

Student Hours:
9:15 a.m. First Bell
Students Admitted to Building
9:25 a.m. Late Bell
Students Marked Tardy If Arriving After Bell
3:55 p.m. Dismissal



A Wild West Book Fair –Saddle Up and Read

is coming to Fulton!! Our annual BOOK FAIR is scheduled to begin on Nov. 30th and run through Dec. 8th. We will be open from 10:00 to 4:00 every day with extended hours on Thursday, Dec. 7th from 5-8 pm. We are in need of volunteers to help make this a successful event. Please visit

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d4daeab2da1f85-book>

to sign up to volunteer. For more information about the Book Fair and online shopping visit

<http://bookfairs.scholastic.com/homepage/fulton>

Thanks for your support!!
The Media Staff

Dates To Know:

December 4-8	Book Fair
6	Kindergarten, Library Trip (Little, Green, Ranker)
7	1st Gr. Robinson Nature Ctr. Trip Kindergarten, Library Trip (Watts/James)
	Book Fair Night, 5:00 to 8:00 p.m.
13	Kindergarten, Library Trip (Pinion/Callanan)
	Winter Chorus Concert, 7:00 p.m.
14	2nd Gr. Toby's Theatre Trip
18	Kindergarten, Toby's Theatre Trip
19	PTA Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Media Center
20	Interim Reports Issued

December 23, 2017 through January 1, 2018

January 2 Staff and Students Return

Vision and Hearing Screening

Vision and Hearing screenings will be held at Fulton Elementary on January 17, 2018. Re-screening's will be held on January 29. Kindergarten and First Grade will be screened in addition to any new student's to the state of Maryland.

Please see the Health Room if you are able to volunteer in the morning and assist with escorting student's to and from screenings. Four volunteers will help this run smoothly for our student's. Please call the health room at 410-880-5966.

THANK YOU!!

Label Student Belongings!

Please label your child's belongings before sending them to school. Many students have the same lunch bags, coats, etc. We also have a large collection of lost and found items with no names. Without names, we are unable to find the owners. Thank you.

Student Absence Notes

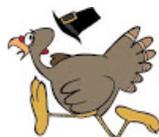
The school must receive a note from the parent or physician explaining the absence/tardiness of a student within two school days of the student's return or the absence/tardiness will be unlawful/unexcused.

COMMUNITY SURVEY

Hello Fulton Families,
The Equity and Inclusion Professional Learning Community (PLC) at the school would like your input regarding how we communicate with families, ways to get families involved in school activities or events and strategies used to support our students. Our goal is to receive feedback from 100% of our families.

Please click on the link below to complete the anonymous survey. We value your input and look forward to seeing you at parent conferences!

<https://goo.gl/forms/pSNQ73dO5Cjx9cY12>



THE TURKEY TROT AND THE FOOD DRIVE WAS A HUGE SUCCESS!

Thank you to everyone that helped make Fulton's 8th Annual Turkey Trot a great event!! A HUGE "Thank You" goes out to all the volunteers, you made the Turkey Trot a wonderful experience for our students! Congratulations to all the students and staff at Fulton for donating **6,358** items of food to the Laurel Advocacy and Referral Services, also known as LARS. This is the most food we have ever donated, way to go Fulton!! You really showed our community that the students here at Fulton have giving hearts!

Congratulations goes to the following classes for winning the 2017 Turkey Trot award:

- 5th Grade – Mrs. Barnes' class
- 4th Grade – Ms. Tallman's class
- 3rd Grade – Mrs. Selock's class
- 2nd Grade – Mrs. Whittington's class
- 1st Grade – Mrs. Kirby's class
- Kinder. – Mrs. Little's class

Also, congratulations to the following students for finishing in first or second place in the Turkey Trot run:

