

THE HOWARD COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM
10910 Clarksville Pike
Ellicott City, MD 21042

Circular No. 07
Series 2019-2020

July 10, 2019

Division of Operations

Balloons REVISED

To: All Staff

From: Anissa Brown Dennis, Chief Operating Officer

The release of helium-filled balloons into the atmosphere is prohibited in the HCPSS.

The release of helium-filled balloons can cause damage to the environment and may endanger wildlife. As an educational system, it is incumbent upon us to eliminate activities which adversely affect the environment or ecological balance of our world. Any activity that results in the release of helium-filled balloons into the atmosphere is prohibited in the HCPSS.

The presentation of non-latex, helium-filled balloons, and balloon bouquets, as well as their use as decorations inside the building, is permitted. **Please be mindful that the recipient or sponsor assumes full responsibility for the disposal of all types of balloons after an activity. At no time should helium-filled balloons be released in to the atomosphere, during or after their use.**

Please communicate this information to the PTA President and parents in your school community so that they can assist us in our efforts in the disposal of non-latex, helium-filled balloons in the HCPSS.

ABD/PvG/cmm