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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

Dear Families,

As the winter break approaches, we would like to wish you all a safe and joyous vacation. It is a pleasure to work with your children each day and watch them grow in so many wonderful ways! We wish you a slower pace with time to spend with family and friends. May 2018 bring happiness and good health to you and yours!

Warmly,
Sharon Lewandowski, Principal

Dates To Know:

December	18	Kindergarten, Toby's Theatre Trip
	19	PTA Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Media Center
	20	Interim Reports Issued
	21	Kdg. Gingerbread Houses, 1:30 p.m.
	22	1st Gr. Gingerbread Houses, 9:30 a.m.

December 23, 2017 through January 1, 2018

January	2	Staff and Students Return
	9	Spelling Bee, 2:00 p.m.
	10	Winter Instrumental Concert, 6:30 p.m.
	15	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (Schools and Offices Closed)
	16	PTA Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Media Center
	17	Hearing and Vision Screenings
	25	Club and 5th GR Panoramic Photos
	26	End of Marking Period (All Schools close 3 hours early)
	29	2nd Gr. Library Program

Friendly Reminders:

In general, students participate in outside recess when the temperature combined with the wind chill is not less than 20 degrees Fahrenheit. Having hats, gloves, and coats assures students have the opportunity to be comfortable as they engage in physical activities and get fresh air.

We kindly request that you write your child's last name on the inside tag of his/her coat. This will help ensure that the coat will get returned to your child if it is found in the school, on the bus, or in the lost and found. **Please do not drop students off prior to 9:15 a.m.** as they do not enter the building until then.

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!!

Congratulations to our very own Mrs. Burks! Mrs. Burks just finished her doctorate degree at George Washington University! We will now call her Dr. Burks! We are so proud of her great accomplishments!

In times of emergencies/school closings, information will be shared with the community through the following:

- The school system's homepage, www.hcpss.org
- HCPSS News email and text message alerts
- Twitter - @hcpss
- Facebook – Howard County School System
- HCPSS Cable TV Comcast95 (Verizon 42

UGLY SWEATER DAY

We are excited to celebrate that Freddie has reached the TOP of the MOUNTAIN and ALL OF US are looking forward to our-School Wide celebration on **Friday December 22nd!** For our celebration, we are encouraging all teachers and students to sport their very fashionable ugly holiday sweaters! Fun and laughter will be shared by all!

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Career Day

Fulton Elementary will be hosting career day this year on **Thursday March 29, 2018**. We are in the process of looking for parents and volunteers to come present about their wonderful careers to our students! If you would like to present, please contact our School Counselors Beth Shields or Lisa Bach so that we can add you to our presenter list!

Helping Hands

THANK YOU!!

Thank you to all families who helped our Fulton Community with Helping Hands. We greatly appreciate your generosity during the winter season! We know that our families are very appreciative of the support!

HOUR OF CODE

Next week students will be participating in our 5th 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.

2nd Grade News

Team Two's field trip to Toby's was a huge success! Thanks to all of our fabulous chaperones for being a part of our special day. Next Thursday is our Gingerbread Stem Activity and we are so excited. If you are coming in to assist with the fun, please arrive by 1:45 pm in your child's classroom. Thanks to all who have sent in supplies for our project. If you have not sent your item(s) in yet, please do so by next Wednesday.

Holiday Book Exchange

Dear Fifth Grade Families,

We are so excited to announce that we will be having a Fifth Grade Holiday Book Exchange on Friday, December 22nd! We would love for your child to go through his/her books and find one that is gently used. All you have to do is wrap it in a gift bag or wrapping paper. Then have your child make a gift tag that includes the genre/topic. That way the children can choose a book of their interest. Please have your child sign his/her name on the gift tag.

'Tis the season to have a giving heart!

Thank you for supporting this new tradition!

Regards,
Fifth Grade Teachers

PLEASE SEND IN THE WRAPPED BOOK BY DECEMBER 20TH!!!

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.

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A Wild West Book Fair –Saddle Up and Read

Thank you for a spectacular Book Fair! Over $3,000.00 was raised that will be used to purchase additional iPads for student use.

Happy Reading!

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 heath 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

Congratulations to all the participants and winners of the 2017-2018 Young Authors Contest!!

Here are the winners:
2nd Grade Short Story- Zayna Faisal
2nd Grade Poem- Kennedy Pecker

3rd Grade Short Story- Aaron Blam

4th Grade Short Story- Jayen Tolia

5th Grade Poem- Isabelle Magyar

The winners will have their story or poem go on to compete at the Howard County level competition. Way to go and good luck!

Tomorrow, I'll be announcing the winners on the tv morning news and giving them a notebook and pencil. Homeroom teachers, please feel free to tell them in advance that they'll be needed on the tv morning news so that they can be ready. The students will still have to submit their writing and cover sheet electronically so that it can be passed along to the Howard County level. Their parents have been emailed.

A HUGE thank you goes out to all who helped me judge the entries. Time is valuable, so your help is greatly appreciated. Danielle Jackson, Laura Valente, Diana Geyer, & Marie Davis.

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.

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.