



# Falcon Newsletter

*Phelps Luck Elementary (410) 313-6886*

<http://ples.hcpss.org>

**October 8, 2015**

## Important Dates

Thursday, October 8	Cherrydale PTA fundraiser begins
Thursday, October 15	Primary Math Night (Grades 1 & 2), 6:00 – 8:00 pm
Friday, October 16	MSEA Convention, Schools closed for Students and Staff
Tuesday, October 20	Third Grade Basic Facts Night, 6:30-8:00 pm
Thursday, October 22	PLES Reading Night, (All Grades) 6:30-8:00 pm
Friday, October 23	Cherrydale PTA fundraiser ends
Wednesday, October 28	Individual Picture Day
Thursday, October 29	PLES Halloween/Fall Festival – Parade at 2:15 pm
Friday, October 30	End of the 1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter – School Closes 3 Hours Early

## From the Principal. . .

Dear Parents,

On Thursday, October 29, we will have our Halloween/Fall Festival events at PLES! With the revisions of the Wellness Policy, we will be offering food during the celebrations. Teams will be sending home details. In addition, for safety reasons, we are asking that students not wear any masks during the school events. Also, costumes may not depict violence in any way.

Yesterday, our Interim Progress Reports were sent home with each student in grades K-5. The purpose of the Interim Reports is to provide you with an update on your child's progress at this mid-quarter point. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact your child's teacher. We will be having Parent Conferences in November as well.

We have many wonderful evening events coming up. Please join us to learn additional ways to support your child at home! Together, we can help your child achieve even more success!

Sincerely,  
Michelle M. Leader  
Principal

## School News

### 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](http://www.hcpss.org) or by going to the Phelps Luck website at [ples.hcpss.org](http://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!

### 1<sup>st</sup> Annual PLES 5K and Fun Run

Thank you to everyone who came out to run, walk, or volunteer at our 1st annual PLES 5K and 1-Mile Fun Run on Saturday September 26<sup>th</sup>. The event was a huge success and Phelps Luck was alive with energy and excitement! We could not have done this without so many caring staff members, students, families, community partners and local businesses. Another thank you to the many people who donated time, energy, gift cards, food, money, words of encouragement, etc.

We are proud to be a part of Phelps Luck!  
Mr. Deppen and Mr. Nunn

### Falcon Newsletter – Going Green

Our Falcon Newsletter is sent out via School Messenger and posted on the Phelps Luck Elementary website twice a month. In order to save paper, and be green conscious, the October 29<sup>th</sup> newsletter will be the final issue sent home in paper form to every family. If you would like to continue to receive paper copies, please send back the green tear off that was sent home. Starting November 12<sup>th</sup>, the PLES Newsletter will be available only through School Messenger, on the PLES website at [PLES.hcpss.org](http://PLES.hcpss.org), or by filling out the "Opt-In" form that went home with all students.

### **From the Media Center**

Calling all 5<sup>th</sup> Graders!! Hear Ye! Hear Ye! Are you ready for the annual Howard County Library Book Reading Competition? The Battle of The Books is about to begin! Information will be introduced in media classes! Look for information to come home with your students. Or visit the HC Library. Make a team of FIVE 5<sup>th</sup> graders and ONE Parent Coach. If you can't find enough members for your team, see Mrs. Greene to help you join teams! Last year we had 4 teams! Hear Ye! Hear Ye! The Battle Has Begun!

### **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 your child's record to be changed.

### **From the Board of Education**

The Howard County Public Schools (HCPSS) will be holding its 9th Annual ADHD Awareness Evening on October 8, 2015 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. in the Centennial High School auditorium. Our guest speaker will be Dr. George McCloskey a professor in the Psychology Department at the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine. Dr. McCloskey's presentation "*Executive Functions and the Gap between Knowing and Doing*" will provide participants with information regarding executive functions and strategies to improve them. This event is free to the public and there is no registration required. For more information, please contact Sally Dorman at 410-313-1252 or e-mail [sally\\_dorman@hcpss.org](mailto:sally_dorman@hcpss.org).

### **From the PTA**

#### **Cherrydale Fundraiser**

The Fall fundraiser this year will be products from Cherrydale. Cherrydale offers everything from kitchen products to wrapping paper and the kids are eligible to earn great prizes for their sales. Please support the fundraiser, as the proceeds will go towards our Spring Carnival, which is currently at risk of being cancelled for financial reasons. If you would prefer to donate instead of sell, donations can be made payable to the PLES PTA. Your support is greatly appreciated!!

#### **Box Tops for Education**

Send Box Tops to school ANYTIME in a bag or envelope marked "Box Tops 4 Education" or by using submission forms sent home monthly in your Thursday folder (cut out the logo and expiration date). We have used the CASH earned from your Box Tops submissions to pay for kindergarten readiness supplies, indoor recess activities, and teacher training materials!

#### **Labels for Education**

Send Labels for Education labels (cut out the logo and bar code) to school ANYTIME in a bag or envelope marked "Labels for Education". Points earned from the labels can be redeemed for FREE educational merchandise for our school!

### **From the Community**

#### **Coats and Wraps**

Please join the ladies of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated—Iota Lambda Omega Chapter for the Annual AKA Coat Day and Winter Wraps Drive. They will be providing FREE coats and winter wraps to the Howard County community. It is at the Bain Center, 5479 Ruth Keeton Way, Columbia, MD from 9:30 am to 12:00 pm. For additional information call 410-313-7213.

#### **Food Pantry**

The Glenelg United Methodist Church (GUMC) Food Pantry is open every 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month, providing grocery assistance to those in need. Next month the pantry is open on Saturday, October 17 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](mailto:glenelgumcpantry@gmail.com).



**No Doubts... No Limits...**

Michelle Leader~ Principal

Connie Fowlkes ~ Assistant Principal