

TVMS Newsletter

April 8, 2016

Important Dates

April 8	3-hr Early Dismissal (11:55 a.m.)	April 22	Report Cards Issued
April 12	Choral Adjudications	April 22	TVMS Pride Day: College Gear
April 12-13	7th Grade Field Trip	April 22	Environmental Film Field Trip
April 14	Talent Show	April 25-28	PARCC Testing
April 15	Concert Band Adjudication	April 26	School and Offices Closed
April 15	8th Grade Panoramic Class Photo	April 29	3-hr Early Dismissal (11:55 a.m.)
April 20	Family Health and Wellness Night		

A Note From the Principal

TVMS Families,

Today marks the end of the third quarter. Students have been working diligently and celebrated their hard work by engaging in a variety of activities during Wolf Pride Day this morning.

Third quarter report cards will be sent home on April 22. Students who are not earning passing grades in core content classes will be receiving a student achievement letter regarding our concern with academic success (with their report card). This letter will ask parents/guardians to contact their student's counselor, so that we can work on a plan to help all students be successful. Student Services staff will contact all families who we have not heard from regarding the student achievement letters.

With our spring assessments approaching in late April and early May, I want to thank you for continuing to send your student to school on time, prepared to learn and do their best. The success of each student is truly a collaborative effort.

TVMS has much to be proud of when it comes to our student performance and character, and this newsletter is filled with good news about student accomplishments. It is hard to believe that the newest school in Howard County will soon be completing its second year. I am so proud to work in a community where students, parents, and staff have done a remarkable job working together to make TVMS a great place to work and learn.

Regards,
Shiney Ann John
Principal

Yearbook

Be sure to order the TVMS yearbook. It will be full of beautiful color photos to celebrate the amazing year. Hundreds of photos will help preserve your child's memories. Forms are also available in the front office and Media Center. If you would like to order online, simply go to the link to check all of the available options (paperback, hardcover, personalization, etc.). Save money by pre-ordering your yearbook today at www.ybpay.lifetouch.com (Yearbook ID Code 12257816).

Checks or money orders are payable to LifeTouch until April 15th. After April 15th, please make payable to TVMS.

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Spring Pictures

Spring Pictures were taken on March 1st, and picture packages were distributed to students on Wednesday, March 23, 2016.

Please note, there are three options regarding Spring Pictures:

1. If you would like to purchase **all** of the pictures, keep the picture package, and send payment to school with your student.
2. If you would like to purchase **some** of the pictures, remove pictures from the package that you would like to keep, and send payment for the pictures you are keeping as well as the pictures you do **not** wish to keep, to school with your student.
3. If you do not want to purchase **any** of the pictures, send the **entire** picture package to school with your student.

World Language Day

Join the Office of World Languages on Saturday, April 9, 2016, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at Long Reach High School for a celebration of Languages and Culture. There will be a language fair, poetry, performances, crafts, and more. This is an event for the entire family.

1st Annual TVMS Talent Show

Join us on Thursday, April 14th, at 6:30 p.m., for the first ever Thomas Viaduct Talent Show! Students from all three grades will be showcasing their talents and strengths on the TVMS Café stage.

This is a free event! Donations will be accepted at the door, and the TVMS PTSA will run a concessions stand with all proceeds going directly to the Warrior Salute Veterans Services.

Health and Wellness Night

The Second Annual Health and Wellness night will take place on April 20th, from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. here at Thomas Viaduct. In addition to exciting health and wellness activities, games, and prizes, we will be hosting the first ever Hoops for Heart event here at TVMS. Students have already begun fundraising for this event, and we hope to not only raise money but also raise awareness to help the American Heart Association and their work with kids and adults with heart disease.

Please sign up for this event by filling out the form online,
https://docs.google.com/a/hcps.org/forms/d/13XyuMDht5_uAUDbSQ7I-qhG3CKO4EovMp6hBYlokfbs/viewform.