Grade 5:	Girls	Boys
	1 st Place – Maria Polizos	Jaylen Bennett
	2 nd Place – Hallie Robitaille	Alex Lee
Grade 4:		
	1 st Place – Giada Moni	Nick Cram
	2 nd Place – Faye Polizos & Sarah Moore	Will Grace
Grade 3:		
	1 st Place – Kate Felsen	Ronan Gunning
	2 nd Place – Caitlin Diel	Jacob Bloor
Grade 2:		
	1 st Place – Janelle Laughner	Zachary Lee
	2 nd Place – Ashley Nguyen	Michael Drummond
Grade 1:		
	1 st Place – Aurelia Fuentes	Noah Schwab
	2 nd Place – Leah Yhim	Zach Lindheimer
Kindergarten:		
	1 st Place – Cara Warren	Micah Ko
	2 nd Place – Sadie Sentman	Nicholas Robb

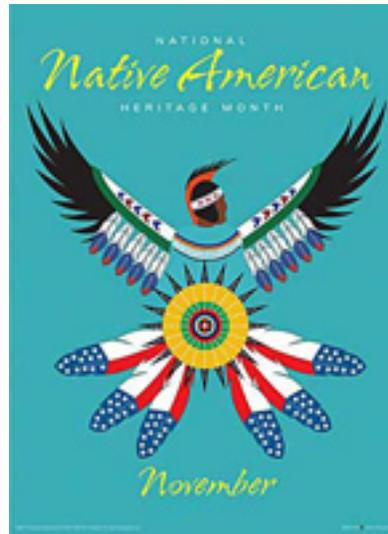
Finally, a special "Congratulations" goes to Mrs. Little's Kindergarten class for earning the most points for the Turkey Trot and Food Drive! Mrs. Little's class donated over 670 items of food to LARS and won the GRAND PRIZE, a class party at Pump It Up, donated to us by the PTA!

Thank you once again for all your donations, help and support with the 8th annual Turkey Trot and Food Drive. The amount of food donated this year was absolutely amazing and it does not happen without the hard work of so many students, staff and families!

Thank you,
Fulton's Physical Education Department



During the month of November, the **Kindergarten** students have been busy learning about Native Americans. As part of our culminating activity, we created dream catchers to be displayed in the hall!"



First Grade celebrated Native American Heritage Month by creating "quilts". Many Native Americans use quilts in traditional ceremonies and design their quilts to tell stories of their community. With this in mind, each student designed their own unique square by drawing symbols, shapes, etc. that represented them or their community. That square was then repeated to create their quilt pattern. The students then wrote about what their quilt represented and why it was meaningful to them.

During Native American Heritage month, **third grade** completed multiple activities to learn about Native American heritage and culture. One activity was a read-aloud of the book Encounter by Jane Yolen that students used to identify traits for different characters with text support. We also explored the history of the Navajo Code Talkers in class, and students used a Navajo code to create and decode secret messages. Third grade loved doing the various activities to learn more about Native American culture!

Second grade honored Native American Heritage Month by learning about the Algonquin tribe and exploring hieroglyphics. Every student was given a copy of different Native American symbols and asked to create their own story using pictures to express their thoughts instead of words. Upon completing their stories, students had the opportunity to share their stories with another student.

In combination with our Social Studies Unit on the American Revolution, Native American History Month, and American Education Week, **5th graders** discussed the impact Native Americans had during the American Revolution. Students learned, shared, and debated about how Cornplanter, war chief of the Seneca Nation and Polly Cooper, woman of the Oneida Nation, were on opposite sides of the Patriots versus Loyalists debate.

For National Native American Heritage month, the **fourth grade** examined how quilts and quilting activities strengthen and unite Native communities. To unite our fourth grade community, we created a grade level quilt by having each student complete a patch of the quilt by decorating it with symbols and pictures to represent their family. We put all of the students' patches together to create an entire grade level quilt.

2nd Grade News

Thank you to all of our parents who joined us for the Mayflower Challenge. Everyone had a ball using the Engineering Design Process (EDP). Our upcoming field trip to Toby's is sure to be a hit. Please make sure your child's permission slip and fee are turned in by December 4th. On December 21st, we will be having our annual Gingerbread STEM Day from 1:45-2:30. If you would like to help out, touch base with your classroom parent. Team Two has so much to look forward to in the next few weeks!



