

# Oakland Mills Middle School

## February 10, 2012 Falcon Times Newsletter



## From the Principal's Desk

### Mark Your Calendar ...

**2/15-16/12** Parent Teacher Conferences/  
3hrs early dismissal

**2/17/12** Parent Teacher Conferences/  
all schools closed for students

**2/20/12** Presidents' Day/Schools &  
Offices Closed

**2/22/12** College & Career Readiness  
Night #2

**2/23/12** Spring Picture Day

**2/29/12** Interim Progress Reports Issued

**3/13&14/12** MSA Math and  
**3/20&21/12** MSA Reading

**3/30/12** End of Marking Period/ Schools  
close 3hrs early

**4/2-9/12** Spring Break/Schools closed

**4/10/12** Schools Reopen

**\*6/11/2012** Last Day of School  
\*(subject to change)  
ONE INCLEMENT WEATHER DAY USED

Families,

We have had several monthly Family Engagement and Information nights over the course of the year, the last one being our first College and Career Readiness session. Thank you to all the parents who attended our many family nights. We believe that the collaboration between the home and school is vital for student success. This week, we sent home a parent information sheet that shared ways OMMS is preparing your child for the MSA and for being college and career ready. An overview of the math and reading programs were highlighted, and resources to help strengthen math and reading skills were included. Please visit our school's MSA Resources tab on our website for reference at [http://omms.hcpss.org/MSA\\_Resources](http://omms.hcpss.org/MSA_Resources).

As a school, we have been engaged in instruction that supports academic success in the classroom and on state and local assessments. Over the next few weeks leading up to the MSA, staff are committed to providing opportunities to practice and reinforce skills that will help students feel confident to write the MSAs. We are reminding students of the importance to do their best every day, study and read every night, and present the 4Rs which are reflective of our great OMMS community.

Last week, we celebrated the success of our students at our second quarter Honors Assembly. We acknowledged the academic achievements of our students and enjoyed the presentation of our Believe awards. Highlights of events from the past quarter were presented during the assembly as well. We are looking forward to our students continuing to push themselves to new heights during third quarter.

As a reminder, parent/teacher conferences are scheduled for February 15<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup>. This is a great opportunity to connect with your child's teachers and support your child's progress.

As always, thanks for your support.

Regards,  
Shiney Ann John

### STUDENTS OF THE MONTH (SOM) AND BELIEVE WINNERS FOR JANUARY

#### SOM

6<sup>th</sup> Zachary Olivier, Carlos Fonseca, and Ashley Harvey

7<sup>th</sup> Gavin Kohn, Aliya Smelkinson, and Rachel Snead

8<sup>th</sup> Jalissa Da Costa, Ava Khani, and Youshay Syed

AA 6<sup>th</sup> Raven Payed 7<sup>th</sup> Nicholas David 8<sup>th</sup> Trenora Lee

#### BELIEVE

6<sup>th</sup> Kyra Powers, Jakiya Watts, Amina Bangura, Kameron Walker, and Lauren Acholi

7<sup>th</sup> John Rynn, Kyle Sluss, Justise Heflin, HenryArgueta, Jordyn Tate, and Kimberly McPhearson

8<sup>th</sup> Madison Bowling, Kyree Griffin, Jennifer Bruno, Zoe Leckron, and Jose Crespin

#### PLEASE NOTE...

The Maryland School Assessment (MSA) will be administered on March 13 and 14 (Math) and March 20 and 21 (Reading) during the morning hours. If possible, we ask that you avoid scheduling appointments or controllable absences during these testing windows. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

#### COLLEGE AND CAREER READINESS NIGHT AT OMMS

##### February 22, 2012-Session Two

The first OMMS session of the College and Career Readiness Night took place on Tuesday, January 24, 2012. Parents/Guardians took part in Grade Level Academy Meetings that allowed them to discover more about goal setting, organization, the road to college and career success and information about the HCPSS Family Portal. An overview of Reading and Math connections, with real-world expectations and careers, was followed up by important information about the MSA. Families also had the opportunity to play a part in interactive sessions focused on reading and mathematical practices along with strategies for reading and math success. We have planned a second part to this College and Career Readiness Night, that will take place on Wednesday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>. We hope to see you in attendance.

