



Hampton Parent Bulletin

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School Calendar

November

- 3 First Marking Period Ends—school closes 3 hrs. early, 12:45 pm
- 7 PTA Meeting, 7:00 pm Library
- 13- AMERICAN
16 EDUCATION
WEEK
- 16 Report Cards Distributed-Grades 1-5 IGE3 and PreK Conference Day—No IGE3 or PreK sessions.
- 17 Elementary Conference Day—School closed for elementary students
- 23- Thanksgiving
24 Holiday—Schools and Offices Closed
- 28 Lifetouch Make-Up Pictures

A Letter from the Principal...

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As the principal of Hampton Elementary School I often am able to be a part of day-to-day changes in our students such as the loss of a tooth, the announcement of a new sibling in a family, an English language learner speaking English in class for the first time, or the sharing of multiple solutions to a problem. This year, the five officers of the Student Council Association requested a meeting with me to discuss the possibility of having all students dress in costume for Halloween. When questioned about their data regarding the students' wishes and teachers' opinions, and the prevalence of Halloween celebrations in BCPS schools, they were undaunted.

The girls worked at recess and after school and crafted a letter to poll the teachers and sought my approval. They decided that hand delivering the letters would be a more personal approach to the delivery. After all the teacher responses were captured, Mrs. Dyer, the officers, and I tallied the responses and majority ruled—Halloween would be celebrated in costume. This learning experience proved that presenting an idea in a calm, rational manner, researching the issue, and following through with a well-crafted persuasive letter can result in change. The democratic process was effective. On Halloween our students proudly wore their costumes.

November is always busy with school related activities. American Education Week is the perfect time for you to observe your child in action. The visitation schedule is included in this newsletter. If you cannot visit on the designated day, please contact your child's teacher to make other arrangements. Report cards will be distributed to students in grades 1-5 on Thursday, November 16th and you will have the opportunity to review your child's progress in a face-to-face conference or on the phone on Friday, November 17th or another scheduled time. The expectation is that all parents will meet with their child's teacher. Please note that this year for the first time, comments will not be included in the report card for terms one and four; therefore, a conference is especially important.

Schools will be closed for the Thanksgiving holiday on Thursday, November 23rd and Friday, November 24th. At Hampton we are thankful for all the support you give your children, the teachers, and the school as a whole. Hampton's Book Fair and Fall Festival would not have been successful without the leadership of Mrs. O'Brien, Mrs. Cheikh, Mrs. Murphy, and their cadre of volunteers. Volunteers regularly assist in classrooms, in the library, and in the art room. During the Thanksgiving holiday, enjoy your time with family and friends, and know that Hampton is a better place due to your involvement.

Best Regards,

Patricia M. Kaiser

Office News...

American Education Week

IGE 3's	Wednesday, November 15 10:15—11:30
Pre-K	Wednesday, November 15 2:15—3:30
KG	Wednesday, November 15 9:30—11:00
First Grade	Wednesday, November 15 1:00—3:00
Second Grade	Tuesday, November 14 9:30—11:30
Third Grade	Tuesday, November 14 9:30—11:20
Fourth Grade	Wednesday, November 15 9:30—12:15
Fifth Grade	Thursday, November 16 2:00—3:30



BCPS Central Area Education Advisory Council Community Meeting

Join BCPS Superintendent on an Informal Learning and Listening Tour

What? Verletta White, interim superintendent of Baltimore County Public Schools, will host a Learning and Listening Tour throughout November 2017, in order to meet directly with Team BCPS students, families, staff, and community members. She will be visiting the central area on November 16 and we encourage you to join Superintendent White for conversation.

Where? George Washing Carver Center for Arts and Technology, 938 North York Road, Towson, 21204

Who? All BCPS stakeholders are invited to attend. This includes parents, teachers, students, staff, and community members.

Questions? Contact Aimee Freeman
Email: contactcaeac@gmail.com

Physical Education News

- Mrs. Corbo

Our four fall cross-country runs were spectacular with runners from nine different schools. Hampton hosted a race on October 26th with 177 participants. Towson University's Cross Country team performed the race jobs to make our race successful. Thank you to all the parents for transporting our Hampton runners to the other three sites quickly after school and before all your evening activities. A huge thank you to Mrs. Towner who designed, screen printed, then ironed Hampton race t-shirts for this year. We know it took many hours to do all the shirts, thank you.

Congratulations to the 57 runners listed below for completing the races at Hampton, Timonium, Stoneleigh, and Rodgers Forge. Race results and pictures are posted in the gym lobby.



Hampton Runners



Brooke K.	Anna E.	Maddie D.	Agnes L.	Sandy X.	Calvin L.
Topher M.	Alex D.	Julian C-B.	Owen V.	Dominic F.	Emma B.
Kate C.	Keegan M.	Julia D.	Ryan F.	Brady B.	Cal K.
Ben E.	Zola P-T.	*Grace T.	*Jameson D.	Ben G.	*Alice S.
Tyrae Y.	Quinn S.	McKenna A.	Prakul K.	Natalee H.	Jocelyn B.
Rick R.	Charlotte N.	Josh N.	Luca B.	Helen M.	Grace T.
Charlotte L.	Zahra A.	Devin C.	Patrick M.	Donovan M.	Tucker D.
Emme D.	Molly F.	Teagan K.	Andrew R.	John Z.	Sean C-B.
Skyler L.	Taylor N.	Adam D.	Alana F.	*Phoebe S.	Lucas V.
Max W.	Barbara A.	Andrew S.			

