



# Hampton Parent Bulletin

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## School Calendar

### November

- 8 First Marking Period Ends, Schools close 3 hrs. early for students
- 12 Math Night 6:15-7:30 pm
- 19 3rd Grade Field Trip Goucher College 11:30 to 1:30 pm
- 21 Report Cards Distributed
- 22 Elementary Conference Day—school closed
- 25 3's & PreK Conference Day— No 3's or PreK sessions
- 27 School Spirit Day— wear blue!
- 28- Thanksgiving Holiday - Schools and Offices Closed
- 29

## A Letter from the Principal...

Dear Parents and Guardians,

The first marking period which ends tomorrow was chocked full of learning experiences for our students in the classroom and on field trips. Kindergarteners visited Cromwell Valley Park to learn about the ways things change and grow. Fourth graders visited Camp Puh'tok to learn about Native Americans and learned about the farm to table initiative due the generosity of the Days of Taste program. Included in this newsletter is the recipe Chef Richard from the Baltimore County Club taught our students to make. Bon Appetit.

Twice a year our parent volunteers host the Scholastic Book Fair. Students, teachers, and parents purchased books in October to the delight of all.

The Fall Festival was a huge success due to the many volunteers-parents and former students-who organized games, the DJ, the crafts, the photo booth, etc. Last Saturday it was the adults' time to play Trivia and raised funds for the PTA. The competition was fierce but lively. We thank all the volunteers who donated time and resources to this annual event.

In November students in grades one through five will receive their first marking period report card. It is expected that all parents will meet in person with their child's teacher or hold a phone conference to discuss their child's strengths and needs. Comments are only written on the report card for marking periods three and four and special grades are recorded in marking periods two and four. We welcome you and other family members to visit during American Education Week (see schedule). Registering ahead of time will speed up the check-in process.

Enjoy this season of thanksgiving with your family and friends. As a staff we are grateful for your commitment to our children and our school.

Sincerely,

*Patricia M. Kassis*

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## Office News...

# Capacity Relief Boundary Study Survey

The committee charged with providing capacity relief to Pleasant Plains Elementary School is seeking your input on the proposed options for the revised attendance boundaries for Halstead Academy, Hampton, and Pleasant Plains elementary schools. All members of the public are invited to participate in an online survey. The survey will be available from October 30 through November 13, 2019.

For more information and to access the survey, please visit the [Pleasant Plains Capacity Relief Study Web site](#).

The schools affected by this boundary change are:

Halstead Academy  
Hampton Elementary School  
Pleasant Plains Elementary School

You may also email [boundarystudy@bcps.org](mailto:boundarystudy@bcps.org) with your comments. All email comments received are public record and will be logged and posted to the website including your name, but not your email address. Please avoid including personal information (e.g. phone numbers, student names, etc.).

## Winter Concert Date Change



The fifth-grade instrumental music concert and the fourth-grade choral concert will be held on Wednesday, December 18 at 6:15 PM for fifth graders and 7:00 PM for the fourth-grade chorus.


### RECESS EQUIPMENT

Do you have gently used soccer balls?? Playground balls?? Please consider donating to Hampton to keep our students active during recess.



# American Education Week

Mon., Nov. 18	Tues., Nov. 19	Wed., Nov. 20	Thurs., Nov. 21	Fri., Nov. 22
	PreK 9:30-10:30 (am) IGE 10-11:00 (3's) PreK 2:00-3:00 (pm) 1st 9:30-11:00 2nd 2:00-3:30	KG 9:30-11:00 3rd 9:30-11:30 5th 2:00-3:45	4th 2:30-3:30	Conference Day — School Closed for Students



The coats, gloves, sweatshirts, etc. that you are missing may be in our lost-n-found. Please check this area during American Education Week!

**SCA**

**Student Council Elections were held on October 17, 2019. Congratulations to all fifth grade students who ran for office. They all worked very hard and did a fantastic job speaking in front of a crowd. After a close vote, this year's student council officers are:**

- President ..... Daniel Gahagan**
- Vice President..... A'Moni Waters**
- Recording Secretary ..... Bradley Barboza**
- Corresponding Secretary .... Charlotte Luzar**
- Treasurer..... Tucker Deremeik**

## Word of the Week

Hampton has instituted **Word of the Week** to improve vocabulary. Our words last month were: relationship, compliment, specific, and superstitious. Please acknowledge your child when he/she uses one of these words.

## From the Health Suite

- Mrs. Chambers

### Where We Stand: Screen Time

The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) encourages parents to help their children develop healthy media use habits early on.

For children younger than 18 months, use of screen media other than video-chatting should be discouraged.

Parents of children 18 to 24 months of age who want to introduce digital media should choose high-quality programming/apps and use them together with children, because this is how toddlers learn best. Letting children use media by themselves should be avoided.

For children older than 2 years, media limits are very appropriate. Limit screen use to no more than 1 hour or less per day of high-quality programming. Co-view or co-play with your children, and find other activities to do together that are healthy for the body and mind. (e.g., reading, teaching, talking, and playing together).

All children and teens need adequate sleep, physical activity, and time away from media. Designate media-free times together (e.g., family dinner) and media-free zones (e.g., bedroom). Children should not sleep with devices in their bedrooms, including TV's, computers, and smartphones.

