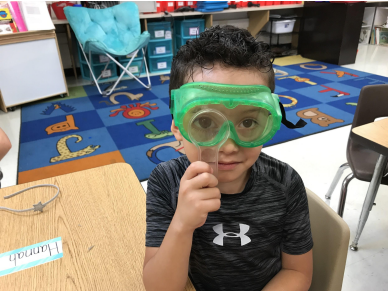


# Welcome to Phelps Luck Elementary Kindergarten Back to School Night!

## August 29, 2019



# Our Administration Team

- Mrs. Michelle Leader / [Michelle\\_Leader@hcpss.org](mailto:Michelle_Leader@hcpss.org)
- Mrs. Connie Fowlkes / [Connie\\_Fowlkes@hcpss.org](mailto:Connie_Fowlkes@hcpss.org)
- Mrs. Sandra McGraw / [Sandra\\_McGraw@hcpss.org](mailto:Sandra_McGraw@hcpss.org)





**VISION:** Every student and staff member embraces diversity and possesses the skills, knowledge and confidence to positively influence the larger community.

**MISSION:** HCPSS ensures academic success and social-emotional well-being for each student in an inclusive and nurturing environment that closes opportunity gaps.



More information: [www.hcpss.org/scta](http://www.hcpss.org/scta)

# Title I Schools



- School-wide enhanced programs, services and enrichment
- Available to all students
- Family involvement
- Please visit our Title I table on yourtonight for more information!

# Telehealth at Phelps Luck



- Keep kids in school, healthy and ready to learn.
- Services Include treatment for illnesses such as:
  - Sore throat
  - Ear infections
  - Asthma
  - Rashes
  - Conjunctivitis
  - Colds & upper respiratory symptoms
- Our staff will work with you & your child's healthcare provider to coordinate care so your child receives the care he or she needs while in school.

**Stop by our Health Room to enroll or visit our PLES website...**  
<https://ples.hcpss.org/news/2019/07/school-based-telemedicine-centers-19-20>

# PLES PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION (PTA)

## WHO ARE WE?

We are a group of parents/guardians, teachers, and administrators who volunteer our time to provide academic, social, and cultural enrichment to each student at PLES throughout the school year.

Through advocacy, events and fundraising, we strive to provide the support our students, families and staff need to make our PLES community the best it can be for our children to learn and grow.



## 2019 – 2020 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE



Michele  
McGee-Guthrie  
*President*



Cara Martin  
*VP2 Fundraising*



Tobiah Taylor  
*Secretary*



Steve Tabak  
*VP1 Finances*



Kelly Frank  
*VP3 Teacher  
Liaison*



Ann Wacha  
*Treasurer*

# WHAT DOES THE PTA DO?







**Dine Out Night:**  
September 17th 5:00 – 9:00pm

**Community Yard Sale:**  
September 28th 8:00am – 1:00pm in the PLES parking lot

**PTA Meeting:**  
October 2nd 7:00 – 8:00pm in the Media Center

**Fall Paint Night:**  
October 3rd 6:30 – 8:00pm in the Cafeteria



## MEMBERSHIP Q&A

Membership  
\$10 per year

PTA Meetings are  
Open to Everyone  
(not just members)

Volunteering is  
Open to Everyone  
(not just members)

First Wednesday of every month  
7:00pm in the Media Center

Members  
Vote on PTA  
Matters

Meetings are  
**NOT**  
Mandatory

Volunteer  
On Your  
Schedule

# Mental Health & Student Supports

## School Counselor:

- Jessica Jones / [Jessica\\_Jones@hcpss.org](mailto:Jessica_Jones@hcpss.org)

## School Psychologist:

- Amy McMillion / [Amy\\_McMillion@hcpss.org](mailto:Amy_McMillion@hcpss.org)

## Hispanic Liaison:

- Ana Garcia-Hedges / [Ana\\_garciahedges@hcpss.org](mailto:Ana_garciahedges@hcpss.org)

