

News from the Hill!



September 18, 2026

Dear Families,

The weather is changing, leaves are falling, and students are learning more every day at JHES. MAP and DIBELS testing have begun, providing us with fresh baseline assessment data for the 2026–2027 school year. We will use this data to inform our instruction and support student growth. We are excited to see our students excel throughout the school year!

We've heard your feedback about the need for more programs and mentoring for our boys. We've listened, and we now have some promising mentoring initiatives lined up at JHES. Additionally, we are working on sports activities to ensure all of our students have great opportunities to participate. We can't wait to see how the fall season unfolds!

Have a great three-day weekend!

Upcoming Events

September 21

- Yom Kippur: Schools and Offices Closed

September 30

- Schools close 3 hours early (12:15pm)

October 2

- PTA Color Run @ 5pm

October 15

- Back to School Night- Kindergarten 5pm

October 16

- Schools closed for Students

October 16

- Schools closed for Students. Staff Professional Learning/Workday

October 30

- PTA Trunk or Treat @ 6PM

Color Day Calendar

9/22 Blue Day

9/23 Red Day

9/24 Orange Day

9/25 Yellow Day

Hispanic Heritage Month



During Hispanic Heritage Month, we celebrate the rich cultures, traditions, history, and contributions of Hispanic and Latino communities. Students will have opportunities to learn about inspiring people, explore music, art, food, languages, and traditions, and discover the many ways Hispanic and Latino cultures have helped shape our world. Together, we celebrate the diversity that makes our school community special!

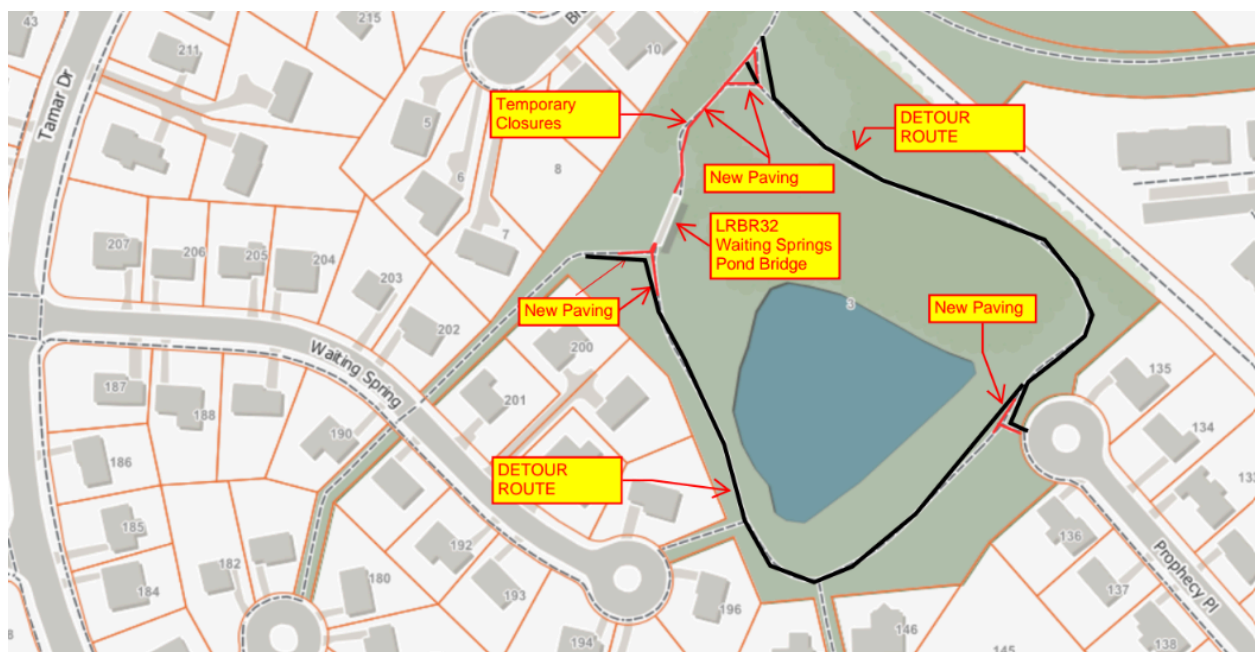
JHES is a Title I Targeted Assistance School

Jeffers Hill Elementary School is operating under a Title I Targeted Assistance program for the 2026–2027 school year, providing daily supplemental math instruction to pre-identified students. Click on the link to find out more!

