cookieride.com](https://mail.hcpss.org/owa/redir.aspx?C=oenl0UR3-kCE0AVKmC3nyfBUOvigyNEIlVNquFndzzourkrgSkVa9-N-_Sy0zXcu-5PMXty8rfM.&URL=http%3a%2f%2fwww.cookieride.com" \t "_blank)**

**JamBerry: [http://chrissyjamsmd.jamberrynails.net/](https://mail.hcpss.org/owa/redir.aspx?C=oenl0UR3-kCE0AVKmC3nyfBUOvigyNEIlVNquFndzzourkrgSkVa9-N-_Sy0zXcu-5PMXty8rfM.&URL=http%3a%2f%2fwww.facebook.com%2fl.php%3fu%3dhttp%253A%252F%252Fchrissyjamsmd.jamberrynails.net%252F%26h%3d9AQEUzvUo" \t "_blank)**

**Mary Kay: [http://www.marykay.com/mjackson98214](https://mail.hcpss.org/owa/redir.aspx?C=oenl0UR3-kCE0AVKmC3nyfBUOvigyNEIlVNquFndzzourkrgSkVa9-N-_Sy0zXcu-5PMXty8rfM.&URL=http%3a%2f%2fwww.marykay.com%2fmjackson98214" \t "_blank)**

**Partylite: [www.partylite.biz/dancingjenn](https://mail.hcpss.org/owa/redir.aspx?C=oenl0UR3-kCE0AVKmC3nyfBUOvigyNEIlVNquFndzzourkrgSkVa9-N-_Sy0zXcu-5PMXty8rfM.&URL=http%3a%2f%2fwww.facebook.com%2fl.php%3fu%3dhttp%253A%252F%252Fwww.partylite.biz%252Fdancingjenn%26h%3dOAQENApBz" \t "_blank)**

**Greenberries:  [www.greenberriescompany.com](https://mail.hcpss.org/owa/redir.aspx?C=oenl0UR3-kCE0AVKmC3nyfBUOvigyNEIlVNquFndzzourkrgSkVa9-N-_Sy0zXcu-5PMXty8rfM.&URL=http%3a%2f%2fwww.greenberriescompany.com" \t "_blank)**

**Silpada: [http://sild.es/G1R](https://mail.hcpss.org/owa/redir.aspx?C=oenl0UR3-kCE0AVKmC3nyfBUOvigyNEIlVNquFndzzourkrgSkVa9-N-_Sy0zXcu-5PMXty8rfM.&URL=http%3a%2f%2fwww.facebook.com%2fl.php%3fu%3dhttp%253A%252F%252Fsild.es%252FG1R%26h%3dqAQEz6NPk" \t "_blank)**

**Origami Owl: [http://www.nicolee76.origamiowl.com/parties/NicoleHimes504507/collections.ashx](https://mail.hcpss.org/owa/redir.aspx?C=oenl0UR3-kCE0AVKmC3nyfBUOvigyNEIlVNquFndzzourkrgSkVa9-N-_Sy0zXcu-5PMXty8rfM.&URL=http%3a%2f%2fwww.nicolee76.origamiowl.com%2fparties%2fNicoleHimes504507%2fcollections.ashx" \t "_blank)**

**Thirty One:  [www.mythirtyone.com/shop/catalog.aspx?eventid=E4989178&from=DIRECTLINK](https://mail.hcpss.org/owa/redir.aspx?C=oenl0UR3-kCE0AVKmC3nyfBUOvigyNEIlVNquFndzzourkrgSkVa9-N-_Sy0zXcu-5PMXty8rfM.&URL=http%3a%2f%2fwww.mythirtyone.com%2fshop%2fcatalog.aspx%3feventid%3dE4989178%26from%3dDIRECTLINK" \t "_blank)**

**Pampered Chef:   [http://www.pamperedchef.com/pws/jillruppe/guest-landing/8890995457179](https://mail.hcpss.org/owa/redir.aspx?C=oenl0UR3-kCE0AVKmC3nyfBUOvigyNEIlVNquFndzzourkrgSkVa9-N-_Sy0zXcu-5PMXty8rfM.&URL=http%3a%2f%2fwww.pamperedchef.com%2fpws%2fjillruppe%2fguest-landing%2f8890995457179" \t "_blank)**

