

Thursday, November 5, 2009

# Mount View Middle School

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### [Letter From the Principal, Kathy McKinley](#)

Dear Mount View Middle School Community,

**Please join me in welcoming two new additions to our staff.**

**Mrs. Kathleen Lilly will join our Science and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Teams** to step in for Mr. Guy who is taking over as Technology Teacher for this school year. Mrs. Lilly has most recently been teaching in the Science Department at Howard County Community College and is excited to share her knowledge and skills with our school community.

**Mrs. Megan Rimmel will join our English and 6<sup>th</sup> Grade teams** to step in for Mrs. Bollard who is taking over as Media Specialist for this school year. Mrs. Rimmel has taught English in the Carroll County Public Schools and will also bring her experience and enthusiasm to our school community.

Both Mrs. Lilly and Mrs. Rimmel will be valuable additions to the Mount View Middle School staff. I know our students will come to know them very quickly and I invite our parents to continue to communicate with the teachers to ensure the best for our children.

### [School Activities](#)

**Chess Club – Mr. Corbin (2:30 PM – 3:30 PM)**

Nov. 4, Nov. 11, Nov. 18, Dec. 2, Dec. 9, Dec. 16

## School Calendar

Calendar for the Week of  
November 2nd:

Nov. 1  
Daylight Savings Time Ends

Nov. 3  
Hearing & Vision Rescreening  
8<sup>th</sup> Grade ONLY

Nov. 5  
PTA Student Social  
7:00 PM – 9:00 PM

Nov. 6  
No School – Staff Development

### Up Coming Dates

Nov. 12  
Hearing & Vision Rescreening  
8<sup>th</sup> Grade ONLY  
1:00 PM - Parent Teacher  
Conference Scheduling Opens

Nov. 16 – 20  
American Education Week

Nov. 17  
Report Cards Issued

Nov. 20  
Take Your Parent to MVMS Day  
Honor Roll Assembly

Nov. 22 5:00 PM  
Parent Teacher Conference  
Scheduling Closes

Nov. 23  
EARLY DISMISSAL 11:25 AM  
Parent Teacher Conferences

Nov. 24  
EARLY DISMISSAL 11:25 AM  
Parent Teacher Conferences

Nov. 25  
NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS  
Parent Teacher Conferences

Nov. 26  
SCHOOL CLOSED

**CrossCountry – Ms. Kenney (2:30 PM – 3:30 PM)**

Nov.3

HAPPY THANKSGIVING  
Nov. 27  
SCHOOL CLOSED  
THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY

**Environment– Mrs. Mako (2:30 PM – 3:00 PM)**

Nov.5, Nov. 19, Dec. 3, Dec. 17

**FalconFriends – Ms. Hurd (2:30 PM – 3:30 PM)**

Nov.5, Nov. 12, Nov. 19, Dec. 3, Dec. 10, Dec. 17

**GirlsBasketball – Mr. Blum (2:30 PM – 3:30 PM)**

Nov.1, Nov. 4, Nov. 11, Nov. 12, Nov. 13, Nov. 16

**HipHop Dancing – PTA (2:30 PM – 3:30 PM)**

Oct.30, Nov. 6, Nov. 13, Nov. 20

**JewelryMaking – Mrs. Grimes (2:30PM – 3:30 PM)**

Nov.5, Nov. 12, Nov. 19, Dec. 3, Dec. 10, Dec. 17

**Newspaper– Ms. Barr (2:30 PM –3:30 PM)**

Oct.27, Nov. 3, Nov. 10, Nov. 17, Dec. 8, Dec. 15, Dec. 22

**Organization– Ms. Madden (7:00 AM– 7:30 AM)**

Nov.3, Nov. 5, Nov. 10, Nov. 12, Nov. 17, Nov. 19

**SpiritTeam - PTA (2:30 PM – 3:30 PM)**

Nov. 3, Nov. 17, Dec. 1, Dec 15

**StudentGovernment – Mr. Walsh (2:30 PM – 3:25 PM)**

Nov.3, Nov. 10, Nov. 17, Dec. 1, Dec. 8, Dec. 15

**Yearbook– Mrs. Stout (2:30 PM– 3:30 PM)**

Nov.4, Nov. 11, Nov. 18, Dec. 2, Dec. 9, Dec. 16

**ParentTeacher Conferences**

**ParentTeacher Conferences will be held at on the following dates and times:**

Monday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> 12:00 PM– 2:45 PM 4:30 PM – 7:30 PM

