



Falcon Newsletter

Phelps Luck Elementary (410) 313-6886

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April 16, 2015

Important Dates

Friday April 24

Monday, April 27

Monday, May 11

Tuesday, May 12

Tuesday, May 19

1st Grade Field Trip to Smithsonian Museum

Picture Day

In School Concert

Spring Concert at Howard High School 7:00 pm

5th Grade Field Trip to Bonnie Branch Middle School

From the Principal. . .

Happy Thursday PLES ☺!

On Tuesday, 3rd quarter report cards were distributed to our students. Although Howard County only formally schedules days to conduct parent-teacher conferences after the 1st and 2nd quarters, please know I would encourage any parent wishing to ascertain insight or clarification regarding their child's grade to contact the teacher for a phone or 1:1 conversation. Our teachers would be happy to talk with any interested parent.

Last Friday evening, I enjoyed the honor of supporting four Phelps Luck teams at the Battle of the Books competition hosted by Oakland Mills High School. Battle of the Books is a reading and comprehension event, targeting 5th grade students, sponsored by the Howard County Library System. Essentially, the HC Library System established a master list of 16 books that students were required to read throughout the course of the fall and winter. Interested students were able to form their own teams and solicit volunteer coaches who consistently meet with their teams to discuss the books read.

It was an amazing night, filled with enthusiasm and high energy from students, parents, and special guests such as Dr. Calvin Ball, County Executive Kittleman, and National Honor Society students from Oakland Mills High School. The students thoroughly enjoyed the competition as the entire event was filled with excitement and passion typically reserved for sporting events.

Parents, please keep this event in mind when your child reaches fifth grade – it was a great experience for all involved.

Congratulations to the following teams and coaches for their creative costumes, dedicated participation, and sportsmanship – way to represent Phelps Luck!

Book Minions:

Coach – Ms. Krivach (Media)

Assistant Coach – Mrs. Srinath (Media)

Allison Chavez

Yerlyn DelCid

Dan Espinoza

Asia Robinson

Tania Zaldivar

Bookers

Coach – Mrs. Green (Media)

Naomi Andrew

Carmen Dove

Jalen Jones

A'najah Lucas

Wendy Vazquez

Dewey Ducks:

Coach: Mrs. Sizemore (parent)

Assistant Coach: Mrs. Fields (parent)

Arian Faezi-Razi

Jake Fields

Mason Sizemore

"Pun"ishers

Coach: Mrs. Barno (GT)

Assistant Coach: Ms. Abell (parent)

Geri Cabunoc

Azur Griffin

Claire Madachy

Alexandra Nelson

Owen Pultorak

School News

From the Physical Education Department

Field Day will be here soon! We would love to have your help on Thursday May 7, 2015. If you are able to volunteer some of your time to help run a station and help students have fun and be successful, please sign up now online at <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0445afab2dabf58-2015>. There are options for half day or full day. Please also indicate if you will be available to volunteer if we have to use our Rain Date of

Friday May 8. When you arrive at PLES on Field Day we will have a volunteer table set up in the front hallway where you will receive your station and game directions. Thank you in advance for your help and support!

It's Not Too Late to Register for Kindergarten 2015-2016

If your child is to start Kindergarten in August, you still have a chance to register! Please come to PLES between 9:30 – 2:30, 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)

Parents or guardians are to register students at the school serving the address where the child's parent or guardian resides. Information on neighborhood schools can be found through School Locator (<https://hcpss2.securesites.net/SchoolLocator/index.jsp>) on the school system web site or by calling the Public Information Office at 410-313-6682. If you know of a family with a kindergarten aged child, please on pass this information.

Pre-K Application and Registration

The Howard County Public School System offers a Pre-K program for income eligible children who will be four years old by September 1, 2015. Please visit <http://www.hcpss.org/schools/pre-k-programs/> for more information.

Pre-Kindergarten is a two-step process:

- Interested families must first submit an **application** with proof of income for review. This application must be reviewed by school administration.
- Once approved, students can be registered using the same list of documents required for Kindergarten registration. See the front office for an application.

From the PTA

Help us with the Yearbook!

It may not seem like it with all of the snow lately but we are getting closer to the end of the school year. It also means that the PTA is finishing up work on Phelps Luck's 2014-2015 Yearbook! However we need your help with it. We want to add several pages with the fun activities the students have done this year but are lacking some of the great digital photos we know you have taken. We would greatly appreciate it if you would share any pictures you may have of the activities listed below for use in the yearbook.

The activities include: Field trip photos (please note where the field trip was to and what grade it is), Halloween pictures (even pictures of your children in their costumes at home would be great!), Turkey Trot Koo Koo Kangaroo show, Pictures of your child dressed up for Spirit days! (this includes pajama day, Jersey day, Dress Like you are 100! day, etc.)

One photo or ten, we would love to see them! Please email any pictures to shupps.PTA@gmail.com in the highest resolution you can. If you have questions or simply too many pictures to email (or just prefer not to), please contact Amy Shupps at 443-546-4903 or shupps.PTA@gmail.com and we can work something out. Thank you!

From the Community

Cub Scout Pack 678 would like to invite you and your family to an Ice Cream Social! Please join us for free ice cream and fun on Friday, May 8 from 5:30-7:30pm at the Phelps Luck Elementary school playground/blacktop. Cub Scout Pack 678 meets at Phelps Luck Elementary school on most Wednesdays during the school year. If you are interested in learning more about us, come talk to us at the Ice Cream Social or e-mail us at scoutpack678@yahoo.com.



No Doubts... No Limits...

Sean Martin ~ Principal

Connie Fowlkes ~ Assistant Principal