**Miche: [http://fjk.miche.com/](https://mail.hcpss.org/owa/redir.aspx?C=oenl0UR3-kCE0AVKmC3nyfBUOvigyNEIlVNquFndzzourkrgSkVa9-N-_Sy0zXcu-5PMXty8rfM.&URL=http%3a%2f%2fwww.facebook.com%2fl.php%3fu%3dhttp%253A%252F%252Ffjk.miche.com%252F%26h%3dZAQEccDsK" \t "_blank)**

**Tastefully Simple: [http://tinyurl.com/otl946t](https://mail.hcpss.org/owa/redir.aspx?C=oenl0UR3-kCE0AVKmC3nyfBUOvigyNEIlVNquFndzzourkrgSkVa9-N-_Sy0zXcu-5PMXty8rfM.&URL=http%3a%2f%2fwww.facebook.com%2fl.php%3fu%3dhttp%253A%252F%252Ftinyurl.com%252Fotl946t%26h%3d2AQGcZc-j" \t "_blank)**

**Warming Sun Reflexology: [Stephanie@sksja.com](https://mail.hcpss.org/owa/redir.aspx?C=oenl0UR3-kCE0AVKmC3nyfBUOvigyNEIlVNquFndzzourkrgSkVa9-N-_Sy0zXcu-5PMXty8rfM.&URL=mailto%3aStephanie%40sksja.com" \t "_blank)**

 **If you haven’t done so yet, please add your info to our online directory so your students and families can stay in touch throughout the year! [www.myschooldirectory.com](https://mail.hcpss.org/owa/redir.aspx?C=oenl0UR3-kCE0AVKmC3nyfBUOvigyNEIlVNquFndzzourkrgSkVa9-N-_Sy0zXcu-5PMXty8rfM.&URL=http%3a%2f%2fwww.myschooldirectory.com" \t "_blank) password gators**

 **Upcoming Events:**

**11/5 BioMimicry Movie Night- limited to 50 people- [www.SignUpGenius.com/go/4090E4BACA82DA57-second](https://mail.hcpss.org/owa/redir.aspx?C=oenl0UR3-kCE0AVKmC3nyfBUOvigyNEIlVNquFndzzourkrgSkVa9-N-_Sy0zXcu-5PMXty8rfM.&URL=http%3a%2f%2fwww.signupgenius.com%2fgo%2f4090E4BACA82DA57-second" \t "_blank)**

**11/11 BioMimicry After School for 2nd and 3rd Graders [www.SignUpGenius.com/go/4090E4BACA82DA57-biomimicry](https://mail.hcpss.org/owa/redir.aspx?C=oenl0UR3-kCE0AVKmC3nyfBUOvigyNEIlVNquFndzzourkrgSkVa9-N-_Sy0zXcu-5PMXty8rfM.&URL=http%3a%2f%2fwww.signupgenius.com%2fgo%2f4090E4BACA82DA57-biomimicry" \t "_blank)**

 **11/17 PTA Meeting and Book Swap (bring your unwanted books to exchange with other families that evening- any leftover will be donated to charity); Learn2Earn ReadAThon Kick Off event**

 **11/21 Family Movie Night: Despicable Me 2, Admission is $1, concessions will be available for sale**

 **11/21-11/25 Book Fair [www.SignUpGenius.com/go/4090E4BACA82DA57-book1](https://mail.hcpss.org/owa/redir.aspx?C=oenl0UR3-kCE0AVKmC3nyfBUOvigyNEIlVNquFndzzourkrgSkVa9-N-_Sy0zXcu-5PMXty8rfM.&URL=http%3a%2f%2fwww.signupgenius.com%2fgo%2f4090E4BACA82DA57-book1" \t "_blank)**

