Dear Parents,

Another sensational school year has started! I am excited to be working with you and your child this year and can’t wait to meet you and your child at Take a Peek at Your Seat on Friday, September 1, 2017 from 1:00pm to 2:00pm. If you can’t make it to school then, no big deal. I will meet your child the first day of school.

If your child does come to school for Take a Peak, he or she can bring their supplies and stow them in their desk. The School Supply List is posted under Parents at http://hamptones.bcps.org. Speaking of their desk. When your child arrives, I will give them their name plate and they can pick their seat by placing it on a desk. I will also provide a Homework folder to be used throughout the year.

I am looking forward to meeting you at back-to-School Night on Tuesday, September 12, 2017. At this meeting Mrs. DiLella, Miss Patek, and I will explain the fourth grade program and answer any questions you may have.

In order to help you understand some of the routines in fourth grade, I have provided a brief explanation of some of them. I hope you find this helpful as your child begins the school year.

Completed Work

Once assignments are graded and the grade recorded, they will be handed back to your child. Students are to put them in their Homework Folder and share the assignments with you. Please save the graded assignments so your child can use them to study for tests and quizzes and so you can compare them with the assignments listed in Engrade.

Homework

Your child will have homework every night, except on Friday, in at least one subject. Each child was given an Agenda Book, provided by the PTA, in which he/she can record daily assignments. Please review your child's work each night and initial the Agenda in the place provided. After the assignments are completed, have your child put them in his or her homework folder. If your child should ever become frustrated with an assignment, please feel free to send the unfinished assignment in with a brief note explaining the difficulty. This will not count against your child and help will be given so your child is successful.

Communication

For record keeping purposes, please write a note to me explaining the situation whenever your child:
- returns to school after an absence (please state the reason and dates of absence).
- needs to be dismissed early from school (please state the date, time and reason for early dismissal).
- will go home in a way different from his/her usual way (please state the date, the old way, the new way, and people involved, if any).
- Templates are available at https://hamptones.bcps.org/ (choose Forms under Parents)

If you need to speak with me, I can be reached by leaving a message at the school (410) 887-3205. I respond more quickly through email, though. My email address is rwade@bcps.org. You can also leave a message on BCPSOne and it will be sent to my email account.

Sincerely,
Rick Wade