



Hampton Parent Bulletin

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School Calendar

May

- 8 Math 24 Challenge
Tournament, 4:45 pm
@Rodgers Forge Elem.
- 9 5th Grade Field Trip
Mt. Vernon, 8:00 am—
6:00 pm
- 10 1st Grade Field Trip
Maryland Zoo , 9:30-
2:30
- 16 Art Night, 6:00-7:30 pm
- 17 Green Day Celebration
- 22 5th Gr. Spring Concert
Band and Orchestra
6:15 pm
- 28 2nd Grade Field Trip
Ladew Gardens, 9:30—
2:00 pm
- 30 3rd & 4th Gr. Concerts
Recorders, 6:15
Chorus, 7:00
- 31 KG Picnic, 11:25-1:00

A Letter from the Principal...

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As today is the second day of May I am reminded that we are in the throes of the final marking period with field trips, concerts, Green Day, picnics, end of the year testing, and the fifth grade farewell. Next month we will say good-bye to our 82 fifth graders and their families, many of whom have been here for over a decade. Other students will be moving to other schools. We wish all of them success and hope that they remember Hampton fondly.

In June we will also say good-bye to two dedicated teachers who will retire. Mrs. DiLella, fourth grade teacher, arrived at Hampton 14 years ago after teaching in middle school and a parochial school. Her enthusiasm for her subjects is contagious-especially in mathematics. Her students will tell you that she even had them practice their mental math in line for the bathroom. She freely gives of her time to assist students during lunch or to provide a quiet spot for reading. We wish her happiness and good health as she spends time with her family and friends and travels.

Mrs. Corbo, our physical education teacher, will retire after 30 years in the Baltimore County Public Schools-20 years at Stoneleigh Elementary and 10 years at Hampton. One of the first thing everyone learns about Mrs. Corbo's subject is that she teaches physical education, not gym. A gym is a place, not a content area. Mrs. Corbo continues to share her enthusiasm for lifelong fitness and always provides students with ways they can keep moving at home. She sponsors one of the one-mile runs, runs Jump Rope for Heart for the American Heart Association, and can be found running to or from school or riding her scooter at Hampton. She is looking forward to her next career as she retires. We wish her enjoyment as she travels to Europe for the first time and she and her husband spend time watching her daughter play collegiate sports.

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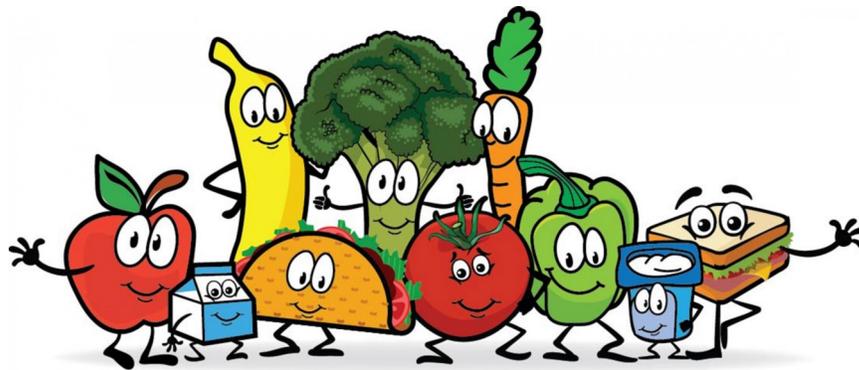
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Next Tuesday at May's PTA meeting we will vote on the new slate of officers. Lisa Swoboda, the current PTA President, will pass the torch to the next president. During her tenure Mrs. Swoboda spearheaded the Valentine outreach at the Maples, the Veterans' Day recognition initiative, the Race for Education, and many other behind the scenes activities. We thank her for her leadership. We also thank everyone else on the PTA Board who will be stepping down. Hampton students benefit from all the resources the PTA provides. Please consider volunteering to assume a board position or to assist with one of the PTA activities. Come to the May 7th PTA meeting to learn about ways you can be involved.

We look forward to a strong end of the fourth marking period. All students should attend school daily and focus on instruction to prepare for the next grade level.

