



THE FALCON CRIER

SEPTEMBER 2017



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Monthly Pop Quiz:
What do the colors of the American Flag represent?
Answer on page 6...

Dr. Karl E. Wickman
Principal

Mr. Antonnio R. Hockaday
Assistant Principal

Ms. Christine I. Kelly
Assistant Principal

Mr. Jeffrey R. Raff
Assistant Principal

From the Principal

Every year it is always exciting to start a new school year. As I reflect on the past 10 years I have had the pleasure of being the Principal of NHMS, there seems to be an amazing amount of things to be excited about as we open the 2017-2018 school year.

Here are just a few:

I'm excited for you to meet the many new faces who have joined our staff. We are so proud of the staff we have hired, and I know they are thrilled for the opportunity to work with you and your children.

I'm excited about the amazing leap forward in technology NHMS has made over the past few years. Your children will be learning in a technologically rich environment that will truly help prepare them for the next chapters in their lives whether they be in college or in their career.

I'm excited about the character initiative our School Improvement Team has taken on. Our students will be working together to reinforce positive relationships amongst one another. We are working on a school-wide visual representation of our success in the form of a Lego model in our Main Lobby. Come in and check it out.

Mostly I am excited to have the opportunity to be the Principal of NHMS for the 11th year. This school is truly a special place. We live in a beautiful part of the county, surrounded by hard working, caring and kind families who have entrusted us with the education of their children. We take on that responsibility enthusiastically as we begin the new year.

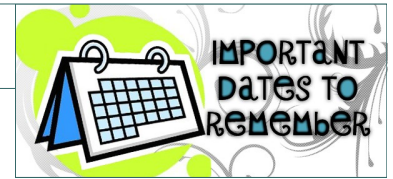
So if you are new to NHMS, we welcome you! If you are returning, we welcome you back! We look forward to another great year.

*Karl Wickman Ed. D.
Principal, North Harford MS*



MARK YOUR CALENDAR!!
Next NHMS PTSA meeting is
September 11, 2017 at 6:30 pm
Location: NHMS Conference Room

SEPTEMBER CALENDAR



Check out Edline for updates to the calendar.

You can also email the PTSA at nhmspts@gmail.com with any questions.

September 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 1:00pm— 3:00pm Open House	2
3	4 Labor Day— Schools and Offices Closed	5 School Opens for Students	6	7	8	9
10	11 6:30pm PTSA Meeting	12	13 6:00pm-8:00pm Back to School Night 6 Grade	14 6-7:30pm Facing Addic- tion Event	15 3 hour early dismissal for all schools	16
17	18	19 Back to School—7 and 8 grades	20 7-9:00pm The Hard Truth About Addiction	21 Holiday— Schools Closed	22	23
24	25	26 6:00pm-7:30pm Magnet Program Meeting	27	28	29	30

PTSA COMMITTEE NEWS

BOX TOPS/CAMPBELL'S SOUP LABELS

We hope you saved your Box Tops from the summer! Thank you for your continued support! See page 5 insert!



FALCON PRIDE WALK-A-THON

The North Harford Middle School PTSA is sponsoring The Falcon Pride Walk-a-Thon on Tuesday October 10, 2017. See page 6 insert!

WELCOME NEW PTSA VOLUNTEERS

We are pleased to announce the 2017-2018 PTSA Executive Board as well as new (and returning) committee chairpersons for the 2017-2018 school year. Just because we have many positions filled, that doesn't mean there isn't room for you to help! Most committee chairpersons need help in some way and the Executive Board needs your presence and good ideas at the monthly general membership meetings. As always, email us if you have any questions or if you would like to volunteer at nhmsptsa@gmail.com.



2017-2018 NHMS PTSA Committee Chairpersons

Box Tops/Labels: Paula Mackey
Corporate Rebates: VACANT
Eighth Grade Activities: Ora Cummings, Carla Manzo, Tesha Wright
The Falcon Crier: Andrew Collins
Faculty Basketball Game: Laura Coyne
Falcon Walk: Karen Bowser, Ora Cummings

Hershey Park Tickets: Julie Harvey
Membership: Lisa Pfeiffer
Reflections: VACANT
Spirit Wear: Julie Harvey
Staff Appreciation: Tesha Wright
Volunteers: VACANT
Website/Facebook: Sandra Monaco-Burton

If you have questions regarding the PTSA, or specific questions for an officer or chairperson, please email nhmsptsa@gmail.com and it will be directed to the appropriate person for follow-up.

