

# CRADLEROCK CHRONICLE

FEBRUARY 3, 2012

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK...

Dear Students, Parents, and Guardians,

Don't forget to sign up for math conferences. Information for PickATime can be found to the right.

We had a great turnout for our Hispanic Achievement Outreach Night. Parents received valuable information to assist their children at home with math. They also received information about other available resources in Howard County.

High Achievers Night was well attended by parents and students in grades 3-5. They received information and strategies to help their children be confident and successful on the upcoming Maryland School Assessment (MSA). Additional information about the MSA can be found on [www.MDK12.org](http://www.MDK12.org).

Dates for MSA Testing for grades 3, 4 and 5. Testing will occur in the morning. Please be mindful of student absences and early dismissals on these days.

Reading - March 13 and 14  
Math - March 20 and 21

If you were unable to attend Hispanic Achievement Night or High Achievers Night, please contact us so we can send home the information that was shared.

Please also join us here at school for Family Reading and Math Night on Thursday, February 9. You are invited to attend an evening of fun and learning. Please see the attached flyer for more information

Thank you for your continuing support,

Jason McCoy  
Principal

## SCHEDULE YOUR PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCE

Our teachers will meet with parent/guardians of their Math students during Parent/Teacher conferences on February 15, 16, and 17. We will be using PickATime, the on-line internet program again to schedule these conferences. Conferences will be offered on Wednesday, February 15 and Thursday, February 16 from 1:00 - 8:00 pm and from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm on Friday, February 17. Individual teacher's schedules will vary depending on their availability. If teachers offer evening conferences on Wednesday and Thursday, they will not conference on Friday, February 17. Teacher schedules are on PickATime. In order to schedule your conference, you will need your child's student ID number found on their Interim Report and Report Card. PickATime opened on Tuesday, January 31 at 9:00 am and will close on Thursday, February 9 at noon. Go to <http://www.hcpss.org/#pat> to access the PickATime link and directions to use PickATime.

## STAFF APPRECIATION WEEK

Celebrate Staff Appreciation Week ( February 6 - 10) with positive a e-mail to a staff member to show your appreciation . Staff email addresses can be found for all of our staff members on our website [HTTP://CRES.HCPSS.ORG](http://CRES.HCPSS.ORG).

## NATIONAL SCHOOL COUNSELOR WEEK (FEBRUARY 6 - 10)

A big thank you to Ms. Flyr for all she does for our students.

## SAVE THE DATE...

*Dates are subject to change*

2/6-2/10 Employee Appreciation Wk.  
National School Counselor Wk.

2/7 PTA meeting - 7 pm  
GT Parent Information Session  
for Lake Elkhorn MS- 6:30 pm  
Cheeburger Cheeburger Night

2/9 Pick-A-Time closes at noon  
Family Math & Reading Night -  
6:30 -8:00 pm

2/15 Parent/Teacher Conferences  
**Schools close 3 hrs. early**

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2/17 Parent/Teacher Conferences  
**Schools closed for students**

2/20 President's Day  
**Schools and offices closed**

2/22 PTA International Night - 6 pm

2/27 - 3/2 - Kindergarten and new  
First Grader Registration  
call Mrs. Parker for details

2/27 - SIT Meeting - 2:50 pm

2/29 - Interim Progress Reports

3/13 - 3/14 MSA Reading Tests

3/20-3/21 MSA Math Test

3/26 - SIT - Evening mtg.  
6:30 - 7:30 pm

3/30 - Professional Work day  
**Schools close 3 hours early**

**4/2 - 4/9 - SPRING BREAK  
SCHOOLS CLOSED**

4/17 - Report cards issued

SUMMER BROCHURE AVAILABLE  
Howard Community College "Kids on  
Campus" summer enrichment  
brochures are available in the front  
office. or look on their website  
[www.howardcc.edu](http://www.howardcc.edu) for more  
information.

De la esquina de la Srta. Johnson:

Fechas importante:

el 7 de febrero  
Reunión de PTA

el 9 de febrero  
Noche Familiar de lectura y matemáticas

el 15,16, y 17 de febrero  
Conferencias de padres y maestros

el 22 de febrero  
Noche Internacional del PTA

el 29 de febrero  
Emisión boletines de progreso interino



## FAMILY MATH AND READING NIGHT

Please join us for Family Math and Reading Night on Thursday, February 9. We will explore reading and math activities that can be part of many rooms in your home. Please see the attached flyer for more information.

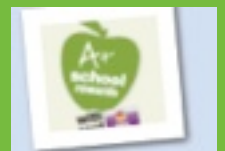
### Lake Elkhorn Middle School G/T Program Information Session

Information sessions about all middle school Gifted and Talented (G/T) Education Program offerings and G/T classes will be held at every middle school during February. All interested parents are invited to attend. Lake Elkhorn Middle School Orientation will be held Feb. 7th, at 6:30 PM in the media center. For a complete list of all information sessions, visit the HCPSS GT Web site at [http://www.hcpss.org/gt/program\\_middle.shtml](http://www.hcpss.org/gt/program_middle.shtml).

### GIANT FOOD BONUS BUCKS PROGRAM

March is the last month to earn BONUS BUCKS!