## Alternative Education:

- Regina Lewis - [Regina\\_Lewis@hcpss.org](mailto:Regina_Lewis@hcpss.org)
- Staci Hall - [Staci\\_Hall@hcpss.org](mailto:Staci_Hall@hcpss.org)

## Pupil Personnel Worker:

- Ronda Lennon - [Ronda\\_Lennon@hcpss.org](mailto:Ronda_Lennon@hcpss.org)

More information: Search for “mental health” on [www.hcpss.org](http://www.hcpss.org)

# Free & Reduced Meals (FARMs)

Qualifying families can receive free or reduced-cost:

- School meals
- Health insurance
- HCC tuition
- SAT, ACT and AP exam fees
- Camps, sports, child care
- Many other benefits



Learn more and apply:  
[www.hcpss.org/farms](http://www.hcpss.org/farms)

# Meet Our Team!

- Danielle Baker, Teacher
- Karma Barfield, Teacher
- Abby Futter, Paraeducator
- Erin Harback, Teacher
- Carly Norris, Teacher / Instructional Team Leader
- Allison Scharf, Paraeducator
- Denise DeFour, Special Education Teacher
- Michele Dorsey, Special Education Teacher
- Jen Lebro, ESOL Teacher

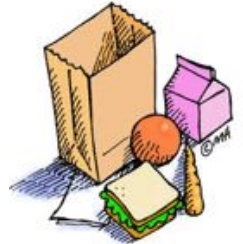
# Transportation!

- PLEASE send child to school on the first day the **same** way they will be coming all year.
- Students begin arrival at 8:40 a.m. and must be in classrooms by 8:55 a.m.
- PLEASE send home how they will go home all year.
- Use the HCPSS bus locator



# Lunch

- Students may bring lunch from home or purchase lunch for \$2.75
- We have an “allergen free” table
- Menus are on **nutrislice app** or can be found at <https://www.hcpss.org/food-services/>
- Please send money in a **bag or envelope labeled with your child's name PLEASE:)**
- [www.myschoolbucks.com](http://www.myschoolbucks.com) to set up account for automatic payments
- Make it as easy as possible to open lunch



# Recess

- 30 minutes each day
- Dress child appropriately for the weather and play
- Children will go outside as long as the temperature is above 20 degrees including wind chill
- Children are expected to respond to the whistle by coming to line immediately (safety precaution)
- PLEASE LABEL ALL COATS & OUTERWEAR!





# Our Schedule

- 8:40 - 9:00** Arrival/ School-Wide Breakfast
- 9:00 - 9:15** Restorative Circles
- 9:15 - 10:15** Mathematics
- 10:15 - 11:15** Recess/ Lunch
- 11:15 - 1:15** English Language Arts (ELA)
- 1:15 - 2:15** Related Arts
- 2:15 - 2:45** Content (Science, Social Studies, Health)
- 2:45 - 3:15** Self-Selected Centers
- 3:15** Dismissal

