



Falcon Newsletter

Phelps Luck Elementary (410) 313-6886

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October 5, 2017

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Important Dates

Thursday, October 5

Monday, October 9

Tuesday, October 10

Thursday, October 12

Wednesday, October 18

Friday, October 20

Monday, October 30

Friday, November 3

Flu Clinic (must have previously turned in permission slip)

7:00-8:30pm Hispanic Parent Night

6:30-8:00pm PTA Paint Night

Interim Progress Reports Sent Home

6:30-8:00pm ESOL Parent Night

No School – Teacher Work Day

6:30-8:00pm Reading Night & Trunk-or-Treat

Individual Picture Day

From the Principal. . .

Dear Phelps Luck Families,

I wanted to share that HCPSS has updated our procedures for visitors. Whenever you visit, please be sure to bring your MD issued drivers license or ID. You will need to utilize this when you log into our Lobby Guard system. In addition, you need to sign out with the system before you leave the building. Thank you for your assistance as we work to implement these security measures.

In addition, I wanted to make sure that you were aware of the updated calendar changes for the end of the school year. The Board of Education revised the calendar last week. Because of these changes, our students will dismiss 3 hours early on June 12th, 13th, and 14th.

Thank you,
Michelle Leader
Principal

IMPORTANT REMINDER

If you have moved or plan on moving, please notify the office of your new address. You will need to bring your new lease/deed and a current utility bill to the office in order for your child's record to be updated.

School News

Title I Information:

Title I is a federally funded program designed to ensure that all children have an opportunity to access a high-quality education. The goal of this federal program is to close the achievement gap for all students. There are two types of Title I programs: Targeted Assistance School programs and Schoolwide Title I programs. Schools are identified and authorized to implement one of these programs based on the percentage of students receiving free and reduced-price meals (FARMs). The Schoolwide program allows all students to be eligible for additional academic support. Federal funds are used to support and enhance the overall school program at Phelps Luck Elementary. These Title I funds may be used to upgrade the entire school's educational program so that the overall education of ALL children who attend the school can be improved. Currently, all Title I schools in Howard County operate as Schoolwide programs. For more information about Title I, please visit the PLES or HCPSS Title I website. <http://www.hcpss.org/academics/title-i-program/>

Reading Night & Trunk-or-Treat!

Save the Date - Monday, October 30th

Please join us on Monday, October 30th for an evening of Reading and fall fun from 6:30-8:00pm! In order to be more inclusive of all families' beliefs, we are very excited to announce that in place of a day time costume parade and Halloween party, you will have the opportunity to trunk-or-treat in the school parking lot at the end of this event! Students are invited to wear book character costumes to the Reading Night! We ask that you leave masks and costume weapons at home. If you wish to donate

candy, please send in any bags of unopened candy to the front office. Hope to see you there! We will have Fall Fun activities during the day on October 31st. Each grade-level team will communicate plans and activities with families prior to this date.

From the Health Room

The dentist is coming to PLES on December 4th, 5th, and 6th. The consent forms came home recently in student backpacks. This service is part of the Smile Maryland Program and strives to offer in-school dental care. A state licensed dentist will check your child's mouth and teeth, as well as provide a cleaning, x-rays as necessary, fluoride treatment and apply sealants as needed. Additional care, such as fillings, may be provided. A dental report card will be sent home with your child. If you would like your child to receive this service please return the consent by **October 19, 2017**. If you have any questions please contact the health room.

From the Media Center

All 5th Graders are invited to participate in the HC Library Battle of the Books Reading Celebration and Competition. Please see the flyer in your Thursday folder (or the flyer sent to you thru Canvas or the flyer that your student brings home from Media) for more information. Students will be learning about this competition in Media Class. This Book Club opportunity is purely voluntary! Coaches are needed! Visit the HC Library for more information: <http://hclibrary.org/new-a-main/battle-of-the-books/>

Looking to alleviate your Lego collection? The Media Center is looking for Lego donations (and other building materials) to support our creative problem solving MakerSpaces! Please contact Mrs. Greene (stephanie_greene@hcpss.org) if you would like to arrange a donation!

From the Reading Team

Hello Families! The book cart is returning! It will be starting again on 10/10! Each grade level will have the opportunity to purchase books for \$1.00 on their assigned day. See the schedule below so you know when to bring in your money!

- Tuesday - Pre-K/Kindergarten
- Wednesday - First/Second Grade
- Thursday - Third/Fifth Grade
- Friday - Fourth Grade

From the Community

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.

Fall/Winter Clothing Gift Away:

Free clothing for all ages, Infant to Adult. Saturday October 28, 2017 9:00-10:30

North Laurel Community Center

9411 Whiskey Bottom Road Laurel, MD 20723

Contact: 410-313-0220 or email mscinfo@howardcountymd.gov/msc

From the PTA

BOX TOPS 4 EDUCATION

Submit completed Box Top Summer Collection sheets (25 Box Tops per sheet) by Friday, September 29th for a chance to be entered into a drawing for a \$25 gift card! Box Tops earn **CASH** for our school! Thanks for supporting PLES. Together, we can make a big difference!



No Doubts... No Limits...

Michelle Leader ~ Principal

Connie Fowlkes ~ Assistant Principal