

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

Middle School Orientation

Hammond Middle School
 January 22, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. at Hammond Middle School
 Lime Kiln Middle School
 January 23, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. at Lime Kiln Middle School

Remembering Dr. King

In commemoration of Dr. King's birthday and his legacy, students at Fulton Elementary have been learning about his life and his contributions to civil rights. **Kindergarten** students will be learning about the difference Dr. King made in so many people's lives and will write about changes they hope to see. In celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day **first grade** will be reading and listening to biographical and informational texts about Dr. King's life and his vision. Additionally, students will be writing about how they can carry on his mission of peace and unity through the creation of their own dream posters. **Second grade** will be reading various texts describing the life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Students will then write their own "I Have a Dream Speech". They will also work on a flipbook that focuses on Dr. King's famous quotes, facts, and visions. The week will culminate with students watching an informational feature on Martin Luther King Jr., "Martin." Throughout January, **third graders** are studying biographies of important figures. Teachers will be helping to introduce the biographical elements of determination, accomplishments, challenges, obstacles, and perseverance by studying Martin Luther King, Jr. together as a class. Students will be reading and watching materials about him and his legacy. **Fourth grade** students will be reading a biography of Dr. King and using the information to complete an organizer highlighting his works and accomplishments. In February, students will be studying his "I Have A Dream" speech as part of the poetry unit. In conjunction with our Edward Tulane reading unit and studying character, **5th graders** will research facts about Martin Luther King Jr. and analyze his character in order to create a Wordle.

Dates To Know:

January	15	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (Schools and Offices Closed)
	16	PTA Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Media Center
	17	Hearing and Vision Screenings
	18	Cultural Arts Assembly, Grades 4&5
	22	Hammond Middle School Orientation, 6:00 p.m. at Hammond MS
	23	Lime Kiln Middle School Orientation, 6:30 p.m. at Lime Kiln MS
	25	Club and 5th GR Panoramic Photos
	26	End of Marking Period (All Schools close 3 hours early)
	29	2nd Gr. Library Program
February	5	Report Cards Issued
	12-16	Kindness Week
	12	Cultural Arts Assembly, Grades 2&3
	15	Class Pictures
	16	Professional Learning Day (Schools closed for students)
	19	President's Day, (School & Offices closed.) <i>May be used as snow make-up day.</i>
	20	PTA Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Media Center

Dear Fulton Families,

There is no school on Monday, January 16th so that we can commemorate Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and celebrate his legacy. Dr. King brought hope and leadership to America and today, continues to inspire us. On this day, we commemorate Dr. King's great dream of a vibrant, multiracial nation united in justice, peace and solidarity. No other day on our calendar brings so many people from diverse backgrounds together in such unity and spirit! The holiday provides us a rich opportunity for education. Our students have participated and will continue to participate in learning activities about Dr. King, his legacy and his Dream for our nation. Our school commitment is to create an inclusive and equitable school environment where every human being is valued and respected. We will continue to teach our students the values that Dr. King inspires in us and open our hearts to love and kindness for all.

Warm regards,
 Sharon Lewandowski
 Principal
 Fulton ES

A great big thank you to the girls of Daisy Troop #1992 for the ALL the Girl Scout cookies you gave the staff. We loved them! It was so kind and thoughtful.

Congratulations to the Fulton Elementary

students who were recognized by **The Council of Elders of the Black Community of Howard County** in partnership with the **Howard County Public School System** for their outstanding academic success in mathematics, language arts and in the MSA Science Assessment (5th grade students).

This year's Celebration of Academic Achievement will honor students who are currently in grades 4-9 and have achieved one or more of the following levels of academic success during the 2016-2017 school year:

- Received a grade of "A" or "B" for Mathematics in each of the four marking periods
- Received a grade of "A" or "B" for Language Arts in each of the four marking periods
- Scored Advanced on the Maryland School Assessment (MSA) for Science (5th grade only).

These students were recognized at a Celebration of Academic Achievement on Tuesday, January 10, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. at Hammond High School. The Fulton community is so very proud of what these students have accomplished! Be sure to congratulate them when you see them!