We currently have 117 families signed up and our school has earned \$1459.92 so far. If you have not done so, Please sign up for Giant Foods A+ Bonus Bucks program and encourage your friends, family and neighbors to sign up also. Go to [www.giantfood.com/aplus](http://www.giantfood.com/aplus) to register your card. Our school number is 01019. We appreciate your continued support!



Congratulations to all those who participated in the **Howard County Computer Learning Month Contest**. The Cradlerock winners will now be entered in the County, and if they win they will be entered in to the statewide MSET (Maryland Society for Educational Technology) contest.

**Grades K-2 Graphic Art Student Contest**

- Dennis Onukwugha 2<sup>nd</sup> gr
- Chiara Sforza- 2<sup>nd</sup> gr
- Tionna Sparrow- 2<sup>nd</sup> gr

**Grades 3-5 Graphic Art Student Contest**

- Anna Farley- 4<sup>th</sup> gr
- Kianstone Nganga- 5<sup>th</sup> gr
- Leah Rowbury- 3<sup>rd</sup> gr

**Grades 3-5 Desktop Publishing Student Contest**

- Rachel Affaro- 5<sup>th</sup> gr
- Monet Durant- 5<sup>th</sup> gr
- Victoria Ojo- 5<sup>th</sup> gr

**Student and Teacher Multimedia Contest**

Ms. Steinhorn's kindergarten- Locations movie  
Second grade- Acceptable Use Policy movie  
Ms. Eubanks, 4<sup>th</sup> graders: CEU group- Town Hall Movie

**ARTISTS ON DISPLAY**

The following third grades have artwork displayed at the Howard County Board of Education- Department of Education Gallery.

- Hana Nuhanovic
- Jacob Pascual
- Alicia Ribeiro

The exhibit will run from January 23- March 18th.

*The Howard County Solo and Ensemble festival is on April 21st at Ellicott Mills MS. Students will have an opportunity to play a solo, duet, or group piece of their choice for a judge. After the performance, each student will receive feedback and a certificate. All students enrolled in band or strings can participate.*

*The deadline for returning the forms is Feb 16th.*

**First In Math Winners**

Student winners for First in Math for week ending January 20:

- Kindergarten Brayden Sanders
- First Grade Zahir Jackson
- Second Grade Kyle Lanzner
- Third Grade Julia Looper
- Fourth Grade Swarna Velumani
- Fifth Grade Noah Nazrul

**GT NEWS**

**Howard County G/T Summer Institutes for Talent Development Registration is open. Enrollment is limited!**

Visit <http://www.hcpss.org/gt> for the electronic catalog, which includes class descriptions and registration materials. HCPSS G/T Summer Institutes for Talent Development are offered to Howard County students (entering grades 1 – 12) who are interested in advanced-level instruction and enrichment experiences in general academic areas and the fine arts.

**G/T Educator Recognition Award Registration deadline Wed., Feb. 29**

This annual award recognizes exemplary commitment to advanced level learners and contributions to the Howard County Gifted and Talented Education Program. The nomination form and additional information are available at <http://hcpssgtac.wordpress.com/>

**PTA CORNER**

**PTA Dates to Remember**



- February 7 - PTA meeting - 7 pm
- Cheeburger Cheeburger Night
- February 22 - International Night - 6 pm

## Kindergarten Registration

Every child who is five years old by September 1 must be enrolled in a kindergarten program this fall, or have an approved [waiver](#) (see below).

Kindergarten registration for school year 2012-2013 begins February 27 through March 2, 2012. To register for kindergarten, children must be **five years old by September 1**.

If you miss this week of registration, please contact your child's school to schedule an appointment. Children should be registered as soon as possible. School staffing is based on enrollment numbers and staffing can be adversely affected by late registrations.

***Note:** Any student who was born outside of the U.S. or needs ESOL services, should contact the International Student Registration Center at 410-313-1525 (Korean/English) or 410-313-7102 (Spanish/English).*



### HCPSS PreK to Kindergarten (Do I need to register my child?)

If your child is already enrolled as an HCPSS student in ANY prekindergarten program (RECC or other), you do not need to re-register your child for kindergarten. If your child is transferring to a new school, his/her records including: registration, immunization, health, and report card information, will be sent automatically at the end of this school year.

## YEARBOOK NEWS

We will be collecting pictures to use in our yearbook this year and we need your help! Do you have any pictures that you have taken of any school activity this year - for example field trips, assemblies, concerts, etc. ? Are you willing to share? Please send any contributions to [cradlerock.yearbook@gmail.com](mailto:cradlerock.yearbook@gmail.com).

We do have a few specifications:

- images need to be high resolution (at least 300 dpi)
- jpegs preferred (high quality PDFs are acceptable)
- color or black & white

All pictures are due by **February 29, 2012**.



## We've Been Busy At Cradlerock Elementary!



Parents and students learning together and having fun at Hispanic Achievement Night and High Achievers Night!

Young Authors Celebrate with Breakfast.



Congratulations to our Black Saga winners.

1st - Satori Valentine

2nd - Leena Khalifa

3rd - Kiana Wambui

4th - Kianstone Nganga

Our team will be competing in the County Black Saga Competition at Veterans Elementary School on Saturday, February 11, 2012 at 1:00 pm. Everyone is welcome to come and cheer them on!

