



# Falcon's Eye View

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- Complete Family File
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- Pets on School Property

Dear Fulton Families,

We have had an amazing first week of school and we hope that your students have shared all the wonderful experiences they have had this week. We were thrilled to have Delegate Atterbeary, Board of Education Member, Bess Altwerger and Performance Officer, Jason McCoy join us to welcome our students for the first day of school. This week we spent a great deal of time building classroom community, organizing our supplies and setting expectations as a classroom. All important and exciting things

It is going to be a great year!

The Fulton Admin Team

Celebrate National Hispanic Heritage Month with us, September 15 through October 15!

## Emergency Drills

Throughout the year we will be conducting various types of emergency drills for our students and staff. Our students and staff will be informed prior to all drills and teachers will prepare students in developmentally appropriate ways for each drill. Our first building evacuation drill took place this week. This is a time for us all to learn and refine our responses to emergency situations.

## Important Dates

September 10	Rosh Hashanah, Schools Closed
September 12	PTA Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Media Ctr.
September 19	Yom Kippur, Schools Closed
September 24	Back to School Night, 6:30 p.m. Grades Kdg, 1st & 2nd
September 25	Back to School Night, 6:30 p.m. Grades 3rd, 4th & 5th
September 28	Picture Day (Individual)
October 1	1 <sup>st</sup> Gr. Cedar Lane Greenhouse 10:00 a.m. (Bezy/Ritter)
October 2	1 <sup>st</sup> Gr. Cedar Lane Greenhouse 10:00 a.m. (Prather/Coletta)
October 3	Professional Work Day Dismissal at 12:55 p.m.
October 4	1 <sup>st</sup> Gr. Cedar Lane Greenhouse 10:00 a.m. (Stamper)
October 5	1 <sup>st</sup> Gr. Cedar Lane Greenhouse 10:00 a.m. (Kirby/Xia)
October 9	Interim Reports Issued
October 19	Professional Work Day Schools Closed for Students
October 25	PTA Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Media Ctr.

## Family File – Emergency Contact Information

Thank you to all the families who have completed their Family File. All families must update this in [HCPSS Connect](#) each school year. Please check the accuracy for ALL sections of the Family File including address, phone numbers, email addresses, emergency contacts, and emergency dismissal procedures and HIT SUBMIT after each section. This is the most important part of the back to school process!

## Absences

Students are to bring in a note after an absence from school. Please include first and last name, reason for the absences, date of absence, and parent signature.

Students are also permitted 3 discretionary absence days a year for family trips, vacations, or other events not associated with the school. You can find the [Extended or Discretionary Absence form here.](#)



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**Phone and E-mail Contact** - if you have a question that does not require an urgent response, you may call the school to leave a message for your child's teacher, send a note to the teacher, or e-mail the teacher (all e-mail addresses are posted on our school web site) - staff will respond within 48 hours of receipt of your message. If you have an urgent matter, such as change in dismissal procedure or a family crisis situation, please call the school directly rather than sending an e-mail as this will assure that the information is passed to appropriate staff in a timely manner.

This year, all grades at Fulton ES are using a program called **Caring School Community** to help us create an environment where each student feels safe, accepted, encouraged, and happy. The students will also participate in Community Meetings which are discussions to help them get to know each other, solve problems, and become caring, responsible members of the classroom community.

## No Dogs Permitted on School Property

As much as we enjoy seeing family dogs at arrival and dismissal, all HCPSS schools are expected to adhere to the following policy:

*Animals in schools or offices, leashed or not, present safety, environmental, and liability issues. Students and staff may be exposed to potential physical hazards, such as bites, and/or allergy related health problems. As a result, animals are prohibited within HCPSS buildings. Animals are also prohibited on school system property during arrival, dismissal, recess or other HCPSS sponsored outdoor activities. Service animals or service animals in training per MD Annotated Code Section 7-705 (Service Animals) and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) as well as animals approved for instructional purposes are exempt from this prohibition. Parents who bring dogs on their walks to school must wait for students off school property. We want to ensure the safety of our students as they arrive and leave school. Thank you for adhering to this policy.*

**Joining Us for Lunch**  
We warmly welcome parents to eat lunch with their children. As a reminder, during the school year, younger siblings are not permitted for lunch in the cafeteria.  
Due to space constraints and overlapping lunch shifts, we ask that parents do not do not eat lunch with their children on early dismissal days.

