

The Falcon Flier

Together We Empower

Today & Tomorrow

March 26, 2020

Message from Dr. Burks...

Dear Fulton Families,

I hope that everyone is doing well. I know I can speak on behalf of our entire Fulton staff when I say we miss all of you very much!

Over these past two weeks, our custodial team has been working diligently to clean our school to ensure that it is ready when we return. We appreciate them very much!

As you may have read yesterday, all HCPSS schools and office buildings will remain closed and all school-related activities are canceled through Friday, April 24. Please continue to stay informed via the [HCPSS website](#) and regularly check your e-mail- Dr. Martirano sends out frequent updates. Please access the most recent communication sent yesterday [here](#).

As we continue connecting virtually, please consider following us on Twitter at @hcpss_fes as well as check out our [website](#).

If you have any questions or need assistance with anything please feel free to e-mail me at tanisha_burks@hcpss.org.

Warmly,

Dr. Burks

Announcements

Pump It Up-Elkeridge is now an official partner!!!

On March 4th Pump It Up Elkeridge became an official partner with Fulton! Fulton has worked with Mrs. Smith and Pump It Up for several years now. Through Pump It Up,

Mrs. Smith has always gone above and beyond to ensure that we have motivating incentives for our students to reinforce our school wide expectations as well as ensuring fun activities at events such as Fall Fest. We are very thankful for our partnership and we look forward to not only continuing but expanding our current efforts.

MSDE Parent Survey for Special Education

MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD! YOUR OPINION MATTERS! The Maryland State Department of Education, Division of Special Education/Early Intervention Services mailed the Maryland Special Education Parent Involvement Survey to parents and guardians of children receiving special education and related services in early February. The HCPSS Department of Special Education is asking that surveys be completed and returned in the postage paid envelope by May 18, 2020. The survey may also be completed online. Please look for details in your survey packet. Your feedback will help guide efforts to improve special education and related services in HCPSS! To learn more, please visit <https://www.mdparentsurvey.com>

Have a rising Kindergartner or know a new family moving in? Here is how to register...

We were excited to begin registration for our rising kindergarten students the week of March 9th. We offered opportunities for families to come into register throughout the day and provided one day of extended hours for families who may not have been able to join us during the day. We had a great turn out and are looking forward to having our new students join us in the fall!

Parents/guardians of children who will be five as of September 1, 2020 must enroll their children in kindergarten for the 2020-2021 school year.

We encourage you to begin the process online, please check out [website](#) to begin the process.

Mark your Calendars

The 2020-2021 calendar has been approved. Please be aware, we will be starting school earlier than usual. Our first day of school for the 2020-2021 school year will be on August 25, 2020. Please keep this in mind as you schedule summer vacations.

Reservoir High School Yard Sale

The RHS Music Foundation's annual yard sale is coming up, May 30th from 8:00am-noon, and promises to be a fun event! Individual and business vendors can [rent spaces for just \\$20 each](#) (the rate will increase after May 26). Please save the date, and tell

your family and friends! Send a message to rhyardsale2020@outlook.com for more information.

Curriculum Corner

Continuity of Learning

Over the last few weeks, and especially during the current two week closure, HCPSS staff have been working on designing a Continuity of Learning model that will engage students in teacher-supported and teacher-directed distance learning.

A new set of resources have been posted to the [HCPSS Continuity of Learning website](#). These resources are organized by grade and/or course. Print copies will be made available at all [HCPSS food distribution sites](#) beginning Thursday, March 26. These additional materials will not be collected or graded; however, once all teachers return to telework beginning Monday, March 30, your child's teacher will be available to you to provide resource support.

Digital Resources on HCPSS.ME

While HCPSS staff work on designing a Continuity of Learning model to engage students in teacher-directed distance learning, families are reminded that through <https://hcpss.me/>, students may access the following approved online tools:

Canvas: HCPSS' learning management system

MackinVIA: Provides students access to ebooks and databases

HC Library: Provides students access to online resources and content through the Howard County Library System

Clever: Provides students with access to approved online apps, browsable by content area

G Suite: Allows students to create documents, spreadsheets, and presentations

WeVideo: Allows students to engage in video production

Office 365: Allows students to create documents, spreadsheets, and presentations, as well as email for secondary students

Typing Agent: Students can continue to work on Typing Agent at home. This provides great practice to improve keyboarding skills.

If you need your child(ren)'s login, please email Dr. Burks at tanisha_burks@hcpss.org and she can provide you the login information.

Looking for Fun things to engage your children in this summer?

HCPSS Summer Opportunities

Each summer, HCPSS offers learning experiences and educational opportunities through a variety of programs and classes. For a preview of the each of the programs, please review [this document](#) and for more detailed descriptions of the variety of programs offered, please click [here](#).

Summer Sports Camp

Come out to sports camp the week of July 13th and/or August 3rd at Reservoir High School with certified Howard county teachers Phil Ranker (Lime Kiln PE), Tom Dougherty (Lime Kiln Math) and Hannah Closson (Worthington PE). The camp is open to current K-8th graders and features many different sports and activities every day. If your child likes PE, they will love camp. Campers are split into age and ability groups to ensure that everyone has a fun and productive time. For more information, please visit <http://rankerssportscamp.weebly.com> or email phillip_ranker@hcpss.org for questions!

Summer Art Camp

Looking for a fun art making experience for your daughter and/or son? Come out and enjoy a week of **Art Camp** with Howard County art teacher Mrs. Wasilewski. These camps are designed to enhance the skill levels of each individual. Explore and learn about different mediums and techniques. Camp is open to everyone ages 8-13. Each camp offers unique art projects. Return campers will be delighted with all new experiences. Please email alisa_wasilewski@hcpss.org with any questions.

River Hill High School: July 6-10, 9am-12pm

Register at <https://riverhill.membershiptoolkit.com/summer-camps>

Reservoir High School: July 13-17, 9am-12pm

Register at <http://www.rhsboosters.com/camp/>

Upcoming

- March 30-April 24th: All HCPSS schools and office buildings will remain closed and all school-related activities are canceled

[Full Calendar](#)

Connect with our PTA

Our [PTA](#) is a terrific partner to our school. Learn about the many ways they help support Fulton and strengthen our community- as well as how you can get involved.

Provide us Feedback

We always appreciate input on how we can improve. Please share your thoughts and suggestions [here](#). We love to hear from you!