

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

Celebrating Diversity

May is Asian Pacific American Heritage Month! To celebrate, each classroom will discover different aspects of this culture through student presentations. If you are interested, please check in with your child's homeroom teacher for more information!

Jump Rope For Heart

Jump Rope for Heart was a huge success! Thank you to all of the students, families and friends that raised money for the American Heart Association. Our students had fun and got fit while jumping rope at Jump Rope for Heart!

Fulton Elementary School has raised \$26,795!! This passed our school goal of \$20,000! Way to go Fulton!

A special congratulation goes to our two top fundraisers!

Christian Chaffo – First grade – raised \$1050

Brooks Rudden – First grade – \$1000

Please note: It takes about 4 weeks to receive the remaining thank you gifts from the American Heart Association. When they arrive, the gifts will be sent home with the students as soon as possible. Thank you for your patience! If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Katie Howell at kaitlin_howell@hcpss.org

The PE Department

Who Has the Winning Golden Ticket?

Because we are partnering with SchoolStore, each student has been given a packet with a Golden Ticket number. One student at Fulton Elementary School has a winning Golden Ticket!

Dates To Know:

May	1	5 th Gr. SCH Kick-Off
	3	Kdg. Ho. Co. Conservancy (Green/Pinon/Little)
	7	PTA Cultural Arts Program
	7-11	Staff Appreciation Week
	8	Kdg. Ho. Co. Conservancy (Watts/Callanan/James/Ranker)
		3 rd Gr. Read Across America
	9	Wellness Wednesday
	15	PTA Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Media
	17	Interim Reports Issed
	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.
June	28	Memorial Day, Schools Closed
	31	Field Day
	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	

Fulton's Family Fit Night was a huge success!!

Thank you to all the families, friends and staff that joined in on the fun and *fitness* on Thursday, April 26th at our Family Fit Night!! It was amazing to see so many students and adults participating in the Zumba, Yoga, Karate and Boot Camp stations!! Everyone had a great time learning about healthy eating, "hidden veggies," and the importance of living an active life!

Thank you to the many local businesses that supported our night; Fit2Order, Harris Teeter, Agility Training for kids with Efrain, Goldfish Swim School, Pump It Up, Patient First, Dawn Acupuncture, McAdoodle Consignment, NinjaBE, and ReThink Water! Also, a special thanks to our PTA for their generous support of the Wellness Committee!

Thank you,
Fulton's Wellness Committee

2nd Grade News

Team Two's trip to the Baltimore Zoo was AMAZING. Thank you to all of our awesome chaperones for making the trip run so smoothly. It was great to see our kids' research come alive because many of the students were able to see the animal they have been studying. Ecology week continues on our team. We planted seeds last Thursday and we will be watching them grow over the next few weeks. We also went on a nature walk and tapped into our senses. We encourage all of our students to take a nature walk with their families. What a great way to unplug and enjoy some family time!

4th Grade News

Fourth grade really enjoyed Ecology Week; it went really well. Thank you for sending in food; the students are closely monitoring their fruits and vegetables. We are excited to share that we are beginning to see some changes already; we will continue to monitor them for the next several weeks.

Thanks,
Fourth Grade Team

5th Grade News

Dear 5th Grade Families,

The Simulated Congressional Hearing (SCH) is quickly approaching. The students will learn all about it during our SCH kickoff on Monday, April 30, 2018. We're so excited for your students to have this learning experience and to show off their knowledge about our government.

Regards,
5th Grade Teachers



From the Bully Busters!

The Fulton students' have been working so hard in school and Freddie keeps moving spaces! We are now preparing our students in third through fifth grade to take the PARCC Assessment. We know that all of our students' will work hard and persevere through the assessment. This month, third grade students reviewed test taking and relaxation strategies to prepare for the upcoming PARCC assessments. There are things students can do before coming to school, like getting enough sleep and eating a healthy breakfast. Before and during, students can take deep breaths, squeeze and release their muscles, imagine a calm place, and use positive self talk. While taking an assessment, students can slow down, practice reading the questions carefully and re-reading to ensure they understand what is being asked.

The fifth grade students will be starting Middle School transition lessons and they will continue through May. Currently, we are working on how to open locker locks! The students will have the opportunity to open locks during their classroom guidance lessons. In May, fifth grade will be working on how to adjust to schedule changes and how to transition between classes.



Wellness Wednesday is back!

Our next Wellness Wednesday will be May 9!

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:

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

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	4th

PARCC Testing Dates

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

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



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.

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.

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 revisit 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.