

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

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

Honoring the accomplishments of women.

During the month of March, the **Kindergarten** students have been working hard during Media to learn about some influential women in history. So far they have learned about Misty Copeland, Malala Yousafzai, Jane Goodall, Sally Ride, and Helen Keller. It has been wonderful to see which women our K students find influential through the pages they have been bringing in for the school-wide book! Happy Women's History Month!

To celebrate Women's History Month, **First Grade** students read books, watched videos and researched various influential women. By the end of the month, students will engage in a classroom activity to "test" their knowledge of these women.

This month **Second Grade** took their classes to the computer lab to research famous women in history. This tied together nicely with the unit on

Dates To Know:

March	26	Career Spirit Week
	29	Career Day
		March 30 to April 3- Spring Break
April	4	Schools Reopen
	12	Jump Rope for Heart
		5th Grade End of Year Meeting, 5:00 p.m.
	13	Early Dismissal, 12:55 p.m.
	16-20	Ecology Week
	16	School Pictures
	17	5th Gr. Newseum Field Trip
	25	Chorus Concert, 7:00 p.m.
	26	Family Fit Night, 6:00 p.m.
	27	1st Gr. Toby's Theatre Field Trip
		3rd Gr. Read Across America
	30	Simulated Congressional Hearings Kickoff
May	7-11	Staff Appreciation Week
	18	Early Dismissal at 12:55 p.m.
	21-22	2nd Gr. Fire House Visit
	22	Middle School Visit
	23	Simulated Congressional Hearings
	24	2nd Gr. Fire House Visit
		Full STEAM Ahead at the Fulton Finery, 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.
	28	Memorial Day, Schools Closed
	31	Field Day
June	1	1st Gr. Author's Showcase, 10:45 a.m.
	6-8	1st Gr. Camping
	6	5th Gr. Kickball Game
	6	Instrumental Concert, 6:30 p.m.
	8	Kindergarten Promotion, 9:30 a.m.
	11	1st Gr. Beach Day
	12	5th Gr. Promotion

Police Patrols at HCPSS Schools

In response to recent events, Howard County police officers are being asked to conduct at least one foot patrol a day at a school (K-12 private and public schools) in their beat. Not every school will receive a visit every day, but Fulton will be visited regularly. Officers are to check in and meet with the school principal/assistant principal upon arrival and walk the interior of the school for familiarization of the school and staff. HCPSS is encouraging officers to try to coordinate their checks at pick up and dismissal if possible and invite officers to have lunch in the cafeteria.

Artists in Residence!

Congratulations to James Trigger, Shelby Granzow and Amanda Wang who are representing Fulton Elementary in the "Drawing for Understanding" at the Howard County Arts Council in Ellicott City.

Fulton's Family Fit Night

Join the Fun – IT'S FREE!!!

Thursday, April 26th 6:00-8:00pm

SAVE THE DATE

Fulton Elementary School's *Wellness Team* and *Fit2Order* is hosting a Fitness Night for families! We will have interactive stations to participate in, which include **Zumba, Karate, Yoga and Boot Camp** as well as a **Dance Party Finale** for kids and a **Parent Nutritional Workshop**. Local health and wellness business will be sharing information, coupons, samples, and even prizes throughout the night! Several **wellness tables** will be set-up for our students and families to learn about the importance of eating healthy and being active! We will also **raffle** off prizes from local businesses at the end of the night!!

Sign-up to Volunteer

For our night to be a success, **we need of volunteers!** Volunteers will help with the wellness tables, check-in/registration table, and we need group leaders to rotate our families from one fitness station to the next.

Please support Fulton by signing up to volunteer!!

www.SignUpGenius.com/go/10C0E4AA9AB2BA6FD0-fultons5



Jump Rope For Heart Is Here!

