

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

A Great Big Thank You!

Thank you to the following business neighbors who donated gifts to Fulton Elementary staff at the beginning of the school year:
Looney's Pub, Steelfire Grill, Hudson Coastal, Ledo Pizza, Maple Lawn Wine & Spirits, Fulton Wine & Spirits and Johns Hopkins Chick-fil-A. We are so grateful to have such generous business neighbors. Thank you for supporting Fulton Elementary School!

Volunteer Training

All volunteers must complete the HCPSS volunteer training before they may go on field trips or volunteer in the classrooms. There are 2 PowerPoint that must be viewed: Confidentiality and Child Abuse & Neglect. After viewing the training information, you must complete and sign the certificates. Printed copies should be sent to school. The link for the training is:

www.hcpss.org/parents/volunteer-information/

Sign Language Club Forming

Don't forget to sign up for the after school Sign Language Club!

Grades K-2, 4-5:15, starts Oct. 6

Grades 3-5, 4-5:15, starts Oct. 3

410-313-4622 or

scorning@howardcountymd.gov

Dates To Know:

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| September 19 | Back to School Night, 6:30 p.m. |
| | PTA Spirit Day at Kloby's |
| 21 | Schools & Offices Closed for Navratri & Rosh Hashanah |
| 22 | Schools Closed for Students for Professional Learning Day |
| 26 | PTA Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Media Center |
| 28 | Individual Portraits |
| October 4 | Flu Clinic |
| 12 | Interim Reports Issued |
| | PTA "Most Likely to Succeed", 5:45 p.m. |
| 13 | Fall Festival, 6:00 p.m. |
| 17 | PTA Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Media Center |
| 31 | Halloween |

Back to School Night

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| 6:30 p.m. | PTA Meeting & Staff Introduction - Cafeteria |
| 6:50 p.m. | School Administration Welcome - Classrooms |
| 7:05 p.m. | Session 1 Classroom Presentations* |
| 7:40 p.m. | Session 2 Classroom Presentations* |
| 8:30 p.m. | End of Back to School Night |

*Classroom Presentations are the same at both sessions to allow parents with more than one student to attend.

Orchestra and Band

3rd, 4th and 5th grades orchestra and band registration is going on now! Sign up with the links on this site:

www.mrtwiggmusic.weebly.com

Send all questions to richard_twigg@hcpss.org

Let's Sing!

It's time to sign up for Chorus at Fulton Elementary! All fourth and fifth graders have the opportunity to learn and sing great songs and choral repertoire in an ensemble setting. The Fourth Grade Chorus rehearses during recess every Thursday with Mrs. Ormond and the Fifth Grade Chorus rehearses during recess every Thursday with Miss Kershner. Registration forms will be sent home with all fourth and fifth graders in their Friday folders this week. Rehearsals start on **Thursday, September 28**. We hope to see many of your fourth and fifth grade singers there!

Celebrating Who We Are Through Cultural Show & Tell

Building relationships, authentically knowing our students and where they are from or know what is important to them, helps us to better reach them. The Cultural Show & Tell is a way to ensure that our students feel connected to the school. One of the most wonderful aspects about Fulton Elementary School is our rich diversity. It is essential that every student feels that they belong at Fulton Elementary School and understands that their culture is valued. We want to celebrate each student in our school community!

Merriam-Webster defines culture as:

a : the integrated pattern of human knowledge, belief, and behavior that depends upon the capacity for learning and transmitting knowledge to succeeding generations

*b : the customary beliefs, social forms, and material traits of a racial, religious, or social group; also : the characteristic features of everyday existence (such as diversions or a way of life) shared by people in a place or time popular culture
Southern culture*

c : the set of shared attitudes, values, goals, and practices that characterizes an institution or organization a corporate culture focused on the bottom line

*d : the set of values, conventions, or social practices associated with a particular field, activity, or societal characteristic
studying the effect of computers on print culture*

This year all students will take part in sharing an item, photograph, memorabilia, etc. about their **cultural** background, traditions, interests or celebrations with their classmates. This activity will give the students a chance to gain a better understanding of their classmates, appreciate each other's interests along with similarities and differences. This activity will help to build classroom community.

Some examples that students may share are:

If you are a family that loves football like my family, you can share this during your assigned time as part of your culture. I would share that every Sunday my family gets together to watch football, we love to wear our spirit wear all day long. We gather around the TV and we always eat nachos during half time. This is part of my culture and it is a special time that my family shares together.

Another example that I would share is that I was born and raised in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. It is customary that we eat french fries and coleslaw on ham sandwiches. My son loves pizza and he eats pizza at least once a week. This is part of our culture. Families that have lived in Maryland may love to pick and eat crabs. All of these foods may be part of our culture.

Finally, if you are a family that loves soccer and it plays a big role in your life, soccer may be part of your culture. If you are on a soccer team, then you are part of a group and this is part of your culture. This might be something that you share on your assigned Show & Tell day.

The students will participate in this sharing a few minutes a week and it will be done during community/classroom meetings or social studies content time. This activity is aligned to our social studies curriculum and our language arts/reading curriculum and standards. Essentially, students are sharing about themselves and what is important to them. **Note:** Please do not send in food, delicate or breakable items. If your child would like to share these items, please send in a photograph of the item or a recipe for the food.

This school wide activity is a way for each teacher to build a classroom community in which each person is valued for who they are, and it enables us to teach our students that we need to value similarities and differences. We need to accept one another for our thoughts, opinions and beliefs as they may be different. We are not all the same and it is important to lift up, celebrate and learn about each other.

