



Falcon Newsletter

Phelps Luck Elementary (410) 313-6886

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Important Dates

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| Friday, April 7 | Read Across America Day at PLES! SPIRIT DAY – wear an article of clothing with a book character on it! End of 3 rd Marking Period – Dismiss 3 Hours Early |
| April 10 – 17 Tuesday, April 18 | Spring Break School Reopens Science Fair Projects Due – NEW DATE |
| Thursday, April 20 Friday, April 21 | 6:30-8:00pm PTA Paint Night SPIRIT DAY – Twin Day, find a friend or two or more and dress alike Kindergarten Field Trip to Clark’s Farm |
| Monday, April 24 Tuesday, April 25 | PARCC Testing Begins (See Schedule Below) Report Cards Issued 6:00-7:30pm Food Pantry in the Cafeteria |
| Friday, April 28 | Grade 2 Field Trip to Robinson Nature Center |

From the Principal. . .

Dear Phelps Luck Families,

Thank you to our Reading Team and our PTA for their wonderful support and encouragement of reading! The PTA Book Fair began last week with evening hours on Wednesday and Thursday this week. Our Reading Team has coordinated intermediate students reading with primary students and guest readers for Read Across America Day. Each student will also bring home a book from our Book Swap to keep! Please encourage your child to read over Spring Break and daily! Wishing everyone a wonderful Spring Break!

Sincerely,
Michelle M. Leader
Principal

School News

PARCC Assessment Information:

Below is the schedule for PARCC testing in grades 3rd, 4th and 5th. Students will test in the areas of Math and ELA and all testing will take place in the morning. Please see Connie Fowlkes if you have any questions.

Grade 5 ELA

Monday, April 24
Tuesday, April 25
Wednesday, April 26

Grade 4 ELA

Tuesday, April 25
Wednesday, April 26
Thursday, April 27

Grade 3 ELA

Tuesday, May 9
Wednesday, May 10
Thursday, May 11

Grade 5 Math

Monday, May 1
Tuesday, May 2,
Wednesday, May 3
Thursday, May 4

Grade 4 Math

Monday, May 8
Tuesday, May 9
Wednesday, May 10
Thursday, May 11

Grade 3 Math

Monday, May 15
Tuesday, May 16
Wednesday, May 17
Thursday, May 18

From the Media Center

Ever wonder what fun we are having in the media center? Take a quick look at this linked SMORE flyer highlighting the most recent in Library Learning. <https://www.smores.com/zbvm2>

From the Art Room

The art room is in need of empty yogurt containers. These small containers are the 6 to 8 ounce size. The lids are not needed. Thank you.

From the Health Room

The Maryland Children’s Health Program (MCHP) gives full health benefits for children up to age 19 and their families. Call the Howard County Health Department at (410) 313-5845 extension 111 to see if you are eligible.

PLES Book Cart!!!

The PLES Book Cart will continue to be on vacation, **until April 7th**, the Book Cart will return on April 18th with a bundle of new and exciting books.

Training for Parent Volunteers

In order to create a consistent process for training parent volunteers on issues of confidentiality, HCPSS has developed 2 brief training modules and certificate of completion. Both the modules and certificate are located at:

<http://www.hcpss.org/parent/volunteer-information>

www.hcpss.org/f/employees/childabuse_ppt.pdf

www.hcpss.org/f/parents/parent-volunteer-confidentiality-certificate.pdf

Once you have completed the training, please submit your certificate of completion to the front office before registering as a volunteer. Parents must also do this in order to chaperone field trips. Thank you for your assistance!

From the PTA

CLOTHING FUNDRAISER

Phelps Luck is participating in a clothing to cash recycling program. PLES PTA will be paid for every pound we collect. There is a bin in the car loop to drop off donations. All materials will be Reworn, Repurposed or finally Recycled. The goal is to FILL our collection bin WEEKLU with as many plastic bags of clothing, shoes and other textiles as possible! We will take items in all conditions, unwanted, outgrown and out of style. We will take all clothing, all footwear, textiles (bedding, sheets, towels, blankets), accessories (handbags, backpacks, gloves, scarves, jewelry, wallets), and toys (stuffed animals.)

BOX TOPS 4 EDUCATION

Send **Box Tops for Education** labels to school ANYTIME in a bag or envelope marked "Box Tops 4 Education" or by using submission forms sent home monthly in your child's Thursday folder (make sure to cut out the logo AND expiration date). Box Tops earn **CASH** for our school that has been used to fund teacher training, student programs, and school supplies! Thanks for supporting PLES. Together, we can make a big difference!

From the Community

Spring and Summer Clothing Give Away

Free clothing for ALL AGES

Infant to Adult

Saturday, April 8, 9:00 – 10:30 am

North Laurel Community Center (9411 Whiskey Bottom Road, Laurel 20723)

For more information call 410-313-0220 or mscinfo@howardcountymd.gov

News 4 Schools

Please visit the Community News and Programs page (<http://www.hcpss.org/community-news-and-programs/>) on the HCPSS website for announcements of upcoming events and programs sponsored by non-profit organizations.

GUMC FOOD PANTRY

The Glenelg United Methodist Church (GUMC) Food Pantry is open every 3rd Saturday of the month, providing grocery assistance to those in need. The next time the pantry is open is Saturday, April 15th, from 9am-11am. As a partner of the Howard County Food Bank, we provide both county food as well as food/toiletries from individual donations. GUMC is located at 13900 Burntwoods Rd., Glenelg. You may contact us for pantry questions or to make a donation at 410-489-7260 or glenelgumcpantry@gmail.com.

After School Drama Class

The Drama Learning Center is offering after school drama class at Phelps Luck. They will be doing "Superheroes on Stage". Registration is available through Howard County Recreation and Park. Use course number RP1040.304 to locate. Cost is \$85. For more specific information, contact Melissa Calleri, 410-313-4721 or email, mcalleri@howardcountymd.gov



No Doubts... No Limits...

Michelle Leader~ Principal

Connie Fowlkes ~ Assistant Principal