Tuesday, November 24<sup>th</sup> 12:00PM – 2:45 PM 4:30 PM – 7:30 PM

Wednesday, November 25<sup>th</sup> 8:00 AM – 10:45 PM 11:30 AM – 2:15 PM

Parents will be able to go on-line to take care of scheduling all their parent/teacher conferences and even printout their schedule and have an email reminder of their appointments sent to them. Beginning Thursday, November 12<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 PM, you will be able to access this program to schedule or cancel your appointments until Sunday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> at 5:00 PM. For more information, *PickATimeInstructions* and the Parent Link go MountView's website, [www.mountviewmiddleschool.org](http://www.mountviewmiddleschool.org). A demonstration of *PickATime* will be aired on the *Parent Teacher Connection* show (HCPSS TV, Channel 95 on Comcast or Channel 42 on Verizon). Starting November 7<sup>th</sup>, it will be aired every Sunday at noon and 10:00 PM, every Wednesday at 7:00 PM and 10:00 PM, and every Saturday at 3:00 PM. This broadcast can also be viewed or downloaded from the Howard County Public School web site [www.hcpss.org](http://www.hcpss.org) or HCPSS TV web site [www.hcpsstv.com](http://www.hcpsstv.com).

**7<sup>th</sup>Grade**

**Maryland Measure of Technology Literacy:** All 7<sup>th</sup> grade students will be participating in the Maryland Measure of Technology Literacy Assessment from November 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>. A practice version of the assessment is now online to assist students in advance. The URL of the practice assessment is <http://www.learning.com/tla/20itemsample/middle>.

On Thursday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> and Friday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>, the 7<sup>th</sup> grade students visited Mt. Pleasant Farm at the Howard County Conservancy. **The 7<sup>th</sup> grade teachers would like to extend a BIG thank you** to the following parent chaperones: Ms. Budsock, Mr. Cipolla, Mr. Harvill, Ms. Stewart, Ms. Topaltzas, Ms. Travisano, Ms. Wagner, Ms. Bennett, Ms. Camargo, Ms. Doederlein, Ms. Gundersen, Ms. Hanon, Ms. Harvey, Ms. Skogmo, Ms. Wagner, Mr. Wilson and Ms. Zabaldo. Again, thank you for taking time out of your busy schedule. The field trip was a success, and we could not have done it without your help.

**H1N1Vaccine**

The Howard County Health Department (HCHD) has begun to receive doses of H1N1 vaccine – in the form of FluMist® and injectible vaccine. The HCHD receives all the vaccine for the county. As

the vaccine comes in, it will be administered as soon as possible to those most vulnerable to the H1N1 flu, including children ages 6 months through 24 years old. The Health Department is working closely with the school system to administer the vaccine, free of charge, to any HCPSS student with parent permission. The vaccine is expected to be more readily available by November.

**HCHD and the school system have devised a tentative schedule of H1N1 flu vaccine clinics, beginning with schools that have the highest enrollment.** This schedule is posted on the school system's website, at [www.hcpss.org/pandemic](http://www.hcpss.org/pandemic). The schedule simply lists the order in which schools will receive the vaccine and not specific dates, because we do not know how much vaccine will be available at any given time. FluMist® will be administered to elementary students; injectible vaccine will be administered to middle and high school students. HCHD officials expect to receive more injectible vaccine than FluMist®. If or when FluMist® is no longer available, injectible vaccine will be offered to elementary students at after-school clinics, so that parents can accompany their child. Elementary school students with asthma or other chronic health problems may not be eligible to receive the FluMist, so parents may wish to consult with their child's physician about injectible vaccines.

It is the HCHD's priority to vaccinate as many students as soon as possible. This may result in changes to the posted schedule. If only a small shipment of vaccine is available at a particular time, a school with a smaller enrollment may receive vaccine earlier. Conversely, students at schools that have received the seasonal FluMist® will be delayed if the 30-day waiting period between vaccines has not occurred.

**Parents will receive notification and a consent form when their child's school is next in line to receive the vaccine. A child will not receive the vaccine without assigned parental consent form.**

**Please note :** Health officials recommend that children under 10 years old receive a second dose of the H1N1 flu vaccine, which may not be administered in schools. The HCHD hopes to provide after-school clinics for second dose administration, but this is tentative. Although a second dose is not required, it is recommended to increase immunity in younger children. Parents of children under age 10 may wish to consult with their child's physician about getting this second dose of the H1N1 vaccine.

Look for vaccine updates from your school, through HCPSS News, and on the school system's website. The school system will continue to provide information as soon as it becomes available. Your flexibility and cooperation are appreciated as we work to provide the vaccine to our school-aged population as quickly and efficiently as possible. Questions may be directed to the Howard County Health Department, 410-313-6503.

