

# Building Bridges

Wednesday, May 11, 2016



## What's Happening?

**Thursday 5/12**

Interim Reports  
Evening of Excellence, 6-7:30pm

**Saturday 5/14**

PVMS Yard Sale, 8am - 12noon

**Wednesday 5/18**

Coffee Cart (Donations Needed!)

**Thursday 5/19**

Field Day, 8:45am-2:30pm

**Friday 5/20**

No School - Articulation Day

**Saturday 5/21**

Spring Fling, 10am-2pm

**Tuesday 5/24**

5<sup>th</sup> Grade Visit to Patuxent Valley

**Wednesday 5/25**

Coffee with Administration  
8:45am

**Monday 5/30**

No School - Memorial Day

**Tuesday 5/31**

5<sup>th</sup> Grade Simulated  
Congressional Hearing

**Friday 6/3**

2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Picnic  
3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Field Trip - Howard  
County Conservancy

## FIELD DAY Is Next Week!

Thursday, May 19<sup>th</sup> (Rain Date: Thursday, May 26<sup>th</sup>)

**Grades 3,4,5:** 8:45-11:30am

**Grades K,1,2:** 12:15-2:30pm

## Field Day Volunteers Needed on Thursday 5/19!

Volunteers are needed to run stations and monitor students as they participate in each station on **Thursday 5/19**. If you are able to help during any part of the day, please fill out the attached volunteer form, and return it to Mrs. Welty in the gym or e-mail Ms. Welty at [GAIL\\_WELTY@hcpss.org](mailto:GAIL_WELTY@hcpss.org)! **Grades 3-5 will participate from 8:45-11am, while grades K-2 will participate from 12:15-2:30pm.** Thank you in advance for sharing your time and energy to make Field Day great for our students! (Rain date will be on Thursday 5/26, if necessary!)



Peace



Love



Field day

## Please Come and Celebrate Our Learning at the Evening of Excellence!

**What?** As we approach the end of the year, the students of Bollman Bridge have work they would like to show off! Around the building, you will see BioWax performances from 4<sup>th</sup> graders, presentations from academic groups, and varied illustrations of outstanding efforts from math to art to reading. This is designed as the book-end to Back-to-School Night. This is when we show you what we learned!



**When?** Thursday, May 12<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-7:30pm

**Who?** All Bollman Bridge families! We are celebrating the work of ALL of our students, from pre-K through 5<sup>th</sup> grade.

**Where?** Throughout the entire building of Bollman Bridge Elementary School

## Spring Fling on Saturday 5/21!

The PTA's Spring Fling will take place at Bollman Bridge on **Saturday 5/21 from 10am-2pm!** Special events will include story time, courtesy of the **Savage Library, at 10:30am and 11:30am**, and **Blue Sky Puppets, performing at 1pm**. The **Magic Guru** will be performing up-close magic tricks throughout the day, and the **Savage Fire Department** will stop by when they're available. In addition to **vendor displays**, a **Clothing Swap** will take place throughout the day. You select a bag of gently-used children's clothes for only \$1! **Volunteers are needed to make this day run smoothly!** If you can arrive at 9:30am to help set up or if you can take a shift assisting with the Clothing Swap, **please contact Kate Cole** at [bollmanbridgepta@gmail.com](mailto:bollmanbridgepta@gmail.com) as soon as possible! Can't wait to see you there!

## Welcome Incoming Kindergarten Families!

The kindergarten team is already looking forward to next year! We will be hosting an event so we can meet new kindergarten students and parents. This is also a great way for you to meet other families and for your child to meet other children who will be coming to kindergarten. Popsicles will be provided! ☺

**Event:** Popsicles on the Playground!

**For:** Incoming kindergarten students and their guardians

**When:** Monday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>

**Time:** 3:30-4:30pm

**Where:** The playground at Bollman Bridge

(You can just meet us there! Please do not enter the building.)



There is no need to RSVP for this event. This is a simple, informal gathering. Please pass this information along to other families who will have a child attending kindergarten at Bollman Bridge next year. We hope to see you there!

## Celebrating Read-A-Thon Success!

Families, thank you so much for your support during the March Read-A-Thon! Between the Book Cart and Read-A-Thon donations, \$803 was collected! These funds will make a huge impact on our classroom libraries in the fall. To show our appreciation, we are donating star mobile light projectors to the classrooms that read for the most minutes: **Ms. Quinn's kindergarten class, Ms. Varner's kindergarten class, and Ms. Burchman's 5<sup>th</sup> grade class.** These projectors make great additions to classroom libraries. Students will love curling up to read a book under the stars in school!

Thank you again to everyone who encourages their children to read every day! The more we read, the more we succeed!

