



Falcon Newsletter

Phelps Luck Elementary (410) 313-6886

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Important Dates

Thursday, June 8	5 th Grade Promotion – 5:30-7:00pm at HHS
Monday, June 12	Neon Day (Spirit) – Wear your brightest outfit celebrating the coming of summer
Tuesday, June 13	Schools Close 3 hours early (12:20)
Wednesday, June 14	Last Day of School for Students - Schools Close 3 Hours Early (12:20)

2017-2018 Dates:

August 31	Kindergarten Back-to-School Night 6:30-7:30pm
Sept. 18	1 st & 2 nd Back-to-School Night 6:30-7:30pm
Sept. 19	GT Back-to-School Night 6:00-6:30pm
Sept. 19	Grades 3, 4, 5 6:30-7:30pm

From the Principal

Dear Phelps Luck Families,

I wanted to share an update about our Elementary School Model. The Elementary School Model (ESM) will be changing for the 2017-2018 school year.

- Strengths Development will no longer be funded by HCPSS. However, we will continue to focus on the 5 Principles of 'Grow Strong' and hope to use school funds to continue the Strength Explorer survey for 4th graders and 5th graders new to PLES.
- Departmentalization will be adjusted as follows:
 - Departmentalized instruction will no longer take place in Grade 1 at ESM or any other HCPSS schools.
 - Decisions about departmentalized instruction in grades 2-5 are school-based decisions. At Phelps Luck, we have decided to discontinue departmentalization in grades 2-5 to support our students' needs.

The other parts of the model will remain in their current form (full-day PreK, daily Spanish instruction, and Telehealth). If you are seeking information regarding the Elementary School Model, please visit this [link](#). I am looking forward to our continued work on this initiative.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any additional questions.

Sincerely,
Michelle M. Leader
Principal

School News

From Physical Education

Thank you to all volunteers who helped make Field Day fun and successful for our students (and staff!). We had such a great day playing games and could not have done it without all the help from our volunteers and staff. Thank you again! ~Mr. Deppen and Mr. Nunn

It's Not Too Late to Register for Kindergarten 2017-2018

If your child is to start Kindergarten in August, you still have a chance to register! Please come to PLES between 10:00 – 2:00, 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)

From the Health Room

Please pick up student medications from the Health Room on June 14 no later than 2:00 P.M. Per Howard County Policy, medications not picked up at this time will be discarded. If you have any questions please contact the Health Room. Thank you.

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.

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 you to receive mailing and for your child's record to be changed.

Free Summer Meals for Kids and Teens

Meals will be served in our community to all children, 18 and younger. The sites are Harper's Choice Middle School, Murray Hill Middle School, Thomas Viaduct Middle School; meals will be served from June 26 through August 4 from 11:30 – 1:00 pm. The program will also be at Stevens Forest Elementary School from June 26 – August 4 from 12:30 – 2:00 pm. No application, no enrollment and no cost.

From the Media Center

Calling all Books! We are down to the last few weeks of book checkout in the media center. It is time to find those lost books and return all books by May 31st. Please help your student get his/her name into our random drawing for a summer activity pack. There will be 2 winners per grade level. Your student is eligible for the drawing if all books are returned or a replacement amount is sent in by May 31st. Grown-up eyes seem to find books better than little eyes! Thank you for your help! **Please contact the media center with a note if you have an extenuating circumstance. **Special Note:** Students in 5th grade need their library account cleared in order to check out books in middle school.

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 WEEKLY 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

Please continue to collect Box Tops over the Summer Break. Box Tops earn **CASH** for our school! Summer Collection sheets (collect 25 Box Tops per sheet) will be sent home in your Thursday folder. Turn in completed collection sheets by September 29, 2017 for a chance to be entered into a drawing for a \$25 gift card! Thanks for supporting PLES. Together, we can make a big difference!

From the Community

News 4 Schools

Please visit the Community News and Programs page (<http://www.hcps.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, June 17th, 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.



No Doubts... No Limits...

Michelle Leader ~ Principal

Connie Fowlkes ~ Assistant Principal