

# OWL OBSERVER NEWS- May 14th, 2021

## Important Dates to Remember

- May 19th - Math MAP, Grades 2-5
- May 25th - Reading MAP, Grade 1
- May 26th - Reading MAP, Grades 2-5
- May 27th - Math MAP, Grade 1
- May 31st - Memorial Day, schools closed
- June 9th - RECC End of Year Virtual Celebration, 9:30 - 10:00am morning classes and 11:30 - 12:00pm afternoon classes
- June 10th, 11th, 14th, and 15th - 3 hour early dismissal for all elementary students (12:40pm)
- June 15th - Fifth Grade Moving-On Celebration, 9:30-11:30am
- June 15th - Last day of school for students

## A Message from Administration

Dear Families,

We are already getting things prepared for the 2021-22 school year. If you are planning on moving over the summer, please call the school about transferring to a different school. We are here to help!

Many parents have reached out to me asking what school will look like in the fall. The Board of Education has shared it is their intent for schools to be open 5 days a week with all students. As the summer progresses, this plan will be confirmed.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Mrs. Balter and Mrs. Madden

## Free Food Distribution

### **The Catholic Community of Ascension and St. Augustine Food Distribution**

The Catholic Community of Ascension and St. Augustine has partnered with Lancaster Foods, and we have received a grant from the US Department of Agriculture to distribute boxes of food that contain 30.5 pounds of fresh fruit, vegetables, dairy, and meat. **The boxes will be distributed on Saturdays in May beginning at 9:00 am and ending at 10:30 am, or earlier if the food is gone.** The distribution will take place at Ducketts Lane Elementary School, 6501 Ducketts Lane, Elkridge, MD 21075, on the following dates:

Saturday, May 15, 2021

Saturday, May 22, 2021

Saturday, May 29, 2021

## **Distribución de Comida, Gratis**

La Comunidad Católica de Ascensión y St. Agustín, asociado con Lancaster Foods, ha recibido una beca del Departamento de Agricultura de los Estados Unidos (USDA) para distribuir cajas de comida las cuales contienen 30.5 libras de frutas, verduras, lácteos, y carnes frescas. Las cajas serán distribuidas los sábados en mayo empezando a las 9:00 am y terminando a las 10:30 am, o antes si se termine la comida. La distribución sería ubicado en Ducketts Lane Elementary School, 6501 Ducketts Lane, Elkridge, MD 21075, en las siguientes fechas:

sábado, 15 de Mayo de 2021

sábado, 22 de Mayo de 2021

sábado, 29 de Mayo de 2021

Cada vehículo o peatón será eligible recibir **dos** caja de comida, y es obligatorio que todos participantes usen mascarilla de cara durante él recoge. **No hay ninguna restricción de ingreso o documentación.** En confianza, usted pueda venir cada semana que está disponible el programa para recibir comida.

¿Preguntas?

Favor de comunicarse con: [ccastafooddistribution4@gmail.com](mailto:ccastafooddistribution4@gmail.com) .

Este programa no está patrocinado o aprobado por el Sistema Público de Escuelas del Condado de Howard.

## **Salvation Army Food Distribution**



# DOING THE MOST GOOD™

The Salvation Army

3267 Pine Orchard Lane

Ellicott City, MD 21042

443-656-3376

## **2021 Food Distribution Dates:**

**Wednesdays**

**April 21**

**May 19**

**June 16**

July – October TBD

**Drive-Thru**

**From 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm.**

**Howard County ID Required**

**Please do NOT arrive  
before 12:45 pm.**





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**Fechas de distribución de alimentos 2021:**

**Miércoles**

**21 de abril**

**19 de mayo**

**16 de junio**

Julio – Octubre TBD

**Drive-Thru**

**De 1:00 pm a 3:00 pm.**

**Se requiere identificación del condado de Howard**

**Por favor, NO llegue antes  
de las 12:45 pm.**



## Pantry on the Go Free Food Pantry



### Free Food Pantry

Glen Mar will be distributing over 5,500 pounds of fresh produce from local farms with the help of our partner, The Maryland Food Bank. Up to 250 families will be provided boxes of produce at each event. All are welcome and IDs are not required. The boxes are **free**. Please visit us at <https://glenmarumc.org/pantry-on-the-go-food-distribution/> or email us at [PantryontheGo@glenmarumc.org](mailto:PantryontheGo@glenmarumc.org).

**Friday, May 21, 2021**

from 4:00 to 6:00 PM\*

Glen Mar Church Parking Lot

4701 New Cut Road, Ellicott City, MD 21043

\*Free produce boxes are available until they run out.

Glen Mar Church will also be handing out free children's books and cloth face covers to those in need at the event.





## Evento de distribución de alimentos

Glen Mar distribuirá más de 5,500 libras de productos frescos de granjas locales con la ayuda de nuestro socio, The Maryland Food Bank. Hasta 250 familias recibirán cajas de productos en cada evento. Todos son bienvenidos y las IDs no son necesarias. Las cajas son gratuitas. Por favor visítenos en <https://glenmarumc.org/pantry-on-the-go-food-distribution/> o envíenos un correo electrónico a [PantryontheGo@glenmarumc.org](mailto:PantryontheGo@glenmarumc.org).