## We Need Your Feedback! Please Take the Title I Survey!

Each year, Bollman Bridge evaluates its family programs to make sure that we are meeting the needs of both parents and students. Your feedback is very important to us! Please use this link to take the survey:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/EOYBBES2016>

## Can You Help With Simulated Congressional Hearing in 5th Grade?

All of Bollman Bridge's 5th grade students will participate in a simulated congressional hearing on **Tuesday 5/31**. The 5th grade team is looking for volunteers to help make this day run smoothly! If you are able to donate your time, the students will need **coaching help** in the classroom in the weeks leading up to the event. We need volunteers to **decorate on Friday 5/27** and volunteers to **clean up** at the end of the day on Tuesday 5/31. If you have a knack for **photography**, we would love to have you capture a few good images of the day. We will be **servicing lunch** to the judges that donate their time to support the students with this event. We will need donations of pasta salad, green salad, fruit, dessert, and dip that can be served with chips. If you are able to help the 5th grade team in any way, please contact **Ms. Holtzclaw** at [Christina.Holtzclaw@hcpss.org](mailto:Christina.Holtzclaw@hcpss.org). Thank you so much!

## Upcoming Community Events!

### Neighbor Ride Basket Bingo

Neighbor Ride is hosting Basket Bingo on **Saturday 5/14!** The donations are rolling in, and Neighbor Ride is putting together some really amazing prize baskets. Doors open at 6pm, games begin at 7pm at the FOP Lodge #69, 2832 Nine Mile Circle in Catonsville. Tickets cost \$20 in advance or \$25 at the door and can be purchased online at [www.neighborride.org](http://www.neighborride.org) or by sending a check, made payable to Neighbor Ride, to 5570 Sterrett Place, Suite 102, Columbia, MD 21044.

### Howard County Police Department

A **FREE** overnight Youth Police Academy will be held **July 24-29** at the Public Safety Training Center for students aged 15-18 years old who are interested in a law enforcement career. For more information, check out the Howard County Police Department website at [www.hcpd.org](http://www.hcpd.org) under Youth Programs.

### **Columbia Festival of the Arts**

Deanna Bogart will perform in concert on **Saturday 5/14 at 7 pm** at Howard Community College's Smith Theatre in Columbia. Tickets cost \$25 and available at [www.ColumbiaFestival.org](http://www.ColumbiaFestival.org).

### **Atholton Swim Club**

Swim lessons at the Atholton Swim Club will begin on **June 6!** The Atholton Swim Club offers small class sizes and follows the American Red Cross Learn-to-Swim curriculum. Lessons are conveniently offered in the mornings or evenings in 2-week long sessions. Learn more at [www.AtholtonSwimClub.com](http://www.AtholtonSwimClub.com).

### **College Park Tennis Club**

Learn tennis at the Premiere Tennis Center from **June 13 –August 19** from 9am-4pm at the College Park Tennis Club (5200 Paint Branch Parkway, College Park, MD). Students will learn the sport of a lifetime under the direction of our certified teaching staff. Contact [tdelaney@cptennisclub.com](mailto:tdelaney@cptennisclub.com) or (301)779-8000 or [www.cptennisclub.com](http://www.cptennisclub.com) for more information.

### **Host Families Sought for AFS Exchange Students**

Next school year, about 20 exchange students will come from around the world to experience a life-changing year of cross-cultural sharing here in Howard County. If you are interested in more information, please contact Christina McGarvey at [ckmcarvey@yahoo.com](mailto:ckmcarvey@yahoo.com) or (410)997-7087.

### **More AFS Intercultural Programs**

Columbia Association is seeking host families for high school students from Columbia's new Sister City, Tema in Ghana (West Africa) from **July 15-31**. For a host family application or more information, please contact Laura Smit, Program Manager for International Exchange & Multicultural Programs at [Laura.Smit@ColumbiaAssociation.org](mailto:Laura.Smit@ColumbiaAssociation.org) or (410)715-3162.

### **Howard County Government Questionnaire**

Please take this questionnaire to help determine Howard County's community needs, strengths, and gaps for children and families. Your participation and voice are important to the Governor's Office for Children and the Howard County Local Children's Board. We want to hear from everyone! Thank you, in advance, for taking the time to complete this survey: <http://strtigixconsulting.howard-county-family-youth.sgizmo.com/s3/>

### **SUMMER CAMPS**

#### **Howard County Arts Council**

Visual and Performing Arts summer camps take place from **June 20 - August 12** at the Howard County Center for the Arts (8510 High Ridge Road, Ellicott City, MD). For more information, visit [www.hocoarts.org/shop/camps](http://www.hocoarts.org/shop/camps) or contact Katie Wofford at (410)313-2787 or [programs@hocoarts.org](mailto:programs@hocoarts.org).

#### **Elkridge Youth Organization**

EYO is excited to offer another season of our tennis program! All activities take place at Rockburn Branch Park in Elkridge. More information is available at [www.eyotennis.org](http://www.eyotennis.org).

#### **Soccer Association of Columbia**

SAC Training Academy summer camps are scheduled throughout the summer for players of all abilities, ages 5-14. Both full- and half-day sessions are offered. SAC also offers extended care from 4-6 pm for an additional fee. Visit online at [www.sackick.com](http://www.sackick.com), or for more information, contact [asksac@sac-hc.org](mailto:asksac@sac-hc.org).

### **CrossLife Church**

Track and Field Camp will take place from **June 20-June 24** from 9am-12noon at Long Reach High School (6101 Old Dobbin Lane, Columbia, MD). More information is available at <http://crosslifeevents.org/>.