[Title I Target Assistance](#)

CA Bridge Replacement in Our Neighborhood

Columbia Association will be replacing the Bridge LRBR32 starting the week of July 27th, 2026. We expect this project to take about a week, weather permitting. Due to limited space at the site, the pathway will be closed during construction. Once the bridge installation is complete, a contractor will be scheduled to pave the bridge approaches; more information will be sent once the contractor has been scheduled. I've attached a map showing the location of the bridge and a detour around the site.



Get your Flu Shot!

¡Vacúnate contra la Gripe!

El Departamento de Salud del Condado de Howard
ofrecerá vacunas contra la gripe **gratuitas**
en múltiples eventos comunitarios este otoño.

Estudiantes
Saludables
Futuros Más
Brillantes



GRATIS
para todos



No se necesita
cita previa



Todas son
bienvenidas
(6 meses de edad
en adelante)



Ayude a protegerse
a usted, a su familia
y a nuestra
comunidad

Clinicas de Vacunación contra la Gripe del Condado de Howard

Preséntese. Vacúnese. Manténgase saludable esta temporada.

Fecha y hora	Evento / Socio comunitario	Dirección
Jueves, 10/1/26 2:30 – 4:30 p. m.	Clinica emergente en Owen Brown Place con Roving Radish	7080 Cradlerock Way Columbia, MD 21045
Sábado, 10/3/26 10 a. m. – 1 p. m.	Feria de Salud en la Iglesia Bautista St. John	9055 Tamar Dr Columbia, MD 21045
Miércoles, 10/7/2026 5:30 – 8:30 p. m.	Feria de Recursos del Mes de la Herencia Hispana de HCPSS en la Escuela Primaria Deep Run	6925 Old Waterloo Rd Elkridge, MD 21075
Sábado, 10/10/26 11 a. m. – 2 p. m.	Día de Puertas Abiertas del Departamento de Bomberos Voluntarios de Elkridge	5700 Rowanberry Dr Elkridge, MD 21075
Viernes, 10/16/2026 12 – 4 p. m.	Clinica Comunitaria de Vacunación contra la Gripe en la Mezquita Dar Al Taqwa	10740 MD-108 Ellicott City, MD 21042
Sábado, 10/17/26 10 a. m. – 12 p. m.	Distribución de Abrigos de Invierno de DCRS en el Centro Comunitario de North Laurel	9411 Whiskey Bottom Rd Laurel, MD 20723
Martes, 10/20/26 4 – 7 p. m.	Clinica Comunitaria de Vacunación contra la Gripe en la Biblioteca de Elkridge / Centro 50+	6540 Washington Blvd Elkridge, MD 21075
Miércoles, 10/21/26 5 – 7 p. m.	Clinica emergente en la Escuela Primaria Laurel Woods con Roving Radish	9250 N Laurel Rd Laurel, MD 20723
Sábado, 10/24/26 1 – 3 p. m.	Sistema de Bibliotecas del Condado de Howard – Sucursal East Columbia	6600 Cradlerock Way Columbia, MD 21045
Miércoles, 10/28/2026 11 a. m. – 3 p. m.	Clinica Comunitaria de Vacunación contra la Gripe en el Centro Interreligioso de Wilde Lake	10431 Twin Rivers Rd Columbia, MD 21044
Lunes, 11/9/26 3 – 6 p. m.	Sistema de Bibliotecas del Condado de Howard – Sucursal Miller	9421 Frederick Rd Ellicott City, MD 21042
Domingo, 11/15/26 3 – 4:30 p. m.	Iglesia Chin Bethel Elkridge	6801 Douglas Legum Dr Elkridge, MD 21075
Martes, 11/24/2026 4 – 6 p. m.	Distribución de Canastas de Acción de Gracias de DFRS en el Centro Comunitario de North Laurel	9411 Whiskey Bottom Rd Laurel, MD 20723



Escanee el código QR para obtener la
información más reciente sobre la gripe y
otras enfermedades respiratorias, incluidas
las actualizaciones de las clínicas.

www.howardcountymd.gov/health/flu-respiratory-illness

Proteja lo que
Importa
Vacúnese



No hay ningún costo por la vacuna contra la gripe en los eventos del Departamento de Salud, pero se les pedirá
a los pacientes que están inscritos en Medicare que proporcionen su número de cuenta si está disponible.

Get Your Flu Shot

Healthy
Students
Brighter
Tomorrows



The Howard County Health Department will offer **free** flu shots at multiple community events this fall.