 **11/24 Staff Appreciation Dinner during Parent-Teacher Conferences**

**[www.SignUpGenius.com/go/4090E4BACA82DA57-staff3](https://mail.hcpss.org/owa/redir.aspx?C=oenl0UR3-kCE0AVKmC3nyfBUOvigyNEIlVNquFndzzourkrgSkVa9-N-_Sy0zXcu-5PMXty8rfM.&URL=http%3a%2f%2fwww.signupgenius.com%2fgo%2f4090E4BACA82DA57-staff3" \t "_blank)**

 **HCPSS News:**

**HCPSS Live Homework Help-all you need is a library card! [http://www.hclibrary.org/index.php?page=19](https://mail.hcpss.org/owa/redir.aspx?C=oenl0UR3-kCE0AVKmC3nyfBUOvigyNEIlVNquFndzzourkrgSkVa9-N-_Sy0zXcu-5PMXty8rfM.&URL=http%3a%2f%2fwww.hclibrary.org%2findex.php%3fpage%3d19" \t "_blank)**

**HCPSS Math Resource [http://hcpssfamilymath.weebly.com/](https://mail.hcpss.org/owa/redir.aspx?C=oenl0UR3-kCE0AVKmC3nyfBUOvigyNEIlVNquFndzzourkrgSkVa9-N-_Sy0zXcu-5PMXty8rfM.&URL=http%3a%2f%2fhcpssfamilymath.weebly.com%2f" \t "_blank)**

**Check out the HCPSS Mobile App for iOS and Android!**

**GOLDEN GATORS OCTOBER 31, 2014**

**Kindergarten**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Roberts** | **Gale** | **Pettit** | **Flynn** | **Cook** |
| *Responsible* | *Responsible* | *Responsible* | *Responsible* | *Responsible* |
| Matthew Jacob | Omolola Adelaja | Madison Bell | Toju Animashaun | Anisha Sheth |
|  |  |  |  | Aiden Nelson |

**1st Grade**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Lewis | Gilroy | Nix | Gibbs | Stern |
| Responsible | Ready | Responsible | Responsible | Responsible |
| Sule' Williams | Sebastian Lee | Lance Amar-Atsen | Vesna Adjei | Elijah Martinez |
|  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Kindness: |  |  |  |
|  | Chloe Coughlin |  |  |  |

**2nd Grade**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Shields | Paxson | Contreras | Wrang | Reynolds | Kelly |
| Respectful: | Respectful: | Respectful: | Respectful: | Respectful: | Respectful:  |
| Alyssa Wu | Andres Alvarez | Elelan Muletta | Mudassar Ajaz | Alana Taylor | Jayden Torres |
| Responsible: | Responsible: | Responsible: | Responsible: | Responsible: | Responsible: |
| Sydney Glascock | Jay Patel | Olivia Bradley | Grace Sanborn | Alyana Whitfield | Gavin Fischetti |
| Ready: | Ready: | Ready:  | Ready:  | Ready: | Ready: |
| Christopher Bivens |  | Bryan Lin | Tristan Evans | Aidan Stevenson |  |
|  | Luke Spivey | Kindness: |  |  | Nicholas Taylor |
|  |  | Fetina Andemariam |  |  |  |

3rd Grade

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Bow** |  | **Isacco** | **Hobbs** | **Ruppe** |
| Respectful - Vivian PortilloResponsible - Gabriel LeeReady - David Ejindu |  | Respectful - Evan ChanResponsible - Ryan BreedenReady - Luke Simpson | Responsible: Naomi BelayReady: Reece ClarkRespectful: Burair Rizvi | Responsible: Kendi CaldwellReady: Elijah AppelbaumRespectful: Andrew Lancaster |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| KINDNESS: Amy Awosika |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| 10/31Respectful: Gian Tavarez-CaraquilloResponsible: Kimora TurnerReady: Gahyun Yoon | 10/31Respect: Madeline Jurgenson Responsible: Dustin Flaker Ready: Anya Precil | 10/31Respectful: Anna SoperResponsible: Michael KittredgeReady: Ella Rhodes | 10/31Respectful - Ethan ChoiResponsible - Camryn LoweryReady - Sunny Lechner | 10/31 Respectful: Edwin BromleyResponsible: Eni FatukasiReady: Melissa Pinto  |
|  |  | 10/31 Kindness: Ryan Breeden |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |

