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| **December 15, 2017** |

**News from the PVSM PTA Upcoming events- Mark your calendar!**

Wednesday, Dec 6th: Hammond High School Booster Club meet and greet at 7pm at Union Jacks in Columbia. Parents, especially 8th grade families, with students in the music department are invited to to Union Jacks to learn about the Booster program at Hammond High School! Please contact Jason Schiller at jschiller@singletonelectric.com for questions!

Friday, Dec 15th: Poinsettia pick up 1-7pm. Thank you for everyone who ordered Poinsettias! Be sure to stop by between 1-7pm to pick up your order. Any plants that have not been picked up on the 15th will be donated.

December 18-21: Candy Cane Grams for sale! Look for more information coming home and via messenger. We will be selling Candy Cane Grams during the lunch hours for $1. Parents will be able to send money in to send a Candy Cane Gram to your students. We’ll be looking for a few volunteers to help sell during the lunch hours. A signup genius will be coming out shortly. Proceeds will help for the music department.

December 25-Jan 1: Winter break! Enjoy and see you next year!

**8th Period Updates**

8th Period will not run 12/18/17-1/5/18. Programs will resume on Tuesday, January 9th.

Archery will begin on Tuesday, January 9th. Permission forms are available in all PE classes. An Organization Club will be running on Wednesdays starting January 10th. Permission forms are available on the stage in lunches. Please contact Maggie Bosse with any questions.

**Yearbook Pre-Sale Now on Until the Holiday Break!!!**

It is that time of year to think about purchasing our PVMS Yearbook! Price information, purchasing directions, and order forms will be passed out to all homerooms this week. Students can either return their order and payment to their homeroom teacher or you can pay online! If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Mrs. Salik at kandyce\_salik@hcpss.org.

**2018 Biz Kidz Club**

We are thrilled to announce the launching of our Biz Kidz Club for kidpreneurs (Ages 5-18). Membership includes participation in our upcoming Biz Kidz TV Shows, Radio Interviews, Workshops, Market Days, Shark Tank Competitions, Award Receptions, networking events and other special occasions. Club members also qualify to win education scholarships.

Please complete and submit the attached form and required fees to register. Online registration is also available at **[www.bizkidz.us](http://www.bizkidz.us/)**

**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. Ms. Costley can also be contacted at debbie \_costley @hcpss.org.

**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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**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:

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.

**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…**

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!!

January 15 Martin Luther King Jr. Day ~ Schools and offices closed

January 16 Parent Information Night at Hammond High School 7:00 p.m. ~ Hammond High School

January 25 Choir Concert 7:00 p.m. ~ Cafeteria

January 26 End of Marking Period ~ Schools close 3 hours early

January 31 Support Your Student Using Canvas 6:30 p.m. ~ Cafeteria