



Falcon Newsletter

Phelps Luck Elementary (410) 313-6886

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Important Dates

Friday, December 9

Thursday, December 15

Wednesday, December 21

Thursday, December 22

Friday, December 23

December 26-31

Monday, January 2

Monday, January 16

Wednesday, January 18

Thursday, January 26

Friday, January 27

PTA Secret Shop, 3:30-5:00 pm

Dental Sealant Day, Grades K-3

Kindergarten Math Night

Interim Progress Reports Sent Home

Winter Concert at Howard High School, 7:00 pm

SPIRIT DAY – Pajama Day

Winter Break

School Reopens

MLK Jr. Day – No School

6th Grade Orientation at Bonnie Branch MS, 6-7:00 pm

7-8:00 pm – G/T and Special Education Orientation

End of Quarter 2

Staff Work Day – No Students

From the Principal. . .

Dear Phelps Luck Families,

As you know, our first bell rings at 8:40a.m. each morning. We have many children who are arriving before this time. Because of meetings each morning before the student arrival time, staff come out for supervision at 8:35a.m. Please do not drop off your children, or have them arrive to school, before 8:40a.m. In addition, all students need to be in the building before the second bell, which is at 8:55a.m. Thank you for your assistance with this matter!

Sincerely,

Michelle M. Leader

Principal

School News

Young Author's Contest

Original short stories and poems are sought from Phelps Luck students in grades 2-5 for the 2017 Young Authors' Contest. The contest is sponsored by the Howard County Reading Council. High quality winning entries from each grade will move on to the county level competition. The deadline for the submission of typed entries is Wednesday, December 21, 2016. Call or email any classroom teacher or reading specialist Tracy Jones at tracy_jones@hcpss.org if you need clarification or have questions. Teachers also have contest announcements and the cover sheets that must accompany each entry.

SAVE the DATE: PLES Family FIT Night!

Our second Family Fit Night will be held on February 9th from 6:00-8:00p.m. Stations include: Kid Friendly Boot Camp, Karate, Zumba, Yoga, Dance Party Finale, Parent Nutritional Workshop and Wellness Tables! Please join us! It was a terrific event last year and a great way to be active in the winter! Registration opens January 27th. More info to come home in January!

From the Healthroom

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!!!

Our PLES Book Cart visits grades each day based on the schedule below. Our students have the opportunity to purchase some of their favorite books for just \$1.00!!! This year, we're grateful to our PTA for sponsoring our book cart. All of the proceeds benefit the replenishment of books to the cart. Thanks to the PTA for supporting our school-wide love for reading.

Mondays	Pre-K and Kindergarten
Tuesdays	First and Third Grade
Wednesdays	Second and Fifth Grade
Fridays	Fourth Grade

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

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

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, December 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