



Falcon Newsletter

Phelps Luck Elementary (410) 313-6886

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Important Dates

Friday, February 5
Monday, February 8
Tuesday, February 9
Thursday, February 11

Monday, February 15
Tuesday, February 16
Friday, February 19
Monday, February 22

Schools Closed – Parent Conferences
Schools Closed for Students – Professional Learning Day
Grade 4 Book Club Night, 6:00-7:00 PM
100th Day of School
PLES Family FIT Night, 6:00-8:00 PM
President's Day – Schools Closed
Vision and Hearing Rescreening
Winter Concert at PLES, 6:30 – 8:30 pm
6th Grade Parent Orientation Meeting, 6:00 7:00 pm , G/T and
Special Ed. Orientation, 7:00-8:00 pm, Bonnie Branch MS

From the Principal. . .

Dear Parents,

We were thrilled to welcome our students back this week! It has been great to see them engaged in rigorous instruction and back into the routine!

As you know, we are holding Parent/Teacher Conferences today and tomorrow. Please sign up through HCPSS Connect or by calling the front office. We look forward to continuing to partner with you for your child's success.

Please join us next Thursday, February 11th for our first PLES FIT Night! The registration form is in today's Thursday folder! It will be a fun night of fitness!

Sincerely,
Michelle M. Leader
Principal

School News

Winter Concert Update From the Music Department

Winter concert will be on **Friday, February 19 at Phelps Luck Elementary.**

*Beginning orchestra concert is at 6:30p.m. Beginning orchestra students need to arrive by 6:15p.m.

*Concert orchestra, chorus and band concert will start at 7:30p.m. Concert orchestra, chorus and band students need to arrive by 7:15p.m. Thank you!

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!

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 you to receive mailing and for your child's record to be changed.

From the Community **GUMC FOOD PANTRY**

The Glenelg United Methodist Church (GUMC) Food Pantry is open every 3rd Saturday of the month, providing grocery assistance to those in need. Next month the pantry is open on Saturday, February 20th from 9am-11am. As a partner of the Howard County Food Bank, we provide both county food as well as food/toiletries from individual donations. GUMC is located at 13900 Burntwoods Rd., Glenelg. You may contact us for pantry questions or to make a donation at 410-489-7260 or glenelgumcpantry@gmail.com.

STEM Opportunity

The STEM Mentoring Café is a speed-mentoring program aimed at inspiring underrepresented individuals in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) by meeting federal role models and engaging in conversations about STEM careers. At this **STEM Mentoring Café** event, 5th through 8th grade students will engage in show-and-tell chats with federal employees in STEM careers. We are especially interested in reaching girls, a historically under-represented group in STEM, to connect them to female STEM professionals. **However, this program is available to all interested students and STEM professionals.**

The federal STEM professionals will move from table to table to share how they got their start in STEM, what interests them the most about their job, what exciting projects they are undertaking, and why STEM matters to our society. Note that all federal employees are strongly encouraged to commit to serving an additional 20 hours annually as a mentor to students in their community.

To find out more, email us at STEMED@energy.gov

Date and Time:

Monday, February 8, 2016 from 3:30-6:00 PM EST

Location:

National Geographic Museum

1145 17th St. NW

Washington, DC 20036

[202-857-7588](tel:202-857-7588)

RSVP:

Monday, February 1, 2016



No Doubts... No Limits...

Michelle Leader ~ Principal

Connie Fowlkes ~ Assistant Principal