

# Falcon's Eye View



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## Safety First!

The safety of our students, staff and community is our first priority. Please use the crosswalks when coming into the school. Crossing the street outside of the crosswalks is **EXTREMELY** dangerous.

## From the Cultural Appreciation Committee

Jambo! That's "Hello" in Swahili! This is the new greeting we will be teaching the students during the month of February. This month is also African American History Month. Classes will be creating posters celebrating the major contributions of African Americans. The posters will be hung throughout our hallways for all to see! Feel free to check them out when visiting the school throughout the month of February!



It's yearbook time! Order your 2018/2019 Fulton Elementary Yearbook today, online orders only. To order, simply go to [www.strawbridge.net](http://www.strawbridge.net) code 11270 and choose between hard cover (\$26) and soft cover (\$20). Don't miss out, order today. Order deadline is February 8, 2019.



Fulton Elementary now has email accounts for absences and afternoon dismissal changes. When reporting your child's absence, please email the teacher **and** front office. If your child has a change in afternoon transportation, please email the teacher and the front office. We strongly encourage you to continue sending written notes for absences and transportation changes so our substitutes will be aware.

Absences: [FESAbsence@hcpss.org](mailto:FESAbsence@hcpss.org)

Afternoon Transportation: [FESPMTrans@hcpss.org](mailto:FESPMTrans@hcpss.org)

## Important Dates

### February

13	Wellness Wednesday
14	Parent/Teacher Conferences <b>Dismissal at 12:55 p.m.</b> Valentine's Day Snack
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18	President's Day – <b>Schools Closed</b>
20	PTA Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Media Center
22	Class Pictures and 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Panoramic Picture
27	Pink T-Shirt Day

### March

6	Interim Reports Issued
8	International Night, 6:30 p.m.
11-15	Kindergarten & New First Grader Registration
13	Wellness Wednesday
28	PTA Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Media Center

## Young Artists Work on Display

We are extremely proud of our talented 2<sup>nd</sup> grade artists whose works were selected to represent Fulton Elementary School in the Howard County Public School System 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Art Showcase. There is an Artist's Reception on February 12, 2019 at the Board of Education art gallery. The works will be on display through April 11, 2019. Congratulations to our great artists: Emily Hung, Adeline Schiffmacher, Mery Darge and Alex Wang.

Congratulations to Celeste Martin, in Mrs. Dewees' 4<sup>th</sup> grade class, the winner of the January Box Top Contest. Celeste collected 150 Box Tops! Way to go, Celeste!



## PTA News

Check out the latest PTA newsletter at:

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

## NEWS FROM THE HEALTH ROOM

**The flu season is now in full swing in Maryland.** There have been many cases of it. Sometimes it is hard to tell the difference between the flu and a cold. Besides getting a flu shot (it is not too late), precaution is the way to go with both. The "T Zone", is that area on your face: eyes, nose, and mouth where cold and flu viruses can enter. Please encourage your family to not touch the face, washed hands with soap and water often, drink plenty of fluids, eat healthy, get plenty of rest, and fresh air.

If your child has a **fever, actively vomiting** and **actively having diarrhea**, please keep home until fully recovered. We recommend for a fever (over 100 degrees) for your child to stay home 24 hours after no fever without fever medication. In regards to vomiting and diarrhea, keep your child home until able to eat normally again. If you suspect the flu, see or call your doctor for proper diagnosis and medication can be prescribed to lessen the effects.

If your child was **injured**, please notify the health room staff and if your child needs an assistive device, such as crutches, please provide a note from the doctor with activity restrictions. Why, you ask? The physical education teachers need documentation for any activity restrictions and an emergency evacuation plan may need to be written. If you are not sure, please contact the health room at 410-880-5966 or email [laura\\_ruiz@hcpss.org](mailto:laura_ruiz@hcpss.org) or [kathleen\\_wurstner@hcpss.org](mailto:kathleen_wurstner@hcpss.org). Thank you.

**MRS. WURSTNER AND MRS. RUIZ**



## The Kinder Scoop

Happy Third Quarter! February is African American History Month. The Kindergarten team will be learning about several influential African Americans, including Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Barack Obama, Ruby Bridges, and Rosa Parks. Classes will be making posters to display in the hallways. This aligns to our third quarter Social Studies unit, "My Country 'Tis of Thee." We will also be learning about US symbols, those who have shaped our country, and how the country has changed over time. We are looking forward to Math conferences next week!

### A Special Announcement From The Media Center

We are hosting a visit from a local author! On April 3rd, Hena Khan, author of *Amina's Voice* and several other picture books and middle grade novels will be speaking to all grade levels. More info coming soon!



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

If you haven't heard the big news yet, Team Two is learning cursive writing. The students are loving it! Earlier this week, information about our upcoming Valentine Book Exchange came home with your child. Please make sure you take a look at the book exchange flyer for more information. As always, thank you for supporting our team. #bookexchange #cursiverocks

## Learning Together Program – Three Year Old Program

The Gorman Crossing Regional Early Childhood Center (RECC) preschool programs are making preparations for classes for the 2019-2020 school year. These classes include children with and without disabilities. The program's focus is helping all children develop communication, literacy, math, problem solving, motor, and social skills. Parents of children who will be 3 years of age by September 1, 2019. Classes meet 10 hours a week (2 ½ hours a day) on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. There are morning and afternoon sessions. The cost is \$180 a month.

