

# ViewPoint

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## School Calendar:

Sept. 28

- ✓ SCHOOL CLOSED - Yom Kippur

Sept. 29

- ✓ Magazine Turn In Day
- ✓ Flag Football 2:30 PM - 3:30 PM

Sept. 30

- ✓ Spirit Day - Wacky Tacky Day
- ✓ Flag Football 2:30 PM - 3:30 PM

Oct. 1

- ✓ Magazine Prize Day
- ✓ Cross Country 2:30 PM - 3:30 PM

Oct. 2

- ✓ Flag Football 2:30 PM - 3:30 PM
- ✓ PTA Sponsored Hip Hop Dance 2:30 PM - 3:30 PM

## MAGAZINE FUNDRAISER

Next Tuesday is your last chance to help our school sell magazines in our only fundraiser of the year! For every 5 subscriptions students sell, they will earn 1 chance in our 2nd annual "Jump for George" contest and win some cash! EVERY student benefits from the money we raise so we would like to see EVERYONE participate this year. Please remember to make all checks out to MVMS-PTA. If you don't want to buy/sell magazines, we happily accept donations. Questions? Contact Linda at [rafferty14@msn.com](mailto:rafferty14@msn.com) or Donna at [augustino5@verizon.net](mailto:augustino5@verizon.net)

## JAZZ BAND

Jazz Band auditions will take place after school on October 13th and 14th from 2:30 PM - 3:30 PM. Students who are interested in auditioning should see Ms. Williams for an audition packet.

## SCHOOL CLUBS

THERE'S SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE IN AFTER AND BEFORE SCHOOL CLUBS:

Are your kids still looking for just the right activity to get involved in at school? Then, the PTA After/Before School Clubs may have the answer. Take a look at the following clubs offered by teachers and outside organizations starting this fall:

- FALCON FRIENDS - Similar to the Buddy Program in other schools, this new club is comprised of students w/ disabilities and their peers. Fee: \$10 per 10 sessions. Coordinator: Meridith Hurd. Thursdays, 2:30 PM - 3:30 PM, starting October 8th, in the cafeteria
- HIP HOP/BREAKDANCING CLUB - for novices and experts,

## Upcoming Dates:

Oct. 4 - 10

- ✓ Choose Civility Week

Oct. 5

- ✓ Flag Football 2:30 PM - 3:30 PM

Oct. 6

- ✓ Magazine Prize Day - Science of Illusion
- ✓ Cross Country 2:30 PM - 3:30 PM

Oct. 7

- ✓ Flag Football 2:30 PM - 3:30 PM

Oct. 8

- ✓ Cross Country 2:30 PM - 3:30 PM

Oct. 9

- ✓ Interims Issued
- ✓ PTA Sponsored Hip Hop Dance 2:30 PM - 3:30 PM

Oct. 13

- ✓ Field Trip to MD Public Television - MVTV Crew 9:15 AM - 11:15 PM
- ✓ Cross Country 2:30 PM - 3:30 PM

Oct. 15

- ✓ Cross Country 2:30 PM - 3:30 PM

Oct. 16

- ✓ SCHOOL CLOSED - MSTA Convention
- ✓ 7th & 8th Grade Orchestra performs at for MMEA at Howard HS

taught once again by Studio Dans' C.J. Fee: \$12 per class. Fridays, 2:30 PM - 3:30 PM, starting October 2nd, in the gymnasium

- CHESS CLUB - learn the basics of chess and the strategy of the game. Fee: \$10 for 10 sessions. Teacher: John Corbin. Wednesdays, 2:30 PM - 3:30 PM, beginning October 7th.
- ORGANIZATION CLUB - Need some guidance in binder organization, cleaning out your locker, or checking your homework and agenda books? Get your day off to a productive start! It's free! Teachers: Lindsay Madden & Maggie Bosse. Tuesdays & Thursdays, 7:00 AM - 7:30 AM, beginning October 6th in Room 24
- JEWELRY MAKING CLUB - Learn how to make your own bling! Fee: \$15 for 10 sessions Teacher: Margaret Grimes. Tuesdays, 2:30 PM - 3:30 PM beginning October 6th in Room 22A.
- DRAMA CLUB - Ms. Mindi Lawton returns to MVMS to produce a spring musical. Try outs for Cinderella's Glass Slipper will take place in early December. Show in April. Fee: TBD

Permission slips can be found online or outside the Front Office. Clubs are not held on days that school is closed. Questions? Contact the coordinating teachers or Lisa Coster, PTA After/Before School Activities Chair, 410-442-3736.

## BOX TOPS

What's the easiest way to earn money for Mount View Middle School? BOX TOPS!!!!