4th GRADE

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| HOLDEN | SUTCLIFF | MILLS | IRVING |
| Responsible: | Responsible: | Respectful: | Respectful: |
| Samara Mims | Nirja Kotak | Atharv Vishnuvajhala | Fernandez Woodson  |
|  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | DANIELS |
|  |  |  | Kindness: |
|  |  |  | Jai Khanna |

5th GRADE

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| **REID** | **STEINBERG** | **ECHENTILE** | **KIM-MUNROE** | **RUPPE/WOOD** |
| **RESPECTFUL** | **RESPECTFUL** | **RESPECTFUL** | **RESPECTFUL** | **RESPECTFUL** |
| NOELLE WILLIAMS | MELANIE ODURO | REESE ROBERTS | WILLIAM TRAN | SAUMYAA GUPTA |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| **KINDESS** | **KINDESS** | **KINDESS** | **KINDESS** |  |
| ISHNAAN KAUR |  | MALACHI  | RASHEED  |  |
|  |  | WALTON-SMITH | ABDULLAH |  |
|  |  |  | SAMANTHA FU |  |

**Attention GCES Parents:**

If you would like to purchase a ChickFilA Calendar and be eligible for an additional 3 months of free food (October, November and December), time is of the essence- we only have a few left available for sale.

If you have already purchased a calendar and did not get your extra 3 months card, please contact me, [gcespta@gmail.com](https://mail.hcpss.org/owa/redir.aspx?C=3_RNZVsogkWRf7BZknA1F4kbKgzGyNEI8e9c4NVJwS5nRzfr4LGImW3nQqV0IJWp7J35ydIgxJo.&URL=mailto%3agcespta%40gmail.com" \t "_blank), and I will get them to your student by the end of the day Friday so you can rush out and get your free October deal :

**Nicole Mazzei-Williams
GCES PTA President**

**[gcespta@gmail.com](https://mail.hcpss.org/owa/redir.aspx?C=3_RNZVsogkWRf7BZknA1F4kbKgzGyNEI8e9c4NVJwS5nRzfr4LGImW3nQqV0IJWp7J35ydIgxJo.&URL=mailto%3agcespta%40gmail.com" \t "_blank)**

**[www.gcespta.com](https://mail.hcpss.org/owa/redir.aspx?C=3_RNZVsogkWRf7BZknA1F4kbKgzGyNEI8e9c4NVJwS5nRzfr4LGImW3nQqV0IJWp7J35ydIgxJo.&URL=http%3a%2f%2fwww.gcespta.com%2f" \t "_blank)**

**443-890-4414**

**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](https://mail.hcpss.org/owa/redir.aspx?C=ef7fqdGkH0-ZE7ovdPQzPMYajcbWx9EIOi6WQV1jbQ4S7CIsZXUcIQMd_dUPg8BFxgKtIFbEIfE.&URL=https%3a%2f%2fmail.hcpss.org%2fowa%2fpublicinfo%40hcpss.org%2fredir.aspx%3fC%3dZuOBG9e1E0uSvv7l42OWipfW1Fq9stEIHBa3DGsDffgmOinrIUnWhhk7N-IQzE2UTCuwbuGwzr8.%26URL%3dhttp%253a%252f%252fwww.beascout.org%252f" \t "_blank)**and type in your ZIP code. If you have any questions or concerns, contact Joe Azzarello, **[jazzarello@baltimorebsa.org](https://mail.hcpss.org/owa/redir.aspx?C=ef7fqdGkH0-ZE7ovdPQzPMYajcbWx9EIOi6WQV1jbQ4S7CIsZXUcIQMd_dUPg8BFxgKtIFbEIfE.&URL=https%3a%2f%2fmail.hcpss.org%2fowa%2fpublicinfo%40hcpss.org%2fredir.aspx%3fC%3dZuOBG9e1E0uSvv7l42OWipfW1Fq9stEIHBa3DGsDffgmOinrIUnWhhk7N-IQzE2UTCuwbuGwzr8.%26URL%3dmailto%253ajazzarello%2540baltimorebsa.org" \t "_blank)**. ES

