



Falcon Newsletter

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April 30, 2015

Important Dates

Monday, May 4	In School Concert
	2 nd Grade Field Trip, Howard County Conservancy
Thursday, May 7	Field Day
	Spirit Day – Wear Class Colors
Monday, May 11	Spring Concert at Howard High School 7:00 pm
Thursday, May 14	Kindergarten Field Trip to the Baltimore Zoo
Tuesday, May 19	5 th Grade Field Trip to Bonnie Branch Middle School

From the Principal. . .

I would like to take this opportunity to express genuine appreciation and gratitude for our many school volunteers who help support students and teachers alike. Earlier this week, we hosted a volunteer breakfast to recognize the time and energy that are generously put forth by our parents and community volunteers. Whether you chaperone field trips, help in the café, read 1:1 to students, participate in the PTA, etc, please know that your efforts do indeed have a positive influence upon our school culture and the elementary school experiences of our students. Thank you!

Also, Phelps Luck hosted a “Read Across Phelps Luck” celebration this week. This event is a wonderful tradition at our school and is attended by local government representatives, Howard County Central Office officials, Board of Education members, as well as former teachers and staff family members. Each participant reads a favorite childhood book to a class. Every classroom welcomed two readers to their class during the morning instructional block. Our students enthusiastically welcomed our guests and certainly represented themselves and our school, as audience members, in a positive manner. I had the honor of reading to Mrs. Palmieri’s Kindergarten class!

Our intermediate students (grades 3-5) will participate in the final component of PARCC testing beginning next week. They will be involved with three sessions or days of testing comprising of two days for math and one day for reading. The testing schedule is as follows:

Tuesday, May 5

Ms. McCann (AM)
Ms. Sacks (AM)
Ms. Fleck (AM)
Ms. Crockett (AM)
Ms Gray (AM)
Ms. Quinn (AM)
Ms. Leess (AM)
Mr. Milton (AM)

Wednesday, May 6

Ms. Fleck (AM)
Ms. Crockett (AM)
Ms. Gray (AM)
Ms. Quinn (PM)
Ms. Leess (PM)
Mr. Milton (PM)
Ms. Menton (PM)

Friday, May 8

Ms. McCann (PM)
Ms. Sacks (PM)
Ms. Smith (PM)
Ms. Crockett (PM)
Ms. Gray (PM)
Ms. Giles (AM)
Ms. Rembert (AM)

Monday, May 11

Ms. Crockett (PM)
Ms. Gray (PM)
Ms. Schroeder (AM)
Ms. Lardner (AM)
Ms. Giles (AM)
Ms. Rembert (AM)

Tuesday, May 12

Ms. Schroeder (AM)
Ms. Lardner (AM)
Ms. Rembert (PM)

Wednesday, May 13

Ms. Schroeder (PM)
Ms. Lardner (PM)
Ms. Rembert (PM)

Thursday, May 14

Ms. Schroeder (PM)
Ms. Lardner (PM)

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!

Show Your Class Spirit on Field Day

Wear your class colors:

Kindergarten – Red

1st Grade – White

2nd Grade – Green

3rd Grade – Yellow

4th Grade – Blue

5th Grade – Red

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 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

Order Your 2014-15 Yearbook NOW!!

It is time to submit your yearbook order! Return the envelope that came home in your child's Thursday folder. If you cannot find it, any envelope will do. Please ensure that your child's name and AM Teacher are on it (if using your own envelope also write that it is for a Yearbook Order). Enclose \$20 in cash or check written to PLES PTA and return it to school. All orders must be submitted by May 8 and no late orders will be accepted. If you have any questions please contact Amy Shupps at shupps.PTA@gmail.com

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!

Help Raise Money for PLES PTA

Want to help raise money for the Phelps Luck PTA without lifting a finger? If you order anything at anytime using Amazon, you can! Simply place your Amazon.com order by clicking on this link (or going there) <https://smile.amazon.com/ch23-7275124> and Amazon will donate .05% of your purchase price to Phelps Luck PTA. (Listed on their site as PTA Maryland Congress Phelps Luck Elementary PTA).

No Doubts... No Limits...



Sean Martin ~ Princiopal

Connie Fowlkes ~ Assistant Princiopal