Before you recycle those boxes of cereal, clip off the small box tops symbol and turn them in to school. What could be easier? BOX TOPS are on so many products and brands: Pillsbury, Bisquick, Hamburger Helper, Betty Crocker, General Mills, Kleenex, Scott, Hefty, Even Avery school supplies!

Clip those BOX TOPS! It's easy, it's quick, it's free and it helps our Mount View students! BOX TOPS Collection boxes are located in the front office.

## EARLY DISMISSALS

If you have to pick up your child for an early dismissal, he/she should bring a note to Student Services before Falcon Time in the morning. To inform teachers, the child's name will be placed on the daily attendance bulletin and on the TV "ticker". A parent/guardian must sign the child out and present identification when picking up. Your child will be released from class at the stated dismissal time.

## DAY AT THE PARK

The Mount View Middle School PTA is organizing a "Day At the Park" for all 6th Graders on Friday, October 16th from 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM. The event will be held rain or shine and the cost is \$20 per student.

Mini Golf, Rock Climbing, Go Carts (2 rounds included), All Rides (water rides, weather permitting) (Snack Bar and Video Games are not included in admission, but available. Bring extra money if desired.) Wear your MVMS Spirit Wear or Gym T-Shirt!

Parents: This is a great annual fall outing for incoming middle

school students. Another outing is being planned for the spring. Schools are closed on October 16th, so please join us or arrange transportation to and from the Park, as no bus transportation is being provided. Students must be picked up by 4:00 PM from Adventure Park.

The reduced cost per student is \$20 thanks to generous support from the PTA and a group rate. No tickets will be issued but each paid student will receive a wristband and a nametag to wear that day. If you are joining your child and want to participate in the activities, adult admission is payable upon entry. SIBLINGS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND, BUT MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT. WE WILL NOT BE MONITORING ANYONE OTHER THAN THE 6TH GRADERS.

In order to receive the PTA discount and the group rate, students must return the permission slip and a check for \$20.00, payable to MVMS PTA, in a sealed envelope marked ADVENTURE PARK to the Front Office by Tuesday, October 13th. REMIND YOUR CHILD TO DROP THE ENVELOPE IN THE BOX MARKED "ADVENTURE PARK" IN THE FRONT OFFICE. NO STUDENT WALK-INS on October 16th.

If you are interested in chaperoning, please note that on the permission slip.

[DOWNLOAD](#) Permission Slip.

## COMMUNITY NEWS

Each year, as its only fund raiser, Marriotts Ridge High School's Poms Dance Team, sponsors a Homecoming Pancake Breakfast on Saturday (Homecoming) morning before the parade. It is from 8 :00 AM - 10:30 AM in the MRHS cafeteria. Tickets are \$8 for students and \$10 for adults. Children 5 and under are free with the purchase of an adult ticket. The Homecoming Parade kicks off at 11:00 AM from the Waverly Elementary School.

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 31st 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 20th for \$20 to participate in either the 5k or the 1 Mile Zombie Walk and receive a commemorative tee shirt. Families registering before October 20th will be charged a maximum of \$60 for all participants. Registration is accepted on race day or any day after October 20th 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 [www.mrhs-boosters.com/stampede09fall.html](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).

These are a few websites that may be helpful to all parents as we start off the new school year.

- Children's Learning Styles - [www.fortnet.org/ParentToParent/PFellers/par\\_lern.html](http://www.fortnet.org/ParentToParent/PFellers/par_lern.html)

- Getting Back In The School Groove - [www.fortnet.org/ParentToParent/PFellers/par\\_blue.html](http://www.fortnet.org/ParentToParent/PFellers/par_blue.html)
- Parent Teacher Conferences - [www.fortnet.org/ParentToParent/PFellers/par\\_teach.html](http://www.fortnet.org/ParentToParent/PFellers/par_teach.html)
- Surviving Report Cards - [http://www.fortnet.org/ParentToParent/PFellers/par\\_rpt.html](http://www.fortnet.org/ParentToParent/PFellers/par_rpt.html)

AT:LAST, INC. Strategies for Children with Rett Syndrome - Repeat of the popular series offered earlier by Linda Burkhart. September 16th, October 6th and November 4th for educators and parents, 9:45 AM - 2:30 PM. Visit [www.matcoop.org](http://www.matcoop.org) for workshop details and registration, or call 410-381-2667 or email [communications@matcoop.org](mailto:communications@matcoop.org) for assistance. Sessions held at AT:LAST's Assistive Technology Learning Center in Columbia.