Viernes, 21 de Mayo de 2021

de 4:00 a 6:00 PM\*

Estacionamiento de la Iglesia Glen Mar

4701 New Cut Road, Ciudad Ellicott, MD 21043

\*Las cajas de productos gratis están disponibles hasta que se agoten.

Glen Mar Church también entregará libros infantiles gratuitos y cubiertas faciales de tela a los necesitados en el evento.



## Kindergarten Registration

Children must be 5 years old by September 1, 2021. Registration will take place on-line.

Please make certain you are on the screen for 21-22 if registering for the next school year.

Step 1: Register Online Here: <https://www.hcpss.org/enroll/>

It is recommended that you work on a laptop or desktop to complete registration. Cell phone registration is not recommended.

Step 2: Complete registration online by providing the documents listed below. The registration process is easier if you upload them during online registration. Otherwise, you will be asked to submit them via email as pdfs. Iphone users can scan documents through your notes app. (Images must be clear.)

The following documents are needed for registration:

- Child's evidence of birth and Parental Relationship (ie: birth certificate, baptismal certificate)
- An authorized record of immunizations
- Proof of residency in the form of a signed lease or deed including signature pages
- Current utility bill
- Photo ID of enrolling parent/guardian
- Proof of custody (if applicable)

Please contact Carmen Lynette, DLES Registrar, at 410-313-5050 or [carmen\\_lynette@hcpss.org](mailto:carmen_lynette@hcpss.org) with any questions.

## Learning Together Program – Prekindergarten

The Ducketts Lane Elementary School Regional Early Childhood Center (RECC) prekindergarten programs are preparing for classes for the upcoming 2021-22 school year. These classes include children with and without disabilities. The focus of the program is to help all children develop communication, literacy, math, problem solving, motor, and social skills. Parents of children who will be 3 by September 1st or who are already 4 may learn more about the program by reviewing the [Learning Together Program \(LTP\) Flyer \(English\)](#) or reviewing the [Learning Together Program Parent Handbook](#).

Learning Together Program (LTP) [Flyer](#) (Spanish)

Learning Together Program (LTP) [Flyer](#) (Chinese)

Learning Together Program (LTP) [Flyer](#) (Korean)

New for the 2021-2022 school year: all applications will be completed using the [Learning Together Program Online Application](#). Applications received by April 1st will be given priority.

If you have any additional questions, please contact Ms. Mary Geiser, RECC Instructional Team Leader, at (410) 313-5050 or [Mary\\_Geiser@hcpss.org](mailto:Mary_Geiser@hcpss.org).

## Counselor's Corner

**VIRTUAL CAREER DAY** - We are in need of volunteers for DLES' VIRTUAL CAREER DAY on June 4th. Presenters will volunteer for a one hour session with either 3rd, 4th, or 5th Grade. The schedule will be the following:

Third Grade: 9:25-10:25

Fourth Grade: 10:30-11:30

Fifth Grade: 10:30-11:30

Please e-mail [Danielle\\_W\\_Tobin@hcpss.org](mailto:Danielle_W_Tobin@hcpss.org) if you are interested or have any questions.

Please take a few minutes to check out the [DLES May School Counseling Connection Newsletter!](#) This is a great resource for students and parents to read together. Included in the School Counseling Connection newsletter are celebrations, activities for home as well as self-care ideas. Newsletters will be created and shared bi-monthly.

## Healthy Tips from the Health Room

COVID-19 vaccines are now available to all individuals **12 and up**. Visit <https://coronavirus.maryland.gov/pages/vaccine> ( [Spanish site](#)) for more information or call 1-855-MD-GOVAX (in English and Spanish)

Have questions about the COVID vaccine and want to know where to go for accurate facts? Click here: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/facts.html>

Please check your student *each day* for any symptoms of illness prior to coming to school. Students who are ill will be sent home and expected to be picked up within an hour. Their household members who attend DLES will be sent home as well. If a household member has tested positive or is suspected to have COVID, the student should not come to school. Consider using the [CDC's Symptom Checker](#) as a tool to determine if COVID-19 testing/ medical care is needed.

Contact [diann\\_rocha@hcpss.org](mailto:diann_rocha@hcpss.org) (school nurse) or [alicia\\_fleischer@hcpss.org](mailto:alicia_fleischer@hcpss.org) (health assistant) for health room assistance or call 410-313-1739.

## Technology Support Center Update

**Effective Monday, March 22nd**, devices may be exchanged or returned at either of the following Technology Support Centers:

- Old Cedar Lane, Gym (door on the left side of the building; follow the signs), 5451 Beaverkill Road, Columbia (Building shares a parking lot with Harper's Choice MS)
- Old Bushy Park Elementary School, Room E2 (door to the left of the front entrance), 2690 Route 97, Glenwood (Building is between Glenwood MS and Bushy Park ES)

**Note!** Both locations are in old school buildings that are not located at the same sites as the new schools with similar names. Anyone seeking assistance should go to the addresses listed above. **Hours of operation are M/W/F from 7:30 am - 12:30 pm and T/Th from 2:00 pm - 5:00 pm.** Technology Support Centers are closed any day that HCPSS offices are closed.