### **Yearbook Pictures**

This year's yearbook will feature a section that will include **baby pictures of our 8<sup>th</sup> graders**. If you would like to have your child's picture included, please put an excellent quality photo in a baggie labeled with your child's name and Falcon Time teacher. The photos will be scanned and therefore returned to the students. If they are not labeled, it will be impossible to give them back. Please give the pictures to Mrs. Stout by November 13<sup>th</sup>. Thank you so much for participating in this very cute section of our yearbook.

### **PTA News**

- **Coat Drive:** The MVMS Spirit Team and Student Government are collecting new or gently used, clean coats that are ready to wear (no need to repair) in sizes pre-K through adult sizes. Hats and gloves are also welcome. Donations may be brought to Mount View Middle School and deposited in the "coat drive" bin in the front lobby of the school. Donations will be accepted through November 2<sup>nd</sup>.
  
- **MVMS Spirit Team Fall Dance "In Honor and Memory of Vincent Woodward" - Thursday, November 5<sup>th</sup>**! The Mount View Middle School Spirit Team is hosting the Fall Dance "In Honor and Memory of Vincent Woodward", our dear friend, on Thursday, November 5<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM in the Mount View Cafetorium. The dance will feature DJ Billy Zee. Tickets are \$3 PLUS we are asking for cash/check donations for the "Little People of America" in Vincent's name. Please consider making a donation on behalf of Vincent. Kids can bring in cash/change or parents can write a tax deductible check.
  - Tickets will be on sale during lunch on Wednesday and Thursday, November 4<sup>th</sup> and November 5<sup>th</sup> - the permission slip is on the back of the ticket. You must be a Mount View student to come to the Fall Dance, and you must have a parent or guardian sign the permission slip on the back of your ticket. All children are welcomed. If there are any health concerns for your child, please plan to chaperone the dance. All Howard County Public School conduct rules apply at this event. Tickets will also be sold at the door but parents must come in to sign the permission slip.
  
  - **Parents, WE NEED YOU!!! Any parents interested in chaperoning the Fall Dance, please email Spirit Team volunteer Michelle Richards at michellebrichards@verizon.net for your assignment.**
  
  - **Invitation for all 8th Graders:** Join your classmates for a fun afternoon of **Roller Skating** on Friday, November 6<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 PM to 3:45 PM at Supreme Sports Club. School is closed for a Professional Development Day.
    - Cost is:
      - \$6.00 (Admission fee unless you are a member of the Columbia Association. Bring your CA card.)

- \$6.00 (own roller skates/in-line skates)
  
- \$9.00 (to rent roller skates)
  
- \$10.00 (to rent in-line skates)
  
  
- No snacks will be provided, however there is a snack bar for anyone who would like to purchase food on their own. Please return the permission slip (found on MVMS website), [www.mountviewmiddleschool.org/admin/welcome/files/8skatingpermission.pdf](http://www.mountviewmiddleschool.org/admin/welcome/files/8skatingpermission.pdf) and a check for the appropriate amount to MVMS Front Office by Monday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>. **NO WALK-INS** . Please **make checks payable to MVMS PTA** . Parents are responsible for transportation. Students must be picked up by 3:45 PM. If you have any questions, contact Susan Kelly at [mdkellys@verizon.net](mailto:mdkellys@verizon.net) or Suki Nam at [sukinam@comcast.net](mailto:sukinam@comcast.net) .

### CommunityNews

**NOVEMBER CITRUS SALE** - just in time for Thanksgiving! The **MRHS Music Department, with the support of the MRHSMusic Foundation, is kicking off their Citrus Fruit Sale** to help music students raise funds for the annual Spring Trip. Monthly sales will continue now through February. November sale will offer grapefruit, navel oranges, tangerines, and the always popular Variety Pack. Order deadline is Friday, November 6<sup>th</sup> with pickup at Marriotts Ridge High School on November 21<sup>st</sup>...just in time for your Thanksgiving table! For more information and order form, please visit the Music Foundation website at [www.mrhsmusic.net](http://www.mrhsmusic.net). Questions may be directed to [mrhsfruit@yahoo.com](mailto:mrhsfruit@yahoo.com).