**Kennedy Krieger Institute**

**Kennedy Krieger Institute and Johns Hopkins Medical Institutions are offering your child to take part in Brain Research. This is for children ages 8-12, with ADHD, High Functioning Autism and Typically Developing Children. Two seven-hour days of computer games, paper and pencil tasks, and a Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) scan of the brain. You choose the date in which to participate. For additional information please contact Mary Martinelli (ADHD STUDY) 443-923-9258; Kristie Sweeney (ADHD STUDY) 443-923-9254; Alyssa Tiedemann (Autism STUDY) 443-923-9263 and [LNIR@kennedykrieger.org](https://mail.hcpss.org/owa/redir.aspx?C=ef7fqdGkH0-ZE7ovdPQzPMYajcbWx9EIOi6WQV1jbQ4S7CIsZXUcIQMd_dUPg8BFxgKtIFbEIfE.&URL=mailto%3aLNIR%40kennedykrieger.org" \t "_blank) ES, MS**

**Howard County Government**

**2014-2015 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Essay Contest “Life’s most persistent and urgent question is, what are you doing for others? Consider a time when you helped someone. Relate your essay to the life and work of Dr. King, Students must be residents of Howard County and be middle or high school students.**

**Middle School submissions must be 500-750 words. High School submissions must be 750-1000 words.**

**Typed and double-spaced and include name, address, telephone, email, name of school and grade**

**Must be submitted individually. Essays will be judged on content, connection to MLK, spelling, grammar and sentence structure and complying with submission format and instructions.**

**Students with disabilities may submit entries through other media.**

**Mary Toth, MLK Holiday Commission at 410-313-6467 or mtoth@howardcountymd.gov. MS, HS**

 **Howard County Recreation and ParkThe Haunted Experience at Rockburn Park Fri., Oct. 31, 7-10 p.m.
An ink black night will set the stage for a spooky hay ride through the eerie trail to the ghostly dwelling deep in the woods. Awaiting you there are haunting tales of ghosts and goblins and horror that will tingle the spine. Contact Shawnte Berry for details, sberry@howardcountymd.gov**

 **Howard County Recreation and Parks**

**Zombie Bash, grab a few friends and join us at the Roger Carter Community Center for music, dancing, games, prizes and more. The event will be held on Oct. 31, 7:30-9:30 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](https://mail.hcpss.org/owa/redir.aspx?C=ef7fqdGkH0-ZE7ovdPQzPMYajcbWx9EIOi6WQV1jbQ4S7CIsZXUcIQMd_dUPg8BFxgKtIFbEIfE.&URL=https%3a%2f%2fmail.hcpss.org%2fowa%2fpublicinfo%40hcpss.org%2fredir.aspx%3fC%3dZuOBG9e1E0uSvv7l42OWipfW1Fq9stEIHBa3DGsDffgmOinrIUnWhhk7N-IQzE2UTCuwbuGwzr8.%26URL%3dmailto%253akjones%2540howardcountymd.gov" \t "_blank) or 410- 313-4609. MS, HS**

**Glen Mar United Methodist Church**

**Family 5K and 1-Mile Walk on Sat., Nov. 1, 9 a.m.  The course will cover streets surrounding the church. Visit**

**[http://www.active.com/ellicott-city-md/running/races/glen-mar-family-5k-and-1-mile-walk-2014?int](https://mail.hcpss.org/owa/redir.aspx?C=ef7fqdGkH0-ZE7ovdPQzPMYajcbWx9EIOi6WQV1jbQ4S7CIsZXUcIQMd_dUPg8BFxgKtIFbEIfE.&URL=http%3a%2f%2fwww.active.com%2fellicott-city-md%2frunning%2fraces%2fglen-mar-family-5k-and-1-mile-walk-2014%3fint" \t "_blank). The event will benefit the Howard County Food Bank. ES, MS, HS**