***Ribbon Winners** (1st-10th place)

Students in grades 1-5 participated in cross country on the Hampton ½ mile course. Students learned how to pace their jog and enjoy “talking time” with a classmate. Many 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders took the challenge of mile day with success which was exciting to observe.

We enjoyed field games in October in grades 1-5. Students talked about strategies for Survival, Capture the Pig, Treasure Island, Capture the Flag, and Patches of Pumpkins. We worked on defensive and offensive skills.

In November, we will begin Fitnessgram testing in P.E. classes. Testing for Fitnessgram includes aerobic capacity, muscular strength, and flexibility for all students in 3rd through 5th grade. We are learning ways to improve fitness levels at home with fun activities. Students in grades 4 and 5 will receive a computerized printout of their fitness levels and students in grade 3 will receive a worksheet to show the Healthy Fitness Zones for each test as this is just a practice year. Please have your child show you some of our tests and practice at home. At the end of every test day we finish with a celebration game.

Kindergarten students continue to improve running endurance by jogging on our roller coaster run each time they enter the gym. Students are working on aerobic dance songs as we move forward, back, left and right. We enjoyed cooperating as a class with the parachute and hula hoops. We are continuing with our work on basic skills and movement.

Please help your child remember his/her tennis shoes EVERY day. Their bodies need to move and play... even when it is not P.E. day.

From the Health Suite

- Mrs. Chambers



A sense of humor can brighten family life. You can blow raspberries on a baby's belly, put on a silly hat and chase a 3-year-old, or pretend to fall into a pile of leaves to amuse a first-grader. As kids grow into preteens and teens, you can share puns and jokes as their sense of what's funny grows more sophisticated.

Laughing together is a way to connect, and a good sense of humor also can make kids smarter, healthier, and better able to cope with challenges.

We tend to think of humor as part of our genetic makeup, like blue eyes or big feet. But a sense of humor actually is a learned quality that can be developed in kids, not something they're born with.

What's So Funny Anyway?

Humor is what makes something funny; a sense of humor is the ability to recognize it. Someone with a well-developed sense of humor has the ability to recognize what's funny in others and can amuse them as well.

A good sense of humor is a tool that kids can rely on throughout life to help them:

- see things from many perspectives other than the most obvious
- be spontaneous
- grasp unconventional ideas or ways of thinking
- see beyond the surface of things
- enjoy and participate in the playful aspects of life
- not take themselves too seriously

Kids with a well-developed sense of humor are happier and more optimistic, have higher self-esteem, and can handle differences (their own and others') well. Kids who can appreciate and share humor are better liked by their peers and more able to handle the challenges of childhood, such as moving to a new school or town.

And a good sense of humor doesn't just help kids emotionally or socially. Research has shown that people who laugh more are healthier — they're less likely to be depressed and may even have an increased resistance to illness or physical problems. They experience less stress; have lower heart rates, pulses, and blood pressure; and have better digestion. Laughter may even help humans better endure pain, and studies have shown that it improves our immune function.



The Dulaney High School Key Club is again conducting our annual “Share the Treats” program to benefit those less fortunate. We are asking you to involve our children in this worthwhile program by having them share their excess candy with others.

Your children should bring excess “treats” to school on Wednesday, November 1st, Thursday, November 2nd, or Friday, November 3rd. Then these donated “treats” will be collected and given to local shelters, hospitals, and other places for children who are unable to go “Trick or Treating.”

We would appreciate your help in assuring that only store wrapped confections find their way into the school collection boxes.

This project is part of our program to help children better understand their responsibilities within our society. You have been very generous in the past, and we know that you will be equally generous this year. Thank you so much for your past and present support.

SENSORY MORNING **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5** **9-11 A.M.**

FREE FAMILY FUN!



Join us for a morning of accessible museum programming designed specifically for children with Sensory Processing Disorders and their entire family. We welcome program participants an hour before the museum opens, allowing families to enjoy activities during a quiet, less stimulating time. Educators from the Walters Art Museum and therapists from Kennedy Krieger Institute will be present for the event.

Advance registration requested. Visit thewalters.org/sensory-morning for online registration or contact Colleen Oyler, coyler@thewalters.org, 410-547-9000, ext. 300.

WE WELCOME

- Kids being kids!
- Children's voices
- Weighted blankets and weighted vests
- Earplugs and headphones
- Hand fidgets
- Sensory breaks
- Wheelchairs and other mobility devices

SCHEDULE

- 9-11 a.m.** Art activity in a private studio, with adjoining space for sensory breaks
- 9-11 a.m.** Facilitated gallery activities throughout our Greek and Roman Galleries
- 10 a.m.** Doors open to the public; activities continue

Join us for our next Sensory Morning on Saturday, February 24!

To learn how you can sponsor the next Sensory Morning, please contact Katarina Ziegler at 410-547-9000, ext. 614, or e-mail kziegler@thewalters.org.

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WHAT WILL YOU DISCOVER?

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