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Important Dates

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| May 21 | 6:30pm Virtual PTA Bingo Night for Grades 2 and 3 – See PTA message for directions. |
| May 22 | 5-6pm Virtual PTA Dance Party – For all grades – See PTA message for directions. |
| May 25 | NO SCHOOL – Memorial Day – Tasks posted 5/26. |
| May 27 | 3:30pm PTA Tech Changers Activity for 4 th and 5 th Graders – See PTA message for directions. |
| May 28 | 6:30pm Virtual PTA Bingo for PK, K, 1 st – See PTA message for directions. |

From the Principal. . .

Dear Phelps Luck Families,

We have been thrilled to see so many of our students engaging in on-line learning! Thank you so much for ALL you are doing to engage your child(ren) in learning! We know that you and our staff have learned many new computer skills during this time!!!! Please encourage your child to complete as many of the tasks and minutes on-line as he/she can. While 50% is the target amount, we truly want your child engaged in all of the tasks and minutes if possible. Please contact your child's teacher for any needed assistance or questions!

Please be sure to read the info in the section below in regards to exact minutes and task completion needed for a "Pass" rating on the 4th Quarter report card. Thank you for all of your assistance with your child's learning!

Sincerely,
Michelle M. Leader
Principal

School News

Quarter 4 Grading Clarifications

We wanted to remind parents of the grading procedures that we are using during this time of distance learning and provide you with specific requirements for passing grades.

All grades are a PASS or INCOMPLETE for the 4th Quarter Report Card.

To earn a PASSING grade, a student must complete 50% of the activities throughout this distance learning window. Clearly, we would like students to complete all of the assigned work each week, but understand that this may be difficult which is why there is flexibility built into the grading. Our goal is that ALL students can earn a PASSING grade by completing at least 50% of the work. (Below is what at least 50% means during this distance learning time.)

Grading Based on Time Requirements

- ***Math** - Dreambox - Complete at least 263 minutes or 37 minutes a week.
- ***Language Arts** - LexiaCore - Complete at least 263 minutes or 37 minutes a week.

Grading Based on Pressing the Complete Button on Canvas

- ***Social Studies** - Complete at least 3 out of 6 tasks posted between 5/4 - 6/12.
- ***Science** - Complete at least 3 out of the 6 tasks posted between 5/4 - 6/12.
- ***Health** - Complete at least 3 out of the 6 tasks posted between 5/4 - 6/12.
- ***Related Arts** - Complete at least 2 out of the 5 tasks in EACH class (art, PE, music, media) posted between 5/11 - 6/12.

Distance Learning Enhancements

Beginning May 18 teachers began offering an ELA and a MATH check-in each week. Teachers sent a message out last week to identify their new schedule. This replaces the previous check-in schedules. Please contact your child's teacher if you have any questions.

Scheduling Adjustments for Week of May 25, 2020

Howard County Public School System schools and offices will be closed on Monday, May 25, 2020 in observance of Memorial Day. Distance learning schedules will be adjusted for the week to accommodate this school closure day. All tasks will be posted on Tuesday, May 26th and there will be no google meet sessions on Monday, May 25th.

HCPSS Calendar Update

All four inclement weather make up days identified on the school calendar have been used, plus two additional days. HCPSS has applied for a [waiver](#) of five days with the Maryland State Department of Education. If the waiver is granted, which we fully anticipate it will be, the last day of school for students will be Tuesday, June 23, 2020. We will update families and provide last day scheduling information as soon as the final decision is announced.

From The Counseling Office:

The HCPSS Elementary School Counseling Connection Newsletter is a great resource for students and parents to read together. Included in this [latest issue of the School Counseling Connection newsletter](#) are self-care ideas and fun activities for home."