In connection with the American Heart Association (AHA), students are given the option of raising money for Jump Rope for Heart. Students do NOT need to raise money to take part in our Jump Rope event, which will take place on **Thursday, April 12, 2018**. The AHA envelopes are being sent home with students throughout the week. There are extras for those that need more. *Students do NOT need to return the permission slips to participate in our fund raising event.*

If you and your child discuss this fundraiser and want to raise money, please fill out the main envelope form, collect the money (preferably online), and return the envelope to the PE teachers by **Thursday, April 12th**. It is preferred that money is raised **ONLINE** by visiting <http://www.heart.org/jump> and joining the Fulton Elementary Team! Once again this year, Bonus Prizes will be awarded throughout the fundraiser to the students that raise money online or turn in the *coupon* for the First \$5 Donation to earn "Jax" and a keychain clasp. **If money is raised ONLINE please remember to print the "Donation Report" and include it in with the donation envelope.** The other option is to raise money in the form of **CHECKS** made out to THE AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION. **PLEASE DO NOT SEND CASH.** Don't forget that if your child raises \$50 or more, they'll receive a T-shirt, so please mark your child's T-shirt size on the donation envelope.

Once again, any fundraiser money is due **Thursday, April 12th** the day of our special Jump Rope for Heart event!

The schedule for Jump Rope For Heart on Thursday, April 12th will be:

5th Grade – 9:45-10:45

4th Grade – 10:45-11:45

3rd Grade – 11:45-12:45

Kinder. – 12:45-1:45

1st Grade – 1:45-2:45

2nd Grade – 2:45-3:45

If you have any questions please email Katie Howell at Kaitlin_Howell@hcpss.org

Week 1	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	4/23/2018	4/24/2018	4/25/2018	4/26/2018	4/27/2018
Math	5th	5th	5th	4th	4th

Week 2	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
	4/30/2018	5/1/2018	5/2/2018	5/3/2018
Math	4th	3rd	3rd	3rd

Week 3	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
	5/7/2018	5/8/2018	5/9/2018	5/10/2018
ELA	5th	5th	5th	5th

Week 4	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
	5/14/2018	5/15/2018	5/16/2018	5/17/2018
ELA	3rd	3rd	3rd	3rd

Week 5 Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday

5/21/2018 5/22/2018 5/23/2018 5/24/2018

ELA

4th

4th

4th



Celebrating Irish Heritage Month

In honor of Irish Heritage Month, our school was treated to a presentation all about Ireland, it's traditions and culture from Dr. Ed Grace (father of Mrs. Dorn and grandfather of two FES students). Students learned about the unique musical instruments of Ireland, watched some Irish step dancing, observed the cliffs and lush green of Ireland's land as well as learned how to speak some Irish words. He presented to first grade students and the video of the presentation was made available to the entire school. THANK YOU to Dr. Grace for spending his time with our students and sharing his pride of his Irish Heritage!



March is Irish History Month and our Kindergarten students have enjoyed learning interesting facts about Ireland! Did you know that Ireland has no wild snakes? Did you know the shamrock is one of its national symbols? Our K students do!

PARCC Testing Dates

Parents & Guardians,
Please try not to schedule
appointments for your children on
these testing dates.
Thank you!



From the Bully Busters!

Hello Fulton Family and Friends!

The Bully Busters have some exciting news to share with you! This month our students have done an AMAZING job being Ready, Responsible, and Respectful, and we are so close to reaching the top of our mountain for our next school wide celebration! We want to give a special shout out to our 4th grade students for representing us well at the London Town Field Trip and to our 5th grade students for putting forth A+ effort during MISA Testing!

Here at Fulton Elementary School we make buddies, not bullies! In an effort to ensure our students feel connected to one another, we are including a "Buddy Bench" in our school's playground where students can make new friends and join in on the fun at recess! The Bully Busters will be holding lessons after Spring Break to teach students the "Buddy Bench Rules" as outlined below!

Buddy Bench Rules



If you're sitting on the bench, play with the first classmate who invites you.



While you're sitting on the bench, look around for a game you can join.



Two friends sitting on the bench can turn to each other and invite each other to play.



The bench isn't for socializing. Only sit there if you can't find anyone to play with.



