

ViewPoint – January 22, 2010

Calendar for the Week of January 25th

Spelling Bee

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Community News

Week of January 25th:

Jan. 25

No School – Professional Work Day

Jan. 26

Night of the Arts 7:00 PM

After School Activities (Newspaper)

Jan. 27

After School Activities (Chess, Soccer)

Jan. 27

After School Activities (Falcon Friends)

Jan. 29

After School Activities (Soccer)

PTA Student Social 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM

Spelling Bee

Congratulations to the MVMS Spelling Bee Winner, Christine Kim, who won with the word *analogize*. She will go on to compete in the County Spelling Bee. Good Luck!

Night of the Arts

Everyone is invited to *Night of the Arts*, a presentation of Culture from the MVMS Related Arts Team on Tuesday, January 26th, 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM. The Orchestra, Jazz Band, and Chorus will perform and student work will be on display. Please join us for *Night of the Arts*.

Winter Dance

The Mount View Middle School Spirit Team is hosting the Winter Dance featuring DJ Billy Zee on Friday, January 29th, from 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM in the Mount View Cafeteria. Tickets are \$3 PLUS one item to help out the earthquake survivors in Haiti. If people wish to make a tax-deductible donation by check, they could make their checks payable to the American Red Cross, and we will see to it that those donations are made. We are calling them “**Health Kits for Haiti.**” Items that are needed are **hand towels (15"x25" up to 17"x27"; no kitchen towels), washcloths, combs (large and sturdy, not pocket-sized), metal nail files or fingernail clippers (no emery boards), bath-size bars of soap (3 oz. and up), and toothbrushes (single in original wrapper; no child-size).** There will also be a bin located in the front lobby for anyone who wishes to donate an item to support these tragic victims. **Cash donations** are also

welcomed. Tickets will be on sale during lunch on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday January 27th through January 29th — **the permission slip is on the back of the ticket.** You must be a Mount View student to come to the 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 Winter Dance, please email Spirit Team volunteer Michelle Richards at michellebrichards@verizon.net for your assignment.** See you at the Winter Dance!

Spring Picture Day

Spring Picture Day will be February 9th from 7:45 AM – 10:45 AM. Students may choose to have their picture taken and may also choose an optional pose. More information will be included with report cards on February 3rd.

Student Government

SGA is selling **8th Grade T-Shirts** now through January 29th. T-shirts are available in short sleeve (\$10) and long sleeve (\$13). Order forms are available from Mr. Walsh or can be downloaded from the ViewPoint, just click on “**8 Grade Class T-Shirt Order Form**” under the calendar). Orders are due to 8th grade Falcon Time teachers or Mr. Walsh by January 29th.

MSA

The Maryland State Assessment (MSA) is coming! Mark your calendar for **March 9th, 10th, 16, and 17th.** Please do NOT schedule appointments or early dismissals on these days. Also, EVERY student should arrive to school on time. We want our children to have a positive testing experience and that starts with their attendance!! The **Math MSA** will be given on **March 9th & 10th**. The **Reading MSA** will be given on **March 16th & 17th**. Providing a healthy snack is great way for Mount View families to support our students during MSA testing. PTA would like to provide a snack for each student for the four testing days. What do we need? Monetary donations (\$5 per family is recommended) and volunteers are needed to help distribute snacks to testing rooms. **Send checks ONLY, payable to MVMS PTA.** Enclose the check in a sealed envelope clearly marked “MSA Snack Donation.” Students should give the envelope to their Falcon Time teacher. Volunteers are needed Monday, March 8th, Tuesday, March 9th, Monday, March 15th, and Tuesday, March 16th from 2:30 PM – 3:15 PM. Please respond to Julie Bennett by Monday March 1st if you are interested in volunteering or need more information at 410-442-2911 or juliebennett@verizon.net.

Attendance

Late Arrival: Students MUST be in Falcon Time by 7:40 AM. If your child arrives after 7:40 AM, he/she must have a signed note or be accompanied by parent to sign in at the front office.

Early Dismissal: A note, email or phone call is recommended stating the time you will be picking up your child. Your child’s name and dismissal time will be put on our “Ticker” on the classroom television and he/she will be dismissed from the classroom at the stated time. Please allow 2-3 minutes for your child to go to his/her locker.