### CHEF RICHARD'S DAYS OF TASTE LEMON VINAIGRETTE

#### Ingredients:

- 1/4 shallot, minced
- Juice of 1/2 lemon (remove seeds)
- 1/2 teaspoon Dijon mustard
- 1/2 tablespoon honey
- 1/4 cup vegetable oil
- Salt, to taste

#### Directions:

1. Place shallot, lemon juice, Dijon mustard and honey in a bowl. Stir to combine.
2. Slowly add oil to the mixture while whisking to incorporate and become emulsified. (Mixture will look creamy)
3. Add salt to adjust seasoning to taste

# Hampton Helps for Hunger

**The Hampton Helps for Hunger food drive is in full effect. Students can bring their food donation items to the computer lab each day between 9:00-9:15 am.**

**Items will be put into Thanksgiving food baskets for the Assistance Center of Towson. We will also be selling Turkey Grams during American Education Week. Parents will be able to buy Turkey Grams for their students for 25¢ a piece or 5 for \$1.00. All money earned from the sale of Turkey Grams will go towards food for the Thanksgiving Baskets.**

<p><b>3's, PreK, &amp; Kindergarten</b></p>	<p>Boxes of cake or brownie mix                  Bags or boxes of stuffing mix                  Boxes of instant mashed potatoes                  Cans of sweet potatoes/yams (23-29 oz. cans)                  Cans of meat/main dish (beef stew, chili) 15-24 oz. cans</p>
<p><b>1<sup>st</sup> Grade</b></p>	<p>Boxes of cake or brownie mix                  Bags or boxes of stuffing mix                  Boxes of instant mashed potatoes                  Cans of sweet potatoes/yams (23-29 oz. cans)                  Cans of meat/main dish (beef stew, chili) 15-24 oz. cans</p>
<p><b>2<sup>nd</sup> Grade</b></p>	<p>Cans of cranberry sauce                  1 lb. bags or boxes of rice                  Cans of vegetables (15 oz. cans)                  Cans of sweet potatoes/yams (23-29 oz. cans)                  Cans of meat/main dish (beef stew, chili) 15-24 oz. cans</p>
<p><b>3<sup>rd</sup> Grade</b></p>	<p>Cans of cranberry sauce                  1 lb. bags or boxes of rice                  Cans of vegetables (15 oz. cans)                  Cans of sweet potatoes/yams (23-29 oz. cans)                  Cans of meat/main dish (beef stew, chili) 15-24 oz. cans</p>
<p><b>4<sup>th</sup> Grade</b></p>	<p>Cans of sweet potatoes/yams (23-29 oz. cans)                  Cans of meat/main dish (beef stew, chili) 15-24 oz. cans                  Large cans of fruit (20-30 oz. cans)                  Cans of vegetables (15 oz. cans)                  Boxes of Macaroni and Cheese</p>
<p><b>5<sup>th</sup> Grade</b></p>	<p>Cans of sweet potatoes/yams (23-29 oz. cans)                  Cans of meat/main dish (beef stew, chili) 15-24 oz. cans                  Large cans of fruit (20-30 oz. cans)                  Cans of vegetables (15 oz. cans)                  Boxes of Macaroni and Cheese</p>

## Library Media Center

- Mrs. Schnirel, Library Media Specialist

Fourth and fifth graders started off the year with the Digital Citizenship units. They have learned internet safety and proper netiquette. Students focused on media balance and how to use technology in positive ways. The common sense media curriculum is a nationally certified award winning curriculum since 2015.

A letter went out to all fourth and fifth grade students to join the Black-Eyed Susan reading team. This program started in October for fourth and fifth graders and will lead into the Battle of the Book team members. Battle of the Books meets Monday mornings in the library.

Third graders are creating Public Service Announcements for the BCPS Acceptable Use Policy (AUP) for technology. These videos are located in the students' private account on Voice Thread. Ask your son or daughter to show you the video they created on Voice Thread.

Second graders are looking at digital resources on the BCPS database as well as evaluating websites. They use a set of criteria to determine how and when the resource is appropriate for second grade research. Students are moving into Library Destiny database which stores and showcases all of our 10,000 library media resources. At the end of December, ask your son or daughter to show you the review that they wrote in the library Destiny database.

First graders are learning how to visualize while reading. We have read David Shannon's book, [A BAD Case of Stripes](#), and are moving onto poetry, and non-fiction books to practice creating pictures in our heads while listening to the author's words. The students are strengthening their minds and practicing early reading strategies. Kindergarten students are starting a unit on "Awesome Authors", which features, Eric Carle, Mo Williams, and Melanie Watt. We discuss the author's words and illustrator's photos in each one of these awesome books. The students are so excited to pick out their own library books and read them in the comfortable library chairs and bean bags.

All students come to the library once a week. Please help your child by making sure he/she has their library books to return. Books can also be returned in the morning or exchanged for new material from 9:00- 9:15 AM.

If you are interested in helping to check in books in the library click on the Sign up Genius <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050e4ba4aa2ea31-library>

Sign up for one morning a month or every Thursday. Checking in books starts around 9:30 and ends around 10:00. Thank you to all the continued support of our library. Special thanks to Ms. Zipin, Ms. Rusen, and Ms. Goldsmith for all their work for the book fair. Over forty books were donated to the library for everyone to enjoy. Check out [www.destiny.bcps.org](http://www.destiny.bcps.org) to see the new books added.