Hoops for Heart

As part of Health and Wellness night on April 20th, TVMS will be hosting their first ever Hoops for Heart event. The event is designed to teach students how to be heart healthy by participating in basketball related activities and to raise money and awareness for the American Heart Association. We are encouraging students to gather their donations online using the following link, http://www.kintera.org/site/c.dkLRKbOWLjK4E/b.9278965/k.3A79/Home_NEW_2016.htm; however, cash and checks will also be accepted.

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Soles for Souls

Thomas Viaduct Middle School Student Government Association will be collecting gently used sneakers (of any size) to donate to Soles for Souls, an organization which helps provide footwear for those in need. If you have any old sneakers lying around that you could donate, it would be greatly appreciated. Students can bring their shoes for donation to the Health Suite. Mrs. Harris will have a bin for collection. If you donate shoes, you will be given a raffle ticket for the drawings at Health and Wellness night on April 20th. If you don't have any old sneakers but would still like to donate to Soles for Souls, you can donate a dollar and receive a raffle ticket.

Howling with PRIDE

Please join us for the 2nd Annual TVMS Howling with Pride on Thursday, May 19th, from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. Students will showcase their work for the year from Digital Art, Creative Writing, Debate, The Stock Market Game, Shakespeare, Music, and other classes.

News from the GT Film Institute

On Friday, February 19, 2016, twenty, sixth and seventh graders attended a field trip to American University. These students represented Thomas Viaduct's Film Institute seminar.

The students met with American University professors and graduate students in small groups to present their ideas, and receive feedback, as well and learn new filmmaking techniques. Following these sessions the students ate lunch in the University dining hall and took a tour of the campus.

The students had a great time and represented Thomas Viaduct Middle School well! Their final films will be showcased at the AFI Theater in Silver Spring on Friday, April 22, 2016.

PARCC and MAP testing

Thomas Viaduct Middle School will begin administration of the PARCC and MAP (Measures of Academic Progress) assessments during the upcoming weeks. We are sending out the testing schedule in advance, so that families can plan ahead when scheduling appointments for students. Thank you for your support.

Sixth grade Testing Schedule:

PARCC English Language Arts: May 3, 4, 5, and 6

PARCC Math: May 16, 17, and 18

MAP Reading: May 31

MAP Math: June 1

Seventh grade Testing Schedule:

PARCC English Language Arts: May 9, 10, 11, and 12

PARCC Math: May 25, 26, and 27

MAP Reading: May 18

MAP Math: May 19

Eighth grade Testing Schedule:

PARCC English Language Arts: April 25, 27, 28 May 2

PARCC Math: May 19, 23, and 24

MAP Reading: May 9

MAP Math: May 10

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Throughout the school year, students are learning about their strengths' themes and how to use their strengths toward personal success and goals. Although students have each of these strengths within themselves, certain themes have been identified as their top three strengths. Each month we will be highlighting one of the ten strength themes in order to allow you to become more familiar with each--achieving, caring, competing, confidence, dependability, discoverer, future thinker, organizer, presence, and relating.

This month we are highlighting: **FUTURE THINKER**

People especially talented in the Future Thinker theme tend to think about what's possible beyond the present time, even beyond their lifetime. Their mind loves to think and dream about the future. They are people who think about what is possible, not what is impossible.

They like to imagine the life they will have, what new things will be invented, and what they will be able to do that they cannot do now. What kind of person will they be? How will the world be different in 10 years or 100 years? What are their dreams? Their visions of the future might be bigger than most people's because thinking big is one of their talents. They like to think about the important things in life, what they mean, and how they are connected to each other. Finding meaning is important to them. It is not enough for them to simply concentrate on what they need to do today because their minds need more adventure than that. They spend time thinking about ideas, not just facts. Thinking big paints pictures of what the future can be.

Stay tuned! In our next newsletter, we will provide FUTURE THINKER action items for adults.

We look forward to continuing to "GROW STRONG" together this school year!

