

# ViewPoint –December 11, 2009

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**NEW ITEM ON MVMS HOME PAGE:** Upcoming Dates can be downloaded  
<http://www.mountviewmiddleschool.org/calendar.php>

*Calendar for the Week of December 14<sup>th</sup>:*

**Dec. 14**

Winter Band Concert at MRHS 7:00 PM

**Dec. 15**

7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip to MRHS – Dr. Mikey

**Dec. 16**

Winter Orchestra Concert at MRHS 7:00 PM

**Dec. 17**

PTA Spirit Team Day – Comfy-Cozy Day

**Dec. 18**

Interims Issued

All Grade Field Trip to MRHS - Madrigals/Concert Band Assembly

## *Student Absences*

When your child will be absent, please notify the school by 8:00 AM on the first day of the absence. You may contact the school by email: [mvmsabsence@hcpss.org](mailto:mvmsabsence@hcpss.org) or by phone: 410-313-5545 or 410-313-5550.

Please provide the following information:

\*Your child's name and grade

\*The date of the absence

\*Reason for absence or late arrival

\*Symptoms of influenza like illness

\*Parent/Guardian name and phone number where you may be reached during school hours

## *Bus Policy*

Students are not permitted to ride another bus unless it is an emergency. In the case of an emergency the *Bus Emergency Transportation* form can be downloaded from the [www.mountviewmiddleschool.org](http://www.mountviewmiddleschool.org). The form must be filled out and brought to the front office to be approved by the administration. Bus drivers will not permit a student to ride the bus without this approved form.

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

On Friday, December 4<sup>th</sup> the seventh grade visited **Medieval Times Dinner and Tournament**. Students had the chance to eat with their hands while watching two knights fight - it was a wonderful way to spend a school day! The seventh grade teachers would like to thank the following parents for taking time out of their busy schedule to help make the field trip a success: Mr. McIntyre, Mrs. Plano, Ms. Synder, Mrs. Schubert, Mrs. Stewart, Ms. Azeuedo, Mrs. Burton, Mrs. Berdy, Mrs. Costa, Mr. Fingles, Ms. Bopst, Mrs.

Williams.

### **Student Government**

**SGA is running a tissue drive.** SGA will be accepting donations of tissues for Mount View classrooms and offices. Tissue boxes can be dropped off in Mr. Walsh's classroom or in the box in the front office. The SGA will be selling **8<sup>th</sup> grade t-shirts** in December and January, stay tuned for details.

**Congratulations** to Minji Kim and Will Barker the new President and Vice President of the SGA.

### **PTA**

**MVMS Spirit Team Toy Drive:** The MVMS Spirit Team is having a toy drive to benefit **The Family Tree of Maryland**. The drive will take place from now until December 15<sup>th</sup>. Please think of others this holiday season and bring in new, unwrapped gifts to be delivered to needy children located all through out Maryland. This organization especially appreciates gifts for middle school children, such as gift cards, jewelry, nail polish, games, etc. Please show your generosity by bringing your unwrapped gifts to school and placing them in the Toy Drive bin located in the front lobby.

**DRAMA CLUB SETS SIGHTS ON GROOVY:** This year, the drama club will perform, *Groovy*, a musical comedy tribute to the 1960s. An informational meeting will be held for students on Wednesday, December 16<sup>th</sup>, in the cafeteria, 2:55 PM – 3:30 PM. The director of the program is Mindi Lawton; she will be assisted by Fran Druffner, and MVMS staff Bonnie Hodder and Kay Peck. Students must have the Drama Club permission form <http://www.mountviewmiddleschool.org/students.php> to attend the meeting. For additional information, contact Lisa Coster, 410-442-3736.

### **HCPSS Food and Nutrition Service**

A new link has been added to the HCPSS website which anyone in the school community may use. Go to [www.hcpss.org](http://www.hcpss.org), click on *Lunch Menus*, click on [www.schoolmenu.com](http://www.schoolmenu.com). Anyone can create their own account, specific to his/her school. The site will allow you to go to your school menu with your school name on it and tell you the daily menu as well as go forward for future week's menus as soon, as they are posted. December is there now. You can see the nutritional value of each menu item in a drop down box. Parents and students can use it to plan their choices for the day and calculate their nutritional intake at the same time. It is a colorful, fun site with many aspects including: nutrition and fitness messages by nationally recognized experts in their field, exercise tips, allergen information, a kids area for food related activities, coupons for parents to print and use, frequently asked questions as well as prices, pre-paid meal plans and the local weather. It is a very informative site that the school community should enjoy.

