

TVMS Wolf Pride

August 28, 2015

Important Dates

Sept. 7 School and Offices Closed for Labor Day
Sept. 10 Back to School Night
Sept. 14 School and Offices Closed
Sept. 23 School Closed
Oct. 11 HCPSS 5K / Fun Run

A Note From the Principal

TVMS Families,

TVMS students and staff have settled into the new school year comfortably. We have had the pleasure of welcoming 600 young timber wolves to the TVMS family. It is an incredible responsibility to nurture and encourage young people to reach their academic potential.

Collaborating with you ensures your child's success. We are truly partners in your child's academic future. The year is off to a great start, largely in part to the strong collaboration we have with students and their families. Thank you, in advance, for all you do to promote your child's bright future.

Regards,
Shiney Ann John, Principal

HCPSS Connect Course Enrollment

We are very excited about the launch of HCPSS Connect and the opportunities for parents to stay engaged with their child's academics. The first step for completion in Connect is the Family File Form. Please visit HCPSS Connect prior to August 31st to update/confirm your child's emergency contact information card. **Even if no information has changed, you will need to review and submit your student's form. This will be an important step to be completed yearly.** If you have questions regarding the Family File, please email Ms. Nicholson at nicole_nicholson@hcpss.org.

An important component of HCPSS Connect is the Canvas Learning System. Beginning this week, parent information is being added to their child's course pages in Canvas. You may have even received emails notifying you that you have been enrolled in your child's courses. However, please note, if you awaken to an inbox full of notifications from "HCPSS Canvas" indicating that you have been "enrolled" in certain courses. Don't worry! You do not have to begin attending school with your child! What this actually means is that HCPSS Connect's Canvas Learning System is preparing to go live on Monday, August 31, when you will have access to these courses. Save these emails as a reminder to log in on Monday to view your child's courses.

In addition, you also may have noticed that you will have access as an observer. This is simply how Canvas defines parents.

Emergency Drills

Starting next week, and throughout the school year, we will be conducting a series of drills to practice procedures that should be followed in case of an emergency. During opening week Den lessons, teachers shared critical information with students about the different types of emergency procedures and the expectations regarding each type. Please talk to your child about what they learned regarding the different types of emergency responses and remind them that they will be practicing drills during the school day next week. Please remind him/her of the importance of practicing drills. Student and staff response in emergency situations is critical to supporting a safe school environment.

Thanks, in advance, for talking to your child about their responsibility to ensure school safety during these drills. A regular, consistent response will promote an expected response from all school community members in the event of a practice or true emergency.

Back to School Night

Thomas Viaduct's Back to School Night will be held on Thursday, September 10, at 6:30 p.m. Please plan on joining us for this informative night regarding the academic school year and upcoming events at TVMS.

Spirit Wear

Students have received the Fall Spirit Wear Order Form with additional forms available in the front office. We have many exciting new items as well as basic hoodies and tees. Spirit wear samples will be available for viewing in the front office and at the September 10th, Back to School Night. The final order deadline is September 11th.

We appreciate your support to promote school spirit!

HCPSS 5K / 1-Mile Fun Run

The Howard County Public School System presents "Let's Go HoCo - HCPSS Community 5K & 1 Mile Fun Run!" The event is on October 11th with an 8 a.m. start for the 1-Mile Fun Run and an 8:15-8:17 a.m. start for the 5K.

This event will bring together HCPSS students, families, and staff, as well as all members of our community, to celebrate a Healthy Howard County.

For more information and to register, please visit <http://www.hcpss5k.com/home.html>.

Support Bright Minds

Support Bright Minds, the Howard County Public School Foundation, at Whole Foods Market in Columbia on Friday, September 4th. Five percent of total market sales will be donated to Bright Minds. Stock up on back-to-school foods and meal items or enjoy lunch or dinner in the café area. Activities and demonstrations will be hosted at the store throughout the day highlighting Bright Minds grant recipients.

Bright Minds supports students and teachers through their programs. Let's make the 5% Give Back Day a success! For more information, visit www.brightmindsfoundation.org.

Tween Club

Calling all tweens! There's a new club in town! Join us for fabulous activities that are sure to excite.

Howard County Library, Elkridge Branch
6540 Washington Boulevard, Elkridge, MD 21075
Tuesdays from 6:30 - 8 p.m.
Ages 9-12

Sept. 8	Games Around the World
Sept. 22	Out of this World Science
Oct. 13	Retro Games and Crafts
Oct. 27	Hallo-tween: Creepy Crafts and Eerie Edibles
Nov. 10	Just Dance and other Wii Games
Nov. 24	Egg Drop Strawbees Engineering Challenge