Christian Abernathy
Nina Amani-Dove
Thomas Aseged
Jaylen Bennett
Dylan Clarke
Milkey Ezra
Lulna Ghirmai
Brooke Jackson
Alexander Lee
Mathias Makonnen
Gabriella Morais
Olivia Onyenorah
Lena Washington

Ayden Alexander
Kevin Applewhite
Ava Bailey
Sarah Choe
Jewel Crocker
Alicia Feher
Haley Hunt
Habibatu Koroma
Kai Lewis
Kevin Mogire
Sirak Nephtalem
Lauren Tompkins
Matthew Williams



Please welcome the newest members of the Fulton family. Reading Specialist, Carolyn Williams, had a daughter, Emily Adele on Friday the 22nd at 11:11 p.m. She weighed 7 lbs. 4 oz, and was 20.5 inches long. The family is doing well and adjusting to life as a family of four.

Third grade teacher, Jillian O'Brien had a baby girl, Maxine who was born at 1:14 a.m. on January 11, 2018 weighing 7lb. 14oz. Charlie O'Brien is delighted to be the Big Sister. Congratulations and best wishes to the

Keep Your Family File Updated!

Parents and Guardians, please review the information entered in your Family File information regarding unplanned early dismissal procedures. The students' safety is our highest priority. We need the correct information to ensure the safety of the children.

Thank you.

Reminders 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**.



From the Bully Busters!

Every day is a great day at Fulton Elementary School! The Bully Busters support the staff and students with ensuring that every student feels safe and happy. We celebrate our SOARING students each week and they proudly wear blue FALCONS SOAR bracelets.

January counseling lessons

First grade students 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. Second graders read Enemy Pie and created recipes for turning enemies into friends. Some examples are finding something in common, respecting other students, and showing you care. Both third and fourth grade students reviewed one of the 3R's, RESPECT. Students were placed into teams and decided if an example showed respect or not. After the holiday break is a time when students need a few extra reminders of our school rules.

Kindergarten:

This month students will be working on how to be a better listener in the classroom and outside of the classroom. Students will listen to the story "Howard B. Wigglebottom Learns to Listen" and will actively engage in follow up questions. Students will learn a listening chant that they can utilize in and out of the classroom.

Fifth Grade:

Students will be working on enhancing their growth mindset skills. Students will learn the difference between their growth mindset and their fixed mindset. Students will listen to the story "Bubble Gum Brain" and will be able to differentiate between growth mindset and fixed mindset. It is our goal to have students use a positive mindset always!

Here are some of the highlights from the counseling lessons for the month of January.
Career Day forms were also sent out which is very exciting!

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!

2nd Grade News

Freezin's Greetings! It's the season for germs. Fortunately, grade 2 has been learning how to prevent germs from spreading. Just ask your child to share what he/she knows about good hygiene. Be on the lookout for Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. activities!

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.

The Falcon Gazette

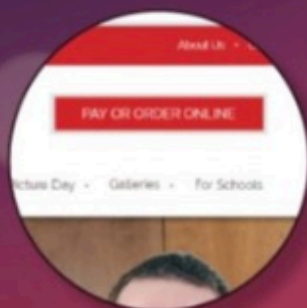
Falcon Gazette Participants...If there is a 2 hour delay any Wednesdays in January, February, or March, we will still have the Falcon Gazette but please arrive at 10:45 am. If there is no school on any Wednesdays, then the Falcon Gazette is cancelled.

Order Your Yearbook Online

To order online, go to www.strawbridge.net and follow these four easy steps.

1.

Click on the 'Pay or Order Online' button.



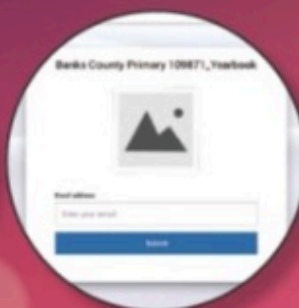
2.

Enter your Online Code or find your school. Select 'Yearbook' for your program type.



3.

Enter your email and click on 'Submit'.



4.

Select your product and click on 'Checkout'.



Fulton Elementary

2017-2018 Yearbook

Soft Cover Book **\$20**

Hard Cover Book **\$26**

Deadline for Ordering Feb. 9, 2018

Online Code: 112070

All yearbook orders are shipped in bulk and will be distributed by your school.

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.

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.

Please 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.

Please visit the
Community News and Programs
page at

<https://www.hepss.org/community-news-and-programs/> for
announcements of upcoming
events and programs sponsored by
non-profit organizations.

Thank You

The Equity and Inclusion PLC would like to thank the families who completed the Family Engagement Survey. We truly appreciate your input and value the feedback! This information will be very useful as we continue to work on ways to better support the entire FES community and make improvements in the communication between home and school.