

The Calvin Ball Bulletin

Back To School Edition

September 2, 2013



Back to School Events

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL EVENTS :

Deep Run ES: Tuesday, September 17th is Back to School Night for 1st and 2nd grade; beginning at 6:30 PM. Thursday, September 29th is Back to School Night for 3rd – 5th grade; beginning at 6:30 PM.

Ducketts Lane ES: September 17th 6:30-8:30 Back to School Night - Grade 1; September 18th 6:30-8:30 Back to School Night – Grades 2 & 3; September 19th 6-8pm Back to School Night – Grades 4, 5 & GT

Jeffers Hill ES: Thursday, September 12th 6:30-8pm is Back to School PTA Picnic; Tuesday, September 17th is Back to School Night.

Phelps Luck ES: Tuesday, September 17th is Back to School Night for Kindergarten and 1st grade. Wednesday, September 18th is Back to School Night for 2nd and 3rd graders. Thursday, September 19th is Back to School Night for 4th and 5th graders.

Stevens Forest ES: Tuesday, September 17th is Back to School Night for 1st and 2nd grade, from 6:30 PM to at 7:30 PM. Wednesday, September 18th is Back to School Night for 3rd – 5th grade, from 6:15 PM to 7:15 PM.

Talbot Springs ES: September 16th at 6:30pm Back to School Night Grades 1-5; September 20 5:30-8pm: 40th Birthday Celebration

Thunder Hill ES: September 16th is Back to School Night for kindergarten through 2nd grade. Tuesday, September 17th is Back to School Night for 3rd – 5th grade.

MIDDLE SCHOOL EVENTS:

Mayfield Woods MS: Wednesday, September 25th is Back to School Night; beginning at 6:30 PM.

Oakland Mills MS: Wednesday, September 25th is Back to School Night.

HIGH SCHOOL BACK TO SCHOOL EVENTS:

Howard HS: Monday, September 9th 5pm: SAT Informational Session; 6pm: Grade level specific sessions; 7pm: Large group meeting, Meet the teachers

Long Reach HS: September 9th; beginning at 6:30 PM for 9th graders and 7:00 PM for 10th - 12th graders

FREE & REDUCED MEALS FORMS

All students receiving free and reduced meals must complete a new form each school year. Benefits are carried over each year but expire on September 30. Make sure you complete a new form by the expiration date. The form may be completed online or you can stop by the Front Desk at your respective school to pick up a hard copy. If you have questions or need assistance in completing the application, please contact your school. Additional information and the online application can be found [online](#).

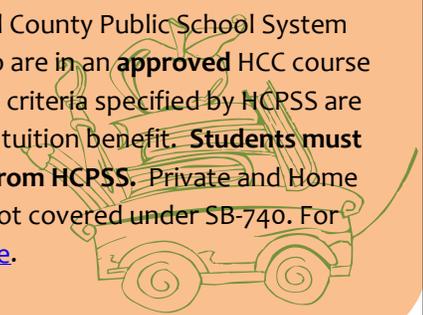
AFRICAN AMERICAN ROUNDTABLE COMMUNITY FORUM

The Howard County African American Roundtable held a joint education forum on March 14 featuring Maryland Superintendent Dr. Lillian Lowery, HCPSS Superintendent Dr. Renee Foose, and Executive Director of the Center for Education Policy Research at Harvard University Jon Fullerton. The report, [African American Roundtable Forum: Answers to Questions](#), explores the state of academic achievement in Howard County schools, strategies for eliminating achievement gaps, and college and career readiness for every student.

DUAL ENROLLMENT TUITION BENEFIT (SB-740)

Dual Enrollment allows students to take courses & earn college credit and Howard Community College (HCC), while they are still in high school. Students must work with their HS guidance counselor if they are interested in earning HS credit by taking college courses. According to Senate Bill 740, some students may be eligible for a tuition benefit at HCC.

To be eligible, Howard County Public School System (HCPSS) students who are in an **approved** HCC course or courses & meet the criteria specified by HCPSS are eligible to receive this tuition benefit. **Students must obtain this approval from HCPSS.** Private and Home School Students are not covered under SB-740. For more details, click [here](#).