SCHOOL NEWS

Service Learning Shout-Out

Thanks to the efforts of so many North Harford students, teachers, staff, and community members, all teams and a multitude of content areas completed Service Learning Projects during the 2016-2017 school year! Some highlights from the 2016-2017 year:

- Physical Education students in grades 6-8 participated in the Bumps for Heart fundraiser to benefit the American Heart Association.
- Team 6B advocated and collected items for Mason-Dixon Community Services, a local organization that supports families in need.
- Team 7B composed letters of appreciation to former teachers and worked on letter-writing skills!
- Teams 8B and 8D composed and delivered letters of encouragement to residents at Forest Hill Heights, Forest Hill Health and Rehabilitation Center, the Senator Hooper House, and Hart Heritage. Those students who visited with the residents shared their experiences with all students on the teams.

North Harford Middle looks forward to another great year of Service Learning!

HEALTH NEWS

IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS

Students entering grades 7 and 8 in school year 2017-2018 must have:

- **One Tdap (Tetanus, diphtheria, pertussis booster)**
- **One Meningitis vaccine (MCV, MCVP4)**

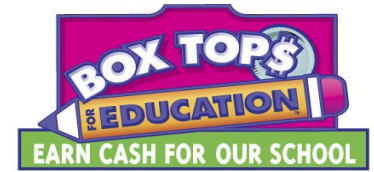
Check with your doctor to see if your child has had these vaccinations. Please do not delay; schedule an appointment to receive these vaccines or get documentation of vaccination as soon as possible. Your child will be excluded from school next year if they are not in compliance with these regulations.

Visit www.hcps.org and click the "health center" button for more information.

**IT'S THE RULE
SHOTS BEFORE SCHOOL**



Box Tops For Education



Homeroom Contest October 2nd - 13th

Did you know that the PTSA receives 10 cents for every Box Top submitted, and can earn thousands of dollars for our school each year?

During the month of October, from the 2nd through the 13th, the PTSA is having a homeroom Box Top competition. The homeroom that turns in the most Box Tops by October 13th will receive a special treat.

Box Tops for Education can be found on many non-perishable food items including cereal and snacks, as well as household and cleaning items, including Kleenex, Lysol products and Ziploc bags.

Start collecting Box Tops today! There will be a collection envelope in each homeroom starting October 2nd.

FALCON PRIDE WALK-A-THON

Dear Parents and Friends of North Harford Middle School:

The North Harford Middle School PTSA is sponsoring The Falcon Pride Walk-a-Thon on Tuesday October 10, 2017. Our goal is to raise \$20,000 to fund programs and materials to benefit our students. Some of these programs and materials include field trips, technology and a variety of other vital learning tools and experiences.

Your support is critical to the success of our event. In order to reach our goal we are asking for cash donations or donations that can be used as prizes for students. Cash donations will be used to purchase larger items for the top earners.

Your contribution is tax deductible (Tax ID #52-1642181). There isn't a donation that is too small, and we appreciate anything that you are willing to give.

If you would like to make a donation, please contact Ora at coww816@gmail.com. We kindly ask all donations be given by October 2, 2017. All sponsors will be recognized on social media, throughout the school bulletin boards, and on flyers.

Thank you for your consideration and support of the future of our students and community.

Sincerely,

Ora Cummings and Karen Bowser

Falcon Pride Walk-A-Thon Co-Chairs

The North Harford Middle School PTSA



Monthly Pop Quiz Answer: White signifies purity and innocence. Red signifies hardiness and valor. Blue signifies vigilance, perseverance, and justice.

North Harford Middle School PTSA Membership Form 2017/2018



Parents, staff, students and friends of North Harford Middle School, we invite you to join the PTSA today! Your support is necessary to enhance the programs, experiences and environment for all at NHMS.

MEMBER NAME/CODE		EMAIL/PHONE
1. _____ Circle Code (P T S A)		_____
2. _____ Circle Code (P T S A)		_____
3. _____ Circle Code (P T S A)		_____
4. _____ Circle Code (P T S A)		_____

CODES: **P** = parent **T** = teacher/staff **S** = student **A** = all other friends of NHMS

Student Name is required. Membership cards will be sent home with this student:

STUDENT Name: _____ Grade: _____ Homeroom: _____

Please check here if you DO NOT want to be included on the PTSA e-mail list. We will email the Falcon Crier news-letter each month, as well as news flashes periodically which we feel may interest you. You may opt out at any time.