## PTA News



Are you looking to be more involved with the PTA? This fall, the PTA Board has several positions opening! President, Vice Presidents 1&2, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary and PTACH representative are looking for new volunteers!

Please message us on FB or email [duckettslanepta@gmail.com](mailto:duckettslanepta@gmail.com) with any questions!

PTA Elections are May 27th at 7pm on Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86729766283>

## Community News

### **Free Virtual Parent Cafe**

Howard County Parents of Children birth-5 and Parents of Students at Title I Schools are invited to a:

# FREE Virtual Parent Café

"Taking Care of Yourself"



At the Parent Café, we share ideas that can help us take care of ourselves and our families and raise strong, happy children. We'd love to have you join us! Two Virtual Parent Cafés will be offered, via Zoom. Dates and times are listed below.

**Monday, May 17th,  
6:00-8:00 PM**

**Wednesday, May 19th,  
11:30 AM-1:30 PM**



To register, click: [Virtual Parent Café 5/17/2021](#)  
[Virtual Parent Café 5/19/2021](#)

For more information contact Amy Kelly at HCPSS Office of Early Childhood 410-313-1268 or [amy\\_h\\_kelly@hcpss.org](mailto:amy_h_kelly@hcpss.org). These Virtual Parent Café sessions are being provided by the Early Childhood Programs and Title I Offices, in collaboration with the Maryland Family Network. Space is limited. Advance registration required.

At the Virtual Parent Café, you can:

- Virtually meet new people
- Share ideas
- Get new ideas
- Share your hopes and dreams for your family

You've already got one of the most important things your children need - LOVE! Now come learn and share about how you can keep yourself, your children, and your family strong!

 A Strengthening Families Maryland Parent Café, courtesy of Maryland Family Network.  
 Strengthening Families Maryland Parent Cafés are a Be Strong Families Parent Café Model.  
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HCPSS parents at Title I schools of children birth-5 and older are invited to a FREE Virtual Parent Cafe. Virtual Parent Cafés are a free, safe space for parents to have meaningful conversations with other parents. The structured conversations give parents an opportunity to talk together about topics that matter to them. Please see the attached flyer for more information. Advance registration is required.

At this time, interpretation will not be available for these two Parent Cafes. Once we've had the opportunity to implement our first Parent Cafe, we will consider offering bilingual sessions in the future.

# Walk-Up COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic



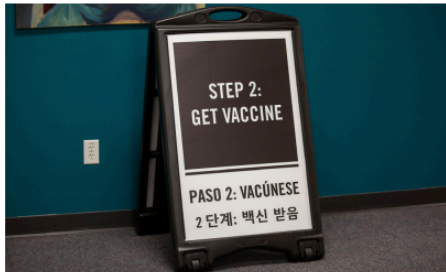
## Walk-Up COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic

**Saturday May 15**

**10am-1pm**

**Grassroots Day Resource Center  
10390 Guilford Road, Jessup MD**

**Moderna or Johnson and Johnson vaccine for anyone ages 18 and older  
Second Dose clinic for Moderna is Saturday, June 5th**



**Vaccine is completely FREE**

**No documentation or insurance required**



For questions about the COVID-19 vaccine or this clinic, call 410-313-6284 or email [hocovaccine@howardcountymd.gov](mailto:hocovaccine@howardcountymd.gov).

410.313.6284 | [hchealth.org](http://hchealth.org) | [@hocohealth](https://twitter.com/hocohealth)

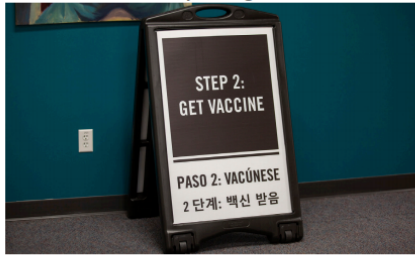


**Clínica de Vacunación Gratis**

**Haz tu parte y restauremos nuestra comunidad: vacúnate contra el COVID-19 GRATIS!**

**Sábado, 15 de Mayo**  
**10am- 1pm**  
**Grassroots Day Resource Center**  
**10390 Guilford Road, Jessup MD**

Vacuna Moderna o Johnson y Johnson para las personas de 18 años en adelante  
La Clínica de Vacunación para segunda dosis sera 5 de Junio



**Las vacunas son completamente gratis.**  
**No necesita ningún documento ni seguro médico.**



Para preguntas sobre la vacuna del COVID-19 o está clínica, llame al 410-313-6284 o mande un correo electrónico a [hocovaccine@howardcountymd.gov](mailto:hocovaccine@howardcountymd.gov).

410.313.6284 | [hchealth.org](http://hchealth.org) | [@hocohealth](https://twitter.com/hocohealth)   

## We are here to help!

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