



Falcon Newsletter

Phelps Luck Elementary (410) 313-6886

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March 19, 2015

Important Dates

Friday, March 27

March 30 – April 6

Tuesday, April 7

Wednesday, April 8

Tuesday, April 14

Crazy Hats and Hair Day

Schools Close 3 hours early – End of 3rd Marking Period

Spring Break, Schools Closed

School Reopens

4th Grade Field Trip to Walter's Art Gallery

Report Cards Issued

From the Principal. . .

Happy Thursday!

Our students in 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade continue to work with pride and diligence as they complete their computerized reading and math PARCC assessments. They have done a great job utilizing the various technological tools available to them to help navigate the different components of the assessment. Collectively, our students have taken the assessments in stride and have remained engaged throughout not only the testing window, but the instructional day as well! As was shared in the testing schedule that was previously distributed, the initial testing stage of PARCC will be completed for all intermediate grade levels next Wednesday. If a student happened to miss a testing day, make up opportunities will be provided following Wednesday.

If you chose to participate in March Madness brackets, I wish you luck! I am crossing my fingers and hoping that the Terps can pull the ultimate upset and beat Kentucky in the Sweet Sixteen (if MD can make it that far!)

Take care,
Sean

School News

It's Not Too Late to Register for Kindergarten 2015-2016

If your child is to start Kindergarten in August, you still have a chance to register! Please come to PLES between 9:30 – 2:30, and bring the following:

- Child's evidence of birth
- An authorized record of immunizations
- Proof of residency in the form of a lease or deed and a utility bill
- Photo ID of parent/guardian
- Proof of custody (if applicable)

Parents or guardians are to register students at the school serving the address where the child's parent or guardian resides. Information on neighborhood schools can be found through School Locator (<https://hcpss2.securesites.net/SchoolLocator/index.jsp>) on the school system web site or by calling the Public Information Office at 410-313-6682. If you know of a family with a kindergarten aged child, please pass this information.

From the Physical Education Department

Phelps Luck's physical education department's Hoops For Heart fundraiser is coming to an end. Please have all donation packets turned in by next Friday, March 27,

This was a community service-learning program of the American Heart Association. It teaches students:

- The importance of developing heart-healthy habits;
- That being physically active can be fun; and
- That by raising funds to support research and education they help save lives across the country and in their community.

Middle School Parent Orientation

Bonnie Branch Middle School invites parents of 5th grade students to attend an overview of the middle school programs.

- **April 14th at 7pm** (General information for all Parents/Guardians of Incoming 6th graders, in the Cafeteria. *Join us at **6pm** if you are interested in learning more about the G/T program

Students will attend a BBMS visitation during the school day on May 19th from 9:45-10:45.

Pre-K Application and Registration

The Howard County Public School System offers a Pre-K program for income eligible children who will be four years old by September 1, 2015. Please visit <http://www.hcpss.org/schools/pre-k-programs/> for more information.

Pre-Kindergarten is a two-step process:

- Interested families must first submit an **application** with proof of income for review. This application must be reviewed by school administration.
- Once approved, students can be registered using the same list of documents required for Kindergarten registration. See the front office for an application.

From the PTA

Spring Book Fair

Our second book fair of the year was a great success! While you bought books for your children you helped us to raise over \$1000 for the school. Also during the book fair we raffled off book and poster donations from Scholastic to raise money for new books. Thank you to all who donated to All For Books, with your spare change we were able to purchase EIGHT books for the Media Center!

Congratulations to our raffle winners: Kiara Avery, Marvin Jean Baptiste, Mrs. Barno, Ashleigh Blackwood, Cypress Booker, Emma Churchill, Sarah Churchill, Judah Coleman, Grace Drasin, Arian Faezi, Zack Gerbrick, Lilia Gould, Dylan Tovar Guerrero, Keaton (Tony) Hedrick, Alani Johnson, Rachel Kaindi, Luca Lehman, Mia Lehman, Georgia Maccherone, Enya Manzanera, David McKiver, Yvette Mercedes, Morgan Peluso, Sean Pereira, Peyton Rodgers, Preston Rodgers, Isabella Ruano-Romero, Logan Sadorra, Antonio Smith, Zoë Tray, Devin Williams, Matthew Zimmerman

PLES PTA Family Bingo Night!

Our annual Family Bingo Night is coming soon! Buy 4 Bingo cards for only \$1.00 and win door prizes from local businesses. Snacks and beverages will be sold at the event. Join us for an evening of fun on March 20 from 6:30 to 8:30 in the cafeteria!

Help us with the Yearbook!

It may not seem like it with all of the snow lately but we are getting closer to the end of the school year. It also means that the PTA is finishing up work on Phelps Luck's 2014-2015 Yearbook! However we need your help with it. We want to add several pages with the fun activities the students have done this year but are lacking some of the great digital photos we know you have taken. We would greatly appreciate it if you would share any pictures you may have of the activities listed below for use in the yearbook.

The activities include:

- * Field trip photos (please note where the field trip was to and what grade it is)
- * Halloween pictures (even pictures of your children in their costumes at home would be great!)
- * The Turkey Trot
- * Koo Koo Kangaroo show
- * Pictures of your child dressed up for Spirit days! (this includes pajama day, Jersey day, Dress Like you are 100! day, etc)

One photo or ten, we would love to see them! Please email any pictures to shupps.PTA@gmail.com in the highest resolution you can. If you have questions or simply too many pictures to email (or just prefer not to), please contact Amy Shupps at 443-546-4903 or shupps.PTA@gmail.com and we can work something out. Thank you!



No Doubts... No Limits...

Sean Martin ~ Principal

Connie Fowlkes ~ Assistant Principal