



Hampton Parent Bulletin

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School Calendar

January

- 17 Science Night
6:00-8:00 pm
- 21 Dr. Martin Luther
King, Jr. Birthday—
Schools and Offices
Closed
- 25 Second Marking Period
Ends—Schools close 3
hours early. 12:50 pm
- 28 Finer Diner
Mrs. Engel, KG
11:25—11:55
Mrs. Murphy, 3rd
12:05—12:35
Mrs. Barboza, 5th
12:40—1:10
- 29 Julia Cook Assembly
- 31 Career Day

A Letter from the Principal...

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Happy 2019! With the start of every new year we make plans to change habits, start new routines, and pledge to make changes to improve our quality of life. I invite you to consider ways you can become more involved at Hampton. Have you completed the volunteer training, so you can go on field trips or volunteer in the classrooms? Have you joined the PTA which provides many educational opportunities for our children? Have you had lunch when your child's class wins Finer Diner? Have you attended a PTA meeting? (The next one is on Tuesday, January 8th at 7:00 PM.) Most importantly have you decided to spend more time reading to or with your child? Have you decided that you should spend more time with your child outside exploring the sights and sounds in your neighborhood? Perhaps you can limit screen time or make a meal with your child. These questions are meant to spark ideas that could help you become closer to your child with the gift of time.

In December the fourth and fifth graders gave the Hampton community the gift of music. Mr. Evans prepared our fifth graders for their debut performance in the band and orchestra. With only a few months of instruction our fifth graders worked as a team to present a delightful respite from the busy season. Mrs. Fletcher prepared the fourth-grade chorus to present Snow Biz! They honed their performance skills and celebrated winter, but no snow resulted. We value the musical talents of our teachers and students.

If you have not been able to visit during the school day, please bring your child to Hampton's Science Night on January 17th from 6-8 PM. This PTA sponsored event is an engaging STEM experience for our children manned by The Maryland Science Center representatives. Last year's Engineering Night was such a success we wanted more.

Here's to a happy and healthy 2019!

With gratitude,

Patricia M. Kassis

Office News

Attendance Updates

It is important for every child to attend school every day to maximize his/her learning. If your child is sick, you are required to send in a written note indicating the reason for your child's absence. If your child is hospitalized, please send in the documentation from the physician.



The Art of Writing a Friendly Letter



Mrs. Kroll and Mrs. Kaiser asked students to write one of them a friendly letter. After reading each letter, Mrs. Kroll and Mrs. Kaiser responded by sending each child a postcard. In this time of digital communication, we wanted to stress the importance of letter writing. Now is the perfect time to have your child write a thank-you note to a friend or relative.

Word of the Week

The **Word of the Week** program improves vocabulary. Our recent words are: metaphor, destination, and compassion. Please acknowledge your child when he/she uses one of these words.

Physical Education News

- Mrs. Corbo

Jump Rope for Heart

Students in grades 3-5 who are interested in the JRFH program at Hampton will receive a permission slip this week during P.E. class. JRFH is scheduled for February 15th during special area time. After returning the permission slip students will receive a collection envelope. Collection envelopes are due on Friday, February 8. Please do not bring in the collection envelope before the due date.



Fitnessgram Reports

All students in grades 3-5 participated in Fitnessgram testing and have completed their Fitnessgram workset. Worksheets will be sent home in the second marking report. Please take the time to pull up the formal Fitnessgram report on BCPSOne. You and your child can find the report on BCPSOne in Digital Content. Our goal is to have the bar graph in the "Healthy Fitness Zone" for each test.

From the Health Suite

- Mrs. Chambers



Frostbite occurs when body tissue freezes. It usually occurs first in the extremities like your feet, hands, nose, ears, fingers, and toes. Symptoms include numbness and discoloration of the affected part of the body. If caught early, frostbite may be treated. If deep tissue freezes and dies, amputation may be necessary. Find WebMD's comprehensive coverage about how frostbite happens, how it is treated and prevented, what it looks like, and much more.

- www.webmd.com/frostbite

From the Art Room

- Ms. Towner

ARTSONIA

artsonia.com

If you have not already signed up to be a member of Artsonia, this is the time. In the next couple of weeks your child should be coming home with information about Artsonia. **(If you have already signed up you will not get one.)** Kindergarten forms should have been sent home during conferences. Please read over the information and consider giving permission for your child's art work to be on the world's largest student art museum.