Sincerely

Patricia M. Karsir



Help is needed in our school cafeteria for the upcoming 2019-20 school year! If you—or someone you know—would be interested, please call the school office at 410.887.3205. Rate of pay is \$10.10 an hour for a 2-hour daily shift. Please help us spread the word!

Word of the Week

The **Word of the Week** program improves vocabulary. Our recent words are: canopy, astonish, stamina initiate, and generous. Please acknowledge your child when he/she uses one of these words.



GREAT **GREEN** NEWS! We just got word that our Green School Recertification was a success! We are, again, officially a MD Green School! Hooray and THANK YOU!!! We could not do ANY of what we do without the amazing support of our Hampton parents.

This year's Green Celebration is being held on Friday, May 17th. There is always lots to do, so if you're interested in volunteering and haven't returned a form, please contact Mrs. Pawliske. kpawliske@bcps.org

We are excited because this year's fourth graders will be learning about the migration of the monarch butterflies and what can be done to help with the decline in their population. On May 17th, they will be planting an additional pollinator garden adjacent to the outdoor classroom and no mow space. In the fall, as fifth graders, they will have the opportunity to SKYPE with a school in Mexico to be part of a cultural exchange and to learn about where the monarchs go.

Our 5th graders will be helping to beautify our existing garden spaces, mentoring our kindergarteners with a nature hunt, and will also be constructing some pollinator habitats. All grades will be immersed in a day of fun and learning. If you hadn't guessed, our theme this year is HABITAT.

Our schoolyard looks beautiful and is only getting better. Come take a walk around sometime!

~ Kerry Pawliske and the Green School Committee

Physical Education News

- Mrs. Corbo

Our traveling Movement Education Equipment arrived at Hampton and is currently set up for four weeks. We were lucky to receive two sets which allows me to set up a whole lot of exploration fun! For the first two weeks we have an obstacle course set up with climbing stations, a balance area, and a track for scooters and roller racers. The final two weeks we will have many stations and turn our gym into the Tropical Rain Forest. Students will work in pairs and groups to read to perform tasks as researchers and animals in the Tropical Rainforest. I am sure you have heard about our MEE by now.

After the MEE leaves Hampton we will head back outside for Track and Field events. Kindergarten students will return to running on the Roller Coaster Run, finish up dancing the Cotton Eye Joe, and return to throwing and catching activities. We will replace our dance time with Yoga for our final four weeks of school.

I am officially announcing my retirement. I have been so fortunate to teach Physical Education for BCPS for 20 years at Stoneleigh Elementary and 10 years at Hampton Elementary. Our P.E. curriculum is fantastic and sharing it with your children has been exciting for me. I love teaching basic skill development with young students and watching the expression on their faces as they find success. Through the cooperation, comfort, and safety of our learning in the gym I am hopeful your child will feel uninhibited to try any sport, fitness activity, or just enjoy moving for a lifetime.

Farewell...

Dear Hampton Families and Staff,

As this school year is quickly coming to an end, so is my time at Hampton. Recently, I spent an evening perusing Hampton yearbooks from the last 14 years and reminiscing about how fortunate I have been to know and work with such wonderful families. Flash backs of funny moments, my 4th grade students demonstrating their abilities and talents, and events such as field trips, Science Fairs, PTA activities, and musicals came flooding back. Having been truly blessed to call Hampton home over these years, I have worked with such wonderful teachers, administrators, and staff members. Clearly, I have loved teaching despite the long hours and the many curriculum changes.

Even before this time period, I knew Hampton well, since as a 10 year old my family moved to 321 Valley Court Road, where we lived until I started at Loyola College. So often my sister, brother, and I would jump over our fence and play in the courts and grounds of Hampton. We even spent a few summers inside when they had summer camps. Now, 56 years later I am saying goodbye to an area that has meant so very much to me.

After working in several Catholic schools in the area and 11 years at Cockeysville Middle School, my teaching and tutoring life covers about 42 years. During this time, I have been approached by my former students at the malls, churches, banks, grocery stores, restaurants, and even bathrooms. In fact, at my first Take a Peak at Your Seat at Hampton, two different mothers came up to me to say that I had taught them in fifth grade at Immaculate Conception. Of course, most faces I do not recognize since all of my students are in my heart with their 4th grade smiling faces no matter how much time has passed.