## **BSAP-SATURDAY MATH ACADEMY**

Spring Session 2012 On-Site Registration

Registration Fee: \$35

Registration fee is non-refundable.

Registration is continuous until capacity is reached.

Department of Student, Family and Community Services  
Black Student Achievement Program Saturday Math Academy  
*Limited Spaces!*

**What:** The BSAP-Saturday Math Academy offers mentoring and tutoring in mathematics on Saturday mornings by HCPSS certified teachers.

**Who:** Students in grades 4 – 12

**Where:** Oakland Mills High School Cafeteria  
9410 Kilimanjaro Road, Columbia, MD 21045

**When:** On Site Registration 9:00am – 11:00am  
Saturday February 11, 2012

FYI: Please bring a copy of your child's 2nd Quarter Report Card, latest IEP, and/or any other documents that may assist the teachers in working with your child or with the registration process. *Registration is not complete until all necessary documents are received.*

Questions: Jackie Jenkins at 410.313.1598

[jacquelyne\\_jenkins@hcpss.org](mailto:jacquelyne_jenkins@hcpss.org)

Registration fee is non-refundable.

Registration is continuous until capacity is reached.

Spring Session 2012 Dates

February 25 March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 April 14, 21, 28

## **GIRLS ON THE RUN**

Girls on the Run® is a life-changing, experiential learning program for girls age eight to 13 years old. The programs combine training for a 3.1 mile running event with self-esteem enhancing, uplifting workouts. The goals of the programs are to encourage positive emotional, social, mental, spiritual and physical development. The lessons promote self-challenge instead of competition; self-worth instead of societal worth; and cooperation instead of rivalry. The girls will meet after school twice a week for 10 weeks with the season-ending 5k to be held on May 19 in Howard County. We meet at various elementary and middle schools throughout the county starting the week of March 5. To register your daughter, go to [www.gotcentralmd.org](http://www.gotcentralmd.org) and click on register!

## **REGISTER NOW FOR HCYP SPRING BASEBALL!**

For players ages 5-18. Kiwanis-Wallas Park. Covered dugouts, permanent mounds, breakaway bases and fences on all fields. Restrooms, concession stand, family-oriented atmosphere. Convenient online registration at [www.hcyp.org](http://www.hcyp.org). Select the "Register Now" link on the baseball page.

## **HOWARD COUNTY CONSERVANCY CALL TO ARTISTS**

The Ho Co Conservancy will host its 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Juried Art Show & Auction, "The Art of Stewardship ~ All Things Round" March 10-April 19, 2012. A loving, wide Call to Artists for the strongest expressions of stewardship of our Earth working in 2 dimensional art/photography and outdoor sculpture; focusing on the infinite variety of how nature expresses its wonderful spherical characteristics. Be inspired! [www.avam.org](http://www.avam.org) Works will be judged on their heartfelt expression of nature's ever-present rOundness and how it both affects and inspires both nature and humankind. For further info and entry form, call 410-465-8877 or visit [www.hcconservancy.org](http://www.hcconservancy.org).

