



Falcon Newsletter

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Important Dates

Thursday, November 12
November 16 – 20
Thursday, November 19
Friday, November 20
Monday, November 23
Tuesday, November 24
November 25
November 26-27

Kindergarten Field Trip – Howard County Conservancy
American Education Week
Annual Turkey Trot for 3rd, 4th and 5th Grades
RAIN DATE Turkey Trot
Schools Close 3 hours early – PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES
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Schools Closed for PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES
Schools Closed for Thanksgiving Break

From the Principal. . .

Dear Parents,

The week of November 23rd is designated for Parent Teacher Conferences. Parent Teacher Conferences are a terrific opportunity for staff and parents to partner together for each child's success. HCPSS will be using Synergy Conference Management to schedule parent-teacher conferences. Synergy Conference Management provides a simple user interface and easy navigation. Starting **Monday, November 9th**, parents can log into HCPSS Connect to view and select from the time slots provided by the teacher for the conference. If you do not have access to HCPSS Connect, please call the school for assistance. Please access the attached guide for step-by-step instructions.

I would also like to thank our students and families for donating candy for our troops! We collected over 150 pounds of candy that will be delivered in support of our troops. In addition, many students included endearing notes to the troops. Thank you for your support of this "giving" opportunity!

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 Thursday, November 19th. 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.

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.

Annual Federal Impact Aid Survey

Last week the Federal Impact Aid Surveys went home in your student's Thursday Folder. We are asking that every family fill out the form in pencil and return it as soon as possible to school.

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!

Survey for Parents on Kindergarten Students

The office of Early Childhood Programs would like your feedback on how you obtained the information needed to register and prepare your child to attend kindergarten. Please complete the survey that will come home with your child's report card and return it to your child's teacher at parent/teacher conferences in November. To complete the survey online, follow this link <https://goo.gl/geKTbp> or open the attached PDF and scan the QR code. Thank you!

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

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

BBMS Pancake Breakfast

Bonnie Branch Middle School PTA is hosting a pancake breakfast on Saturday, November 7 at T Bonz restaurant from 9:00 – 10:30 am. Cost is \$7.00



Michelle Leader~ Principal

No Doubts... No Limits...

Connie Fowlkes ~ Assistant Principal