This year's **Mustang 5K Stampede and Scream and 1 Mile Zombie Walk** takes a ghoulish twist, with prizes for costumed participants as well as serious runners. The race starts at the witching hour of 9:00 AM on **Saturday, October 31<sup>st</sup> at Marriotts Ridge High School** . Prizes range from cash awards and gift cards to certificates for food and services as well as other tricks and treats. Trophies will be awarded to top two runners in more than ten categories. Register online before October 20<sup>th</sup> for \$20 to participate in either the 5k or the 1 Mile Zombie Walk and receive a commemorative tee shirt. Families registering before October 20<sup>th</sup> will be charged a maximum of \$60 for all participants. Registration is accepted on race day or any day after October 20<sup>th</sup> for an additional \$5 fee. Families with young children are encouraged to participate in the Zombie Parade for just \$5 (small goody bag provided in lieu of tee shirt). Get more use—and photo ops—out of that special Halloween costume in a celebratory community setting. Register online at [http://www.active.com/event\\_detail.cfm?event\\_id=1794485](http://www.active.com/event_detail.cfm?event_id=1794485) or download registration form at <http://www.mrhs-boosters.com/stampede09fall.html> and mail in with checks payable to Marriotts Ridge Boosters Club. For questions or more details, contact Race

Director Paul Laux at [Mustang5K@verizon.net](mailto:Mustang5K@verizon.net).

So many choices, so little time... and the holidays are fast approaching! **Get your wrapping paper and gift item needs at Innisbrook and support MRHSPTSA's After Prom event!** Online credit card orders only, visit [www.innsbrook.com](http://www.innsbrook.com) and click on "out of town family and friends". Enter MRHS code #103742 and order away!! Orders sent directly to your home. Questions, contact Christine Crosby [mrhs\\_afterprom@yahoo.com](mailto:mrhs_afterprom@yahoo.com)

**OPENHOUSE INFORMATION SESSIONS** : All family members are invited to attend the Career & Technology Education Information Sessions at the Applications & Research Laboratory off of Route 108 in Ellicott City from 7:00PM – 9:00 PM. These information sessions will introduce all 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade students to all the Career Academies and programs available for all high school students to focus on a course of study related to their academic and career interests. November 10<sup>th</sup> for 8<sup>th</sup> grade students, November 19<sup>th</sup> for 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> graders. There is also a session on January 7<sup>th</sup> for everyone. Any questions you may call Sally Long at 410-313-6629 by November 5<sup>th</sup>.

**WalkNow for Autism: The National Autism Walk** will be held at The National Mall on October 31<sup>st</sup>. For more information and to register, go to [www.NationalAutismWalk.org](http://www.NationalAutismWalk.org) or call 202-955-3111 or email [dcwalk@autismspeaks.org](mailto:dcwalk@autismspeaks.org).

The **Horizon Foundation Community Councils and the Women's Giving Circle** are cosponsoring *Horizon Family Communication Night: Mean Girls* with expert Deborah West offering keys to understanding Queen Bees, Gamma Girls, and surviving the female social hierarchy to teens and parents. Registration is required. Ages 11 – 14 with an adult. The event will take place at:

East Columbia Branch Library Wednesday, November 4<sup>th</sup> 6:30 PM– 8:30 PM

Central Library Monday, November 16<sup>th</sup> 6:30 PM– 8:30 PM

Maximum registration: 40. Contact Katie George at 410-313-7778.

**Registration forms** are available for **Howard County Wrestling Program for Boys and Girls**. Forms are available outside MVMS front office or register online <http://www.howardcountymd.gov/rap>. For additional information contact Jean Shea, 410-313-4626 or [www.howardcountywrestling.com](http://www.howardcountywrestling.com).

**Adventures for the Cure and USA Cycling Club** will hold **Adventures for the Cure Extreme Weekend for Children with Diabetes** on November 13<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> for youth ages 12 – 19. The amazing weekend camp will be held at Sandy Hill Camp located in beautiful northeast Maryland on the Chesapeake Bay. The goal of the camp is to provide children with diabetes the opportunity to maximize their ability to perform at their highest level in all areas of sports, fitness and life activities while maintaining intensive glucose control. The spring camp will be held April 9<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup>. For more information go to [www.adventuresfortheCure.com/extremeWeekend.html](http://www.adventuresfortheCure.com/extremeWeekend.html) or contact Ron DeNunzio, 717-471-4636, or [rwdenunzio@msn.com](mailto:rwdenunzio@msn.com).

**Soroptimist International of Howard County is seeking applicants for the Violet Richardson Award**, which is awarded to a 14-17 year old girl who has performed extraordinary service to the community. Applicants are asked to fill out a one-page information sheet and prepare a 750 word essay telling where they volunteer and why. The award is \$300 for the winner and \$200 for her charity of choice. Applications are due on December 1<sup>st</sup>, and the winner is selected in January. Winners are honored at the annual awards banquet in April. For more information or to request an application, contact Eileen Singleton at 410-461-5486, or [VRA.SIHC@gmail.com](mailto:VRA.SIHC@gmail.com).

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