

# Falcon's Eye View



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## Highlights In This Issue...

- **Helping Hands**
- **Turkey Trot**
- **Kindness Week**
- **Parent/Teacher Conferences**

## Thank You, Lib's Grill!

The staff sends a great big thank you to Lib's Grill in Maple Lawn for donating enough baked potatoes to provide a baked potato bar for the entire staff to honor our paraeducators, student assistants and temporary employees on National Education Support Professionals Day.

## From the Media Center:

Thank you for your tremendous support of the book fair! We truly appreciate all the volunteers who assisted, as well as the families who made purchases in support of our school library program. We are lucky to be part of this community!

## From the Cultural Appreciation Committee

Check out Fulton's front hallway! All of Kindergarten's Cultural Casas have been hung up and look great! Thank you to everyone who helped to take down the Staff Casas and hang up the Kindergarten Casas. If you are interested in helping in the future, take a look at the Sign-Up Genius below. Thanks in advance!  
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080a48afad2aa1f58-cultural>

## Important Dates

November 19-20	Early Dismissal at 12:55 p.m. Parent Teacher Conferences
November 20	Turkey Trot, All Grades
November 21-25	Thanksgiving Holiday – Schools Closed
November 26	Schools Open
November 27	Picture Retake Day
December 10	2 <sup>nd</sup> Gr. Toby's Theater
December 12	Winter Chorus Concert, 6:30 p.m.
December 13	PTA Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Media Ctr.
December 14	Young Authors Entries Due
December 19	Interim Reports Issued
December 19&20	1 <sup>st</sup> Gr. Robinson Nature Center
December 20	2 <sup>nd</sup> Gr. Gingerbread Houses, 1:45 p.m.
December 21	1 <sup>st</sup> Gr. Gingerbread Houses, 9:30 a.m.
	December 24-January 1, Winter Break
January 2	Schools Reopen

## Young Authors' Contest

All 2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade students are welcome to participate in the Young Authors' Contest. Students can write a short story or poem and enter it into the contest. Entries are due on December 14<sup>th</sup>. Winners will be chosen at the school, county and state level. If your child is interested in participating, please let their homeroom teacher know and details will be sent home. We are so excited to read all the Fulton entries!

## Native American Heritage Month Blurb

Eweenitu! That is a Native American Greeting from the Nanticoke Tribe. As a school, we have been enjoying learning a new Native American greeting each week and a new dance each Friday! Every grade has also been participating in engaging Native American activities throughout the month. Check out what we have been doing below!

**Kindergarten:** We had so much fun creating dreamcatchers this week! Thank you to the parents who helped prepare the materials we needed for the dreamcatchers and who joined us in making them on Tuesday! In our classes we have been learning more about Native American Culture through read-alouds, legends, and fun facts.

**1st grade:** First graders will be celebrating Native American Heritage month in many ways. Students will be listening to read alouds and viewing stories via multi-media to learn more about Native American history and culture. Students will also be creating a quilt to honor Native American quilting traditions.

**2nd grade:** Team Two has been learning all about Native Americans. We have been learning fun facts, greetings, dances and more! Ask your child to share.

**3rd grade:** Third grade will be reading many read alouds related to Native American Heritage Month including stories about folktales and traditions. We will be looking at different clothes they wore and activities they did for fun. Students have also been exposed to greetings and dances of this culture.

**4th grade:** 4th grade looked at and discussed an online exhibit from the Smithsonian's Museum of the American Indian.

**5th grade:** Students will incorporate their Native American study to what they have learned about Loyalists and Patriots. Teachers will pose their students with the question, which side did some Native American's side with - the Loyalists or Patriots? Students will apply what they have learned so far about colonists who remained loyal to Britain or those who joined the Patriot cause during the American Revolutionary War when answering this question. In this way, the 5th grade students will authentically make a connection with Native Americans and their Social Studies curriculum.



## Fulton's 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Turkey Trot

### General Information

Fulton's 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Turkey Trot will be held on TUESDAY, November 20<sup>th</sup> for ALL grades K-5 (schedule below!)

The students will take part in a **run** around a designated course. The emphasis of the Turkey Trot is for our students to demonstrate to the community the importance of having a strong and healthy heart. Upon finishing the run, each child will receive a certificate with a number on it. The points on each certificate will be random. The certificates will be added up by class and this total number will go towards the class's final Turkey Trot score. No matter when a student finishes the Turkey Trot course, he/she will still be contributing to their class score!