# What Your Child Will Learn Guides



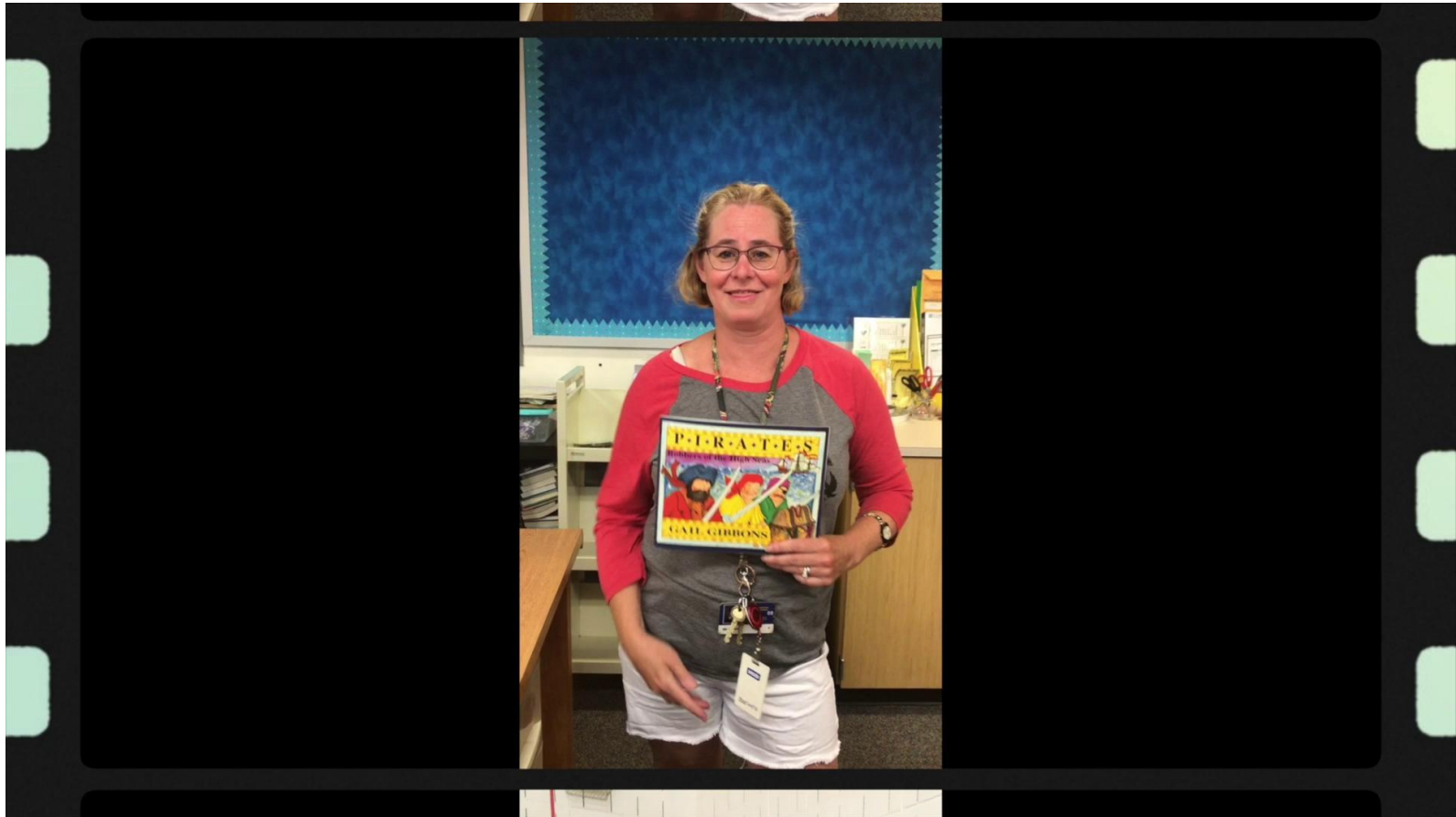
On Canvas via  
HCPSS Connect

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Curriculum content  
overview for each

- Grade (PreK – 5)
- Subject area

# Related Arts Teachers



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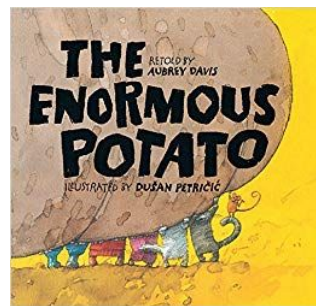
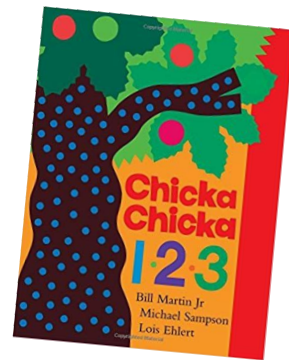
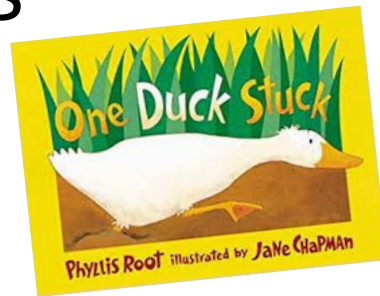
# What Does Math Look Like This Year?