Absence: A note MUST be turned in to Student Services when your child returns to school after being sick or the absence will be marked as an unexcused absence.

Extended Absence/Discretionary Absence (up to 3 days per year): The extended absence form must be completed and submitted to Mrs. McKinley in advance. For absences in excess of 3 days, this form must be submitted 2 weeks in advance. The form can be found on www.hcpss.org, click on “Forms”.

Community News

We may have just welcomed in 2010, but during this year's **MRHS Boosters Mustang Madness Fundraiser**, we'll be celebrating the 1970s! "**That 70's Madness**" is being held on March 6th at Mangia

Italian Grill and Sports Bar. (We've rented out the entire restaurant!) Have a "**far out**" time playing **70s Game Shows!** Bid on "**groovy**" **Live Auction** items! Take a spin at the "**dy-no-mite**" **Prize Wheel**. Save the Date, and be on the lookout for more information in the coming weeks.

MUSTANG GIRLS BASKETBALL!!! Come see the Mustangs in action on their home court. **KIDS FREE** with paying adult. Marriotts Ridge HS vs. Wilde Lake HS on January 27th. Varsity plays at 5:30 PM. Adult admission is \$4.00.

Candlelight Concerts presents Concert #1 of the Eighteen Beethoven quartets in six concerts over two seasons. The concert will take place at 8:00 PM on Saturday, January 23rd at the Smith Theatre, Howard Community College in Columbia. Ages 9 – 17 are free when accompanied by a paying adult. For details and tickets, call 410-997-2324.

Candlelight Concerts will also present *Papageno*, a fully staged and costumed version of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart's opera, the Magic Flute at 3:00 PM and 4:30 PM on Sunday, January 24th. The performance will take place at Smith Theatre at Howard Community College. For details and tickets, call 410-997-2324 or go to info@candlelightconcerts.org.

The **Columbia Association Teen Advisory Committee** will hold their 6th annual ***Battle of the Dance*** on Friday, February 26th from 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM at 5851 Robert Oliver Place in Oakland Mills Village Center. There will be two categories, individual and group. Competition is open to all dancers. Dance performances will be limited to 5 minutes. Each individual or team must supply their own music on CD...*no explicit lyrics*. Prizes will be offered for best performances in the individual and group categories. Call 410-715-5523 to register by February 20th.

The **Columbia Association Middle School Advisory Committee** will hold a ***Middle School Skating Social*** on Saturday, February 27th from 4:30 PM – 6:30 PM at the Supreme Sports Club Skate Arena in Columbia. Admission is free to all Howard County Middle School Students. Skate rental is \$3 for roller skates and \$4 for in-line skates. Call 410-715-5523 by February 19th to register or for more information.

Parent Information Sessions: Columbia Sister Cities Summer High School Student Exchange: The Columbia Association will offer two evening information sessions for parents and high school students about the Sister Cities High School Student Exchange program on Tuesday, January 26th at the Columbia Teen Center and on Thursday, January 28th at Long Reach High School. Both sessions will run from 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM. Laura Smit, Program Manager for the Columbia Association's International Exchange & Multicultural Programs, will speak and answer questions about the month-long program, which begins with two weeks of cultural and linguistic immersion during July in one of Columbia's sister cities, Cergy-Pontoise (outside Paris, France) or Tres Cantos (outside Madrid, Spain), hosted by the family of a French or Spanish student. After returning to the US, the American students will host their French/Spanish counterparts for another two weeks. The registration fee is \$650 for Columbia residents and \$790 for non-Columbia residents. Airline tickets will range from \$1,100 to \$1,500 per participant. Applicants must be high school students residing in Howard County and must have completed high school level two of French or Spanish by the end of the current academic year or have the equivalent language fluency. Applications are due February 19th. Application packets are available at www.columbiaassociation.org - Get Involved - Teens), or from Laura Smit at 410-715-3162 or email: international@columbiaassociation.com. The Columbia Teen Center is located at 5853 Robert Oliver Place in The Barn in the Oakland Mills Village Center (for directions visit www.columbiaassociation.com - Get Involved - Teens.)

