

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



African-Americans Black History Month

February is African American History Month!

During the month of February, students will be learning about and participating in activities that will teach them about the major contributions that African Americans have made in the fields of science, music, art, technology and sports throughout American history. Students at each grade level will be creating posters to display around the school in commemoration of Black History Month. We will share with you more about our activities over the month of February. Be on the lookout for our posters when visiting Fulton.

Coming soon to a library near you! The Makerspace Olympics!!

What is a makerspace?

*"A Makerspace is a metaphor for a **unique learning environment** that encourages **tinkering, play and open-ended exploration** for all" ~Laura Fleming, author of [Worlds of Making](#)*

"A makerspace is a place where students can gather to create, invent, tinker, explore and discover using a variety of tools and materials." --Diana Rendina

During the month of February, students in grades 1-5 will have the opportunity to solve open-ended challenges by using many different tools, such as brain flakes, qubits, tumble tracks, blu tracks, and iPads. The nature of the challenges gives students the chance to use their creativity to discover different ways to solve a problem. Each challenge relates to the Olympics, but the makerspace is not a competition. Rather, makerspaces foster collaboration, creativity, problem-solving, and persistence. Our students are going to love the Makerspace Olympics! Follow us on Facebook (Fulton ES Library) for updates!

Dates To Know:

January	29	2nd Gr. Library Program Hearing and Vision Screening
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.)
	20	PTA Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Media Center
	26-3/2	Employee Appreciation Week
March	5-9	Kindergarten and New First Grade Student Registration Begins
	7	Interim Reports Issued
	9	International Night, 6:30 p.m.
	13	5th Grade Parent Puberty Ed. Info. Night
	14	4th Grade London Town Field Trip (Desetti, Lee, Ruffing)
	15	4th Grade London Town Field Trip (Jackson, Otte, Tallman)
	20	PTA Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Media Center
	23	International Night Rain Date, 6:30 p.m.
	30 -4/8	Spring Break
April	4,5 & 6	May be used as Make-Up Days

Annual Youth Day In Annapolis

The annual Youth Day in Annapolis on February 10 is designed to teach students about the power of civic engagement and how the government works. Students will take a tour of the house and senate buildings and get the opportunity to vote on and prepare mock bills. There will also be a mini college fair. This is not a school-sponsored activity, but we wanted to advertise this opportunity to our community. The attached flier has additional details regarding the Youth Day. For more information please go to this website:

https://blackcaucusmd.org/evrplus_registration/?action=evrplusegister&event_id=9

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!

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.

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.

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.

2nd Grade News

Did you know that your child has a Reservoir High School pen-pal? We are so happy to announce that we have partnered with Mrs. Rita Park, a science teacher at RHS & a FES parent, and all of her students. Ask your child about their special friend. This is a win-win because we have tied our pen pal correspondence to our letter writing standards. To celebrate African-American History month, team two will be researching athletes and creating informative posters. These posters will be hung throughout the school. Second graders are accomplishing greatness each and every day!

County Resources for Families re: Cribs and Car Seats:

If you or someone you know is in need of a car seat or crib please click on the links below to apply for financial assistance.

[Howard County Car Seat Assistance Program](#)

[Cribs for Kids](#)

[Car Seat-Cribs Assistance Referral](#)

Links can be found on Fulton's Website

The Reservoir Theatre Program will be represented at an upcoming **One-Act-Theatre-Festival** performance on **Thursday Feb 1 at 7pm at the Smith Theatre located on the Howard Community College campus.**

The students will be performing two 5-minute one-acts written by our incredible feeder school, **Fulton Elementary School's, 5th grade classroom taught by Mrs. Regina Schaffer.** The plays that will be presented are the following:

Secret of Diamond City (written by 5th grade playwrights Maneet Mehta, Hailey Meadows & Sean Paskill):
Narrator/Stage Directions: Amanda Krog

Jeff: Jordan Hollis

Rory: Funmi Erinle

Xander: Sara Ring

Treasure Hunters (written by 5th grade playwrights Caitlyn Foot, Aditya Patel, and Yewande Akinwande):

Narrator/Stage Directions: Prisila Alfaro

Newt: Ethan Pollock

Jake: Angelo Harrington, II

Bob: Sofia Trueba

Tickets are complimentary but must be picked up in advance. Please see Ms. Binder for details if you are interested. This performance on Feb 1st is an excerpt of a large series of plays written by Mrs. Schaffer's class and performed by the RHS Advanced Theatre program. To see more plays presented by this collaborative team, please feel welcomed to attend the full performance on April 24 @ 7pm, located in the Reservoir auditorium. Thank you! For further details, please contact Theatre teacher Ms. Binder, jessica_binder@hcpss.org. Thank you!



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



International Night



Fulton Elementary

Friday, March 9th, 2018 from 6:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Snow date: March 23, 2018



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 this evening a huge success!

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

<https://goo.gl/forms/cAmycQGgJe7CiYS2> by **February 3, 2018** to help the committee to plan the event.

For more information, please contact co-chairs Deka Nur or Sara Tewolde at fultoninternational@gmail.com



From the Bully Busters!

Hello Fulton Family and Friends!

In the month of February, we are dedicating each week to a special theme to learn and celebrate all the different ways we can be a great friend to one another! We have lots of fun and exciting activities planned for our students and staff, and we cannot wait to see Fulton Elementary School light up with kindness!

Monday, February 5th to Friday, February 9th – It Starts with Hello Week!

Monday, February 12th to Thursday, February 15th – Kindness SPIRIT Week!

Tuesday, February 20th to Friday, February 23rd – You've Got a Friend in Me Week!

Monday, February 26th to Friday March 2nd – Everyone Matters Week!

With kindness,
The Bully Busters!

Fulton will be participating in a Kindness Week during the week of February 12th. This event is dedicated to creating a culture of kindness and we are asking students to wear the following for a spirit week:

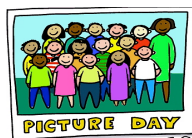
Monday 2/12 - Tied Together by Kindness (wear ties)



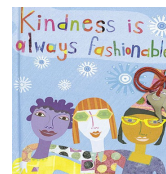
Tuesday 2/13 - Powered by Kindness (favorite superhero)



Wednesday 2/14 - Peace Love & Kindness (hippie or Valentine's Day attire)



Thursday 2/15 - Kindness is Classy! (class pictures)

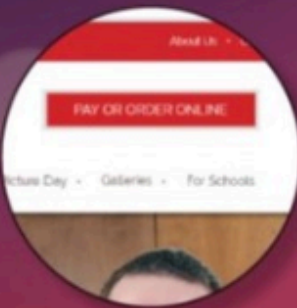


Order Your Yearbook Online

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

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Click on the 'Pay or Order Online' button.



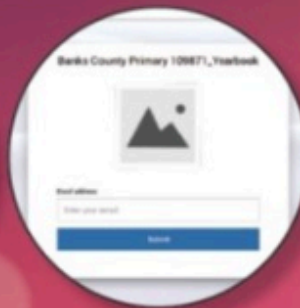
2.

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.

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.

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.

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**.

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.