- **60 minutes daily**
  - Whole group and small group instruction
- **Fun and hands-on learning with math materials!**
- **Instructional focus:**
  - **counting, understanding numbers, solving addition and subtraction problems to 20**
- **Lots of practice, practice, practice!**
- **Sharing student progress at Parent Teacher Conferences in November and in February!**

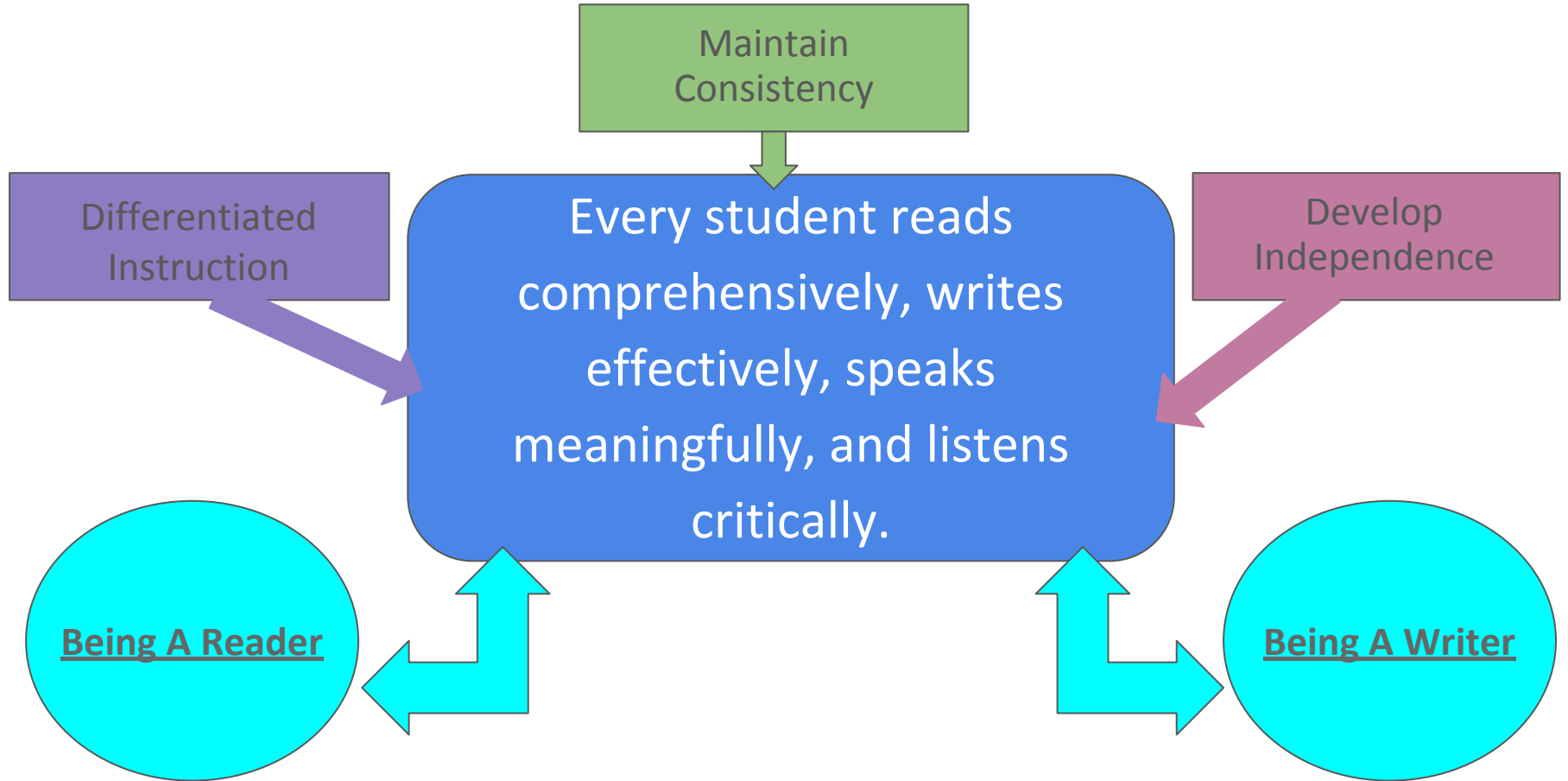


# Major Math Concepts for Kindergarten

- Number Concepts
- Numbers and Operations
- Geometry
- Measurement and Data



# Kindergarten Language Arts



# Comprehensive Literacy

A comprehensive literacy program provides equitable first instruction opportunities for all students



- Systematic and explicit letter and word study
- Oral phonological awareness activities