I thank all of you for the kindness and generosity that you have sent my way. Most especially, I thank my teaching partners over these years for their example, support, and friendship. Finally, I think back to that day in August when I met with Mrs. Kaiser for a job interview. She asked if I could promise her that I would stay for a while. Thanks to her guidance and support, my time at Hampton was more wonderful than I could ever have imagined at that first meeting.

Now, I am off to live the good life in retirement!

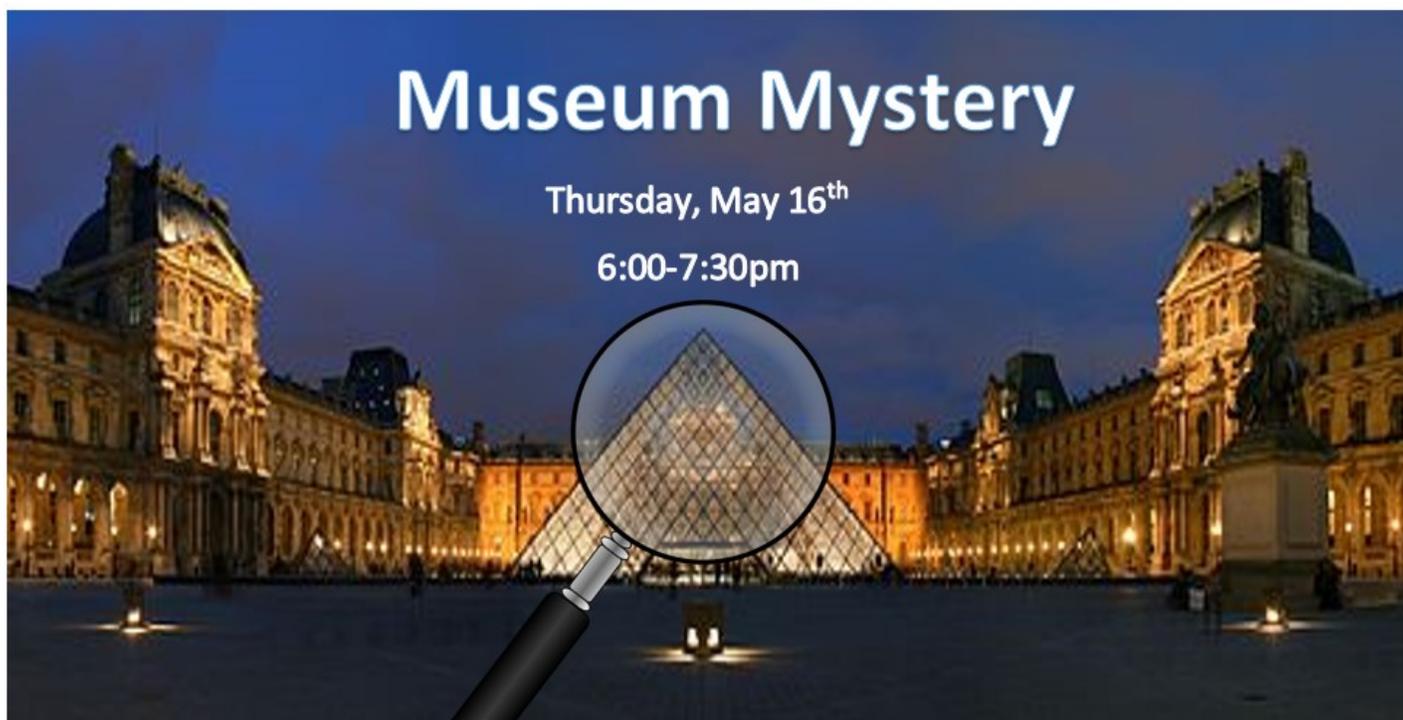
With love and gratitude,

Fran DiLella

From the Art Room

- Ms. Towner

ART NIGHT



Come join us for our annual Art Night event. As always, work from students in grades kindergarten to 5th will be on display throughout the school. This year, our activity will have your family learning more about famous artists in order to help solve a mystery.