 **Centennial Boosters**

**Come join us for the 4th annual Centennial Boosters 5K Fun Run/Walk and 1K Kids Costume Run on Sun., Nov. 2, at 9 a.m., at Centennial High School. All proceeds will benefit the Centennial Boosters which funds CHS team sports, clubs and student organizations. The 5K-trail run will be on Centennial’s Cross Country course and the Kid’s 1K-costume run will take place on the track.  Download a registration form or use Paypal to register at [CentennialBoostersOnline.com](https://mail.hcpss.org/owa/redir.aspx?C=ef7fqdGkH0-ZE7ovdPQzPMYajcbWx9EIOi6WQV1jbQ4S7CIsZXUcIQMd_dUPg8BFxgKtIFbEIfE.&URL=https%3a%2f%2fmail.hcpss.org%2fowa%2fredir.aspx%3fC%3dSOPpb88yhkWmVQkmHo9mSc2mLrOHttEIoqMyxHogYpmIUkCy9xzYFkcybIVNcyCXZLy19qNgBdE.%26URL%3dhttp%253a%252f%252fwww.CentennialBoostersOnline.com" \t "_blank). ES, MS, HS**

 **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. ES, MS, HS**

**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](https://mail.hcpss.org/owa/redir.aspx?C=ef7fqdGkH0-ZE7ovdPQzPMYajcbWx9EIOi6WQV1jbQ4S7CIsZXUcIQMd_dUPg8BFxgKtIFbEIfE.&URL=https%3a%2f%2fmail.hcpss.org%2fowa%2fredir.aspx%3fC%3dWgiXB2MxKU2E_MQL_4aZCC1scHo1uNEIaFTvWPb4XgmbenHECXNSDzEVKiNp-NQswoXGQvoGfz8.%26URL%3dhttp%253a%252f%252fwww.hococo.org" \t "_blank) or call 888-921-7230. ES, MS, HS**

**Howard Community College**

**Presents Special Education Law 101, on Thurs, Nov. 13, 7-9 p.m. at the Gateway Campus. The course will explain the rights that children with disabilities enjoy under IDEA and will provide parents with information on identifying children’s needs, IEP’s and the composition of multi-disciplinary teams. Howardcc.edu/ConEd. For more information, call Rosemary Muir at 443 518-4404. ES, MS, HS**

 **Elkridge Volunteer Fire Department**

**Junior Program Chaperoned Dance Nov. 15 doors open at 7 p.m. Dress code- If you cannot wear it to school please do not wear it to the dance. Concessions will be sold. MS, HS**

**Rebuilding Together Howard County**

Free Home Repairs Available**, Volunteers from Rebuilding Together Howard County work to repair homes for low-income homeowners and their families.  All types of free repairs are provided to include plumbing, electrical, carpentry, new appliance installation, painting and the list goes on.  A simple application is all you need to apply.  Call 410-381-3338 or go on line at [www.rebuildingtogetherhowardcounty.org](https://mail.hcpss.org/owa/redir.aspx?C=ef7fqdGkH0-ZE7ovdPQzPMYajcbWx9EIOi6WQV1jbQ4S7CIsZXUcIQMd_dUPg8BFxgKtIFbEIfE.&URL=https%3a%2f%2fmail.hcpss.org%2fowa%2fredir.aspx%3fC%3dWgiXB2MxKU2E_MQL_4aZCC1scHo1uNEIaFTvWPb4XgmbenHECXNSDzEVKiNp-NQswoXGQvoGfz8.%26URL%3dhttp%253a%252f%252fwww.rebuildingtogetherhowardcounty.org%252f" \t "_blank) to get your application.  Since 1992, over 700 Howard County homes have been repaired free of charge.  The deadline for applying is Dec. 31.**

