

March 13, 2015

Important Dates to Remember

March 19 –	Kindergarten Visits Toby's, 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
March 24 -	Class Pictures (more info. to follow)
	4 th Grade Visits Toby's, 10:45 a.m. – 1:15 p.m.
March 26 -	3 rd Grade Visits Wilde Lake High School, 9:00 a.m12:00 p.m.
March 27 -	End of Marking Period, schools close 3 hours early (12:10 p.m.)
March 30-	
April 6	Spring Break, schools closed
April 7 -	Schools Reopen

This year marks the inaugural administration of the Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARRC) assessments for 3rd-5th graders. While our Kindergarten-2nd graders are not currently involved in the assessment process, it is important for all families to be aware of the relationship between the Maryland Common Core State Standards (our curriculum for all students) and the assessment process. The new assessments differ in significant ways from those we have historically had. These changes can be seen in a variety of ways including the content, rigor, format, style, timeline and number of administrations. Due to the weather, we had to cancel the PARCC Parent Night from last week. Please take some time view the following presentation that was prepared and can be found on the Maryland State Department of Education's website. It is a great overview. One concept discussed in the presentation that I would like to highlight is the concept of Universal Thinking Verbs. These verbs represent thinking processes that are found in each grade level's content. They are the link that more closely ties instruction and assessment then ever before. In addition, these verbs are practical in the "real-world" and specifically relate to a variety of tasks that people use in their everyday jobs. These verbs include but are not limited to create, analyze, compare, identify and explain.

The many changes to education are exciting and at times, overwhelming. The Maryland State Department of Education provides a wealth of resources to help students, parents and teachers understand these changes. I encourage you to visit

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to gain a better understanding of the content, differences of the current assessment and an opportunity to take a sample assessment. Together, we will work to successfully prepare our students for their paths through high school and beyond. We appreciate all you and your partnership with Lisbon Elementary!

SCHOOL NEWS

MESSAGE FROM MS. COSTELLO: Ms. Costello's Studio Art classes are invited to the Baltimore Museum of Art this Sunday, March 15th at 2:00 p.m.

SQUARE ONE ART forms have been sent home. Please consider ordering your child's artwork on an item. Proceeds will benefit the Art Department.

FIELD DAY will be held on Monday, June 1st and the rain date will be Tuesday, June 2nd. Field Day t-shirt order forms were sent home today and orders are due Friday, March 27th. More information for parent volunteers will be sent home after Spring Break.

Sincerely, Míchael Caldwell Principal **HOWARD COUNTY LIBRARY SPELLING BEE:** Tonight, Friday, March 13th, at 7:00 at Reservoir High School, fifth grader T.J. Wells-Green will be representing Lisbon Elementary School in the Howard County Library Spelling Bee. He will be participating along with about 65 other students from the county. In addition, we want to thank fifth grader, Kevin Yang, for also attending the bee this evening as the school's alternate. Good luck T.J. and Kevin as one of you competes in the Howard County Library Spelling Bee this evening. We are proud to have you represent LES!

ARTIST'S RECEPTION: You are cordially invited to attend an Artist's Reception at the Howard County Center for the Arts (8510 High Ridge Road, Ellicott City, MD 21043) on March 19th from 5:00-7:00 p.m. Congratulations to the following students who will have artwork displayed at the Center:

Lexi Lutes Kaylee Cunzeman Sundance Rose

2015 KEYS FOR READING PROGRAM – Don't forget to step up to the plate with the Frederick Keys, "Keys for Reading" Program.

How Does the Program Work?

- Bookmarks and information sheet will be sent home on Monday, March 16.
- Each student is required to read 3 books suitable for their reading ability in a one-month time period.
- Each book will be recorded on the official orange Keys for Reading bookmark, signed by the parent or guardian.
- Once completed, instructions on how to redeem the students' FREE ticket and purchase additional tickets can be found on the back-side of the bookmark. Tickets can be redeemed online at www.frederickkeys.com, by phone at 301-815-9939, or in person at the Keys Box Office.