## **WINTER STUDY SKILLS CLASSES START MARCH 5**

Stressless Tests® registration for the Middle School Learning Style and Study Skills Classes is now open. Subjects include: How to Study More Effectively; Time Management - Overcoming Procrastination; Test-taking Skills; Focusing, Concentrating and Getting Organized; Taming ADD; Dealing with Boredom and Overwhelm; Effective Self Advocacy, and more. Great for students who have never learned how to study as well as those who are creative thinkers. Choose from classes that start March 5 or April 16 at Hammond MS. Classes meet from 6:30 - 8:30pm for four Monday nights. The sliding scale fee ranges from \$145 to \$209 and includes a copy of the new What's My Style? Test and Study Secrets for Procrastinating Teens by Betty Caldwell. To register, go to [www.Stresslesstests.org](http://www.Stresslesstests.org). For more information, contact Betty Caldwell at 410 740-4659, or [Bcaldwell@comcast.net](mailto:Bcaldwell@comcast.net). High School classes also available.

## **4 EASY STEPS TO HELP DISASTER VICTIMS IN HOWARD COUNTY**

1. Dive into your closet and clean out all your old prom/party dresses, gently worn shoes, purses, jewelry and other accessories.
2. Take all the stuff to Coldwell Banker—Enchanted Forest and drop it in the *Project: Prom Dress* bin January 2 thru February 17, 2012.
3. Come to the Howard County YMCA on February 26 ready to shop. The cleaned and collected dresses will be sold at a fraction of their original price. Get there early because doors open at 9am and the dresses go quickly!
4. Smile. You just helped raise money so the Red Cross can provide food, shelter, clothing and other help to disaster victims in Howard County.

*Important details:* Visit Coldwell Banker - Enchanted Forest, 10050 Baltimore National Pike, Ellicott City, during the following times to drop off your items: Monday-Thursday 9am-7pm; Friday and Saturdays 9am-5pm; Sundays 9am-3pm.

*Project: Prom Dress* happens on one day only-- February 26 at the Howard County YMCA from 9am – 5pm. 100% of the money raised through the re-sale is donated to the American Red Cross of the Chesapeake Region. For more information call 410-624-2035, email [projectpromdresshoward@gmail.com](mailto:projectpromdresshoward@gmail.com) or find Project: Prom Dress on Facebook.

## **CANDLELIGHT CONCERT SOCIETY**

**JACK AND THE BEANSTALK** Theatre IV - A Musical adaption of the classic fairy tail

Sunday, February 12, at 2:30 and 4:30pm

Horowitz Visual and Performing Arts Center, Smith Theatre, Howard Community College, 10901 Little Patuxent Parkway, Columbia.

Artists, programs and dates subject to change.

\$10/person - Tickets: 410.997.2324

[www.candlelightconcerts.org](http://www.candlelightconcerts.org)

## **MISAKO BALLET COMPANY**

Misako Ballet Company presents "Classical with a Japanese Twist" - February 12, at 2pm,  
Jim Rouse Theatre at Wilde Lake High School, 5460 Trumpeter Road, Columbia, MD 21044

For details and tickets, go to [www.misakoballet.com](http://www.misakoballet.com). Tickets may also be purchased at the door.

\$12 for adults; \$10 for seniors and students; \$6 for children 12 and under. This is a family friendly concert.

## OPEN MIKE NIGHT

**“Open Mike Night” Teen Event** - Slayton House Stage  
Come join us for an “Open Mike Night” teen event on Friday, March 23, 2012, at 7-10pm on the Slayton House Stage, located at 10400 Cross Fox Lane, Columbia. Guests will enjoy six 15-minute performances by local teens. Admission is \$5 and includes pizza, sodas, and dessert. Tickets can be purchased in advance from Town Center by calling 410-730-4744. Tickets will also be available at the door.

Any teens interested in performing should contact Wilde Lake’s Carol Hobelmann at Slayton House at [wlevents@columbiavillages.org](mailto:wlevents@columbiavillages.org) or 410-730-3987. This event is sponsored by the Wilde Lake and Town Center Community Associations and the Columbia Association Teen Advisory Committee.

## REGISTER NOW FOR HCYP GIRLS FASTPITCH SOFTBALL!

Teams are being formed for girls ages 6-17 years old for the 2012 spring season. Practices begin in March, and games start in early April. Come on out and experience the fun and excitement of fastpitch softball! Visit [www.hcyp.org](http://www.hcyp.org) to register online today or print out a registration form to mail in with a check.

