



Valhalla Voice

June 17, 2019

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Calendar

Date	Time	Event/Location
June 17-22	4-7pm	MHHS Youth Football Camp @ Turf Field
June 19		Final Staff Appreciation Luncheon by PTSA
June 24 – July 8 No Class on 7/4		Street Smarts Drivers Ed Sessions @ Hebron
July 15 - 26		Street Smarts Drivers Ed Sessions @ Hebron
July 17	7-8:30pm	PTSA Restorative Justice Book Discussion @ Hebron
July 23	7-8:30pm	PTSA Restorative Justice Book Discussion @ Miller Library
August 7 - 20		Street Smarts Drivers Ed Sessions @ Hebron
August 8	7-8:30pm	PTSA Restorative Justice Book Discussion @ Hebron
August 12	6:30pm	Fall Sports Parent Meeting
August 14		Fall Sports Begin
August 29	9am-12pm	New Student Orientation
September 5	6:30pm	Back to School Night for 2019-2020
September 10	7pm	1 st PTSA 2019-2020 Meeting in the Media Center
October 26	10am-3pm	MTH Marketplace

Parent Teacher Student Association (PTSA)

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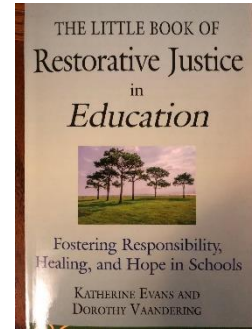
Twitter: @Mthebronptsa, Facebook MHHSPTSA

Meetings 2nd Tuesday of the month @ 7:00pm in the Media Center

Next Meeting: September 10, 2019

Restorative Justice in Education: PTSA Book Discussion for Families

What is *Restorative Justice in Education (RJE)*? It is a school culture that encompasses the core beliefs that all human beings are worthy and interconnected, and supports the three key values of respect, dignity, and mutual concern. Mt. Hebron High School is adopting an RJE culture. Want to learn more? Attend one of three repeating book discussions over the summer:



Wednesday, July 17 7:00-8:30pm at Mt Hebron [Register HERE](#)

Tuesday, July 23 @ 7:00-8:30pm at Miller Library [Register HERE](#)

Thursday, August 8 @ 7:00-8:30pm at Mt. Hebron [Register HERE](#)

Reserve your spot early and the PTSA will provide you with a free copy of the book: “The Little Book of Restorative Justice in Education: Fostering Responsibility, Healing, and Hope in Schools” by Katherine Evans and Dorothy Vaandering.

School Boundary Review aka Redistricting

The PTSA will continue to track and bring you important information, dates, and opportunities for you to have input on the county’s redistricting process that will impact the 2020-2021 school year.

This year’s School Boundary Review Process will happen quickly with decisions being made by November for the 2020-2021 school year. The only students who are exempt from school boundary changes are those who will be rising Seniors in the fall of 2020, though the board may also consider exempting rising Juniors. There are parts of the Mt. Hebron attendance area that are mentioned in proposed boundary change options in the [Feasibility Study](#). High School Option #1 on p. 40, High School Option #2 on p. 50, and a sample combination plan for middle and high schools on p. 146. It is important to note that options in the Feasibility Study are suggestions only. All concerned families should stay involved and aware of the proceedings over the next months. The following letter was emailed to county homes June 11 and contains important information and links.

Dear HCPSS Community,

Last week, the Superintendent sent a [letter](#) detailing the upcoming boundary review process and providing clarity on his expectations to engage in a transparent and civil process.

As we near the presentation of the 2019 [Feasibility Study](#) on Thursday, June 13, at the Board of Education meeting, I want to share with you a number of resources that have been developed to help you easily navigate the upcoming boundary review process. We understand how anxiety-provoking and at times, confusing this process can be. We have activated more supports than ever this year to ensure we are doing our best to equip you and your neighbors with consistent messaging and resources throughout the process.

Many of our schools are outside of their target utilization and the Board of Education has tasked the Superintendent to develop a comprehensive solution that could ultimately impact all 74 comprehensive schools in the county. The Feasibility Study is not that solution. This study provides possible options based on data and available capacity for boundary adjustments. Dr.

Martirano will use the study, as well as public input gathered during this process to present his recommendation to the Board on August 20, 2019.

Please visit the [Boundary Review page](#) on the HCPSS website where you will find more information, the timeline of events and opportunities to participate and provide input.

Additionally, an [overview video](#) and comprehensive [FAQ](#) have been added this morning to help clarify the process and answer questions we have received from you. If you have any additional input or questions, please continue to use [this form](#).

The video and [one-pager](#) provide a quick overview. I encourage you to share this information with your neighbors and friends and be an active part of this process.

Thank you for your continued participation throughout this process. Have a wonderful week.

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Important Dates:

1. June 13 - The 2019 Feasibility Study will be released. The public will have ability to provide feedback in an online survey (open 6/14-8/1) or at one of four Community Input Sessions.
2. Wed., July 10 – Community Input Session 7-9pm at Oakland Mills High School for families for **Mt. Hebron**, Centennial, Howard, and Oakland Mills high schools. If you can't attend 7/10 you should attend the session Sat., July 13 at Long Reach HS.



Hebron for Hope T-Shirts Available

Mount Hebron's SGA would like to sell at least 100 more Hebron for Hope t-shirts before the end of the school year in order to support our chosen charity, Believe in Tomorrow Children's Charity!

