

**Tuesday, January 30, 7pm** HC DrugFree presents “**SUBSTANCE USE AND ITS AFFECT ON ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT AND MENTAL HEALTH**” at Howard High School (cafeteria). A special presentation by expert speaker and researcher, Dr. Amelia Arria. For more details, view the flyer at [http://www.howardptsa.org/uploads/4/1/1/5/41154519/hhs\\_bbms\\_hcdrug\\_free\\_program\\_flier\\_jan\\_30\\_2018.pdf](http://www.howardptsa.org/uploads/4/1/1/5/41154519/hhs_bbms_hcdrug_free_program_flier_jan_30_2018.pdf)

An HC DrugFree Event in partnership with Howard HS PTSA and Bonnie Branch MS PTA, it is free and **open to All Howard County Students, Parents and the Community** (HC DrugFree will provide community service hours for students attending).

**\*\*\*\* FREE MEDICINE LOCK BOX to be given out at event to the first 25 signups!** If you would like to receive a free medicine lock box at the January 30 event, simply signup at <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0549a4aa2ca64-hcdrugfree> or email Donna Sudbrook at [president@howardptsa.org](mailto:president@howardptsa.org).

Dr. Amelia Arria is an Associate Professor at the University Of Maryland School Of Public Health, who specializes in research on the substance abuse of college and high school students and how to protect them: <http://sph.umd.edu/people/amelia-arria>

**Thursday, February 8, 6pm – 8pm** Maryland PTA Night in Annapolis  
Maryland House Office Building, 6 Bladen Street, Rm 170, Annapolis, Maryland.

**Come out and meet your Legislators! Let your voice be heard! We hope to see you there!**

To register:

<https://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/eventReg?oeidk=a07ef1yx49raa8530ba&oseq=&c=&ch>

Parking information: <https://annapolisparking.com/destinations/maryland-state-house/>

**Tuesday, February 13, 7pm** Public Notice For Hearing on Statewide Issues

Banneker Room, George Howard Building, 3430 Courthouse Drive, Ellicott City, Maryland.

The Howard County Delegation of the Maryland General Assembly, chaired by Senator Guy Guzzone and Delegate Eric Ebersole, will hold a public hearing for citizen input on statewide issues that may be considered by the legislature during the upcoming legislative session. The Delegation will hear testimony from members of the public on any statewide issue they would like to bring to the Delegation's attention. No Howard County local bills that were previously given a public hearing will be heard. For more details, go to <https://www.howardcountymd.gov/About-HoCo/State-Delegation>

**Tuesday, March 13 – Thursday, March 15**

**National PTA 2018 Legislative Conference, Crystal Gateway Marriott, Arlington, VA**

For more details, go to <https://www.pta.org/home/events/National-PTA-Legislative-Conference>

**Friday, July 13 – Saturday, July 14** 103<sup>rd</sup> Maryland PTA Convention

Oxon Hill High School, Oxon Hill, Maryland (near National Harbor and Rt. 495 and Rt. 295 interchange, just south of Washington, DC) More details to follow.

**Thank you for your support!**