****THE BOOKMARK IS THE TICKET VOUCHER! Please do not throw it out or return it to school.** Families have the option of attending the Friday, April 24th, 7:00 p.m. game, Saturday, April 25th, 2:00 p.m. game, or the Sunday, April 26th, 2:00 p.m. game. All three games will have a parade to honor the readers a half hour before the first pitch.

LISBON LIONS LOLLAPALOOZA:

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Do you feel the excitement in the air as "March Marches In"? With the snow melting and the sun shining, preparations are beginning for the *Lisbon Lions Lollapalooza* (formerly known as the *School-wide Enrichment Fair and Science Exhibit*).

Lollapalooza is defined as an extraordinary, remarkable, or wonderful event. The *Lisbon Lions Lollapalooza* is just that. This school-wide event on Wednesday, May 15th from 6:30-8:00 p.m. is intended to showcase the remarkable things our extraordinary students have done this year at Lisbon Elementary School. Family and community members are invited to attend and view student work. Though attendance is not required, this is one event that you may not want to miss!

Here is just a glimpse of what will be on display:

- Classroom projects
- Related arts projects
- Science Investigations (see information below *)
- Collections (see information below **)
- Inventions (see information below ***)
- School Banking program
- o Curriculum Extension Unit (Enrichment Class) projects
- Instructional Seminar (Recess Club) projects
- o G/T Mathematics projects

* Students in <u>any grade</u> may conduct a Science Investigation to answer a question/problem. Students will use *The Scientific Method* to learn the systematic approach to solving a problem.

** Students in <u>Kindergarten</u>, <u>First or Second grade</u> may submit a collection. Students will collect and organize something of interest, answering questions related to observations made while exploring their world.

*** Students in <u>any grade</u> may submit an invention. Students will use the engineering design process to create an invention that will solve a problem or answer a question.

If your child is interested in doing a Science Investigation, Collection, or Invention at home, please visit the Lisbon Elementary School website (les.hcpss.org) to **download the corresponding guide** with further information and instructions. Once your child has identified a project, also download, complete, and return to school the **Intent to Participate** form. (If you do not have access to a computer, please request a hard copy of the specific forms you need from Mrs. Drews in the office.) Students who elect to participate will have their name read on the announcements and their name printed and hung on a hallway wall display (each Friday). Directions on where and when to bring in the projects will be shared in future Lisbon Lines.

We are excited to highlight the commitment shown and the hard work done by the LES students this year. Many thanks for all of your support at home and in the building this year. See you at the *Lisbon Lions Lollapalooza* on Wednesday, May 27th from 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Sincerely, *The Lisbon Elementary School Staff*

HEALTHY COOKING CHALLENGE: Lisbon Elementary is excited to announce that we are participating in the 7 day Healthy Cooking Challenge! Each day you can explore your kitchen to become a Healthy Little Cook! Activities range from learning about kitchen safety to turning your everyday pizza into a healthy masterpiece! Look for the challenge to come home in folders this week. Every student that participates will receive a certificate and a special apple charm for their Walking Wednesday necklaces.

Don't forget to enter The Healthy Kid's Cook Off for your chance to represent Lisbon in The Healthy Howard Cook Off in April. You can create your own healthy recipe OR give a family favorite recipe a healthy makeover. Remember to include lots of veggies! Deadline for submission is March 17th. If you need an additional registration form, please contact Kara Rice at <u>kara_rice@hcpss.org</u>.

YOUTH ART MONTH: Congratulations to the following students who will have their artwork displayed at the Glenwood Library:

Natalie Davis David Beltran Heidi Randlett Kellen Lettinga Delaney Rullan Jaxin Cole Kaitlyn Spicer Presley Shaw Will Heller Emily Dinning Ella Chroniger Judah Wilkerson Kaitlyn Hill Emerson Buscher Owen Furman Eric Bowlin Bailey Kim Chase Buscher Laura McCoyd Margaret Small Brenna Rutter Maria Pittas Patrick Rutter Richie Jones Brady Harrison Emily Bonner Madison Walker Jackson Kelley Abrea Hoffman Merrick Donner Maria Sales



MEMORY BOOK: Do you have a great design for this year's Memory Book? **Please enter the Memory Book cover contest.** All entries are due by March 17th.



