**Important Dates**

Oct. 14 Flu Clinic

Oct. 15 Field Trip to National Museum of African American History

Oct. 16 NorthBay Chaperone Training 6:30 p.m. ~ Cafeteria

Oct. 16 College and Career Ready:Workshop – Spanish 7:00 p.m. ~ Media Center

Oct. 16 Feeder Concert with Reservoir H.S. 7:00 p.m. ~ Reservoir H.S.

Oct. 18 Professional Work Day ~ Schools Closed for Students

Oct. 22 Hearing and Vision Screenings

Oct. 24 BSAP: Series of Community Conversations 6:30 p.m. ~ Cafeteria

Oct. 28-30 6th Grade Field Trip to NorthBay

Oct. 30 Hearing and Vision Screenings

Nov. 1 Professional Work Day ~ Schools close 3 hours early

Nov. 4 ES/PVMS Feeder Concert 7:00 p.m. ~ Reservoir H.S.

Nov. 8 BSAP Field Trip to Murphy Fine Arts Center 7:30 p.m. ~ Balt. MD

Nov. 11-14 American Education Week

Nov. 14 “Stringtacular” MS/HS Feeder Concert 5:00 p.m. ~ Hammond HS

**\*\*\***NEW ADDITIONS TO THE CALENDAR

**NEW INFORMATION FROM PVMS**

**10/11/2019**



**Thursday**

**December 5th, 2019**

**7:50 a.m.**

**Please see**

**Mr. Schemm**

**or**

**Ms. Smith**

**for a packet**

**BELOW IS INFORMATION FROM PREVIOUS GAZETTES**

**PVMS WELLNESS CENTER**

The Wellness Center is a partnership between the Howard County Health Department and Howard County Public Schools. Enrollment forms are located on the school website (under SERVICES tab) and are also available at the PVMS school health room. FOR ALL STUDENTS: please complete, sign and return the forms to the health room. We encourage everyone to complete the Wellness Center forms, even if you do not plan to use the services at this time. If your child comes to the health room for an illness, you will be contacted to determine if you would like your child seen by the pediatric nurse practitioner. There is no obligation to use the Wellness Center and you can always chose to pick up your child to go to their pediatrician or health care provider.

The Wellness Center can provide assessment, diagnosis and treatment of acute illnesses and injuries (including strep tests, prescriptions if needed, follow-up visits, etc). Students without access to health care or without health insurance are also seen for yearly physicals, school-entry physicals, sports physicals, immunizations, medication orders, and management of stable chronic illnesses (such as asthma).  Your student can receive health care services during the school day and return to class if appropriate. The nurse practitioner will discuss the exam and plan with you on the phone, you may also come to the school for the visit.  School-based wellness centers help students miss less class time and help parents miss less work time. Initiating care sooner can also help students return to school sooner. The visit information is faxed to your child's health care provider and follow up can be scheduled as needed.

There is no charge to you by the health department for the visits to the Wellness Center (medical assistance visits are billed directly to the company).  There is no co-pay or deductible for any visit. Insurance information is requested in case specimens need to be sent to outside labs (such as throat or urine cultures). The Wellness Center nurse practitioner covers both the BBES and PVMS Wellness Centers. The Wellness Centers are open on most school days. All students are still seen and cared for by the PVMS school health room staff.

**ATTENTION PARENTS;**

Last year the CDC estimates that 6-7 million people were sick with the flu! The best way to reduce the risk of flu and its potentially dangerous and serious complications is by getting the flu shot. **Flu clinic will be held at PVMS on Monday, October 14th. We will be using the injectable flu vaccine again this year**. Flu clinic consents came home with your child last Thursday, but you can also fill out the consent online at [www.vaccineconsent.com](http://www.vaccineconsent.com) until October 4th. **You will not be able to sign up online after the 4th!** Please use Chrome or Safari when signing up online. Paper forms **must** be returned to the health room no later 10/1. **If you do not want your child to receive the vaccine, please do not return it**. Also, do not forget to include your health insurance information.

Please call the health room (410-880-5880) if you have any questions.

Thank you

Dee Goldstein, RN

**PTA NEWS**

Keep those membership forms and donations coming in! You can send them in with your student.  Forms can be found on our website.