Have fun and make a difference - You CAN help find a cure for Ulcerative Colitis & Crohn's Disease! Attend the Inaugural Free Throw ShootOut & Silent Auction for Ulcerative Colitis & Crohn's Disease. The purpose of the event is to raise awareness and funds to find a cure for Ulcerative Colitis and Crohn's Disease, while having a great time! The event will take place at the Chapelgate Academy Gymnasium in Marriottsville, on Saturday November 7th from 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM with event check-in at 12:30 PM. More information can be found at: [www.shootout4ccfa.com](http://www.shootout4ccfa.com), or via email at [shootout4ccfa@gmail.com](mailto:shootout4ccfa@gmail.com) or 410-531-0054.

This year's Walk for Food Allergy: Moving Toward A Cure in Baltimore will take place in Meadowbrook Park in Ellicott City on Saturday, October 10th at 10:00 AM. The event, to be held in 33 cities across the country as well as online, is sponsored by the Food Allergy & Anaphylaxis Network (FAAN) to increase awareness about food allergy and to raise money for research and education. Registration for FAAN's Walk for Food Allergy is now open to families, community groups, and anyone else wishing to raise funds for food allergy education and research. Registration is online at [www.foodallergywalk.org](http://www.foodallergywalk.org). Sponsors are also being sought; the Walk is a great way for businesses to show their support for families facing the challenges of managing food allergies. If you have any questions, contact Melissa Maheu at [melissa.maheu@gmail.com](mailto:melissa.maheu@gmail.com).

Take a day to fall into softball at HCYP's Kiwanis Wallas Park in Ellicott City, on Sunday, October 18th from 11:00 AM-3:00 PM. Learn about HCYP softball. The recreational league is available to girls ages 6 - 18. Meet new people and participate in some fun activities. Events will include: softball demonstrations, relay races and other games, yard sale and face painting. Concession items will also be available. For directions to the park, visit the website at [www.hcyp.org](http://www.hcyp.org).

The Howard County chapter of NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) offers a free six-week course, NAMI Basics, for parents and other caregivers of children and adolescents who may be experiencing behavioral and emotional challenges such as ADHD, anxiety, depression, bipolar disorder, conduct disorders, post traumatic stress disorder, schizophrenia. It is not required that the child has a specific diagnosis for parents to benefit from this course. The course content covers the biology of mental illness, the challenges of getting an accurate diagnosis, and the latest medical research and advancements in treatment. Basics, also teaches parents strategies to cope with the impact of a child's illness on the rest of the family, including caring for the caregivers. Basics is taught by trained parents who have lived similar experiences with their own children. If you are interested in registering for the Fall session, call Susan Helsel, Executive Director of NAMI Howard County, 410-772-9300.

The Russian Maryland Cultural Center offers Classes for Children and adults. Classes offered are: Russian Language, Russian Literature, Russian History, Russian Folk Dance, Russian Art and Theater, Russian Music and Chorus. Classes are held in a public school facility and are taught by experienced native Russian teachers and professors. For more information, call 443-527-4375, [RussianCenter@Verizon.net](mailto:RussianCenter@Verizon.net) or register at [www.myRMCC.com](http://www.myRMCC.com).

The Orthodox Church of St. Matthew's will hold their second annual Multi-Cultural Festival on Saturday, October 3rd from 11:00 AM - 10:00 PM and Sunday, October 4th from 1:00 PM - 7:00 PM in Columbia. The event will transform Columbia's Kings Contrivance Village Center into an international destination, featuring free live entertainment by the region's most popular ethnic musicians and dancers, delicious foods made on premises from family recipes, one-of-a-kind handmade jewelry and crafts, a large children's activity area, guided church tours, icon painting demonstrations and a silent auction. For more information and a full entertainment schedule, visit [www.stmatthewfestival.org](http://www.stmatthewfestival.org).

The Black Student, Family and CommUNITY Network, Inc. (BSFCN) will have our first training of the 2009/2010 school year for persons interested in becoming a Parent Volunteer Contact (PVC) for your school on Tuesday, September 29th 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM at Faulkner Ridge Center in Columbia. Our PVCs serve as a knowledge base regarding resources available in Howard County for parents of Black students. If you are interested in becoming a PVC for your school, please contact Towanda Mitchell, PVC Chair, at 301-317-0616 or [towanda.mitchell@verizon](mailto:towanda.mitchell@verizon). BSFCN would also like to inform everyone about a seminar available to parents on Saturday, September 26th at Celebration Church at Columbia in Columbia 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM about how they can help their children be successful in school. The cost is \$10 for the materials that will be distributed. Please contact Celebration Church at Columbia to register or Towanda Mitchell for further information.

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