



Falcon Newsletter

Phelps Luck Elementary (410) 313-6886

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November 20, 2015

Important Dates

Friday, November 20

Spirit Day – Dress like your favorite book Character in honor of the PLES book fair.

Monday, November 23

Schools Close 3 hours early – PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

Tuesday, November 24

Annual Turkey Trot for 3rd, 4th, and 5th Grades

November 25

Schools Close 3 hours early – PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

November 26-27

Schools Closed for PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

Friday, December 4

Schools Closed for Thanksgiving Break

PTA Secret Shop – 3:30 pm – 5:00 pm

From the Principal. . .

Dear Parents,

Next week, we will be holding Parent Teacher Conferences. These conferences will be held with your child's homeroom or session one teacher. The on-line sign up system is now closed. Please call the school to schedule your conference time. It is our hope that we conference with all parents to continue to partner with you for your child's success.

As we begin the holiday season next week with Thanksgiving, I would like to thank our wonderful staff and parents for your constant support. I feel blessed to work at a school where our students are the top priority! It is this true collaboration that makes our school so special! Wishing you a wonderful Thanksgiving!

Sincerely,

Michelle M. Leader

Principal

School News

20th Annual Turkey Trot

Our annual Turkey Trot for 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders, is a one mile "fun run" and will be held on Tuesday, November 24th. It consists of 2 laps around the perimeter of the school. In order to ensure that your child has a safe and successful experience they must wear correct footwear (tennis shoes/sneakers) and comfortable athletic clothing. 5th Grade runs from 9:30 – 10:15, 4th Grade runs from 10:15 – 11:00 and 3rd Grade runs from 11:00 – 11:45.

If you would like to run the mile with your child, or if you would like to help but don't want to run, come out and line the course to cheer your child on. The parking lot and bus loop will be closed while students run. Please use surrounding streets to park.

Training for Parent Volunteers

In order to create a consistent process for training parent volunteers on issues of confidentiality, HCPSS has developed a brief training module and certificate of completion. Both the module and certificate are located at www.hcpss.org or by going to the Phelps Luck website at ples.hcpss.org. 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 Music Department

We are looking for a few volunteers to attend the Howard County Parents for School Music meetings. This is a group of parent advocates for Howard County Music Programs. You do not have to commit to attending all of the meetings. Hopefully, we will have several volunteers so that you are only attending one or two. If this is something that interests you, please let Mrs. Nordquist (alice_nordquist@hcpss.org), Mrs. Tracy (cara_tracy@hcpss.org) or Mrs. Yi (helen_yi@hcpss.org) know. Thank you for your support!

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 changed.

From the PTA

Fall Fundraiser Order Pickup

The orders from the Fall Fundraiser are arriving this week and will be available for pickup Monday, 11/23 and Tuesday, 11/24 during conferences from 1:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Pickup will take place with the book fair in room A167 (accessible from the hallway or through the Media Center). Please make every effort to pick up your items during this time.

Box Tops for Education

Send Box Tops to school ANYTIME in a bag or envelope marked "Box Tops 4 Education" or by using submission forms sent home monthly in your Thursday folder (cut out the logo and expiration date). We have used the CASH earned from your Box Tops submissions to pay for kindergarten readiness supplies, indoor recess activities, and teacher training materials!

Labels for Education

Send Labels for Education labels (cut out the logo and bar code) to school ANYTIME in a bag or envelope marked "Labels for Education". Points earned from the labels can be redeemed for FREE educational merchandise for our school!

From the Community

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. This month the pantry is open on Saturday, November 21 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.

BBMS Vendor Fair

Bonnie Branch Middle School PTA is hosting a vendor fair at the school on Friday, December 4th from 6-9 pm.



No Doubts... No Limits...

Michelle Leader~ Principal

Connie Fowlkes ~ Assistant Principal