DUES Memberships are \$10.00 per individual, with a maximum cost of \$30.00 per family:

Individual: # _____ x \$ 10.00 \$ _____
 Family: (# family members _____) = \$ 30.00 \$ _____

Additional Tax-Deductible Donation
 (write in amount): \$ _____

Total Dues and Donation: \$ _____

Thank you for your Membership and/or donation!

VOLUNTEERING

There are so many great things happening at NHMS and it wouldn't be possible without help from our members! Please select the volunteer opportunities with which you would like to be involved:

- Help with PTSA events
- Hospitality Help (donating food/drink items for staff appreciation days)
- Please contact me to help as needs arise (name & email/phone): _____

CONTACT US

- If you have questions about your NHMS PTSA membership, please contact Lisa at lisampfeiffer@gmail.com
- If you have general questions for the NHMS PTSA, please contact Carla Manzo, NHMS PTSA President, at nhmsptsa@gmail.com

North Harford Middle School PTSA Volunteer Form 2017/2018



nhmsptsa@gmail.com

Parents AND Students... We want YOU to be involved in the NHMS PTSA.

There are many ways you can be involved in the NHMS PTSA. We welcome you to join us for a single hour, or every day, or for any amount of time in between. Some tasks bring you inside the school where you can become familiar to the teachers; others can be done at home on the computer or phone, networking with other families.

Students may participate in many ways as well, volunteering at events, attending meetings to provide input and help form the character of a committee or event, sharing ideas to help us better meet the students' needs, etc.

Please see the reverse side of this form for committee descriptions, and please provide below your contact information, and designate the activities that interest each of you.

If you have any questions about a particular committee, please e-mail Sandra Monaco monaco_sandra@yahoo.com. THANK YOU! Volunteers are the PTSA's greatest asset!

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Address & Zip: _____

Student's Name & Grade: _____

Student's Name & Grade: _____

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Book Fair | <input type="checkbox"/> General Volunteer |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Box Tops/Labels for Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Membership |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Eighth Grade Year End Dance | <input type="checkbox"/> Reflections |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Eighth Grade Year End Pizza Party | <input type="checkbox"/> Spirit Wear |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Faculty Basketball Game | <input type="checkbox"/> Staff Appreciation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Falcon Crier | <input type="checkbox"/> Volunteer Coordination |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Falcon Walk Fundraiser | |

(descriptions of above committees are on back)

North Harford Middle School PTSA Committees 2017/2018



Book Fair – There are two Scholastic Book Fairs benefitting the school and staffed by PTSA volunteers. The first fair is held in the fall. The second is usually a buy-one-get-one-free event held in the spring. Volunteers are needed during the school day for as little as one hour on up. Limited time to set up in the mornings would be available to student volunteers.

Box Tops/Labels for Education – This committee collects, collates, and submits box tops and labels to company sponsors that reimburse NHMS for the labels. For the volunteer, this is a great opportunity for someone who is looking for a way to contribute from home.

Eighth Grade Year-End Dance – At the end of the school year, the PTSA sponsors a dance in the school gym. This committee is responsible for choosing a theme, then, acquiring a photographer, deejay, snacks, drinks, decorating and anything else to make this a special fun-filled night for our graduating eighth graders.

Eighth Grade Year-End Pizza Party – At the end of the school year, the PTSA sponsors a pizza party during the lunch hours in the bus loop. The Pizza Committee coordinates snacks, drinks, paper products and, of course, the pizzas!! Volunteers on this committee are also responsible for setting up, serving and cleaning up for the pizza day.

Faculty Basketball Game – This is a great family evening where the NHMS Faculty competes against each other in a friendly competition of basketball! It does take a number of volunteers to staff the event. Volunteers are needed prior to the event to publicize within the school, collect orders and disburse tickets. The night of the event, volunteers are needed to set up at the high school, sell and collect tickets, sell drinks and snacks, and clean up. This fun evening is planned for November.

Falcon Crier – The PTSA newsletter is sent home on a monthly basis. Volunteers are needed to copy, collate and distribute the newsletter to the teachers' mailboxes. If needed, additional articles may be needed to be written on given subjects. Committee chairs are asked to submit updates on their committees' current activities.

Falcon Walk Fundraiser – This is the PTSA's major fundraiser! Parent volunteers are needed to help and have fun while students participate in various fitness activities throughout the day.