FREE
for everyone



No
appointment
needed



All are
welcome
(ages 6 months
and older)



Help protect
yourself, your
family and
our community

Howard County Community Flu Shot Clinics

Walk up. Get vaccinated. Stay healthy this season!

Date and Time	Event / Community Partner	Address
Thursday, 10/1/26 2:30 – 4:30 p.m.	Owen Brown Place Pop-up Clinic w/ Roving Radish	7080 Cradlerock Way Columbia, MD 21045
Saturday, 10/3/26 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.	St John Baptist Church Health Expo	9055 Tamar Dr Columbia, MD 21045
Wednesday, 10/7/2026 5:30 – 8:30 p.m.	HCPSS Hispanic Heritage Month Resource Fair at Deep Run Elementary School	6925 Old Waterloo Rd Elkridge, MD 21075
Saturday, 10/10/26 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.	Elkridge Volunteer Fire Department Open House	5700 Rowanberry Dr Elkridge, MD 21075
Friday, 10/16/2026 12 – 4 p.m.	Dar Al Taqwa Mosque Community Flu Clinic	10740 MD-108 Ellicott City, MD 21042
Saturday, 10/17/26 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.	DCRS Winter Coat Distribution at North Laurel Community Center	9411 Whiskey Bottom Rd Laurel, MD 20723
Tuesday, 10/20/26 4 – 7 p.m.	Elkridge Library / 50+ Center Community Flu Clinic	6540 Washington Blvd Elkridge, MD 21075
Wednesday, 10/21/26 5 – 7 p.m.	Laurel Woods Elementary School Pop-up Clinic w/ Roving Radish	9250 N Laurel Rd Laurel, MD 20723
Saturday, 10/24/26 1 – 3 p.m.	Howard County Library System – East Columbia Branch	6600 Cradlerock Way Columbia, MD 21045
Wednesday, 10/28/2026 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.	Wilde Lake Interfaith Center Community Flu Clinic	10431 Twin Rivers Rd Columbia, MD 21044
Monday, 11/9/26 3 – 6 p.m.	Howard County Library System – Miller Branch	9421 Frederick Rd Ellicott City, MD 21042
Sunday, 11/15/26 3 – 4:30 p.m.	Chin Bethel Church Elkridge	6801 Douglas Legum Dr Elkridge, MD 21075
Tuesday, 11/24/2026 4 – 6 p.m.	DFRS Thanksgiving Basket Distribution at North Laurel Community Center	9411 Whiskey Bottom Rd Laurel, MD 20723



Scan the QR code for the latest information
about flu and respiratory illness, including
clinic updates.

www.howardcountymd.gov/health/flu-respiratory-illness

Protect What
Matters
Get Vaccinated

There is no charge for flu vaccine at Health Department events, but patients who are enrolled in Medicare will be asked to provide their account number if available.

Color Fun Run

Don't forget about the 2nd Annual Color Fun Run on **October 2nd**. Send your pledge now. 100 percent of your donation

[Donate Here!](#)



Clothing for Cash

Our Clothing for Cash recycling program helps Jeffers raise money! We earn money for every pound of clothing that is donated to our bin.

The bin accepts:

-  Clothing
-  Shoes
- Other textiles

Every donation makes a difference, so keep cleaning out those closets and keep the donations coming! 

Thank you for supporting Jeffers!



HCPSS News

Kick off LGBTQIA+ History Month with Lesléa Newman:

Families and Community are invited to join HCPSS in partnership with the LGBTQIA+ Commission of Howard County and CARY to bring you this hybrid FAMILY Read the Rainbow and LGBTeaQi&A on Thursday, October 1, 2026 @ 6:00 pm. The first 50 families with children in grades 5 and under who register and attend the program will receive a free copy of the book, Rainbow Cookies by Lesléa Newman. FAMILY Read the Rainbow is a 30-45 minute virtual program in which participants get to meet an LGBTQIA+ inclusive author to hear them read their book aloud, and have a discussion with the author and our LGBTeaQi&A is an activity to bring together families and community who are looking to connect and learn together. This special combination program will provide attendees with the opportunity and option to join us in person at the Miller Branch Library. Registration is required as space is limited. Thursday, October 1, 2026 @ 6:00PM; HYBRID - in person at Miller Branch Library or virtual (select when registering). [Registration](#) is required.

Missed a past community message? Check out the [News from the Hill Archives!](#)