When you see someone on the bench, ask that person to play with you.



Keep playing with your new friends!

2nd Grade News

Team Two has been busy over the last two weeks. We started a unit on biographies. To kick off this unit, we have been learning about inventors and their inventions. Women's History Month is a focus on our team as well. We are all taking the opportunity to go to the computer lab to research famous women and their contributions to our world. Thank you to everyone who sent in boxes of all types and lids to make our Robot STEM Project Day a huge success! Don't forget to send in envelopes for our ongoing Pen Pal Letter Writing with RHS. As always, your support is so appreciated!

Fulton will be participating in a Career Week starting March 23rd. This event is dedicated to showcasing College and Career readiness and we are asking students to wear the following for a spirit week:



Friday 3/23 – College Where? Put on your COLLEGE W!



Monday 3/26 – My Future is so bright, I have to wear my SUNGLASSES!



Tuesday 3/27 – FULTON SPIRIT GEAR, because my future starts here

Wednesday 3/28 – Dress for SUCCESS (Interview Attire)



Thursday 3/29 – Career Day!!! Dress in a Career outfit of YOUR choosing

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Wellness Wednesday is back!

Our third Wellness Wednesday will be on April 11th!

Wellness Wednesday is a special day once a month in which we put an emphasis on being active and eating healthy! On these special days students and staff are encouraged to wear fitness clothes to school, to eat healthy lunches and snacks and to find ways to move throughout the day!

Suggested Fitness Clothes:

Sneakers or tennis shoes
Running or exercise outfits
Athletic clothing
Sports jerseys or t-shirts

Upcoming Wellness Wednesdays:

May 9

June 6

*Upcoming Wellness Wednesdays will include themes and special activities like Walk to School Day, Veggie Wednesday and more!!

Thanks for making Fulton a healthy and active school!

~Fulton's Wellness Team

School Safety at Fulton Elementary School

Dear Fulton Community,
Dr. Martirano held a community forum on school safety and mental health issues. His message reaffirmed the necessity for our security measures to be followed without exception. We encourage you to reference HCPSS resources by visiting:

<http://www.hcpss.org/about-us/safe-schools/>

We want to share with you the procedures we follow when visitors come to Fulton Elementary and actions we have taken.

Visitor Procedures

1. The front door is the **ONLY** entrance point for all visitors.
2. Please ring the buzzer. You will be visible on the security camera.
3. Be prepared to state your name, your child's name and the reason for your visit.
4. All visitors will enter directly into the front office and must present a valid photo ID and sign in on the Lobbyguard kiosk.
5. A visitor's sticker will be printed for visitors following the above procedures.
6. Any visitor at Fulton Elementary without a sticker will be escorted to the front office by a staff member.
7. All visitors must have their visitor sticker visible at all times while in the building.
8. Do not allow other visitors to "piggyback" into the building when you visit. If they do come in behind you, help us by insisting that they go to the front office.
9. When you are in the building, do not open the door for other visitors, even if you know them.

Action Steps

Administration has met with all staff and reviewed these safety procedures, as well as reinforcing the following:

1. No doors should be propped open at any time.
2. Any visitors without a badge should be stopped and escorted to the front office.
3. Increased vigilance during arrival, dismissal and recess,
4. If any staff or community member sees something that may raise a question, they are to call the office immediately.

Please feel free to contact us should you have any questions. In consideration of our staff and students, we thank you for following these procedures for the safety of our entire school community.

Sincerely,

The Fulton Administrative Team

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.

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.

White Report Card/Progress Report Envelopes

Parents and Guardians, if you have not already done so, please return the large white envelope that contained your child's progress report/report card. Thank you.



POSITIVE BEHAVIOR
INTERVENTION AND SUPPORT

At FES, we are committed to teaching our students to be respectful, responsible, and ready while striving for academic and social success.

Our students strive to support others and act responsibly (S.O.A.R.) daily. Every Monday, selected students are acknowledged as our weekly soaring students and receive a bracelet that they can wear to show others that they are great role models.