We still have plenty of small, medium, large, and extra large t-shirts. These shirts are unisex, preshrunk cotton. Shirts are \$10, and can either be bought with cash or check, made out to Mount Hebron High School. Ask your student to stop by the

media center or contact Mrs. Engelstatter at katherine_engelstatter@hcpss.org if you would like to buy a shirt.

Interested in School-Related Policies?

The following HCPSS policies are all up for revision in 2019-2020. If you would like to be a member of a policy committee which will meet in the fall 2019, please email the PTA Council of Howard County (PTACHC) at ptachc@gmail.com.

Policy 1050 Tobacco-Free Environment

Policy 9230 Alcohol, Other Drugs, Prescription Medication and Over the Counter Products

Policy 4030 - School Activity Funds

Policy 7000 - Workforce Diversity

Policy 7020 – Nepotism

Policy 8080 - Responsible Use of Technology

Policy 8090 - Non-School-Hour Curricular Programs (2 year review)

Policy 8100 - Field Trips

Policy 9010 - Attendance

Subscribe to the PTSA Website

Create a login then update your settings to get notifications of new postings to the PTSA website blog. For detailed instructions [click here](#).

Chinese American Parent and Student (CAPS) *Committee*

Margaret Sui, Chair: msui2998@hotmail.com

Korean American Student Parent Organization (KASPO)

Now a PTSA Committee

Il Minn, President: iminn1@gmail.com

Viking Backers

Viking Backers www.vikingbackers.org

Parents of African American Students (PAAS)

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Indian American Student Parent Association (IASPA)

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Mount Hebron Marching Unit Boosters (MTHMU Boosters)

MTHMU NEWS

Please check out our Facebook page at <https://m.facebook.com/MTHMU/> for lots of photos and videos of all our performances this year! For MTHMU Families, we also try to post helpful reminders there!

UNIFORMS

Please dry clean your marching uniform and return to Mr. Fischer asap in the issued garment bag. Please see his recent email for details.

READY TO GET INVOLVED FOR NEXT YEAR?

If you're interested in volunteering for next year – please reach out immediately to mthmuinfo@gmail.com.

We need a lot of hands to help MTHMU be the best it can be, and it is a lot of fun too!

Community News

IEP Survey

The Maryland Individualized Educational Program (IEP) Process Survey is being conducted on behalf of the Maryland State Department of Education, Division of Early Intervention and Special Education Services.

Please complete this survey if you are **the parent or guardian** of a child ages 5 to 21 who receives special education and related services in a Maryland public school. The purpose of this study is to learn more about the Maryland IEP process and adequate funding levels for students with disabilities in Maryland. Through this survey, we hope to learn more about best practices in the IEP process and the factors that lead to students with disabilities making progress and meeting their goals.

Find the survey [HERE](#).

NAMI Parent Support Group

NAMI of Howard County holds monthly parent support group meetings. NAMI, the National Alliance on Mental Illness, is the nation's largest grassroots mental health organization dedicated to improving the lives of individuals and families affected by mental illness. NAMI operates at the national, state, and local levels to provide support, education and advocacy. NAMI Howard County has served the residents of our community with free programs since 1979.

Group for Parent and Caregivers of Children and Teens with Mental Health Concerns:

Meets first Monday of each month 7:30-9:00PM, Rm 252

First Presbyterian Church

9325 Presbyterian Circle, Room 252

Columbia, Maryland 21045

Learn more about NAMI: <https://namihowardcounty.org/about-nami-howard-county/>

Become an “Emotional Support Human”

Do you have a friend or family member going through a hard time? Be their Emotional Support Human!

Emotional Support Human

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noun

An individual of the human (homo sapien) species who is committed to helping other people dealing with emotional and mental health challenges. Emotional Support Humans are characterized by compassion, care, love and a willingness to help the people around them – their friends, loved ones and community. Formal training is not required.

Last week the Horizon Foundation launched a new public outreach campaign designed to help people effectively support those in their lives who may be struggling with mental health challenges. The **“Emotional Support Human Etiquette”** campaign, modeled after the concept of emotional support animals that provide comfort to many, aims to normalize conversations around mental health and offer tips for people to approach those conversations. Visit the link above (or <https://supporthuman.org>) to learn more about becoming an Emotional Support Human and sign the pledge!

Every Considered Hosting an Exchange Student?

Host Families Sought for AFS Exchange Students: Next school year, about eighteen AFS exchange students from around the world will come to Howard County for a life-changing year.

Exchange students live in a family such as yours and attend your local high school. Host families volunteer to provide room and board for a student and get to know a great kid and learn more about a different part of our world. Students are available from countries around the world, such as Norway, Italy, Indonesia, Japan, Thailand, Switzerland, and Germany and many more. You can pick kids who enjoy hobbies such as running, debate competitions, singing, playing soccer and tennis, baking, drawing, or playing violin.

If you would like to hear more about the process of becoming a host family or any other aspect of our program, please contact Christina McGarvey at (410) 997-7087 or AFSBaltimore@gmail.com.

Camp Inclusion Registration Open

Camp Inclusion is a summer day camp in Howard County for any student (12-21) with or without a cognitive, social, or physical disability. At Camp Inclusion, campers participate in group games and sports including soccer, kickball, and handball. Campers also participate in arts & crafts activities such as tie-dye and painting, as well as developmentally appropriate board games, which are adapted for campers as needed. For more information please visit <http://www.campinclusion.org/>

Please visit the **Community News and Programs page** on the HCPSS website for announcements of upcoming events and programs sponsored by non-profit organizations.

<http://www.hcpss.org/community-news-and-programs/>