



Falcon Newsletter

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May 29, 2014

Important Dates

Wednesday, June 4

Friday, June 6

Tuesday, June 10

Wednesday, June 11

June 18 – 20

Friday, June 20

4th Grade Field Trip to National Gallery of Art

Spring Concert at Howard High School, 7:00 pm

5th Grade Field Trip to Philadelphia, PA,
(Extended Day)

4th Grade Field Trip to Howard County Conservancy

Schools Close 3 hours early for students

Last Day of School for Students

From the Principal. . .

Please join me in celebrating and recognizing Nancy Koza and Amy Dower, both recently announced their decision to retire at the end of this current school year. As you know, both Mrs. Koza and Mrs. Dower are icons in the education world and pillars in our wonderful Phelps Luck community. Their dedication to not only their craft, but also their students and colleagues always remained genuine, strong, and influential. I have been honored to have the opportunity to collaborate with, and learn from, Mrs. Koza and Mrs. Dower in two distinctly different roles, first as a 3rd grade teacher at Phelps Luck and of course, most recently, as a principal. I continue to marvel at their personal commitment to invest in their own professional growth as they strived to meet the diverse instructional needs demonstrated by their students while also incorporating an ever-changing curriculum into their instructional approach.

However, Mrs. Koza's and Mrs. Dower's most significant contribution to education and our community cannot be measured by test scores or formal observations. Rather, their influence can best be measured by the countless lives (students, colleagues, and families) they have touched and inspired. We all are better because of our direct or indirect interactions with these two wonderful professionals and people.

Once again, please join me in wishing Mrs. Koza and Mrs. Dower nothing but the very best as they embark on the next chapter of their lives. Have a great week! Sean

School News

Fabulous Falcons of the Week

Our Falcons for the week of May 19th are:

Kindergarten – Arielle Smith, Raegan Myrick, Nelson Santos, Cheyenne Davis, Ja'nez Matthews, **2nd Grade** – Mariana Pultorak, Daniel Llanos, Matthew Benjamin, Jeremiah Schine, Evan Manzanera, Jennifer Cortez-Menjivar, **3rd Grade** – Ella Werdell, Hailey McCarty, Micholi Chewe, Nayeli Espinoza, **4th Grade** – Hope Kendrick, Claire Madachy, Odalys Campos, Tania Zaldivar, **5th Grade** – Aaivan Hussain, Brooke Nixon, Jacques Oldham

Our Falcons for the week of May 27th are:

1st Grade – Elijah Kiboino, Diana Leyva Santos, Lorelei Ngen, Carlos Moreno, Kaymani Smith, **2nd Grade** – Enoch Kiboino, Imani Johnson, Alan Chacon Melendez, Rebecca Kaindi, Wendy Liu, **3rd Grade** – Quran Cotton,

4th Grade – Dan Espinosa, Devyn Combs, **5th Grade** – Julia Croft, D’Angelo Stines, J’Lynn Long, Mikayla Parker

Enrichment Fair News

The 2014 PLES Enrichment Fair is on Tuesday, June 3rd from 6:30 to 8:00. Please come to school and talk with participants to hear about and see many of the enrichment activities in which PLES students have participated this school year. All are welcome to attend!

Mrs. Koza and Mrs. Dower Are Retiring!

Mrs. Koza and Mrs. Dower are retiring! To honor their time working with our community, we are collecting messages and well wishes for a memory book. If you or your child would like to send a message for Mrs. Koza and/or Mrs. Dower, please email or send the messages to Megan Bainbridge at megan_bainbridge@hcpss.org or Carol Stevens at Carol_Stevens@hcpss.org.

Kindergarten and Pre-Kindergarten Registration

Kindergarten, Pre-Kindergarten, and new student registration has begun. Come in between 9:30 am and 2:00 pm to register for the 2014 – 2015 school year. Kindergarten is mandatory in Maryland, and state law requires that children entering kindergarten in the fall of 2014 must be 5 years of age before September 1, 2014. Children entering Pre-Kindergarten in the fall of 2014 must be 4 years old on or before September 1, 2014. Children entering first grade in the fall of 2014 must be 6 years old before September 1, 2014. Parents or legal guardians are to register students at the school currently serving the address where the child’s parent or guardian resides. The parent or guardian must present the following information at the time of registration:

- The child’s birth certificate
- An authorized record of immunizations
- Proof of residency in the form of a lease, a deed, or house contract, and a utility bill
- Photo ID of the parent/guardian
- Proof of custody (if applicable)

Driver’s licenses and voter registration cards will not be accepted as proof of residence. State law prohibits a child from attending school for even one day unless proof of immunization has been provided. Immunization and health forms are available at every school.

Students who are currently enrolled in any HCPSS pre-kindergarten program are not required to re-register for kindergarten.

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 Community

Cub Scouts

Cub Scout Pack 678 is at Phelps Luck Elementary! We are an active and family oriented pack that likes to have fun while learning about ourselves and the world we live in. Some of our activities include, camping, arts and crafts, games, the Pinewood Derby, archery, community service projects, Christmas caroling, and fundraising. Cub scouts is open to boys in the 1st through 5th grades. If you are interested in learning more about us, come talk to us at the school’s *Spring Carnival on Thursday, June 12, 2014* (or rain date of Monday, June 16, 2014), or e-mail us at scoutpack678@yahoo.com.