Also keep filling out the survey to let us know what you would like us to do for you. https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/X5SZLFZ

To keep up to date with PTA news please visit our website often at www.pvmspta.weebly.com

Also follow us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/pvmspta

Or contact us with any questions at pvmsptamd@gmail.com

Thank you!

**Family File Emergency Information**

Dear PVMS Parents/Guardians,

Every year, HCPSS requires that all parents/guardians complete the Family File Emergency Information for each student. Without this updated information, your student risks the possibility of not being able to attend field trips or participate in after school activities.  Safety is a primary consideration for all of our students, and updated Emergency Contact Information plays an important part.

Go to [www.hcpss.org](https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=http-3A__www.hcpss.org&d=DwMFAw&c=fgAH0TEak9hSJygxoVsafg&r=Y9l4dDBsZ0lFwoSUpnSfARcgeXKLikSJpuNaQdYvF7E&m=zEWNtBWP50WS5Fitn5kQyueh-d-5Dzv-ItaNrjmVjto&s=p8EukTnkSIdZLvRyirrAyrli69L6AszBnx75Wgwt36Q&e=) select HCPSS CONNECT, select HCPSS Connect Login, type your user name (parent email) and password.  Once logged in go to the Family File tab and follow the steps

to verify and/or update.  Forgot password?  See information link located on HCPSS Connect

Login page.   **PLEASE UPDATE FAMILY FILE INFORMATION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE**

Contact Mrs. Minnick or Mrs. Andersen with any questions or concerns at 410-880-5840.

**School Messenger Text Alerts**

Due to the number of late buses and bus changes this year, it has been requested that we send out directions on how parents/guardians can sign up their student to receive text alerts via School Messenger.  The directions are included below.

Step 1:  go to [https://www.hcpss.org/hcpss](http://track.spe.schoolmessenger.com/f/a/YY-z9dD-z7gQ0kEg8zhsXA~~/AAAAAQA~/RgRdpgXaP0QbaHR0cHM6Ly93d3cuaGNwc3Mub3JnL2hjcHNzVwdzY2hvb2xtQgoAAFrSxFsSH-2gUhhDb2xieV9BbmRlcnNlbkBoY3Bzcy5vcmdYBAAAAAE~)

Step 2:  go to [Sign-up (Non-HCPSS Parents/Guardians)](http://track.spe.schoolmessenger.com/f/a/IKD93d-oVbgJ9CQIhM60XQ~~/AAAAAQA~/RgRdpgXaP0QmaHR0cHM6Ly9zdWJzY3JpcHRpb25zLmhvY29zY2hvb2xzLm9yZy9XB3NjaG9vbG1CCgAAWtLEWxIf7aBSGENvbGJ5X0FuZGVyc2VuQGhjcHNzLm9yZ1gEAAAAAQ~~)

Step 3:  Complete Subscriber Information

Step 4:  Using you cell phone text the word YES to the number 67587 to activate your subscription after signing up.  Students will automatically receive HoCo Weather Alert.

Note:  You may deactivate your subscription by texting the work STOP to the number 67587.

**6th Grade NORTHBAY (NB) Field Trip Dates and information to know:**

         NB parent chaperone training night (6:30 pm) - October 16 at PVMS

         **NB field trip - October 28-30** (*one of the pages on the permission slip packet may have mistakenly stated the dates as 10/28-10/31 - this is an error*).

Any student who is eligible for free and reduced meals is able to attend NorthBay at no cost.  Please call the office at 410-880-5840 and speak with Mr. Robb if you have any questions.

Please remember to send in payments and signed permission slips at the same time.  If payment is required and not submitted, your child will not attend NorthBay.

If your child needs another NB permission slip packet, they can (1) see Mr. Howe for another copy, (2) download a copy from the PVMS website (<http://pvms.hcpss.org/>

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| [Patuxent Valley Middle School](http://pvms.hcpss.org/)HCPSS Resources. Food Services View menus, meal prices and make online payments. Report Bullying Reporting incidences of bullying. HCPSS Forms Health, medication, athletic and application formspvms.hcpss.org |

 under “NB Parent Information Night,” or (3) download a copy from last week’s 6th Grade newsletter.