## JOIN GIRL SCOUTS TODAY!

Have fun discovering new people, places and adventures. Have fun supporting your community, become eligible for scholarships all while becoming a great leader! If you’re interested, please contact Sandi Miller at [troop688@comcast.net](mailto:troop688@comcast.net) or visit [gssu657.scoutlander.com](http://gssu657.scoutlander.com) Now accepting girls in grades K-12

## SCHOOL'S OUT NATURE PROGRAMS

Need a place to bring your children when schools are closed? Bring them to The Howard County Conservancy for their School's Out Nature Programs. These educational programs are held on select days when Howard County schools are closed to students. Programs include educational games, activities, and crafts emphasizing all the wonders of the changing seasons. Children will discover and explore the variety of natural habitats as life flourishes all around them. Programs are for children ages 5-12. You must register in advance. A limited number of students will be permitted in each session, so sign your child up today!

Full day Programs:

- 8:30am - 3:30pm ; \$40/child
  - Before care is available starting at 8 a.m. for an extra \$5.
  - After care is available from 3:30 - 5:30pm for an extra \$10.
- 2012 Dates: Feb 17, Feb 20, May 18

The Howard County Conservancy is located at 10520 Old Frederick Road, Woodstock, 21163.

For more information and registration, contact [tabby.fique@hcconservancy.org](mailto:tabby.fique@hcconservancy.org).

## CAMP OASIS

Camp Oasis Directed by Jessica Martiny Determann. Cost: \$645/3-week session + \$25 Registration Fee (There is a \$60 discount for campers residing on CA-assessed property) \$15 discount for multiple campers in the same family (non-lien-payers).

Regular Camp - age 7 - 12

Junior Camp - age 4- 6

Session I - June 25 - July 13

Session II- July 16-Aug 3

9:00 am - 3:30 pm (extended hours available)

Phelps Luck Neighborhood Center in the Village of Long Reach in Columbia, MD

- Dance, Drama & Music
- Sports & Outdoor Games
- Make & Take Arts & Crafts
- Daily Swimming
- Camp Pizza Party
- Overnights & Special Events
- End-of-session Performance

Registration can be downloaded at [www.camposasis.org](http://www.camposasis.org) or [www.longreach.org](http://www.longreach.org)

## UMBC SUMMER DAY CAMP

The UMBC Summer Day Camp is now accepting registrations for 2012. The Summer Day Camp will run from June 18<sup>th</sup> through August 17<sup>th</sup> 2012 and is for children ages 6-13. Visit [www.umbcretrievers.com/summerdaycamp](http://www.umbcretrievers.com/summerdaycamp) to register your child today. Visa and Mastercard accepted this year, discounts available when using the following code: UMBC HC on your registration form.

## HELP US EARN EASY MONEY FOR OUR SCHOOL!

It’s as easy as a trip to the grocery store. Have your friends and family designate OMMS on their shopping cards--this is a great way to get them involved in supporting OMMS!

**GIANT BONUSBUCKS PROGRAM** [www.giantfood.com](http://www.giantfood.com), click on A+BonusBucks

**SAFeway eSCRIP** [www.escrip.com](http://www.escrip.com) OMMS ID #6608505

**FOOD LION SHOP AND SHARE** [www.foodlion.com](http://www.foodlion.com), click on left side Fundraising and follow directions.

**TARGET TAKE CHARGE OF EDUCATION** [www.target.com/tcoe](http://www.target.com/tcoe) , or 1-800-316-6142, or visit the gift registry kiosk at any Target store. OMMS ID#58049

**BOX TOP\$ FOR EDUCATION** – Clip those Box Tops coupons and send them to school.

**“Community Notices” events are neither sponsored nor endorsed by the Howard County Public School System.**

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