- Phonemic awareness
- Read-alouds
- Shared Reading and Writing
- Small group instruction for Reading and Writing
- Whole group instruction for Reading and Writing
- Independent Reading and Writing
- Interactive Reading and Writing

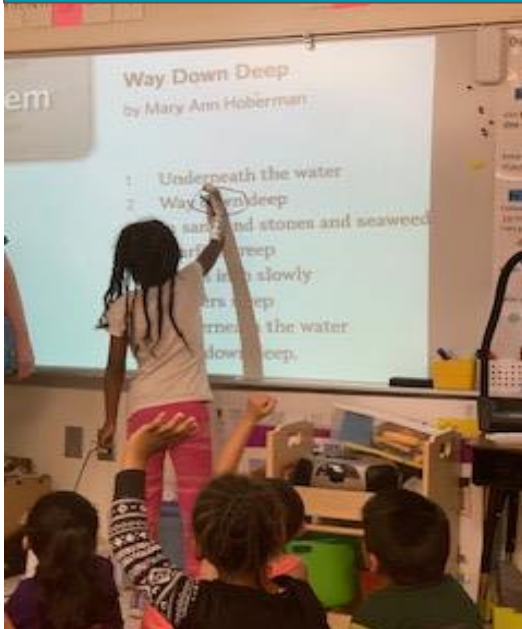
# Diverse Mentor Texts





# Being a Reader

## Whole Class Instruction



## Small Group Instruction



## Handwriting



# Being a Reader

Word Work



Reading



**Building Independence**

Students learn to work independently and collaboratively, respectfully share their thinking with others, and take responsibility for their learning

Materials

Writing

# Being a Writer

*Students will explore writing using their knowledge of individual sounds to write words, build sentences, and begin to use punctuation*