The **Columbia Festival of the Arts** invites **K-12 students to enter the 2010 poster design contest**. The student creating the winning design will receive a \$500 Purchase Prize. The artwork will be featured on the cover of 100,000 printed brochures, the season program magazine and the 2010 season poster.

Original artwork must be submitted by 5:00 PM, Friday, February 5th. For more information, call the Columbia Festival of the Arts at 410-715-3044 or go to www.columbiafestival.com.

The **Teen Center at the Dancel Family Y in Ellicott City** is a fun, enjoyable, and relaxing place for all. We offer a new Teen Center with a pool table, ping pong table, air hockey, and a big screen TV! We also offer a Teen Leaders program for grades 6-12, Youth and Government program for grades 8-12, and many other exciting opportunities. Participants ages 11 and up are invited to the Teen Center Monday-Friday 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM and Saturday 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM. For more information, contact Evan Ibbitson at 410-465-4334 or visit www.Ymaryland.org.

Howard Community College Educational Foundation and Hunan Manor Restaurant will hold their **11th anniversary gourmet Chinese buffet to benefit the Silas Craft Collegians Scholarship Endowment**. The dinner buffet will be served continuously from 5:00 PM – 8:00 PM on Monday, March 8th at the Hunan Manor Restaurant in Columbia. Tickets are \$40 per person and the Silas Craft Collegians Endowment receives 100% of the proceeds from the ticket sales to the event. For more information or to purchase tickets, call the Development Office at Howard Community College, 410-772-4450 or visit www.howardcc.edu/specialevents.

HoCoPoLitSo, the Howard County Poetry and Literature Society, will host its 32nd Annual Evening of Irish Music and Poetry with award winning short story writer Claire Keegan, on Friday, February 19th at 8:00 PM at the Jim Rouse Theater in Columbia. Tickets are \$30 general admission. Go to www.brownpapertickets.com/event/89385 or by sending a self-addressed stamped envelope and check payable to HoCoPoLitSo 10901 Little Patuxent Parkway, Duncan Hall, 239, Columbia, MD 21044.

Registration for **Western Howard County Youth T-Ball, Baseball and Softball for Spring for boys and girls ages 5-18**, has begun and will continue through March 2010. The T-ball and Baseball age determination date is April 30th. For more information please visit www.whcsports.com and click on the “Registration” tab. You can also contact Jean Shea at 410-313-4626 (TTY410-313-4665) or jshea@howardcountymd.gov.

Howard County Recreation & Parks Winter classes for Students in your area:

Drawing for Teens: Professional artist and instructor Cher Compton will teach your student (ages 11-17) techniques to enhance their drawing skills. Students will be drawing with charcoal and will work from still life subjects. The class meets at Clarksville Middle School once per week for six weeks beginning Wednesday, February 10th. The cost of the program is \$79 + a \$10 material fee that is due to the instructor at the first session.

Learn to Play Piano: HCPSS Music Instructor, Lee Pogue, will be offering introductory piano class at the state of the art Music Technology Studio at River Hill High School. Each student (ages 11-17) works at their own keyboard learning play a variety of musical styles in order to gain confidence and develop musical skills. Students should have access to a keyboard or a piano to practice outside of class. The class will meet for 8 weeks, 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM on Saturdays starting January 30th. The cost of the program is \$99 (includes music book).

For additional information, please contact Holly Harden at 410-313-4625.

To register, call 410-313-7275 or online please follow this direct link: <http://activenet12.active.com/howardcounty/servlet/registrationMain.sdi?source=activityframes.sdi>.

Flyers are available outside the MVMS Front Office.

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payable to HoCoPoLitSo, 10901 Little Patuxent Parkway, Columbia, 21044. For more information, call 410-772-4568.

i9 Sports: Sign up for Spring 2010 Flag Football, Basketball and Cheer Programs. Register Online: www.i9sports.com or call 443-485-4202.

Columbia Association residents can register for CA Camps beginning on January 19th. Open enrollment begins on February 1st. To view the brochure and download a registration form, visit www.columbiacamps.org or call the Camp Office at 410-715-3165 or send an email to camps@columbiaassociation.com.