From the BULLY BUSTERS-

The counselors, Beth Shields and Lisa Bach, went into the classrooms and delivered Counseling Lessons for the month of November/December. Kindergarteners read the story *The Kindness Quilt*. We talked about why it is important to be kind and how we can be kind in school and at home. First grade students read *Personal Space Camp*. Students demonstrated an appropriate amount of space to use while sitting in class, standing in line and they will learn how much space their body takes up. Second graders learned the difference between put ups and put downs. Put ups are kind words that we say to one another and put downs are unkind words. This concept was demonstrated by crumbling a large red heart and showing how the put downs leave an imprint. Students then listened to *Stephanie's Ponytail*, which highlights positive self-esteem. Third grade's theme was honesty and trustworthiness. Students listened to the story *The Empty Pot*. Students brainstormed why it's important to be honest, even when telling the truth is hard. The students in fourth grade discussed what it means to be trustworthy and created Wordles and their own skits. Some examples of displaying honesty are not lying, cheating, or stealing. Honest people are dependable and keep their promises. This month the 5th grade students watched a video called *Unsung Hero*. The video focuses on paying it forward and how acts of kindness go a long way. Students were able to discuss the importance of being kind and how it is important to reach out to others who need support. Students were able to share their experiences about helping others and they were able to discuss how they felt about helping others.



We are asking for gifts to be returned, UNWRAPPED, with the "hand" attached to the gift by Friday, December 8th. You may drop them off to the front office or with your student to be given to Beth Shields, School Counselor.

Attention writers in in Grades 2 - 5! The Young Author's Contest is here.

Write a poem &/or short story. All entries must be original work and use 12 point font in Times New Roman or Comic Sans. Short story entry may range from a minimum of 300 words to no more than 800 words. Poem entry will consist of a single poem, any style, from a minimum of 25 words to no more than 150 words. Entries must not include graphics. Each entry must include a completed cover sheet. Save the WORD document of your entry. School winners will need to submit this and an electronic cover sheet to the county level contest. Please submit your entries to your classroom teacher by **DECEMBER 4th**. See your teacher or contact Mrs. Williams (carolyn_williams@hcpss.org) if you have any questions.

From The Health Room

Parents, please send all health related information to the health room. This includes the following:
Any information about new injuries requiring a student to miss PE or recess.
Any student in a cast, boot or any appliance.
Notes that request you be called if your child comes to the health room
Increased use of asthma medication other than as needed, please include the student's last dose given.
All Dr.'s notes related to taking vital signs or requests of health room staff.

Sending information directly to the health room staff will ensure that we receive it and can meet your student's needs.

Please send to both mary_stein@hcpss.org and kathleen_wurstner@hcpss.org

HOURLY
OF
CODE

Next week students will be participating in our 4th annual Hour of Code events. This event gives students an introduction to computer science. Students will be participating in coding opportunities throughout the week in their classroom and Technology. We encourage families to participate in some Hour of Code activities at home by visiting Code.org. Next week ask your child about how to log in to Hour of Code, so you can complete some activities at home together.

Keep Current

Please keep your information updated in your HCPSS Family File Account, especially phone numbers and email accounts. This is the information that would be used to communicate to the community in case of an emergency.

Please visit the **Community News and Programs** page at <https://www.hcpss.org/community-news-and-programs/> for announcements of upcoming events and programs sponsored by non-profit organizations.

Volunteer Training

Dear Parents and Guardians,

In order to volunteer in the school or chaperone field trips you must complete the training required by the Howard County Public School System. There are 2 PowerPoint presentations that you must view. After viewing you will need to print out and complete certificates for each presentation.

Once the training certificates are completed and signed, they should be returned to your child's homeroom teacher. These certificates are kept on file throughout the school year and must be completed each new school year. Teachers must BOTH certificates on file to allow parents, guardians or other family members to volunteer in any capacity.

Below are the links to both trainings.

Child Abuse and Neglect Training:

PowerPoint:

http://www.hcpss.org/f/employees/childabuse_ppt.pdf

Certificate:

http://www.hcpss.org/f/parents/abuse_certificate.pdf

Confidentiality Training:

PowerPoint: <http://www.hcpss.org/f/parents/parent-volunteer-confidentiality-training.pdf>

Certificate: <http://www.hcpss.org/f/parents/parent-volunteer-confidentiality-certificate.pdf>

We are so grateful to be in a community that shows such great interest in helping out at Fulton Elementary. We look forward to working with our volunteers this school year.