### **Community News**

**Howard County Government offices, courts, animal shelter, library branches and the landfill will be closed for the Christmas holiday on Friday, December 25<sup>th</sup>, and the New Year's holiday on Friday, January 1<sup>st</sup>.** There will be no trash or recycling pick-up on Christmas Day and New Year's Day (the "slide schedule" will be in effect), and Howard Transit will not run. Parking meters are free on both holidays. In addition, as part of Howard County Government's plan to reduce operational costs, most government offices, including county parks, recreation centers, senior centers, and the Health Department will be closed during the four days (December 28<sup>th</sup> through December 31<sup>st</sup>) between Christmas Day and New Year's Day. Some services, however, will operate as usual including trash and recycling, landfill, the animal shelter, and Howard Transit, which will run on its "holiday schedule."

As always, **the 9-1-1 Center, Police and Fire departments remain staffed 24 hours a day, seven days a week. For emergencies, call 9-1-1. For non-emergencies, please call 410-313-2200.**

For a complete list of openings and closings, including the "slide schedule" for trash and recycling, visit the County's website at [www.howardcountymd.gov](http://www.howardcountymd.gov).

**A FREE CONCERT FOR THE COMMUNITY!!!** Please join the Columbia Concert Band, under the direction of Howard County Music Teacher Michael Blackman. for its annual Winter Concert on Sunday.

December 13<sup>th</sup>. This FREE performance will take place at 3:00 PM at River Hill High School. The program features fantastic wind band music (including some great holiday tunes) by Bob Margolis, Frank Ticheli, Carol Barnett, and local composer Brian Balmages. No tickets are required. Please call 301-596-9783 for more information.

The Supreme Sports Club's *Youth Racketball League 2010*, for ages 8 – 18, will begin on January 3<sup>rd</sup>. The 8-week program will take place on Wednesdays from 5:30 PM – 6:30 PM. The cost for Club Members is \$60; Columbia Association Resident Non-Members, \$90. Registration deadline is December 23<sup>rd</sup>. Participants will receive an achievement trophy. To register, call 410-381-5355 or email [sscarena@columbiaassociation.com](mailto:sscarena@columbiaassociation.com).

The **Howard County Autism Society and AMC theaters at Columbia Mall** will present *Princess and the Frog* in a sensory-friendly movie experience on Saturday, December 12<sup>th</sup>. Purchase tickets at the door, open at 9:30 AM. The movie will start at 10:00 AM. There will be no trailers, the lights will be kept up, the volume will be down and sensory breaks are encouraged. The cost is \$6 per person. For further information, contact Marianne Ross at [rossfda@hotmail.com](mailto:rossfda@hotmail.com).

Stressless Tests® announces the **Winter Middle School Study Skills Classes** are open for registration. Classes help students who don't test well, despite doing well in class, who are easily distracted and frequently bored, who have never learned how to study, and who think outside the box. Give them the support they need, whether they are gifted learners or are struggling. Classes meet for four Monday evenings from 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM at Burleigh Manor Middle School with sessions starting January 4<sup>th</sup>, and February 22<sup>nd</sup>. The sliding scale fee ranges from \$135 to \$160, depending on the take home materials selected. Registration includes a copy of the new *What's My Style? Test and Study Secrets for Procrastinating Teens, An Owner's Manual for Your Brain*, by Betty Caldwell. **To register**, go to [www.Stresslesstests.org](http://www.Stresslesstests.org). For more information, contact Betty Caldwell at 410-740-4659, or [Bcaldwell@comcast.net](mailto:Bcaldwell@comcast.net).

The **2010 Capital Debate Winter Programs** are available for registration. Go to [www.capital-debate.com](http://www.capital-debate.com) for more information and to register.