We look forward to learning more about our students and we want each of our students to feel proud of who they are!

Please remember that culture does not need to be tied to a certain country or religious affiliation. Culture is many things. It includes your 'way of life' – how your family celebrates, things you routinely do and values you hold. Below please find some examples of possible Cultural Show and Tell ideas.

Traditions/Holidays:

- Photos from family vacation each summer
- Brochure from church every Sunday
- Kwanzaa candles
- T-shirt from a race routinely run on Thanksgiving Day
- Picture of laying wreaths on Memorial Day

Food (please send in the recipe or a photo rather than the actual food):

- Special birthday cake
- Kugel
- Christmas cookies
- Pizza and movie every Friday night
- Dumplings
- Favorite Thanksgiving food
- Empanada

Dancing:

- The Hora
- Irish Step Dancing
- Bollywood
- Line Dancing
- Hip-hop

Photos:

- Relatives in country of origin/background
- Photos of old antiques or jewelry passed down from generation to generation
- Relative/person you are named after

Clothing:

- Sari
- Hijab
- Baseball uniform (family tradition to play baseball)
- Outfit worn to a special celebration
- Hula skirt

Art & Crafts:

- Chinese lantern
- Dreamcatchers
- Basket weaving
- Knitting
- Needlepoint
- Henna
- Pottery

From the PE Dept:

Parents/Guardians, please remember that tennis shoes are required for all students in K – 5th grade for Physical Education (PE) class. Children should not wear sandals, flip-flops, crocs, boots or backless shoes (including backless sneakers) to PE class because of the safety concern. 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. **To avoid your child sitting out from PE class, it may be a good idea to pack extra shoes and shorts or pants on PE days. 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:

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**.

*Please send the above documentation to the Health Room.

PTA News

PTA Annual Coat Drive

Every year PTAs generously collect gently used coats and cold weather accessories to be distributed to families in Howard County. The FES PTA will be participating again this year. Please look for the coat drop-off box in the FES lobby and donate by October 19th. The coat drive is coordinated by the PPWs (Pupil Personnel Workers) of the Howard County School System in association with PTAs/PTSAs, as well as many other HoCo Organizations. Thank you for supporting those in need!

All Day Spirit Day at Kloby's Smokehouse

--see attached.

Passive Fundraising

Passive Fundraising offers parents and other family members the opportunity to earn money for the school with minimal effort. The following programs are committed to support education and give back to our community when you designate Fulton Elementary School to receive a percentage of your total purchase. You can link or re-link your customer cards online or in stores.

BoxTops for Education - FES Earns \$0.10 for every BoxTops label turned in. Labels can be turned in throughout the year.

Giant Food A+ BonusBucks Program. Fulton's ID: 03502

Harris Teeter's Together in Education program. Fulton's ID: 7453.

2nd Grade News

Second grade is off to a GREAT start. We are busy learning about routines, procedures and everything about our new environment. Last week, we learned Habit#1 which is "Be proactive...be in charge of me". Ask your child how he/she is proactive at home and school. We are looking forward to a fantastic year of learning and friendship!

Balloons on School Property

HCPSS circular 18 states that "balloon launches and other activities that result in the release of helium filled into the atmosphere are prohibited." We appreciate your complying with this policy.

Flu Vaccinations

Influenza, also known as the flu, is a serious illness that affects people of all ages. One of the best ways to prevent the flu is through vaccinations. We are pleased to again join with the Maryland Partnership for Prevention (MPP) to offer flu vaccinations at our school. New this year, you may give permission for your child to be vaccinated using (1) an online form at www.vaccineconsent.com or (2) the hard copy form attached to this message. We urge you to protect your family from the flu. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends that everyone ages 6 months and older get a flu shot. Please visit www.cdc.gov/flu/index.htm for more information about the flu vaccine. The clinic at our school will be held on **[10/4/17]**. We will send a notice home the day he/she has been vaccinated.

If you want your child to be vaccinated, please:

1. Fill out every section of the attached Consent Form **OR** complete it online at www.vaccineconsent.com. If you fill out the paper consent, write neatly and use ink. Only fill out the hard copy consent **or** the online consent. Do NOT fill out both.
2. Use your insurance card to fill out your insurance information accurately. Your insurance company will be billed. **There is no co-pay or deductible**. You will NOT be charged by us or your insurance company.
3. Read the Vaccine Information Statement (VIS) and talk to your health care provider or the school nurse about any questions you have.
4. Return the consent form no later than **September 27, 2017**.

To complete the consent form online, go to:

www.vaccineconsent.com



Fulton Elementary School

FULTON ELEMENTARY PTA PRESENTS

Back to School BBQ

SPIRIT NIGHT at



DATE Tuesday, September 19, 2017

TIME 11:00am - 10:00pm

Dine-in or Carry-Out

**See you at FES for
Back to School Night**

Greetings Fulton Families and Friends!

The *BULLY BUSTERS* team is dedicated to help students increase their awareness, knowledge base, and intervention skills to attack the root causes of bullying behaviors and to deal with the problem confidently. This year, our team members are: Maria Brickley, School Psychologist, Beth Shields, School Counselor, Lisa Bach, Part-time School Counselor, and Melinda Bellafiore, School Psychologist Intern. We will be doing lots of fun and empowering activities, including lunch bunches and individual and group lessons. We are all VERY excited about supporting our friends at Fulton and making our school a safe, friendly, and fun place to be!

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.