

# Building Bridges

Wednesday, June 8, 2016



## What's Happening?

**Friday 6/10**

1<sup>st</sup> Grade Picnic

**Tuesday 6/14**

4<sup>th</sup> Grade Picnic

**Wednesday 6/15**

5<sup>th</sup> Grade Closing Ceremony, 9am

3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Picnic, 10:30am

5<sup>th</sup> Grade Picnic following

Promotion Ceremony at

Savage Park

**Thursday 6/16**

Kindergarten Promotion

Ceremony, 9am

Early Dismissal- 12:05pm

**Friday 6/17**

Early Dismissal- 12:05pm

Last Day of School!

**Have a Wonderful, Safe  
Summer!**



## 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Closing Ceremony and Picnic

The 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Closing Ceremony will be held on **Wednesday 6/15 at 9am**. More information and tickets for this event were sent home with 5<sup>th</sup> grade students on Friday 6/3. Each 5<sup>th</sup> grade student received 3 tickets. We ask that any families that do not need all 3 tickets please return any tickets that they will not be using. There will be a short reception following the ceremony. 5<sup>th</sup> graders should plan to wear their BBES 5<sup>th</sup> grade tie-dye t-shirts with shorts or pants for the ceremony.

After the ceremony and reception, all 5<sup>th</sup> graders will proceed to Savage Park for the annual 5<sup>th</sup> grade picnic. Parents and family members are invited to join in. However, guests need to bring their own lunch. Please contact **Ms. Holtzclaw** at [Christina.Holtzclaw@hcpss.org](mailto:Christina.Holtzclaw@hcpss.org) with any questions.

**VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED** to set up, clean up, and serve refreshments for the closing ceremony. **We are looking for volunteers with students in younger grades to serve for the 5<sup>th</sup> grade closing ceremony, so that 5<sup>th</sup> grade parents can enjoy the celebration.** Please contact Ms. Holtzclaw at [Christina.Holtzclaw@hcpss.org](mailto:Christina.Holtzclaw@hcpss.org) if you are available to serve on Wednesday 6/15 between **8:45-10:30am**. (Specific duties include setting up and decorating a table for the cupcake reception, putting bottles of water in coolers, setting out cupcakes, then cleaning up afterward.) Thank you so much!

## **School Supplies for Next Year Already?**

It isn't too early to begin thinking about school supplies for the 2016-17 school year! You can order school supplies online this year, using our school code **BOL000**. Please order before **July 15<sup>th</sup>**!

<https://www.educationalproducts.com/ShopPacks/>

## **Forgot to Order a Yearbook?**

Yearbooks will be arriving soon! If you forgot to order one earlier this year and would now like one, there are about 45 extra copies, which will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. Contact [bollmanbridgepta@gmail.com](mailto:bollmanbridgepta@gmail.com) if you need one!

## **Please Pick Up Medication from the Health Room!**

All medication must be picked up by 12:00noon on Friday 6/17. Medication still in the nurse's room after that point will be disposed of. Children are not allowed to carry medication to or from school. Please contact the nurse's office with any questions!

## **Kindergarten Summer Assessments**

Parents of upcoming kindergarten students should sign their child up for one 15-minute slot to meet a kindergarten teacher. These short summer assessments will allow kindergarten teachers to assess skills before the school year so that they can appropriately place each child. Please call the BBES front office at (410) 880-5920 to schedule an appointment on **Thursday 8/25** between **10am-2pm**.

## **We Welcome your Comments!**

If you have any considerations for next school year, please see and complete the attached Consideration Card. Be sure to return it to the front office.

## **Upcoming Community Events!**

### **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.

### **Atholton Swim Club**

Swim lessons at the Atholton Swim Club began 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 [ckmcgarvey@yahoo.com](mailto:ckmcgarvey@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 Ginnett 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/>.