44th Annual Spring Student Art Exhibition at The Mall in Columbia

Thirty-five students will represent TVMS in the 44th Annual Spring Student Art Exhibition at The Mall in Columbia. Please view the TVMS artwork along with all the other submissions from HCPSS Art classes. We are proud to announce that the following students will have artwork on display at the mall April 6-20.

Ameer Abdul'wali
Toks Aboloye
Laila Carroll
Sui Cin
Au'Bria Clemons
Far Cuai
Emre Derin
Mercy Fam
Tiffany Furr
Steven Harrell
Emi Hnem
Jada Howel

Senhri Iang
Aren Jayachandran
Maurine Kallon
Nicole Lainez
Cinthia Leon Aguirre
Jiselle Magana-Lopez
Arianna Marshall
Jennifer Martinez
Candace Mayers
Kristina McKirahan
Maya Morgan
Jasmine Munyui

Nyree Noboa
Sui Par
Daivat Patel
Hirti Patel
Emily Polimeni
Kylee Ramey
Tacori Robinson
Marion Rochelle
Allyson Ryans
Shiv Shah
Matthew Toyinbo

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TVMS Artists Collaborate to Participate in Art Exhibition

Eight students will represent TVMS in the "Game Changers: Collaboration, Play and the Search for New Ideas" art exhibition at the Howard County Center for the Arts in Ellicott City. We are proud to announce that three large-scale cardboard masks, created by groups of students in 7th grade Art class, will be part of the exhibition. Please view the TVMS artwork from March 11th through April 22nd, along with all the other submissions from K-12th grade HCPSS art classes. The students with artwork in this exhibition are:

Kyleigh Eaton
Tiffany Furr
Lyzander Marantal
Sarah Muhammad

Abigail Ni Ni Tha
Lisa Roache
Jordan Rodriguez
Gabriel Shin

Alpha Staff

Is there a TVMS staff member who is making a difference in your student's life? Please nominate him/her for Alpha Staff. Eligible to be nominated are teachers, counselors, office, custodial, and administrative staff. Students, parents, administrators, colleagues, or community members can nominate staff for their excellence in the classroom. Forms may be picked up in the Front Office, requested via email at michelle_mackall@hcpss.org, or found online at the TVMS [website](#).

Tips for School Success – Get schooled in math

April is Math Awareness Month. Ask your children's teachers for suggestions on math games and online activities. Another resource: Check out the website of the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics: nctm.org/resources/families.aspx. For more information please visit: <http://www.ed.gov/parents/countdown-success>.

Policy Corner – Wellness Through Nutrition and Physical Activity (Policy 9090)

The Board of Education of Howard County recognizes the connection between health and wellness and student achievement and that students need nourishing foods and physical activity in order to grow, learn, and thrive. The Board recognizes its responsibility to provide a safe and healthy learning environment for all students. The Board recognizes that staff wellness is also an integral part of a healthy school environment and believes that promoting staff wellness fosters improved health status, improved morale, greater commitment to the health of students, and positive role modeling opportunities.

The Board further acknowledges the necessity for the Howard County Public School System (HCPSS) to ensure a coordinated approach to school health. The Board acknowledges the necessity to ensure that the school environment promotes and protects students' ability to learn by providing nutrition education, physical activity, and a variety of healthy food and beverage choices. The Board believes schools have a responsibility to help students develop the skills, knowledge, and attitudes necessary to adopt and maintain a healthy lifestyle.

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Health, Home and Harvest Community Event

Ducketts Lane Elementary School will be hosting a spring event for the entire family on Saturday, April 30th, from 9:00 a.m. until noon. There will be a community yard sale, and the opportunity to work in the community garden; a PTA sponsored health and wellness fair, and many other exciting events and demonstrations.

Musical Theater Camp – Slayton House Camp of the Arts

The Slayton House Theatre Camp of the Arts is offering three musical theater camps this summer.

Session One: June 20 – July 8 (Broadway edition, 3 weeks)

Session Two: July 11 – July 22

Session Three: July 25 – August 5

For more information and registration forms, visit www.Campofthearts.com or call 410-730-3987.

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