

Falcon's Eye View



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From the Principal, Mrs. Lewandowski...

Dear Parents,

November 12-16 is American Education Week for public schools across the nation. Our Fulton Elementary students and staff welcome our families to visit and to join students in the classroom. Please be aware that use of cell phones is not permitted during school hours and that pictures and videos are not permitted due to privacy matters. We are so excited to welcome you to our great school. *Come see - in action - all of the wonderful things your children are learning in school. We hope you can make it and look forward to your visit!*

Our schedule is as follows:

Kindergarten: Tuesday, November 13th from 2:00-3:00 p.m.

Grade 1: Thursday, November 15th at 11:00 a.m.

Grade 2: Monday, November 12th from 11:30-12:30 p.m.

Grade 3: Monday, November 12th, 2:30 - 3:15 p.m.

Grade 4 Tuesday, November 13th from 2:15-3:30 p.m.

Grade 5: Monday, November 12th, 11:00 - 11:45 a.m.

Additionally, the school system calendar allows for teachers in grades K-5 to schedule conferences on November 19, 20, 21. We encourage you take this opportunity to talk with your child's teacher about progress made during this quarter of the school year. This window of time is a special period as staff and parents discuss the hopes and dreams that you hold for your child. As parents, you know your child best and can offer such a helpful perspective to the team here at school! In preparation for the conference, I encourage you to review your child's report card to note strengths and to determine if there are areas that you have questions. Writing questions in advance helps to support the process as time can be spent in rich discussion.

We thank you for always being a wonderful partner in your child's education.

Warm regards,

Sharon Lewandowski

Important Dates

November 5	End of Marking Period School Wide Celebration – Crazy Hat/Hair Day
November 6	General Election Day – Schools Closed
November 7	Professional Work Day Schools Closed for Students
November 12-16	American Education Week Kindness Week
November 13	PTA Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Media Ctr.
November 14	Chick Fil A PTA Spirit Day Report Cards Issued
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 nd Gr. Toby's Theater
December 12	Winter Chorus Concert, 6:30 p.m.
December 13	PTA Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Media Ctr.
December 19	Interim Reports Issued
December 19&20	1 st Gr. Robinson Nature Center
December 20	2 nd Gr. Gingerbread Houses, 1:45 p.m.
December 21	1 st Gr. Gingerbread Houses, 9:30 a.m.
	December 24-January 1, Winter Break

From the Cultural Appreciation Committee

Bezon! Did you know that "Bezon" is a Native American greeting from the Shawnee Tribe? November is Native American Heritage Month! During this month we will be teaching the students a new Native American greeting each week. The greetings will come from tribes that lived locally in Maryland!

From HCPSS Transportation Office - Maple Lawn South

At our PTA meeting on October 25th, we reported that our students who live in Maple Lawn South would be walkers by November 15th. We have been informed that this **will not** occur until sometime in the spring. We will notify you of this change when the HCPSS transportation office notifies us that this will take place.

Parent Teacher Conference Scheduling

Parents you will be able to start scheduling conferences on Monday, November 5th at 9:00 a.m. The scheduling window will close on Wednesday, November 14th at midnight. Please log into your HCPSS Connect account to set up the conference.

A Great Big Thank You To...

All of our wonderful volunteers for helping us with our fun Halloween parades!



Fulton's 9th Annual Turkey Trot

General Information

Fulton's 9th Annual Turkey Trot will be held on TUESDAY, November 20th 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 th
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 1st - 20th. 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 20th*

Volunteers Needed!

We are in need of volunteers for the 9th Annual Turkey Trot! The event will take place on Tuesday, November 20th 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 or 410-880-5957.

Chess Champions

Congratulations to Surya Sunkara in Mrs. Geyer's second grade class and Colin McCarthy in Mrs. Gainer-Lee's fifth grade class for winning a trophy for placing in 8th place in the Halloween Gambit chess tournament representing Fulton Elementary. The trophy is being displayed in the front office.



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 19th and 20th**, "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 7th**.

We appreciate your kindness and compassion this holiday season!

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



Freddie the Falcon made it to the top of the mountain! Fulton Elementary will be having a School-wide Celebration on Monday, November 5th with a Crazy Hat/Crazy Hair day. Great work Fulton friends remembering to be Respectful, Responsible, and Ready!

From the School Counselors...

Executive function and self-regulation skills are the mental processes that enable us to plan, focus attention, and remember instructions. Adults can facilitate this development by establishing routines and modeling social behavior. As children mature, they can exercise their growing executive function skills through social connection, creative play, learning to cope with stress, and through opportunities to have more direction over their own actions with decreasing adult supervision. Have patience with school-aged children who seem like a teenager one minute and a toddler the next – it's all part of growing up!



The Kinder Scoop

Kindergarteners had a blast during our Fall Party this week! They enjoyed socializing with friends while eating a special snack. We also learned the 8th Habit of Happy Kids, "Find your voice". The students have been demonstrating this by using their voice to talk to friends when they are having a problem. We are wrapping up our Science Unit this week with an engaging engineering activity! Ask your child about it!

3rd Grade News

Mrs. O'Brien's class total for Socktober is 211 pairs of socks! We exceeded our goal of 200! Thank you to all who helped collect and donate socks for the needy! The socks will be donated to the Eastside Family Emergency Shelter in Baltimore, MD.

2nd Grade News

Team Two would like to thank all the parents who made our annual Pumpkin Day such a success! We could not have done it without all the pumpkin donations and the great pumpkin carving leaders. Our kiddos worked well estimating, measuring, designing, and carving.

They created AMAZING Jack O'Lanterns! We look forward to seeing you during the upcoming American Education Week. Be on the lookout for an invitation! #teamtworocks

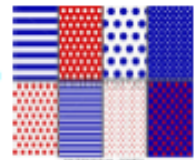
Fulton will be participating in a Kindness Week during the week of November 12th. This event is dedicated to creating a culture of kindness and we are asking students to wear the following for a spirit week:



Monday 11/12 – Kicking off Kindness (mismatch socks and/or shoes)

What might it feel like to walk a mile in someone's shoes?
Think before you act! How might someone else feel about what you are saying and doing?

Tuesday 11/13 – Make Kindness a Pattern (polka dots, stripes, etc.)
*World Kindness Day



Wednesday 11/14 – Dreaming of Kindness (pajamas or comfy clothes)

Thursday 11/15 - Kindness | Ssendnik (wear everything backwards)

Remember you can't go backwards in time! Be careful about what you say! You can't take it back!



Friday 11/16 - Kindness Counts! (team sports jerseys, number graphics)

