



# Hampton Parent Bulletin

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## School Calendar

April

- 5 Third Marking Period Ends—schools close 3 hrs. early  
Hampton's Got Talent 5:30 to 7:30 pm
- 8 Scholastic Book Fair begins
- 11 Family Fit Night 6:00 to 7:30 pm
- 18 Spring Break Begins at the End of School Day
- 23 Schools Reopen—report cards distributed  
Finer Diner  
Cavender, 11:40  
Pawliske, 12:15  
Vitek, 12:50
- 25 Battle of the Books  
West Towson Elementary, 6:00 to 9:00 pm

## A Letter from the Principal...

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Hampton Elementary School welcomed new students and celebrated literacy and careers last month. On March 14<sup>th</sup> we greeted and registered 49 kindergarten students, many of whom will join siblings here. They were dressed for success and separated from their parents to sing the alphabet, identify upper and lowercase letters, count, etc. The assessors always enjoy this time with our future kindergarteners. If you haven't registered your kindergartner, please contact the office.

Often in life, a spontaneous act can result in exhilaration, delight, and pure joy. On Friday, March 22, I had the honor of delivering a new paperback dictionary to each child in the third grade. We discussed the guide words and the way to find a word in the dictionary using the beginning, middle, and end. Students wrote thank-you notes to Mr. Engel, the father-in-law of Mrs. Engel, who is a member of the Rotary Club. He was touched by the detailed letters our third graders wrote. Hopefully these prized possessions will become part of these third graders' lives.

Last Friday, due to Mrs. Dyer's organization and the 15 volunteers, our students learned about careers. The professionals included: police officers, a dentist, an architect, and many others. These presenters made an impression on our students. We thank everyone who volunteered to share their expertise, and we are sure they sparked interest in their careers.

As always, I thank you for supporting your children by reviewing homework, reading with them, and attending school events. Most importantly we want our children to be kind to each other and to the adults who care for them in and out of school.

Sincerely,

*Patricia M. Kaiser*

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## From the Office

### Word of the Week

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

## From the Health Suite

- Mrs. Chambers

### Beating Spring Allergies Blues

Spring has sprung in Maryland. Grass, mold, and flower pollen have filled the air!

Are you sneezing, coughing, or blowing your nose? Are your eyes itching or tearing? Is your throat itchy or sore? If so, you may be the victim of spring allergies.

People with allergies do best when they work with their health care provider to anticipate the bad times and take simple steps to minimize exposure to allergens. If you or your child is uncomfortable due to allergy symptoms, see your health care provider.

#### Tips to help beat the allergy blues:

- Keep windows to your house and car closed. Use air conditioning and set car ventilation to recirculate
- Check internet for daily pollen counts and limit outdoor activity when pollen count is high, as well as on windy days
- Wash hands and face when coming in from outside and shower before bedtime to remove pollens
- Begin taking allergy medications early in the season, two to three weeks before you anticipate having symptoms
- Use the dryer to dry clothing and linens instead of hanging them outside to dry
- Pet fur can carry pollen into the house. Wipe your pet's fur down before it comes inside.
- Keep your lawn short to prevent pollination. A child with grass pollen allergy should remain indoors while the grass is being mowed.



## From the Art Room

- Ms. Towner

SAVE THE DATE

# ART Night

Thursday, May 16<sup>th</sup>

6:00 – 7:30 pm

Come join us to see all the wonderful art our students have created this year. Be sure to bring your creative problem-solving skills to help crack artistic puzzles.

2019



Summer  
Visual  
Arts  
Enrichment Camp

July  
8 - 19

@ Perry Hall High School



### Summer Art Enrichment Program Course Offerings

Entering Grades: 3-5

**An Exploration of Artists and Their Materials**

This program provides opportunities to explore a theme through a variety of art materials as they learn about the work of various artists. Students will be encouraged to refine their current art skills and develop new skills with different materials by experimenting with and using 2-dimensional drawing and painting media and 3-dimensional materials. Students will learn about the artistic process as they solve visual problems, develop their own interpretations of the theme, and create their own art.

Entering Grades: 6-8

**An Investigation of Media & Technique:  
Portfolio Development**

This program is geared toward students interested in developing portfolios for consideration for magnet art programs. During this two-week program, students will create works of art that incorporate the traditional art forms of drawing, painting, and sculpture, as well as computer arts. Students will work from direct observation and imagination as they build a portfolio of work that provides a record of the progression of their ideas, skills, and images.

Entering Grades: 9-12

**Painting & Drawing from Observation:  
Portfolio Development**

This program is geared toward students who are interested in pursuing the sequential art program at the high school level and those who are preparing portfolios for Advanced Placement or college entrance. It allows students to survey their own artistic development to choose an area of concentration that will further their personal artistic growth. Students will research artists to find influences for their own work. Students will focus on drawing, watercolor and oil painting.

Program Cost: \$395  
Hours: 9:30 - 3:00pm  
Applications:  
[https://dci.bcps.org/UserFiles/Servers/Server\\_9046958/File/VisualArts/CAMP\\_APPLICATION\\_DIGITAL\\_2019.docx](https://dci.bcps.org/UserFiles/Servers/Server_9046958/File/VisualArts/CAMP_APPLICATION_DIGITAL_2019.docx)



## Media Center News

- Erin Schnirel, Library Media Specialist

### Scholastic Book Fair, April 8th—12th

All students will head to the book fair during their library special times. The on-line website is <https://bookfairs.scholastic.com/bookfairs/cptoolkit/homepage.do?method=homepage&url=hampton>

Special thanks to the fabulous PTA parents, Mrs. Zipin and Mrs. Rusen. They have spent countless hours sending out fliers, setting up the fair and organizing the behind the scenes. Each fair has donated over \$300 dollars of books to our school library. Thank you to all the volunteers who make this week such a success!!

Also, 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. The team has worked hard on Monday mornings and Wednesday lunch bunch since December. They named themselves the Beat Girls after a band in "Clayton Byrd Goes Underground". Please come and cheer them on!!



*While on the topic of libraries,  
Mrs. Towner has student art  
work on display at the Towson  
Library during the month of  
April. Check it out!*