 **Howard County Recreation and Parks**

**Rec. and Parks in partnership with HCPSS, invites you and your student to participate in the Teen Opportunities Fair. This FREE event** Sat., Nov. 15, 11 a.m.-2:00 p.m., **Long Reach High School, 6101 Old Dobbin Lane; Columbia, showcases leadership, volunteer and recreational opportunities for 11-17 year olds. Visit more than 50 exhibitors and explore the great things to do in Howard County.  Win great door prizes, try hands-on activities and connect with unique organizations.  For more information, please contact Holly Harden at [hharden@howardcountymd.gov](https://mail.hcpss.org/owa/redir.aspx?C=ef7fqdGkH0-ZE7ovdPQzPMYajcbWx9EIOi6WQV1jbQ4S7CIsZXUcIQMd_dUPg8BFxgKtIFbEIfE.&URL=https%3a%2f%2fmail.hcpss.org%2fowa%2fpublicinfo%40hcpss.org%2fredir.aspx%3fC%3dZuOBG9e1E0uSvv7l42OWipfW1Fq9stEIHBa3DGsDffgmOinrIUnWhhk7N-IQzE2UTCuwbuGwzr8.%26URL%3dmailto%253ahharden%2540howardcountymd.gov" \t "_blank) or 410-313-4625. MS, HS**

**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](https://mail.hcpss.org/owa/redir.aspx?C=ef7fqdGkH0-ZE7ovdPQzPMYajcbWx9EIOi6WQV1jbQ4S7CIsZXUcIQMd_dUPg8BFxgKtIFbEIfE.&URL=https%3a%2f%2fmail.hcpss.org%2fowa%2fpublicinfo%40hcpss.org%2fredir.aspx%3fC%3d31FD9khY9kGkGvDUmIbj0NFnLjuIttEInWd1uMbonezoaZ8V5JWguYLYPxxQlyHF3G33CsYbOU0.%26URL%3dhttp%253a%252f%252fwww.hcgh.org%252fsymphonyoflights" \t "_blank). ES, MS, HS**

**Stemaction**

**HoCo Math festival sponsored by STEMulating Minds and Xapp Media. Festival will be held at Centennial High School at 4300 Centennial Lane in Ellicott City on Tues., Nov.18, for K-12 Students from 6:30-9 p.m. Bring your students, friends, and family, and learn with them about how math is used in the real world and about opportunities in careers that use math. ES, MS, HS**

 **Viking Backers**

**Basket Bingo, Friday, Nov. 21, 7-10 p.m., doors open at 6 p.m., The Lodge in Catonsville 2832 Nine Mile Circle, Catonsville. Contact any fall sport parent team representative for tickets, or purchase online. Online store is now open [www.vikingbackers.org](https://mail.hcpss.org/owa/redir.aspx?C=ef7fqdGkH0-ZE7ovdPQzPMYajcbWx9EIOi6WQV1jbQ4S7CIsZXUcIQMd_dUPg8BFxgKtIFbEIfE.&URL=https%3a%2f%2fmail.hcpss.org%2fowa%2fredir.aspx%3fC%3dSOPpb88yhkWmVQkmHo9mSc2mLrOHttEIoqMyxHogYpmIUkCy9xzYFkcybIVNcyCXZLy19qNgBdE.%26URL%3dhttps%253a%252f%252fmail.hcpss.org%252fowa%252fredir.aspx%253fC%253d-LVWlTdhKUuKk0SxokGgp1Ht3F23tdEI5z-oUjt5QkF3iZ1kB0MjlTTEXAJw2GZZ1PROp_RoDUg.%2526URL%253dhttp%25253a%25252f%25252fwww.vikingbackers.org%25252f" \t "_blank) ES, MS, HS**

 **YMCA Turkey Trot Charity 5K​**

**A walk/run benefiting the Y of Central Maryland's *Give Every Child a Chance* campaign**

**Thanksgiving Morning, Nov. 26, 8:30 a.m., Long Gate Shopping Center, Ellicott City**

**Register today at [ymaryland.org](https://mail.hcpss.org/owa/redir.aspx?C=ef7fqdGkH0-ZE7ovdPQzPMYajcbWx9EIOi6WQV1jbQ4S7CIsZXUcIQMd_dUPg8BFxgKtIFbEIfE.&URL=https%3a%2f%2fmail.hcpss.org%2fowa%2fredir.aspx%3fC%3dQiXf_jsvXUy0eSFTmihxvGuUZvEbuNEIlwbROM07FSw-ue9KfZxIiKkaBLPB2PA5nIcCbgkPvdk.%26URL%3dhttp%253a%252f%252fymaryland.org" \t "_blank) ES, MS, HS**