

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

Students arriving after the 9:25 a.m. bell must be accompanied to the office by their parent/guardian to sign in the student.

Dates To Know:

October	17	PTA Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Media Center
	20	Professional Work Day, Schools Closed for Students
	26	4th Gr. Art Trip to Smithsonian
	27	2nd Gr. Pumpkin Day
	31	Halloween
November	10	End of 1st Marking Period, Schools Close 3 hours early
	13-17	American Education Week
	14	PTA Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Media Center
	16	Picture Retakes
	17	Report Cards Issued
	20 & 21	Parent/Teacher Conferences/ Schools Close 3 hours early
	22 - 26	Thanksgiving Holiday
	30 - 12/8	Book Fair

Hispanic Heritage Month at FES!

To celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month (September 15th – October 15th), students and staff have engaged in various activities throughout the school. On our morning TV news, staff members and students presented famous Hispanic figures, shared Spanish phrases (greetings and goodbyes), learned about Hispanic artists, listened to a drum circle and watched a Mexican song game. Thank you to all who contributed to teaching us about these traditions and enriching our knowledge about the Hispanic culture!

Visitors in the Building

We recognize that some of our students request that their parents walk them into school in the mornings. Please remember to check in with the front office and sign in before walking into the hallways. Every visitor needs to check into the front office and obtain a badge. We appreciate your attention and cooperation!

Accompanist Needed!



The Fulton Fourth and Fifth Grade Choruses are in need of an accompanist for their winter and spring concerts. If you or someone you know is a skilled pianist and may be able to volunteer their time, please email Ms. Kershner at rachel_kershner@hcpss.org.

Fulton Elementary Wins Award!

Mary L. Gable, Assistant State Superintendent for Maryland Schools, has awarded a Gold Award for the 2016-2017 school year to Fulton Elementary for excellence in implementation of Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports. We are so proud of our staff for making this award possible!

Halloween News

Please check your email for information regarding Fulton's Halloween activities. The emails will include an explanation of the school's expectation for costumes, snacks and other important information; a map of the parade route with spectator areas clearly marked; the permission slip if your child will be participating in the alternate activity.

Everyone attending the Halloween parade **MUST** sign in at the table clearly marked on the map **before** proceeding to the spectator area. Thank you for your cooperation!



All 5th grade classes have learned about the Battle of the Books! Information went home in last week's Friday Folders.

This exciting partnership with the Howard County Public Library and Howard County Public Schools promotes reading, teamwork, vocabulary and good sportsmanship.

Teams of five students and one adult coach each read the same 13 pre-determined books. Selected by HCLS instructors and HCPSS media specialists, titles include a wide range of reading levels and subjects. Thanks to generous sponsors, all teams receive a set of books. In addition, copies of each year's titles are available for borrowing at the Howard County Library System.

There are informational meetings offered on **October 17, 2017** and **October 19, 2017** at 7pm at HCLS Miller Branch. The Media staff can also answer any questions you might have. If you are interested in coaching a team please contact Mrs. Cerand or Mrs. Fischer so they can support your enrollment in this great program.

More information can be found by visiting.
<http://hclibrary.org/a-students-teachers/battle-of-the-books/>

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-](http://www.hcpss.org/f/parents/parent-volunteer-confidentiality-training.pdf)

[volunteer-confidentiality-training.pdf](http://www.hcpss.org/f/parents/parent-volunteer-confidentiality-training.pdf)

Certificate: [http://www.hcpss.org/f/parents/parent-](http://www.hcpss.org/f/parents/parent-volunteer-confidentiality-certificate.pdf)

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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.

2nd Grade News

Has your child come home talking about the habits? We have already learned five out of the eight Habits of Happy Kids. Ask your child about thinking win-win and seeking first to understand, then to be understood! In the next week or so we will be sending out news via email about our annual Pumpkin Day. This year, it will be held on October 27th. We will be looking for about 5 volunteers per class to help with this fun-filled day. Hope to see you there!

The Falcon Gazette

The 4th and 5th grade before school Falcon Gazette will meet on the following days Oct. 18, Oct. 25, Nov. 1, Nov. 8, Nov. 15, Nov. 29, Dec. 6, Dec. 13, and Dec. 20. There will be no meeting on November 22nd. Please have your student meet Mrs. Ciliberti in the front hallway at 8:45 am.

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.