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| **November 10, 2017** |

**PVMS Marketplace**

If any parents are in need of food or clothing PVMS Marketplace will be open during conferences 12:00 to 4:30 on those days .

**Two students made it into the HCPSS GT Band**

Michael McDonald - horn

Sergio Hill - Tuba

**PVMS Market Place**

Great News!! PVMS has something called Market Place. Marketplace is a place you or your student can come if you are in need of Food or Clothing should you find hard times at your doors. If you need help please contact the school and ask for Ms. Deb. Costley, she can also be contacted at debbie \_costley @hcpss.org.

**The PVMS Band Cluster Concert**

The PVMS Band Cluster Concert is on Thursday November 16, 2017 @ 7pm in the PVMS Cafeteria. Bands from Forest Rdige and Bollman Bridge will join forces with the PVMS Honor Band for a night of movie music.

**PVMS School-Based Wellness Center**

The Wellness Center is a partnership between Howard County Health Department and HCPSS which provides sick visits, follow-up visits, well-child visits, chronic care management (such as asthma care), sports physicals, immunizations, health education, health screenings, and other health care services depending on the needs of the child and the family. There are two traditional School-Based Wellness Centers in Howard County (PVMS and BBES).

The Wellness Center is staffed with a pediatric nurse practitioner, medical office assistant and mental health care provider (counselor). The school Health Room continues to provide all student health services with a cluster nurse (RN) and health assistant. A sick or injured student is initially seen by the health room staff. If there is a medical concern requiring further attention, the parent is contacted and given the option to have their child seen in the Wellness Center by the pediatric nurse practitioner. Parents can always choose to take their child to their regular health provider if they prefer. Students must be enrolled to be seen in the Wellness Center. Parents can also call to make (non-emergency) appointments for their child.

Parents are always consulted prior to a student being referred or seen in the Wellness Center. The Wellness Center does not replace a student's regular health provider in the community, but gives parents options for health care during the school day.

Providing some health care services at school helps students and parents miss less time at school and work. Students can usually return to the classroom after the visit, rather than being sent home or missing another school day for an outside appointment. Students with fever, vomiting or contagious illness (such as strep throat) are still excluded from school as indicated. Although, by initiating care and treatment in the Wellness Center, that student may be able to return to school sooner. Lab tests can be done and prescriptions can be written as needed. Information from the visit is sent to the student's primary health provider in the community. Follow-up appointments can be scheduled with their regular health provider or at the Wellness Center.

The Wellness Center is additionally valuable for students who lack adequate access to health care in the community, or do not have health insurance. These families can utilize the Wellness Center for primary care needs such as yearly physicals, chronic illness management and immunizations.

The Wellness Center is available to all PVMS students, with or without health insurance. There are no co-pays, deductibles or fees. The Wellness Center is open on most school days. The Wellness Center nurse practitioner splits time between BBES and PVMS, although often can see students at either school on any day.

Please complete the attached Wellness Center enrollment forms for each of your children. If your child was enrolled previously at BBES or PVMS - they will continue to be enrolled each school year. Contact the Wellness Center if you have any questions or would like to schedule an appointment.

Annette Baldwin, CPNP-PC

Pediatric Nurse Practitioner

Howard County Health Department - Bureau of Child Health

Appointments: 301-490-1655

Bollman Bridge Elementary School Based Wellness Center; M-W-F(am): 301-490-1660

Patuxent Valley Middle School Based Wellness Center; T-Th-F(pm): 410-313-8539

Fax: 301-490-1142

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**To ALL students,**

Howard County Student Member of the Board of Education (SMOB) Anna Selbrede will be holding an open forum for any and all HCPSS students to voice any questions, concerns, or just talk. Anna is happy to discuss anything from school lunches to sports to current political events to the Hunger Games. The forum will be held at the Homewood School on October 11, from 6:30-7pm. If you can’t make this month, you can come next time on November 8th. Refreshments will be provided! If you’d like more information, email student\_member@hcpss.org and don’t forget to follow @Hocosmob on Instagram and Twitter.

**Attention Parents:**

The Library Media Program is desperately in need of LEGO pieces for it’s Makerspace Project Program. This program will begin during the middle of October. We will be having Monthly Contests that students in which students will compete. Students will get the opportunity to build projects out of LEGO’s in the Media Center during their Lunch Periods. Their projects will correspond with Monthly Themes which are the following:

November: **Football Stadiums or Soccer Stadiums**

December: **Skyscrapers**

January: **Bridges or Cars**

February: **African American Inventions**

March: **Basketball Courts**

April: **Peep Diorama**

May: **Baseball Stadiums**

Any donation will be accepted, but the more LEGO pieces the better. Parents may send LEGO’s in with students or parents can bring the LEGO’s to the Media Center. Please make sure that the LEGO pieces are in some type of box.

**Visual Arts Corner**

Hello, parents and guardians of our art students!

We’re off to a great start! I wish I could’ve been here for Back to School night so you would have seen the cut paper faces each of your students made! They line the walls of the room and make for a bright and welcoming atmosphere!

Right now our 6th graders are using Zentangle to learn about the art element of “line”, the 7th grades worked together to recreate Edvard Munch’s The Scream (and some will be painting a The Scream “photo-face hole prop” for the Fall Festival)! Our 8th grade is creating a portrait after the example of Chuck Close, on a grid, and are learning how to create the art element “value” in creative ways. It’s all looking good! I’d like to invite you to visit us in class while we make art- Just give me a “heads-up”. I hope to meet you soon!

Creatively yours, Susan Ameigh

**THE RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE NEEDS YOU!!!**

The Ronald McDonald house in Philadelphia serves as a home-away-from-home for the entire family while their child is a patient at Children’s Hospital. Many of these children suffer from progressive and “orphan” diseases that require lengthy stays in order to minister the precise treatment. Some are patients for 9 months and longer. The RMH charges a mere $15.00 a night for a room that includes a kitchen for the entire family. Collecting the pull-tabs from any cans is an income source for the RMH. The pull-tabs are recycled for cash which helps to finance the “House.” Your child will receive 1 Bark Buck for every 10 pull-tabs turned in. If you would like a collection jar to be at your place of employment, church or home, please contact me and I will send them home with your child.

Sincerely**,** Mrs. Bonnie L. Taylor Health Teacher

**Greetings from the PTA!**

Keep your membership and donation forms coming in! We are hoping to avoid having to do additional fundraisers by asking for straight up donations. In lieu of pizzas, candles or gift wrap, please consider sending the amount you would have spent on these directly to the PVMS PTA.

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR…**

November 10 **End of marking period ~ Schools close 3 hours early**

November 16 **News Crew Field Trip to WDC ~ Newsuem, Washington, D.C.**

November 16 **Band Cluster Concert 7:00 p.m. ~ Cafeteria**

November 17 **Picture Make-Ups**

November 20-21 **Parent/Teacher Conferences ~ Schools close 3 hours early**

November 22 **Parent/Teacher Conferences ~ Schools closed for students**

November 23-24 **Thanksgiving Holiday ~ Schools and offices closed**

December 5 **Holiday Orchestra Concert 7:00 p.m. ~ Hammond High School**

December 5 & 11 **Hearing and Vision Screening**

December 14 **Choral Winter Concert 7:00 p.m. ~ Cafeteria**

December 19 **Band Winter Concert 7:00 p.m. ~ Hammond High School**

December 25-29 **Winter Break ~ Schools closed**

January 1 **New Year’s Day ~ Schools and offices closed**

January 2 **School in session ~ Welcome Back!!**