### **University of Maryland SPICE Camp**

SPICE Camp (Students with Potential and Interest, Considering Engineering) is a week-long commuter program from **June 27-July 1** for young women who will be entering the 9<sup>th</sup> or 10<sup>th</sup> grade next fall and would like to learn more about engineering at the University of Maryland, College Park. Space is limited. Scholarship opportunities will be made available once admittance decisions have been made. Contact Bria Barry at (301)405-3283 or [bmcelroy@umd.edu](mailto:bmcelroy@umd.edu) or <http://wie.umd.edu/k12/spice-camp>.

### **Bethany United Methodist Church VBS**

Surf Shack Vacation Bible School (VBS) will take place from **June 27-July 1** from 9am-12noon at Bethany United Methodist Church (2875 Bethany Lane, Ellicott City). For more information or to register, please visit: <http://cokeburyvbs.com/bethanyum>. See you there!

### **Forest Hill Swim and Tennis Club**

Looking for summer activities for your child? Forest Hill Swim and Tennis Club, located in Ellicott City, offers a variety of weekly tennis camps, as well as swim and dive lessons for children of all ages. For more information and to register, please visit [www.fhstc.com](http://www.fhstc.com).

### **Howard County Conservancy Nature Camps**

Full-day nature camps take place from **June 27-August 19**. Camps are located in Woodstock on our 232-acre nature center and at the Belmont Inn in ElkrIDGE. Visit [www.hcconservancy.org/camp.html](http://www.hcconservancy.org/camp.html).

### **University of Maryland Foreign Language Camp**

TerpsTalk, a new National Foreign Language Center Spanish and French Language summer camp for middle school students takes place at the University of Maryland. The camp will take place from **July 11-July 22** from 9am-3:30pm. Find out more at <http://nflc.umd.edu/camps>.

### **Center for Disease Control Data Detectives Camp**

The National Center for Health Statistics is excited to announce the 2016 Data Detectives Summer Camp, taking place from **August 15-19** from 9am- 4pm. Contact us at [datadetective@cdc.gov](mailto:datadetective@cdc.gov).

### **University of Maryland Engineering Camp**

Stepping Stones to Your Future (SSTYF) summer camp is a week-long co-ed commuter camp for rising 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders who are interested in learning more about engineering. Each day is filled with a variety of fun hands-on activities and engineering challenges. There are two weeks to choose from: Session 1 (**July 18-22**) or Session 2 (**July 25-29**). To apply, we require an online form and a teacher recommendation from a current math or science teacher. For more information or to fill out the application, visit our website at <http://wie.umd.edu/k12/sstyf>. If you have any questions, contact Dawn Ginnetti at [dginnett@umd.edu](mailto:dginnett@umd.edu) or (301)405-0315.

### **Healing Dimension Foundation Summer Study Skills Camp**

Register now for the Healing Dimension Foundation's Stressless Tests Summer Study Skills Camps, to be held during the weeks of August 1<sup>st</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>. Middle school classes meet from 9-11am, and high school classes meet from 12-2pm, Monday through Friday. To register or for more information, visit [www.Stresslesstest.org](http://www.Stresslesstest.org) or contact Betty Caldwell at [Bcaldwell202@gmail.com](mailto:Bcaldwell202@gmail.com).



## **SPORTS**

### **Howard County Recreation and Parks**

Volleyball classes and leagues are available for all ages and skill levels! For questions, please contact Carson Nickell at [cjnickell@howardcountymd.gov](mailto:cjnickell@howardcountymd.gov) or (410)313-4720. To register, call (410)313-7275. Sign up now to reserve your space!

### **Howard County Striders**

Bullseye Running/Howard County Striders is now taking registration for two training programs: Youth Track Team (competitive) and Youth Fitness Spring Training (non-competitive). For more information on both programs, please visit <http://www.bullseyerunning.com/youth/>.

## **Attention 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Parents and Families!!**

Important remaining dates are listed below, as the end of the year in 5<sup>th</sup> grade is an exciting and busy time of year!

**Tuesday 5/10** Chorus Concert for those performing and attending

**Thursday 5/12** Peer Leadership Conference  
Evening of Excellence

**Tuesday 5/17** 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Panoramic Photo ~ Please wear your Tie-Dye T-Shirt!

**Tuesday 5/24** Patuxent Valley Middle School Visit

**Wednesday and Thursday 5/24 & 5/25** 5<sup>th</sup> Grade MAP Testing

**Tuesday 5/31** Simulated Congressional Hearing~ Come see your child present and defend their speech!

**Thursday 6/2** Parent Meeting for Promotion Ceremony and 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Picnic: If you are interested, please send in a note with your student.

**Friday 6/3** Promotion Tickets will be sent home. Each student will be given 3 tickets. If you do not need all 3, please return the extra so we can accommodate larger families.

**Monday 6/6** Band and Strings Concert during school

**Tuesday 6/7** Band Concert, 6:30pm

**Wednesday 6/8** Strings Concert, 6:30pm

**Wednesday 6/15** 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Closing Ceremony and Picnic

