

OAKLAND MILLS MIDDLE SCHOOL

November 6, 2014

FALCON TIMES NEWSLETTER

From the Principal's Desk:

Dear Families,

Professional Learning: Today Mrs. Lublin, Ms. Stevens and I worked with each teacher during the program implementation period (non-teaching period) with our year-long study on increasing rigor in the classroom. (We continued our work from Monday's professional learning day.) We are reading [Assignments Matter](#) as a school and are laser-focused on continuing to develop our capacity to plan and assess rigorous assignments for ALL students. Kudos to the teachers' efforts and discussions today, and always. I thought you'd want to know that the OMMS staff works really hard!

Mix-it-up Day: Thank you to our Student Engagement team and our counselors for planning our Mix-it-up day tomorrow. The goal of this is to help students make new friends at lunch!

Extra Mile Award: Thank you to Mr. McCrae who changes our sign out front for us! We really appreciate this!

Mathlete success: And...congratulations to our mathletes! Molly, KC, Griffin and Ola represented us well at Ft. Meade Middle School and earned a fourth place finish in the inventions category. We are so proud! Thank you to Mr. Hobson and Ms. Gitterman for being the math coaches!

We love our PTSA: Thank you to the PTSA for providing sweet treats in each staff member's mailboxes last week! Thank you for your kindness and generosity!

-Kathy Orlando

MARK YOUR CALENDAR...

11/10/14 [Panera Bread Dobbin Center 6-9pm –OMMS PTSA Fundraiser](#) (no flyer needed)

11/11/14 [Grade 8 field trip to Terrapin Adventures](#)

11/12/14 Flu Mist Vaccinations

11/12/14 [Report cards issued*](#)

11/12/14 [PickATime](#) can be accessed from November 12 @3pm through November 21 @3pm

11/17/14 Howard County Council of Black Elders MSA celebration @ **Glenelg HS**

11/20/14 [Stringapalooza](#) @ **Bridgeway Church**

11/24-26/14 [Parent/teacher conferences](#) - *PickATime information will be sent home with report cards. *In order to access the program, you will need your child's Student ID number, which is on their progress report and report card.

11/24 & 11/25 [All schools close 3hrs early](#)

11/26/14 [Parent/teacher conferences](#)-All schools closed for students

11/27&28/14 [Thanksgiving Holiday](#)-Schools and offices closed

12/9/14 [OMMS Book Club hosts the HCPSS book club at Miller Library](#)

12/12/14 Interim Progress Reports Issued

12/18/14 [Chorus concert @ OMMS @ 6:30 PM](#)

12/24 – 01/02/15 Winter Break

01/05/15 Schools reopen

FEDERAL IMPACT AID FORM

The Federal Impact Aid form was sent home with your student today. Please fill in and return to school by November 10.

FROM THE HEALTH ROOM

We will need volunteers to help with the FluMist Clinic program on November 12. If you would like to help, or have any questions or concerns please contact the OMMS health room at 410-313-6941. Please ask to speak with Ms. Eldridge or Ms. Milton.

LOST AND FOUND

Students misplace an amazing amount of personal items. Please take a moment to write your child's name on items that he or she brings to school. Please be aware that we donate unclaimed items to charity on a regular basis.

'STAFF MEMBER INSIDER'

Every Falcon Newsletter will have fun facts about an OMMS staff member. Please read to get to know our staff member better, and then at the end of the newsletter you will find out the name of the staff member.

Staff Member #1:

Favorite foods: Sushi

College: Frostburg State

Pets: Yellow Lab - named Jaxx, Great Pyrenees/Mastiff named Pepper, Horse named Nibbles

Fun fact: I have a passion for weather and Killer whales.

POLICY CORNER: A reminder that the full-text of policies can be found at <http://www.hcpss.org>

COMMUNITY OFFENSES(Policy 9280) The presence of a student in school who has been charged with a community offense may pose a serious threat to the safety and well being of students and/or staff. Additionally, their appearance in school may present the threat of disrupting the educational process in the school. When it is determined that a student charged with a community offense represents a serious threat to others, or whose presence in school has a direct effect on the order and general welfare of the school, the student may be assigned to an Alternative Educational Placement.

'STAFF MEMBER INSIDER' Answers:

Staff member #1 - Ms. Procida

MIDDLE SCHOOL FINE ARTS INFORMATION NIGHT - Parents and students in grades 5-8

Students and parents learn the means by which to keep fine arts courses on a high school schedule for four full years, and there will be student performances, presentations, and more. There will be an open time for questions and answers at the end of the presentation. Please join us for our third annual Middle School Fine Arts Information Night on November 11, 2014, 7-8:30 p.m. at the Rouse Theatre in Wilde Lake High School in Columbia.

"Community Notices" these events are neither sponsored nor endorsed by the Howard County Public School System.

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](tel:410-381-3338) or go on line at www.rebuildingtogetherhowardcounty.org to get your application. Since 1992, over 700 Howard County homes have been repaired free of charge. The deadline for applying is December 31.

HOWARD COUNTY RECREATION AND PARKS

Recreation and Parks in partnership with HCPSS, invites you and your student to participate in the Teen Opportunities Fair. This FREE event Saturday, November 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 harden@howardcountymd.gov or 410-313-4625.

SYMPHONY OF LIGHTS

Howard County General Hospital Annual Symphony of Lights, Symphony Woods off of Broken Land Parkway in Columbia, Md. Wednesday-Monday, 6-10 p.m. starting November 17 -January 4. Event information is available by calling the Symphony of Lights Information Line at 410-740-7666 or by visiting www.hcgh.org/symphonyoflights.

HOWARD COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Presents A Joyful Noise at the Hickory Ridge Building on Saturday, November 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.

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