



Hampton Parent Bulletin

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School Calendar

March

- 7 Science Night
6:00 to 8:00 pm
- 12 2nd Grade Field Trip
Maryland Science
Center
- 14 KG Registration
- 28 Career Day

April

- 5 Third Marking Period
Ends—schools close 3
hrs. early
- 18 Spring Break Begins at
the End of School Day
- 23 Schools Reopen—report
cards distributed



A Letter from the Principal...

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Due to the efforts of many members of the PTA, Hampton students and their families enjoy many opportunities during school and after school to expand their experiences and spend time together as a community. Last week Mrs. Hammel scheduled Reptile World, and students of all ages learned about different types of reptiles. Following the assemblies Mrs. Schnirel could not keep books about reptiles from flying off the shelves. Sparking students' curiosity is always a goal of the assemblies provided by the PTA.

Last Thursday the Family Reading Night under the leadership of Mrs. Wahlstrom was successful as families came in pajamas to listen to guest readers, swap books, and receive a reading pencil. This year a librarian from the Towson branch of the public library and members of Towson High School's Thespians read to the group. One of our former students, Anna Skeels, returned to read-what a terrific experience. We thank all the families who came out to reinforce reading as a past time.

On Thursday, March 7 (tonight) from 6-8 PM, please bring your children to Hampton's Science Night which was rescheduled due to inclement weather. The Maryland Science Center representatives will inspire us.

It is hard to believe that each month is filled with so many worthwhile learning experiences. As a faculty we are preparing for the upcoming school year. If you are moving or your child will attend another school, please contact the office so we can prepare transfer packets. If you have a child who is eligible for kindergarten in the 2019-20 school year (must be five years old by September 1st), please pick up a packet and schedule an appointment with your child for Thursday, March 14. Spaces are quickly filling, so please call as soon as possible. Information will follow regarding prekindergarten registration. A child must turn four years of age by September 1st.

Sincerely,

Patricia M. Kaiser

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JUMP ROPE FOR HEART/KIDS HEART CHALLENGE 2019

On Friday, February 15th we held our JRFH/Kids Heart Challenge “in school” event in the gym for 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders. We had fun with jumping games, contests, and random prizes and had the opportunity to enjoy some music. We had 96 participants and raised a total of \$9,010.00 for the American Heart Association. Our P.E. department will receive \$700 of equipment from the US Games catalog and our jumpers received thank you gifts within a week of the event. Ryan S. was our highest collector raising \$500.00. I had a great time with all of our jumpers and pictures will be in the yearbook.

A huge thank you goes out to Mrs. Skidmore, Mrs. Foggo, and Mrs. Leitch. Our three volunteers helped out with envelope collections, counting money, and organizing all data.

Thank you to all our Hampton jumpers!

Grade 5: Becca B., Jocelyn B., Prakul K., Bronte M., Louisa D., Lauren O., Lindsay J., Natalee H., Libby H., Emma P., McKenna A., Claire J., Grace R., Ben G., Lauren G., Barbara A., Calleigh J., Zola P.T., Hailey C., Shirley Z., Grace T., Henry L., Ali S., Kyle C., Jameson D., Sara D., Ben E.

Grade 4: Nick F., Sarah B., Taylor N., Katie K., A’Moni W., Charlotte L, Emme D., Donovan M., Henry I., Ethan G., Charlotte M., Tucker D., Riley H., Carly C., Devin C. Rina N., Kaylee A., Sean C.B., Molly F., Zahra A., Xander K., Ivana D., Teagan K., Lucas V., Zaria M., Cara D., Max W., Michelle W., Lucy B., Daniel G., Andrew R., Bennett W., Josiah B.

Grade 3: Ava S., Lily K., Avery R., Liam Y., Brayden M., Jaiden W., Daniela A., Ben R., William W., Finley M., Julia T., Sunaina S., Hudson K., Luke M., Anthony M., Penelope K., Mulaney G., Sophia B., Alex R., Chloe L., Abby S., Maya C., Kaia D., Amany A., AJ B., Abby C., Brinley E., Noah D., Sophia V., Bailee S., Sadie L., Liam O., Chris S., Bell J., Ryan S., Chase K.



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

Physical Education News

- Mrs. Corbo

After completing our basketball and short rope unit our students in grades 3-5 participated in active games and partner rope challenges. We are now beginning a bowling unit with strike celebrations for team strike day and individual strike day. Our warm up for bowling includes running and jumping in long rope challenges.

First and second graders continue to enter the gym and participate in a running and locomotor skill warm up. We participated in long rope jumping and continued throwing and catching games. We assess our throwing and catching once a marking period with Magic Club. First and second graders are currently in a bowling unit with a cooperative warm up workout of Fitness Dice.

Kindergarten students continue to enter the gym and run on our roller coaster for one song. We have completed aerobic dances and are now working on dance mats. We have had a good time throwing and catching with a snowball fight to celebrate our great throwing in opposition. Kindergarten students are now beginning a bowling unit.

Happy
St. Patrick's
Day!





Poison Prevention Tips

Poison-proofing the home can be accomplished by teaching the following poison prevention tips:

1. Avoid storing potential poisons in low cabinets where small children can reach. Use safety locks on cabinets.
2. Use child-resistant containers. Remember, they are not child-proof!
3. Safely discard expired or unused medicine and chemicals (i.e. cleaning products). Rinse out containers thoroughly before disposing of them.
4. Know the names of flowers and plants in your home and yard.
5. Keep medicine and other potential poisons in their original containers. **DO NOT** use food containers such as cups or soda bottles to store household products.
6. Read and follow the directions and caution labels on medicines and other products before using them each time.
7. Do not call medicine "candy."
8. Avoid taking medicine in front of children. Young children often imitate "grown-ups."
9. Make sure a spray (i.e. perfume, sunscreen, bug spray) is directed away from the face. Wear protective clothing when spraying pesticides and other chemicals.
10. Take medicine or cleaning product containers with you, or put them away, when answering the phone or doorbell.

Contact the Maryland Poison Center as soon as you suspect a poisoning or overdose has occurred. Do not wait for symptoms! Calling the experts is free and confidential.



Media Center News

- Erin Schnirel, Library Media Specialist

Please save the date: April 25th Hampton Elementary School will travel to the Towson Public Library Battle of the Books Program at West Towson Elementary (6914 N Charles St, Towson, MD 21204). The event begins at 6:30-8:30 and consists of three rounds with a tie breaker if needed. The students read the following books and will be quizzed in this jeopardy style tournament against ten other local teams.

Wishtree, by Katherine Applegate

Amina's Voice, by Hena Khan

A Long Pitch Home, by Natalie Dias Lorenzi

Chester and Gus, by Cammie McGovern

An Eagle in the Snow, by Michael Morpurgo

Stef Soto, Taco Queen, by Jennifer Torres

Clayton Byrd Goes Underground, by Rita Williams-Garcia

Star Scouts, by Mike Lawrence

The Witch Boy, by Molly Ostertag

The Someday Birds, by Sally Pla

This year Hampton Elementary School Battle of the Books team includes:

Shirley Zheng (5th grade)

Penny Weir (4th grade)

Louisa Demers (5th grade)

Charlotte Luzar (4th grade)

Zahra Al-Azawi (4th grade)

Zaria Moreland (4th grade)

Congratulations on making the team ladies. We meet every Monday morning and Wednesday during lunch. Please join me in wishing them luck and if you have not read these books yourself- please do. The favorite chapter books this year are Chester and Gus and An Eagle in the Snow. The favorite graphic novel hands down is Star Scouts.