Build Social Skills



Write Original Pieces

Share and Discuss Work

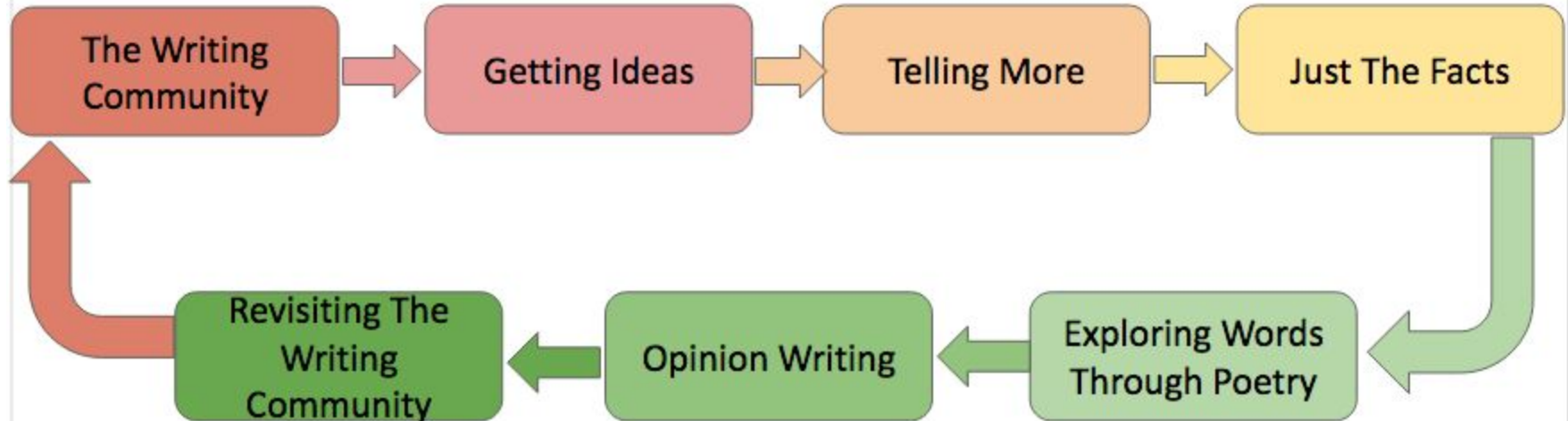


# Being a Writer

## Dual Goals of the Program

To help students develop strong writing skills and communicate their ideas effectively.

To provide opportunities for students to work together and to develop socially and ethically.



# Elementary Report Card: Changes for 2019-20

## Learning Behaviors

Student demonstrates...

- Interpersonal skills
- Responsibility
- Perseverance
- Collaboration
- Initiative

## Reporting

For each learning behavior...

- 1 - Meets expectations
- 2 - Making progress towards expectations
- 3 - Limited / no progress towards expectation

# Building Social and Emotional Learning



Academic  
Growth

Social Growth

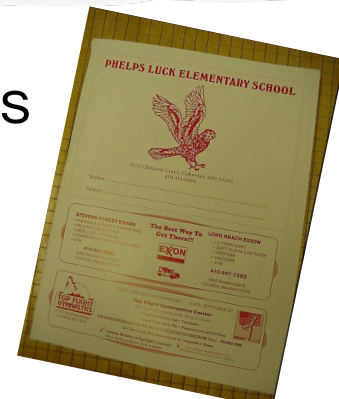
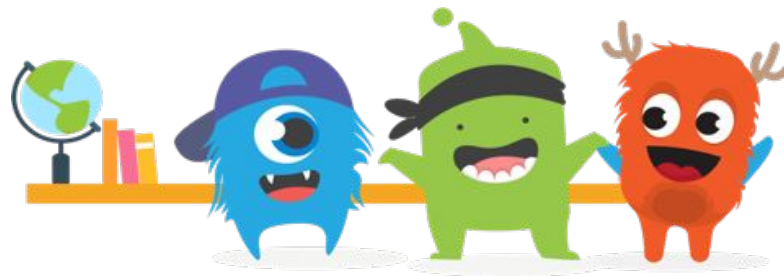
Transforming classrooms to build strong,  
socially aware school communities

# Building a Community of Learners

- Daily morning circles to build community within the classroom
- Use of Restorative Questions when problem solving with students
- Weekly Class Meetings (lesson) from the SEL Curriculum
- Ask your child what they did during circle

# Positive Behavioral Interventions & Supports

- A classwide behavior incentive will occur at least once a month
- Homeroom teachers- nominate a student monthly for **Falcon of the Month**
- We use **ClassDojo** to communicate:
  - 1:1 messages and feedback
  - Pictures & videos of your child's work & activities





# Homework Expectations

- **Amount of Homework:** No more than 20 minutes of homework per night
- **Purpose of Homework:** Homework provides practice opportunities of skills taught .
- Families are encouraged to read to or with their children nightly.
- Families are encouraged to practice grade appropriate math facts or related activities on a nightly basis.