Resources for Families: Please see the link below to resources from the Howard County Government. There is information on grocery delivery for the elderly and/or unable to travel are in English and Spanish. There is also information on accessing other resources, such as medical, cash, energy bill, or food access, in Spanish and English. [Emergency Resources for Families](#)

Ongoing Support for Children and Families

As the coronavirus pandemic continues, both children and adults are experiencing challenges, which may be different for each person. It is important to monitor children's mental health and emotional well-being. The National Association of School Psychologists (NASP) outlines strategies for talking to children about COVID-19 and supporting their mental health. [Learn more about NASP's recommendations and how you can reach out to your school for help.](#)

Kindergarten Registration for 2020-2021

Parents/guardians of new incoming students and those entering kindergarten in the 2020-2021 school year (who are not already enrolled) are able to begin the enrollment process online, followed by completion of the registration process when schools reopen. Online registration is not required and parents may elect to complete the full registration in person at the time of reopening. Once school buildings reopen, parents will be contacted to complete the registration at Phelps Luck. Please note that parents or legal guardians must visit Phelps Luck when the building re-opens and provide proof of parental relationship and any other documents not provided during the online registration process.

Pre-K Applications for 2020-2021:

Due to state-mandated school closures, Pre-K application and enrollment for the 2020-2021 school year has been postponed. Once schools reopen, applications may be completed and returned to schools.

News from the PTA:

Clothing Bin:

We wanted you to know that the Clothing Bin is still accessible during the school closure. Please feel free to donate any items to our Clothing Bin in our school parking lot. This is a fundraiser and supports our PTA! Last month, we earned First Place because we had the most weight in our bin out of all of the HCPSS clothing bins!!!

Virtual PLES PTA 5K

We are happy to announce that the Phelps Luck 5k is going virtual! In an effort to promote and celebrate a healthy lifestyle in our community we invite you and your family to participate in this fun event. The goal will be to walk, run or skip a 5k or more by June 3rd!

Participants will be able to record and submit activities via a smartphone app and even be able to virtually cheer on other participants.

Students who complete the challenge will have the opportunity to have a finishers certificate and medal mailed to their home. A few gift card prizes will also be raffled off to finishers. This is a low key event and not a race, but we encourage participants to move as much as possible at any pace. Everyone is encouraged to participate!

[Sign up here](#) and further directions will be emailed to you.. Send questions to daniels.franks@gmail.com

From the Community

Here is a list of food sources for you to access:

Grab and Go Meals:

Meals are distributed to children 18 years and younger Monday through Friday from 11:30am-1:30pm at Howard High School. This is the closest site to our school. You are allowed to send one family member to get food for everyone in the household. It is recommended you bring a bag or backpack if you choose to do this.

If you can't get there to pick-up food, you can use the information at this site to have someone deliver to your home.

<https://grabandgohoco.com/>

Columbia Community Cares:

This group gives out food at Howard High during the Grab and Go Meal times. They also give out food at Swansfield Elementary, Oakland Mills Middle, Wilde Lake Middle, and Lake Elkhorn Middle. You can also fill out their form for food and they can deliver as well.

Website: <http://columbiacare.live/>

Form for food:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScJIRfYmnGVs1KNEvq0mfqL8qoOJtlVkJkOo8utBVyKeoEbxA7g/viewform?vc=0&c=0&w=1>

Long Reach Village Center Pop-Up Pantry:

The Indian Origins Network of Howard County will host a Pop-up Food Pantry at the Long Reach Village Center daily beginning Sunday, April 19 to Sunday, May 3rd from 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm.

Dates and times are subject to change, please call 410-340-0529 to confirm the pantry will be open.

To donate, contact PravinPonnuri@hotmail.com.

Open Doors Food Pantry:

Mount Zion United Methodist Church will be hosting The Open Doors Food Pantry on the 3rd Saturday of each month. Check-in from 9:00 am – 11:00 am, Please bring ID with you to check-in.

If you need transportation to the food pantry, contact the Rotary Club at ctcrotary@gmail.com.

Mission 19:

A local company located in Maple Lawn is offering gift cards to Food Lion and some local restaurants, as well as CVS gift cards to help with any needed prescriptions. You can apply through their website, mission19.org.



No Doubts... No Limits...

Michelle Leader ~ Principal Connie Fowlkes ~ Assistant Principal Sandra McGraw ~ Assistant Principal