Membership – This is a great opportunity for people who love to meet and greet new people – and catch up with friends they haven't seen in a while. Another aspect is the computer side, inputting the membership information and producing the membership cards. It is rewarding to know that you can be the initial face to the NHMS PTSA – a smiling, welcoming greeting. Although the greater emphasis is in the beginning of the school year, this is considered a year-round committee, as members are welcome at any time

Reflections – This National PTA program encourages the arts. Volunteers will help promote participation in the program, acknowledge submissions, conduct award ceremonies and ensure that appropriate submissions are sent to the next level.

Spirit Wear – Throughout the year, this committee orders and sells a variety of items with the NHMS/falcon logo. Primarily the items are clothing: t-shirts (long- and short- sleeved), sweatpants, and sweatshirts. We all participate when we wear our NHMS items and show our school spirit! Go Falcons!!

Staff Appreciation – Although the big week for the Staff Appreciation Committee is in May when a variety of events, primarily food related, take place, this committee also works throughout the year to show our appreciation to the wonderful staff of NHMS. Volunteers are primarily needed to plan, provide, and coordinate these activities. Additional volunteers are needed on selected days to execute the activities. It is a great way to express appreciation to this wonderful group that make up the NHMS staff.


Volunteer Coordinator – This committee helps to communicate, coordinate and recruit volunteers for the needs of the various PTSA committees and the school. This is a year round committee as needs arise and change throughout the year. Although some of the work is done in the school, part of this committee work can be completed at home, via e-mail, or on the phone. A word from one friend to the other to join a committee is a great way to recruit.

We are always looking for more ways to support our school community! If you or your child have an idea for a committee or would like to chair an event that isn't listed please share your ideas through e-mail, Facebook, or a PTSA meeting!

*Heroin is a serious problem in Harford County.
The number of deaths, overdoses, and newborns
born into addiction keeps growing.*

Learn what heroin is doing to our community.

THE HARD TRUTH OF ADDICTION



Wednesday, September 20 at 7 PM - 9 PM
Emory United Methodist Church
911 Cherry Hill Rd, Street, Maryland 21154

*For any questions please contact Pastor Steve Smith
443-752-3111 or pastorsmitty@verizon.net*

The NHMS PTSA has the opportunity to receive additional grant money based on community participation in the "Addiction" themed events on September 14 and 20. We need 100 people to attend the event on September 14th and 50 people to attend on September 20th. If you are able to attend, please register at the door under the NHMS PTSA. Thank you for your support!

facing addiction in Harford County



Dr. Vivek Murthy

A Conversation with the 19th Surgeon General of the United States, Dr. Vivek Murthy

Join us for an intimate and candid “armchair”
discussion on addiction in Harford County
with a Q&A session including:

- Boyd Rutherford, Lt. Governor of Md., opening remarks
- Barry Glassman, Harford County Executive
- Dr. Vivek Murthy, 19th Surgeon General of the United States
- Clay Stamp, Executive Director, Md. Opioid Operational Command Center
- Jeffrey Gahler, Harford County Sheriff
- Barbara Canavan, Harford County Public Schools Superintendent
- Joe Ryan, Administrator for Harford County Office of Drug Control Policy, moderator

**Thursday,
September 14, 2017
6:00 – 7:30 p.m.
Bel Air High School
100 Heighe Street
Bel Air, MD 21014**

*Presented in partnership by the Harford County Office of
Drug Control Policy and Addiction Connections Resource, Inc.*

ADMISSION IS FREE

**For information 410.638.3333
odcp@harfordcountymd.gov**

Attendance supports your local PTA
\$250 will be given to PTAs with 100 people in attendance from their school.

Dr. Vivek H. Murthy served as the 19th Surgeon General of the United States from 2014 to 2017. As the Vice Admiral of the US Public Health Service Commissioned Corps, he commanded a uniformed service of 6,600 public health officers globally. During his tenure, Dr. Murthy launched the TurnTheTide campaign, catalyzing a movement among health professionals to address the nation's opioid crisis. He also issued the first Surgeon General's Report on Alcohol, Drugs, and Health, calling for expanded access to prevention and treatment and for recognizing addiction as a chronic illness, not a character flaw. An internal medicine physician and entrepreneur, Dr. Murthy has co-founded a number of organizations: VISIONS, an HIV/AIDS education program in India; Swasthya, a community health partnership in rural India training women as health providers and educators; software company TrialNetworks; and Doctors for America.



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