

**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

### 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.

### 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!

### 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.**

### Dates To Know:

October 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

### Parent/Teacher Conferences

Our parent/teacher conferences will be held Monday, Nov. 20 and Tuesday, Nov. 21. Many teachers will hold conferences during those evenings as well. Some teachers may choose to hold meetings on Wednesday, Nov. 22. Once the sign-up process has begun, parents will see the times available. Conferences will be held with homeroom teachers. Information about your child's progress in mathematics will be shared through the homeroom teacher as well. While this is the only formal conference schedule this year, you may always contact your child's teacher to request a parent-teacher conference at any time to discuss your child's progress. To schedule parent/teacher conferences, parents can log onto their "HCPSSConnect" account at the Howard County Public School website: [www.hcpss.org](http://www.hcpss.org). Parents will be able to schedule their conferences **starting November 6th**. You will have access to scheduling or cancelling your appointments until midnight on November 16th. **Parent instructions for scheduling parent/teacher conferences can be found at "HCPSSConnect" under "Guides" at the HCPSS website.**

### Bus Safety Message

As a reminder, it is very important that our students adhere to the following safety practices each morning and afternoon. These safety practices are in place to keep bus riders safe.

1. Make sure that you arrive at your school bus stop at least 5 minutes before the scheduled pick-up time.
2. Never run toward or around a school bus at a bus stop or on school grounds.
3. Never retrieve items that fall under the bus or near the bus wheels.
4. Make sure that vehicles on the roadway are completely stopped before entering or crossing the roadway.
5. Never cross behind a school bus, always cross in front of the bus after the driver has signaled to you to cross.
6. Follow your bus driver's directions; they are there to make sure that you're safe.



## From the BULLY BUSTERS-

Here at Fulton we are focused on making sure that all of our students at Fulton Elementary School feel happy and safe!

The Bully Busters work with all of our students and support them through fun lunch bunches, classroom lessons, as well as small groups focusing on social skills.

We talk about and teach many effective strategies to build all of our student's confidence with dealing with difficult situations including peer conflict and bullying.

One of the strategies that many of our students use is called the DE-BUG strategy.

- D- Ignore
- E- Walk away
- B- Talk/Be Friendly
- U- Talk/Be Firm
- G- Get adult help

Thank you for reinforcing this strategy at home too!  
Sincerely- The Bully Busters

## The Council of Elders Academic Enrichment Fair on November 4

This will be an Academic Enrichment Fair on Saturday, November 4, 2017 at Long Reach High School from 9:00am - 11:15am. This is an opportunity to learn about different enrichment and academic programs available to students. We welcome everyone to attend and look forward to seeing you.

<https://www.facebook.com/thecouncilofelders/>

## 2nd Grade News

Has your child come home talking about synergizing and sharpening the saw? In the last two weeks, we have learned Habits #6 and #7. We know that together is *better* and balance is *best*! Thank you for making our annual Pumpkin Day a huge success! Team 2 could not have done it without the donated pumpkins and our incredible volunteers. Great things happen when we work together!

To help promote cultural awareness, and as a team building activity, second grade had our students decorate a puzzle piece with specific words or pictures that helped describe who they are and what is special/unique about themselves. The teachers even did one, too, and we put them up on our outside bulletin boards with the phrase, "We All Fit In". It has been so much fun learning about everyone's culture and what makes them unique. The students are finding they have things in common with each other, and they are also showing appreciation for their differences. Next time you are in the building, please come down to second grade and check them out!

## 4th Grade News

To create relationships and build a sense of community in our fourth grade classes, we completed identity portraits this quarter. Students interviewed each other and used the interview information to create portraits containing symbols representing the other student's interests, values, beliefs, and identity. Creating the identity portraits gave students an opportunity to get to know each other better and learn about the many aspects of their classmates' lives.

## The Falcon Gazette

The 4th and 5th grade before school Falcon Gazette will meet on the following days 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.

## 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](http://www.hcpss.org/f/employees/childabuse_ppt.pdf)

Certificate:

[http://www.hcpss.org/f/parents/abuse\\_certificate.pdf](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.

## 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](mailto:rachel_kershner@hcpss.org).

## 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](mailto:carolyn_williams@hcpss.org)) if you have any questions.