



Falcon Newsletter

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Important Dates

June 16	PLES Spirit Day – Wacky Tacky Day!
June 17	PLES Spirit Day – PJ Day! 4pm Virtual PTA Chesapeake Educational Alliance Activity for Grades K, 1, 2 – See PTA message for directions.
June 18	PLES Spirit Day – Neon Day!
June 19, 22, 23	Half Days for Students
June 23	Last Student Day & Report Cards Visible in hcpss.org/connect

From the Principal. . .

Dear Phelps Luck Families,

As we move into our last full week of school (June 15-19), I wanted to share the expectations for next week. There will continue to be 2 google meet check-ins (Grades K-5) with your child at the same times and days that have been used. In addition, this week is designated for students to complete all tasks that have been already assigned. Therefore, no new tasks will be assigned next week. There will be Social-Emotional Tasks placed on the Canvas pages for next week, however, you will see there is no "complete" button to push when finished. These tasks are optional. We recommend that your child completes them if possible.

Please work with your child to complete all required tasks for each content area (see the info below) to ensure your child receives "Pass" for that area. Contact your child's teacher if you have questions.

Attendance for next week will be based on your child attending at least one google meet. Please ensure that your child attends at least one to receive full attendance for the week of June 15.

Sincerely,
Michelle M. Leader
Principal

School News

New Student/PK/K Registration:

Parents/guardians of new incoming students and those entering kindergarten in the 2020-2021 school year (who are not already enrolled) are able to begin the enrollment process online. Go to hcpss.org and scroll down to the enroll section. Once completed, we will contact you to set up a google meet to check your ID. At this time, you will need to upload all of your documents. If you have a long lease/deed document, we only need the first 2 and last 2 pages (showing address and signatures) at the time of registration. We will ask for the balance of pages when we are back in the school building.

A reminder that only custodial parents/guardians may register the child/ren.

Quarter 4 Grading Clarifications

We wanted to remind parents of the grading procedures that we are using during this time of distance learning and provide you with specific requirements for passing grades.

All grades are a PASS or INCOMPLETE for the 4th Quarter.

To earn a PASSING grade, a student must complete 50% of the activities throughout this distance learning window. Clearly, we would like students to complete all of the assigned work each week, but understand that this may be difficult which is why there is flexibility built into the grading. Our goal is that ALL students can earn a PASSING grade by completing at least 50% of the work. (Below is what at least 50% means during this distance learning time.)

Grading Based on Time Requirements

***Math** - Dreambox - Engage for at least 263 minutes or 37 minutes a week.

***Language Arts** - LexiaCore - Engage for at least 263 minutes or 37 minutes a week.

Grading Based on Pressing the Complete Button on Canvas

***Social Studies** - Complete at least 3 out of 6 tasks posted between 5/4 - 6/12.

***Science** - Complete at least 3 out of the 6 tasks posted between 5/4 - 6/12.

***Health** - Complete at least 3 out of the 6 tasks posted between 5/4 - 6/12.

***Related Arts** - Complete at least 2 out of the 5 tasks in EACH class (art, PE, music, media) posted between 5/11 - 6/12.

HCPSS Elementary School Counseling Connection Newsletter:

The HCPSS Elementary School Counseling Connection Newsletter is a great resource for students and parents to read together. Included in this [new issue of the School Counseling Connection newsletter](#) are great self-care ideas and fun activities for home.

Resources for Families:

Please see the link below to resources from the Howard County Government. There is information on grocery delivery for the elderly and/or unable to travel are in English, and Spanish. There is also information on accessing other resources, such as medical, cash, energy bill, or food access, in Spanish and English. [Emergency Resources for Families](#)

Ongoing Support for Children and Families

As the coronavirus pandemic continues, both children and adults are experiencing challenges, which may be different for each person. It is important to monitor children's mental health and emotional well-being. The National Association of School Psychologists (NASP) outlines strategies for talking to children about COVID-19 and supporting their mental health. [Learn more about NASP's recommendations and how you can reach out to your school for help.](#)

News from the PTA

Clothing Bin:

We wanted you to know that the Clothing Bin is still accessible during the school closure. Please feel free to donate any items to our Clothing Bin in our school parking lot. This is a fundraiser and supports our PTA! Last month, we earned First Place because we had the most weight in our bin out of all of the HCPSS clothing bins!!!

From the Community

Here is a list of food sources for you to access:

Grab and Go Meals:

Meals are distributed to children 18 years and younger Monday through Friday from 11:30am - 1:30pm at Howard High School. This is the closest site to our school. You are allowed to send one family member to get food for everyone in the household. It is recommended you bring a bag or backpack if you choose to do this.

If you can't get there to pick-up food, you can use the information at this site to have someone deliver to your home.

<https://grabandgohoco.com/>

Columbia Community Cares:

This group gives out food at Howard High during the Grab and Go Meal times. They also give out food at Swansfield Elementary, Oakland Mills Middle, Wilde Lake Middle, and Lake Elkhorn Middle. You can also fill out their form for food and they can deliver as well.

Website: <http://columbiacare.live/>

Form for food:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScJIRfYmnGVs1KNEvq0mfqL8qoOJtIVkOo8utBVyKeoEbxA7g/viewform?vc=0&c=0&w=1>

Open Doors Food Pantry:

Mount Zion United Methodist Church will be hosting The Open Doors Food Pantry on the 3rd Saturday of each month. Check-in from 9:00 am – 11:00 am, Please bring ID with you to check-in. If you need transportation to the food pantry, contact the Rotary Club at ctcrotary@gmail.com.

Mission 19:
A local company located in Maple Lawn is offering gift cards to Food Lion and some local restaurants, as well as CVS gift cards to help with any needed prescriptions. You can apply through their website, mission19.org.



No Doubts... No Limits...

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