I take pictures of every student's artwork and download it to the website. The work is not accessible on the site until a parent/guardian gives permission. As soon as you give permission you can look at all their beautiful work online. You can send relatives and friends invitations to be "fans" and they will get updates when new work is posted. This is a great way to keep relatives who live far away connected. We have had "fans" in countries around the world.

As a parent, I love that all my children's work from kindergarten on up is kept in a virtual portfolio. It's a great way to see how much they have grown. I love looking back on my children's work from kindergarten.

For security, last names are never public on the site. Your student will have a screen name and you will have a security key with which you can access their account.

I encourage you to take a moment to check out the web site and see if it is something in which you are interested. If you wish to sign up you can complete the permission slip and return it to me or just go online and follow the directions on the permission slip.

Please feel free to email me if you have any questions or concerns.

ktowner@bcps.org

Thank you,

Ms. Kerry Towner

Media Center News

- Erin Schnirel, Library Media Specialist

Fifth graders are starting the new year off with a new unit on vacation planning. They will be working on a budget to plan a dream vacation from start to finish using digital content on BCP-SONE and a variety of online tools. The end result is so amazing. The students will be saving their work on BCPSONE if you want to check it out. Fourth graders are working on a poetry slam dunk. This means researching concepts and terms as they relate to the creative process of poetry writing. They will be writing a few of their own poems throughout the course of this unit. A letter went out to all fourth and fifth grade students to join the Black-Eyed Susan reading team. This program started in October for fourth and fifth graders and will lead into the Battle of the Books team members. Battle of the Books meets most Wednesdays during lunch and Monday mornings.

Third graders are starting a new unit as well. The theme is Uniquely you. As we read and share literature, we will explore character traits and common theme of several biographies. The students will work to create their own autobiography.

Second graders are deep into the passport unit. Each week they come to the library and visit a different country around the world. We will visit Africa, Japan, and look at the traditions and culture of each unique place that we visit. The blue passports that we fill in have a wealth of information we learn from the books and from the BCPS database.

First graders are finishing the visualization unit. We have read David Shannon's book, A BAD Case of Stripes, and are moving on to poetry and non-fiction books to practice creating pictures in our heads while listening to the author's words. Next we are moving on to the Connection unit—the connections we make to books and the connections that books make to the world. We try to use books as windows to other worlds and mirrors to help us understand our lives. This is a life-long process that we all work to achieve.

Kindergarten students are starting a unit on friends. Each week they are sharing and exploring the theme of friendship. They are able to share what they do with their friends and how to help a friend in need. The students are creating their own book on friendship.

All students come to the library once a week. Please help your child by making sure he/she has their library books to return. Books can also be returned in the morning or exchanged for new material from 9:00- 9:15 AM.

Maryland Science Center **FAMILY SCIENCE NIGHT**



You're Invited!

Where: Hampton Elementary Gym

When: Thursday, January 17, 2019. 6-8 PM

Grades K-5th

All children must be accompanied by an adult!

Activities include:

- Learn what it takes to design your own classification system
- Discover the size of molecules as you separate dyes
- Graph your results as you test your taste buds

Plus more science fun and prizes!

Let's science



Reminder all children must be accompanied by a responsible adult.



Happy New Year from the Green School Committee! In 2019, HES will be applying for re-certification of our Maryland Green School status. All grades and special area teachers are working diligently to infuse environmental education into the curriculum and we are documenting along the way.



We are encouraging students to help reduce solid waste here at Hampton. Please remind students to bring home uneaten lunch food so it doesn't end up in the trash. Please consider packing lunches in re-usable containers, especially on Trash Free Tuesdays. Mrs. Towner is recycling markers, Mrs. Mazur is recycling crayons, and Mrs. Rodriguez is recycling glue sticks. Each initiative should help us to put less in landfills.



The Outdoor Classroom is ready for use and should be a wonderful addition as the weather improves. If you would like to be on the committee to continue the development of this space, please let Mrs. Pawliske know and you will be invited to attend the next green school meeting. Her email is kpawliske@bcps.org

Save the Date: This year's Green Celebration will be held on Friday, May 17th. Mark your calendar if you would like to volunteer. The theme will be **Habitat** with a focus on the Monarch Butterfly Problem. We are partnering with the Monarch Sister Schools Program to study the problem, make real-world connections through Skype, and plant a second pollinator garden by the outdoor classroom.

Celebrate 