Parents may pick up an application packet in the front office at Gorman Crossing Elementary beginning on February 15th. **Please note that we are only accepting three year olds this year (Born between 9/2/15-9/1/16).**

All applications must be returned by March 29, 2019. A limited number of openings are available for children without disabilities. Children are selected based upon screening information given on the application form and the "Ages and Stages Questionnaire," as well as observations of the child's participation in a playgroup. If necessary, a lottery process is conducted.

If you have any questions, please email Rae Ann Kaylie [rae\\_kaylie@hcpss.org](mailto:rae_kaylie@hcpss.org).



Hello FES Community! Pink Shirt Day is coming soon to FES!! Pink Shirt Day is an anti-bullying initiative that began a few years back in Nova Scotia when a boy was bullied for wearing a pink shirt to school. Two other boys who witnessed the bullying organized the first Pink Shirt Day in support of the bullied student. Everyone they knew came to school wearing pink to show that they take a stand against bullying. We will be celebrating Pink Shirt Day by wearing pink on Wednesday, February 27!!

#### February Lessons:

K- The students listened to the story "The Pout-Pout Fish and the Bully-Bully Shark". We discussed what bullying is and what it looks like. We also discussed ways to prevent bullying and what to do if bullying occurs. The students made a pink t-shirt in honor of Pink T-Shirt Day which Fulton will be taking part in on February 27th!

- 1- Students in the first grade learned that post-it notes, chocolate cookies, and the slinky were all created from someone making a mistake. Mistakes can be discoveries! Students then read Beautiful Oops and created their own art masterpieces. We can overcome mistakes by being positive and finding something good that can come from our own mistakes.
- 2- Students read a story called "The Dot." It demonstrates how effort and persistence positively affects learning. Students had the opportunity to make their own dot. This idea promotes a growth mindset which is the belief that hard work will increase potential and intelligence.
- 3- Students read "The Girl Who Never Made Mistakes." This story helps us understand the importance of learning from mistakes and having fun in the process. Students reviewed what a growth mindset entails by making bookmarks that promote having a growth mindset.
- 4- The students listened to the story "The Juice Box Bully". We discussed what bullying is and what it looks like. We also discussed ways to prevent bullying and what to do if bullying occurs. The students made a pink t-shirt in honor of Pink T-Shirt Day which Fulton will be taking part in on February 27th!
- 5- Fifth grade students created skits showing the respectful and responsible thing to do in a given situation with examples and non-examples. The themes were on accepting responsibility, taking ownership of actions, having a growth mindset, and showing kindness.

We appreciate all the positive support and positive parenting to help our students reach their full potential! The following websites are some great resources: [www.loveandlogic.com](http://www.loveandlogic.com)  
[www.pbisworld.com](http://www.pbisworld.com)  
[www.childreussuccessfoundation.com](http://www.childreussuccessfoundation.com)



**Are You Interested in Being a Career Day Presenter?**

**Date: Friday, April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

Would you like to.....

Inform elementary students about interesting and different careers?

Inspire kids to be on a career track?

Provide kids with the knowledge of the skills needed to prepare for a certain career?

If so, then download the form,

fill out the information below, and return it to Beth Shields or Jessica Wilson  
by Friday, March 8<sup>th</sup>.

Questions? Send to Elizabeth\_Shields@hopss.org and Jessica\_Wilson@hopss.org

**Career Day Speaker Information**

Name of Presenter: \_\_\_\_\_

Child(ren)'s Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone #: \_\_\_\_\_

*Check all that apply:*

*Grade level and time of your interest\*:*

Kindergarten (11:35-12:35): \_\_\_\_\_

1<sup>st</sup> Grade (9:45-11:15): \_\_\_\_\_

2<sup>nd</sup> Grade (11:00-12:30): \_\_\_\_\_

3<sup>rd</sup> Grade (2:15-3:40): \_\_\_\_\_

4<sup>th</sup> Grade (2:15-3:40): \_\_\_\_\_

5<sup>th</sup> Grade: (2:05-3:35): \_\_\_\_\_



*\*Each Presenter will present multiple times. Returning presenters will be placed with different students.*

**Type of Presentation:**

*Please bring hand-outs or items to share with students.*

Hands-On Activity: \_\_\_\_\_

Technology Presentation: \_\_\_\_\_ Technology Needed: \_\_\_\_\_



Come and discover the customs, foods, and cultures of  
Asia, Africa, Europe, South America (and more!) at  
**International Night 2019**



## **Fulton Elementary**

**Friday, March 8th, 2019 from 6:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.**

*Snow date: April 5th, 2019*

*2019 Theme: How geography is reflected in your culture, clothing and food.*



### **International Night is coming to Fulton Elementary in March!**

This is a wonderful event for our students to celebrate the diversity of our school – where we're from, where we've lived or visited, as well as places that simply interest us. The evening starts with a parade of your children representing the country of their choice. Then we tour displays on countries and sample foods from around the world. We also watch performances together, and the kids do a number of fun crafts.

But the world is a big place so we need your help to make the event a huge success!

**If you are interested in participating- please fill out the form at**

<https://goo.gl/forms/AwmRcURAuoxTYdFj1> by **January 31st, 2019**

For more information, please contact co-chairs Sara Tewolde and Gregory Rhoden  
at [fultoninternational@gmail.com](mailto:fultoninternational@gmail.com)

### **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/>