HCPSS STRATEGIC PLAN

Dr. Foose released her new five-year strategic plan for the school system, [Vision 2018: Fulfilling the Promise of Preparation](#), to the Board of Education on Thursday, June 13, 2013. The plan went into effect on July 1, 2013. [More details.](#)

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

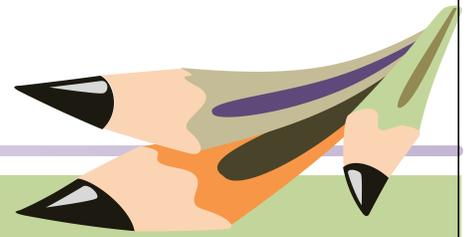
Box Tops for Education is a program that helps raise money for your student's school. For every Box Tops coupon you cut out and send in, the registered school will earn approximately 10 cents. In addition, if you sign up at www.btfe.com, you will have access to product coupons and have the opportunity to earn more for the school through shopping on-line at your favorite stores.

How can you help? It is quite simple. You can find Box Tops coupons on hundreds of grocery items. When you finish a product, clip them and send your collection into school. Most schools ask that you put them in a zip-top plastic bag with your child's name, grade and teacher. For details, contact your local school to identify their participation.

PTA MEETINGS

Parents are invited to join their students respective school PTA/PTSA. Membership fees vary based upon school. Below are upcoming meetings for the new school year. Parents are encouraged to attend and become engaged!

- Bellows Spring ES** – Monday, Sept 16th at 7pm
- Deep Run ES** – Monday, Sept 9th 7pm in Media Center
- Ducketts Lane ES** – Wednesday, Sept 4th in Media Center
- Jeffers Hill ES** - Thursday, Sept 12th 6:30-6pm Back to School PTA Picnic
- Phelps Luck ES** – Wednesday, Sept 4th at 6:30pm
- Stevens Forest ES** – Wednesday, Sept 4th at 6:30pm PTA Exec Board Mtg; Friday, Sept 27th 6pm PTA Ice Cream Social
- Talbott Springs ES** – Thursday, Sept 12th at 7pm PTA General Mtg Cyberbullying Presentation & Budget Approval
- Thunder Hill ES** – Thursday, Sept 12th 4-8pm Smoothie King Restaurant Night
- Waterloo ES** – Friday, Sept 20th Welcome Back Picnic; Monday, Sept 30th 7pm General PTA Mtg
- Mayfield Woods MS** – Monday, Sept 9th 3pm Chipotle; Wednesday, Sept 11th 7pm PTA Meeting Fundraiser Night
- Oakland Mills MS** – Wednesday, Sept 11th Family Night Out Smoothie King; Friday, Sept 20th 4:30pm Fall Festival
- Howard HS** – Monday, Sept 9th Back to School & PTSA Meets Oakland Mills HS – Tuesday, Sept 24th 7pm Senior Parent/Student Night; Wednesday, Sept 11th at 6:30pm PTA Connecting to Resources Board Mtg



How to Receive Emergency/School Closing and Delay Information

Register at www.hcpsnews.com. Parents who subscribe to this free service can also opt to get news from their child's school, and will receive the school system's Weekly News, which provides valuable information on school activities and HCPSS-related information. For step-by-step instructions on signing up, go to www.hcps.org/news/newsletter/subscribe.shtml.

HCPSS TV - Cable TV Comcast 95/Verizon 42

NotifyMeHoward Register at <https://notifyme.howardcountymd.gov> and choose to receive news from the HCPSS.

Local media:

WBAL-TV – Channel 11

WRC-TV – Channel 4

WBAL-AM – 1090 Regional Emergency Broadcast Alert System

WTOP-FM – 103.5 Regional Emergency Broadcast Alert System

HCPSS Information Hotline 410 313-6666

Twitter – [@hcpss](https://twitter.com/hcps)

All the best,

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"An individual has not started living until he can rise above the narrow confines of his individualistic concerns to the broader concerns of all humanity." --Martin Luther King, Jr.

