

PTA Council of Howard County October Update

October 23, 2019



Congratulations to Elkridge Elementary School

Congratulations to Elkridge Elementary School as a recipient of \$1000 through the 2019 PTA Connected Be Internet Awesome Family Workshop Grant program sponsored by Google and the National PTA. Big thanks to those of you who did the work applying for this grant! Well done.

Call for 2019 Howie Nominations

Do you know someone who creates, teaches, or supports the arts in Howard County and deserves to be recognized for their contributions to our community? Nominate them today for the Howard County Arts Council's 2019 Howie Awards for Outstanding Artist, Outstanding Arts Educator, or Outstanding Arts Supporter (Business or Individual).

Awards will be presented at the Celebration of the Arts in Howard County gala on Saturday, March 28, 2020 at the Horowitz Visual and Performing Arts Center at Howard Community College. Nominations are due October 30, 2019.

Coalition on State School Funding Forum

Maryland PTA is part of a coalition hosting community forums across the state focused on turning the Kirwan recommendations and new funding formulas into a reality. The Kirwan Commission recommends policies and funding that aid in providing the best public education possible to the youth of Maryland. Your voice is needed for this critical conversation and we hope that you will consider attending the nearest forum and bringing others along with you. The Howard County forum will be held at Lake Elkhorn Middle School on November 6, 2019 at 5:30 pm. Please RSVP and learn more at www.Marylandblueprint.org. Other times and locations around the state are listed on the website.

Treasurer Tasks

Your 2018-2019 Financial Review Reports and Budget Reports are due by October 31. Please send them to info@mdpta.org. PTACHC recommends that you be sure to get confirmation that your reports are received.

Coming Up:

990s

The Form 990 is due on the 15th day of the 5th month after the organization's calendar or fiscal year-end.

- Calendar year filers (January 1 - December 31) must file by May 15.
- Fiscal year filers (July 1 - June 30) must file by November 15th. Most local unit PTAs fall within this category!

Send a copy to Maryland PTA at info@mdpta.org and to PTA Council Office at office@ptachc.org.

Arts in Education Committee Volunteer Opportunities

Maryland PTAs Arts in Education Committee is looking for volunteers. Those of you who have had local experience with the Reflections Program are especially sought after. Please contact Dr. Tracy L.F. Worley, PMP at artsineducation@mdpta.org to learn more.

Veterans Day in Howard County

Veterans Day is right around the corner and the Howard County Commission for Veterans and Military Families has a host of resources for schools and families.

Go to <https://www.howardcountymd.gov/Departments/Community-Resources-and-Services/Office-of-Veterans-and-Military-Families> for teacher resource guides, tool kits, parade information, etc. The Veterans Day Parade will be held on Sunday, November 10 at 9:30 am in downtown Columbia followed by a ceremony on the Columbia Lakefront near the future Vivian “Millie” Bailey Neighborhood Square and the Veterans Monument (in between Clyde’s and Whole Foods). Several area schools (bands and ROTC) have already committed to participating in the parade, as well as local cub scouts and girl scout troops. More are welcome. Schools or groups interested in walking in the parade and/or reserving a vendor table can go to the website for more information.

Lastly, the Commission has a Vet-in-School program where veterans make presentations on the meaning of Veterans Day and Memorial Day, which includes some history and a Q&A session. Contact the school coordinator, Bob Moore at robert.moore@va.gov for more information.

Request for Proposals: Mental Health Outreach and Community Engagement - Horizon Foundation - Closing Date November 1

The Foundation is seeking organizational partners to help encourage and normalize health-seeking behavior related to mental health, address social and cultural stigmas that could prevent people from getting the help they need and further help parents learn about and take advantage of school based mental health services in schools where they exist. Go to <https://www.thehorizonfoundation.org/rfp-mental-health-outreach-and-community-engagement-grant-opportunity/> for more information.

Next PTACHC General Membership Meeting

November 4, 2019 at 7:30 in the Homewood School Cafeteria. Hope to see you there!!