GLENWOOD LIBRARY: Please register by phone (410 313 5579) or email (hclibrary.org):

MIGHTY MARCH

Ready for an independent class. Ages 3-5. 30 minutes. Tuesday, March 17 -- "Leprechauns for lads and lassies," 10:30 am. Tuesday, March 24 -- "Lions and Lambs," 10:30 am.

FINGERPAINT FRIDAYS

Ages 2-5 with adult. 15 minutes. Friday, March 20, 10:15.

GO FIGURE

Multi-week series. Explore simple early math concepts inspired by children's literature and everyday activities. Ages 3-5 with adult. 45 minutes. Thursdays, March 5-26, 4:30 pm.

FAIRY TALE ENGINEERING

Classic stories and fun problem solving activities. Ages 5-8. 45 minutes. Wednesday, March 25, 4:30 pm ("Three Pigs Construction Challenge".)

SLOPPY SATURDAYS

Seasonally themed crafts. Ages 5-10. 20 minutes. Saturdays, March 28, 3:00 pm.

INSPIRING ILLUSTRATORS

Learn how pictures tell and enhance stories, by reading and discussing the works of selected illustrators. apply form, color, texture, and imagination as you create an art project. Ages 6 & up. 45-60 minutes. Mondays, March 23, 4:30 pm (Chris Raschka.)



Lunch: \$2.75

Offered Daily: Yogurt Cheese Fruit Combo & Pizza All Breads, Pasta and Rice are Whole Grain Rich

Breakfast: \$2.00



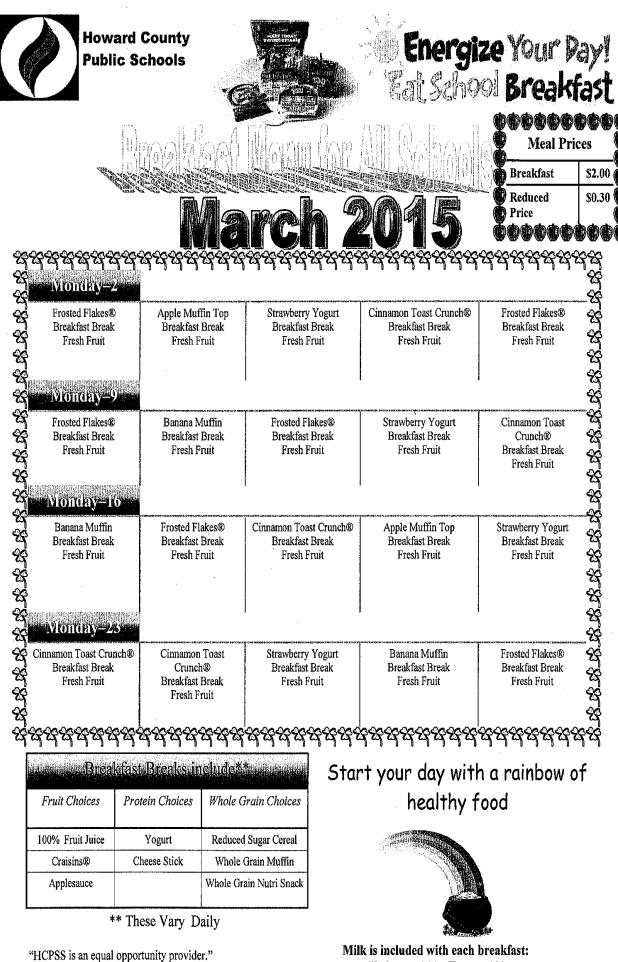
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