The event is also a **food drive**. This part of the Turkey Trot will show the community that Fulton students not only know the importance of having healthy hearts, but also giving hearts! We are asking that students bring in non-perishable food items to the box in their classroom. Each item donated will earn **five (5) points** to the class's score. One class in each grade with the highest Turkey Trot score (the total of points accumulated from the run and food drive, divided by the number of students in the class) will receive the **Turkey Trot Award!** Also, again this year we will have a **GRAND PRIZE** (donated by the PTA!) The one class in the entire school with the highest Turkey Trot score will receive the Grand Prize, a class party at *Pump It Up!!*

### Turkey Trot Schedule

Time	TUESDAY Nov 20 <sup>th</sup>
9:45 – 10:15	Grade 3
10:15-10:45	Grade 4
10:45-11:15	Grade 5
11:15 – 11:45	Grade K
11:45-12:15	Grade 1
12:15-12:45	Grade 2

### Food Drive Details

We are collecting food for our Turkey Trot Food Drive, which will take place from November 1<sup>st</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup>. Please help support our event by donating non-perishable food today! All of the donated food will go to LARS (Laurel Advocacy and Referral Services) located in Laurel, MD. *The food will be picked-up on Tuesday, November 20<sup>th</sup>*

### Volunteers Needed!

We are in need of volunteers for the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Turkey Trot! The event will take place on Tuesday, November 20<sup>th</sup> from 9:45am-12:45pm. There will be a volunteer orientation at 9:30am on Tuesday. If you would like to volunteer to help, please click the link below to sign-up:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4AA9AB2BA6FD0-fultons6>

If you have any questions, please contact Katie Howell at [kaitlin\\_howell@hcpss.org](mailto:kaitlin_howell@hcpss.org) or 410-880-5957.

### PTA News

Check out the latest PTA newsletter at:

<http://www.fespta.org/>



Each year, Fulton assists several of our families in need during the holiday season. This year, we are reaching out to our generous and giving community to ensure that ALL of our families have happy holidays. If you are able and willing to contribute, we would be so grateful.

Here's how you can help!

During parent teacher conferences on **November 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>**, "hands" with gift ideas will be posted on the wall by the front entrance. Mrs. Shields will be there to assist you in collecting your information. These "hands" will include the age, gender, and idea for a gift. We are asking for gifts to be dropped off, **UNWRAPPED**, with the "hand" attached to the gift by **Friday, December 7<sup>th</sup>**.

We appreciate your kindness and compassion this holiday season!

Please contact the School Counselors, Beth Shields or Jessica Wilson, with any questions.



### 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade News

It was great to see so many of you during American Education Week. We hope you enjoyed your visit! If you haven't done so already, please send in your child's permission slip and \$15 for the upcoming Toby's Theater Field Trip. We are all excited to see Charlotte's Web come to life! Kindness Week sure brought about many acts of kindness. Team Two thinks kindness rocks!



Congratulations to **Deethya Bhumireddy!** Her artwork is on display at the Non-Profit Collaborative of Howard County. We are very proud of you!



## The Kinder Scoop

Kindergarten began our second quarter Social Studies unit this week called "It's a Busy World". The students will be learning about goods, services, human resources, natural resources, and technology! We also had a blast creating dreamcatchers with families this week to help celebrate Native American Heritage Month. We look forward to seeing many of you next week during Parent-Teacher Conferences!



### Kindness week and Classroom lesson updates:

Thank you to staff and students for participating in our Kindness Week activities! The event was dedicated to creating a culture of kindness and community. Counseling lessons this month were as follows:

**Kindergarten** students listened to the story *Howard B. Wigglebottom Learns to Listen*. We discussed how it is important to be a good listener and ways to be a good listener. The students practiced a chant using their eyes, ears, hands, feet, mouth, and mind to help them remember how to be a good listener.

**First graders** listened to *Heartprints* and created their own impressions left behind by a deliberate act of kindness to be shared for Kindness Week.

**Second grade** classes created an alphabet kindness book. Each student within the class was assigned a letter of the alphabet, wrote a sentence, and drew a picture describing a random act of kindness.

**Third grade** students watched a Kindness Boomerang video titled "One Day" and practiced giving compliments to one another.

**Fourth grade** read and discussed the story *Mr. Peabody's Apples*. We discussed the power of our words, gossip, and how powerful words can be used when solving conflicts. We practiced giving and receiving compliments and the students wrote a compliment to a classmate on a paper feather.

**Fifth grade** students watched Kid President's *How to Change the World*, participated in creating hands for our school-wide Helping Hands for the Holidays initiative or created pictures and sayings using sidewalk chalk.

### Community News and Programs

Please follow this link to see what's going on in your neighborhood. Visit the HCPSS website for announcements of upcoming events and programs sponsored by non-profit organizations or follow this link

<http://www.hcpss.org/community-news-and-programs/>