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Ellicott Mills Middle School

EAGLE NEWS, 10/4/19

We **encourage** all families/friends/community members to **continuously** check our school's website for up-to-date information. Click [HERE](#).

Please make sure to read this e-news in its entirety as we are adding a NEW section celebrating our very own EMMS Students.

URGENT:

Family File Status: We are down to 90 students without updated information in their Family file. Last week we handed out hard copies of the form to these students and ask that parents take time this weekend to update the information; it is a requirement each and every school year. It is critical that this information is up to date or it may impact the ability of your child to attend planned field trips. Please check with your child when they get home today. Thank you for your cooperation.

NEW to EMMS:

- **HC DrugFree – Free Parenting Classes for Parents/Guardians of 9-14 Year Olds:** Click [HERE](#) for more details.
- **EMMS Spirit Wear to go on sale next week:** This is sponsored by the EMMS PTA. Click [HERE](#) for more details.

EMMS REMINDERS:

EMMS Current/Important Information for All Families: Click [HERE](#) to see up to date information for all EMMS families. For example: School Supply List, School Leadership Team, etc.

Intramurals List and Descriptions: Click [HERE](#) for more details.

- **Best Buddies registration is OPEN:** Interested students should pick-up flier from

the front office. This program operates once a month during extended homeroom. For more information about Best Buddies please go to their website:

<https://www.bestbuddies.org/>

- **DRAMA registration is OPEN:** Click [HERE](#) for more details.
- **Flag Football registration is OPEN:** Interested students should pick-up flier from the front office.
- **MathCounts registration is OPEN:** Interested students should pick-up flier from the front office.
- **Puzzles and Games registration is OPEN:** Interested students should pick-up flier from the front office.

Interpreter Request for November Conferences: If you need interpreting service in your home language for November parent/teacher conferences, please contact Mr. Sung Kim at sung_kim@hcpss.org with your child's name, school, grade, and the language you need. *All requests must be received by Monday, 10/14/2019.*

EMMS will be collecting for the HCPSS and PPW Annual Winter Wear Drive: Click [HERE](#) to download the flier.

EMMS Fundraisers: Click [HERE](#) to see all current and upcoming fundraisers.

- 2019-2020 Community Fundraiser – We invite ALL to celebrate 80 years of The Mill! This fundraiser is ALL YEAR!
- Click [HERE](#) to download order form
- Click [HERE](#) for Online School Payment link

CELEBRATING OUR STUDENTS:



In an effort to conduct a study about the staff's knowledge and understanding of EMMS students' mental health needs and how to approach them, Karagin Woods and Adham Shafie, members of Student Voice, created a staff survey.

Their goal was to collect information to better understand the staff's perceptions of student needs and how to support students in school with their challenges especially concerning social and emotional well-being. When asked why talking about mental health is important to them, Adham said, "because I love to help people and I care about everyone. The people with mental health problems need to be helped by someone." Karagin believes that "it is important for teachers to learn [about mental health] so that if something were to happen, they would be educated and it would put a better impression on the school."

Karagin and Adham are both advocates for removing the stigma and understanding the

realities of mental health impacts on students. “It is important because if a student in their class has mental health problems, teachers need to know how to react and not that the student is acting that way because they are grumpy.” They believe that, “Teachers should learn about mental health so that kids that suffer from disorders are not penalized for it.” Karagin and Adham are both passionate about using data collected in the survey to help raise awareness and supports for students with social emotional needs at EMMS. Ms. Burnett (School Counselor) and Mr. Gaylord (Principal) are working with Karagin and Adham on how to use the data to better support students and staff members at Ellicott Mills. Ms. Burnett and Mr. Gaylord agreed that they are both so proud of the initiative and compassion of their student leaders and cannot wait to plan out next steps.

COMMUNITY NEWS:

Please visit the [HCPSS Community News and Programs](#) page on its website for a complete list of announcements of upcoming events and programs sponsored by non-profit organizations. For ALL opportunities EMMS is aware of, please visit the EMMS website – click [HERE](#)

HCPSS General

- **New Parent Directory Now Available in HCPSS Connect:** Parents who have completed their Family File can now access their school directory in HCPSS Connect. The directory will display only the information that parents select when completing Family File. The directory will update daily as families complete Family File or change their information. [Here is more information](#) to share with parents.

HCPSS Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

- [Hosting a community conversation on restorative justice on October 7th from 6:00 pm-9:00 pm in Rouse Theater @ Wilde Lake High School. Refreshments will be served from 6-6:30 pm.](#)

HOWARD HS

- [HoHS Arts & Crafts Show - October 5th @ 10am](#)

MT HEBRON HS

- THIS WEEKEND [VIKING 5K Trail and Fun Run! Sunday, October 6th @ 9am](#)
- [Mt. Hebron Announces Its Vikings Spirit Day – October 18th @ 9am-2pm](#)
- [Mt. Hebron Homecoming News, Saturday, October 19th](#)

HCYP

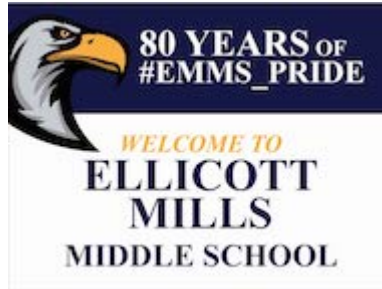
- Ellicott Mills teams are participating again this year in HCYP's Middle School Basketball league and tryouts will be held sometime in September / October. Specific information can be found at <https://hcypbasketball.org/middle-school> if you are interested.
- Basketball December -> March
- [HCYP Recreation Winter Basketball](#) (click to download)

Mark Your Calenders!!

We **encourage** all families/friends/community members to **continuously** check our school's calendar for all announced activities and schedules – click [HERE](#)

Oct. 9 th	Schools and Offices Closed
Oct. 10 th	EMMS Fall Wellness Day
Oct. 15 th -17 th	6th Grade Field Trip – Outdoor Ed (<i>multi-day trip</i>)
Oct. 18 th	Schools Closed for Students
Oct. 21 st	EMMS Flu Clinic
Oct. 23 rd	EMMS Student Voice Town Hall
Oct. 23 rd -24 th	EMMS Restaurant Night @ UNO's (Long Gate)
Oct. 25 th	8th Grade Field Trip – Washington, DC
Oct. 28 th	FALL School Photos (<i>details coming</i>)
Nov. 1 st	End of 1 st Marking Period / Schools Close 3-hours Early
Nov. 3 rd	Daylight Savings Time Ends (turn clocks back 1 hour)
Nov. 6 th	PTA Meeting @ 6:30pm, EMMS Media Center
Nov. 11 th	Report Cards Issued – 1 st Quarter
Nov. 11 th	EMMS Music Concert @ Howard HS – 7pm
Nov. 14 th	EMMS Music Concert @ Howard HS – 7pm
Nov. 19 th	EMMS Restaurant Night @ 5-9pm, Chick-Fil-A (Executive Park Dr.)
Nov. 19 th	EMMS Music Concert @ Centennial HS – 7pm
Nov. 21 st	EMMS Music Pyramid Concert @ Howard HS – 7pm
Nov. 25 th -27 th	Fall Conferences (<i>details coming</i>)
Nov. 28 th -29 th	Schools and Offices Closed

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