## G/T Testing – Fourth and Fifth Grade Students **NEW** to Howard County

The Howard County Public School System is currently in the process of identifying students new to Howard County Public Schools for possible placement in the G/T Mathematics Program, which involves a rigorous math class where students work on standards 1-2 years above grade level. If you have a child new to the Howard County Public School System whom you wish to have tested as part of the G/T placement process, please submit your request in writing to the Resource Teachers by Tuesday, September 11th.

If you have any questions, please feel free to email Marie Davis and Wendy Kanter, G/T Resource Teachers, at [marie\\_davis@hcpss.org](mailto:marie_davis@hcpss.org) and [wendy\\_kanter@hcpss.org](mailto:wendy_kanter@hcpss.org).

**Registration for band and orchestra** is now open! Please see [www.mrtwiggmusic.weebly.com](http://www.mrtwiggmusic.weebly.com) to sign your child up. Contact Mr. Twigg at [richard\\_twigg@hcpss.org](mailto:richard_twigg@hcpss.org) with questions.

**Team Two** is off to a great start! We have had so much fun getting to know each other. We look forward to an AWESOME year of learning!



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The **BULLY BUSTERS** team is dedicated to help students increase their awareness, knowledge base, and intervention skills to attack the root causes of bullying behaviors and to deal with the problem confidently. This year, our team members are: Maria Brickley, School Psychologist, Beth Shields, School Counselor, Jessica Wilson, Part-time School Counselor, Kaylee Weitz, School Psychologist Intern, and Tracey Jones, School Counselor Intern. We will be doing lots of fun and empowering activities, including lunch bunches and individual and group lessons. We are all VERY excited about supporting our friends at Fulton and making our school a safe, friendly, and fun place to be!

## Early Dismissal

We realize that every once in a while you may need to pick your child up early from school. We are asking parents that need to pick up their child(ren) early to do so before 3:30 p.m. Our staff needs to focus on ensuring students are dismissed safely. Thank you for your cooperation in helping us have a safe and orderly dismissal at the end of the day.

## From the Media Center

We are looking for a few people to assist with shelving books in the media center. Contact Liz Cerand ([liz\\_cerand@hcpss.org](mailto:liz_cerand@hcpss.org)) or Maggie Fischer ([margaret\\_fischer@hcpss.org](mailto:margaret_fischer@hcpss.org)) to volunteer. Thank you!

## PTA News

All are welcome! New parents and returning families. Whether this is your first meeting and you are simply curious or if you have already thought about ways to get involved, please join us for the first PTA meeting of the 2018-2019 school year!

DATE - Wednesday, September 12th  
TIME - 7:00-8:00 p.m. (PTA meeting)  
LOCATION - FES media center

Immediately following- we will Kick off our PTA Committee Chair and Co-chair Meeting  
8:00-8:30 p.m.

We hope to see you there!

## Breakfast Is Available

The HCPSS Food and Nutrition Office supplies breakfast to any student who wishes to purchase breakfast. The cost is \$2.00. Breakfast is available in the cafeteria from 9:15 to 9:30 a.m. Students eat the breakfast in their classrooms. You can view the menu at [www.hcpss.org](http://www.hcpss.org)

## From the PE Dept:

**All students in grades K – 5 are required to wear sneakers for Physical Education (PE) class.** Children should not wear boots, slippers, backless shoes (including backless sneakers), shoes with heels, flip-flops or sandals to PE class because of the safety concern. **To ensure your students' participation in PE class, it may be a good idea to pack extra sneakers on PE days.** Also, please remember that your child should wear clothes appropriate for movement. Wearing skirts, dresses, baggy clothes or loose jewelry can be dangerous and uncomfortable. **Thank you for your understanding that learning in a safe environment is our top priority.**

In case of student injury or illness, parents/guardians will need to adhere to the following physical education guidelines to ensure your child's health and safety. Please send the following documentation to the Health Room:

1. **Write a note** indicating the reason your child needs to be excused from the physical activity portion of PE class for **1-3 consecutive days** (i.e. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday).
2. Provide a **physician's note** for more **than 3 consecutive days**.
3. Provide a **physician's note** when **returning** from a **long-term illness or injury**.