## PLES Kindergarten Homework

- Read to/with child 10 minutes or more
  - Talk about morning circle
- OR-
- Do one activity from the calendar

# Special Celebrations



- **Birthdays:** NO FOOD ITEMS-HCPSS policy
- **Optional Ideas:** Stickers, playdough, pencils, etc..
- Please contact your child's teacher before sending items

- **Star of the Week:**

- Complete poster at home to display in class
- Create a story about star student
- Send home at end of week



# Ready Rosie

See the growing list of Head Start programs using ReadyRosie! >



[EDUCATORS](#) [FAMILIES](#) [HEAD START](#) [SIGN IN](#) [REGISTER](#)

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## Active Family Engagement

Quick videos show families how to find learning moments in day-to-day activities.

[I'M READY TO LEARN MORE](#)



# Stay Informed!



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<https://www.hcpss.org/connect/>

HCPSS  
Food  
Services



<https://www.hcpss.org/food-services/>



<https://www.readyrosie.com/howardcounty/>

PLES  
PTA



<https://www.phelpsluckpta.org/#!volunteer/c1ghi>



HCPSS  
Mental  
Health

<https://www.hcpss.org/supports/mental-health-wellness/>



FARMs  
Application

<https://www.myschoolapps.com/Application>

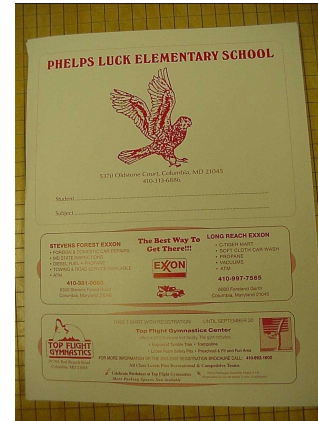


PLES  
Telehealth

<http://phelpsluckhealth.weebly.com/>



[https://twitter.com/hcpss\\_ples?lang=en](https://twitter.com/hcpss_ples?lang=en)



Verify or update Family File  
each year



# FAMILY File

- Parent contact information
- Medical data and contacts
- After-school transportation
- Data privacy preferences

***Assistance  
available  
tomorrow after  
Open House  
from 2-3pm in  
Computer  
Lab!***

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# Canvas: What to Expect



Teacher homepage



Student privacy information



Course information



Family communication

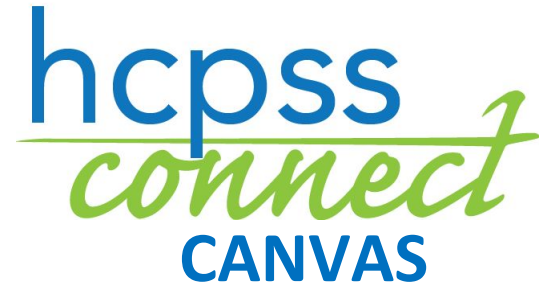


Calendar dates/events



Announcements

Student skill building  
(grade appropriate)



# Volunteers - We Want You!

- Parents must complete two brief trainings before registering to volunteer:
  - Confidentiality Training Course
    - protecting the privacy of our students, staff, and schools
  - Child Abuse Reporting Training
- Visit the Phelps Luck Elementary School homepage and click “Get Involved” to view the trainings.
- Print out certificates and send to the front office

# Questions & Answers





# A Sincere Thank You to PLES Families!



Thank you families for...

- being here with us tonight!
- always advocating for your children!
- attending our school & PTA events!
- staying informed!
- asking questions!
- your collaboration & thoughtfulness!
- trusting & supporting our staff!
- being a cheerleader for our school!
- providing us the privilege of teaching your children each & every school day!

THANK YOU!

***Here's to a GREAT year together!***