

The Falcon Flier

Together We Empower

Today & Tomorrow

December 18, 2019

Message from Dr. Burks...

Dear Fulton Families,

In our lead up to our break, we have had some amazing experiences, to include our first Winter spirit week organized by our Student Government Association (SGA). Additionally, we appreciate PTA and all of the volunteers who supported the Holiday Shop so our students could participate.

I wish you all a restful and family-filled winter holiday. May all your travels be safe, your families be happy, and your homes be warm. Thank you for an incredible and productive 2019. Here's to an even better 2020.

Happy New Year!

Dr. Burks

Announcements

ESSA Ratings- 4 stars!

On December 3, the Maryland State Department of Education released the ESSA Ratings for all schools. Fulton earned a 4 star rating! I will be sharing more about our progress at our PTA meeting in January. In the meantime, please view our information [here](#).

Congratulations to Our Young Authors!

Thank you so much to all the children who participated in the Young Authors' Contest. We have some very creative writers here at Fulton!

Congratulations to our school-wide winners!

1st Grade Short Story- Nina Oros

4th Grade Poem- Charleigh Spence

2nd Grade Poem- Ayusha Shakya

4th Grade Short Story- Radha Srinivasula

2nd Grade Short Story- Lillian Nipper

5th Grade Poem- Kate Felsen

3rd Grade Short Story- Aurelia Fuentes

5th Grade Short Story- Abigail Zecharias

Council of Elders Celebration

Each year the Council of Elders of the Black Community of Howard County in partnership with the Howard County Public School System hosts an annual Celebration of Academic Achievement to acknowledge and honor students of African and African-American heritage across the county. On December 2nd, we recognized the following 4th and 5th grade students for their academic achievement:

Allmond, Darius	Amani Dove, Julian	Boyd, Giselle	Brown, Charles
Bouknight, Robert	Bowles, James	Choe, Jalynn	Clarke, Channing
Copeland, Christian	Darge, Tembelena	Eaton, Howard	Elder, Markell
Fasil, Elshaday	Feher, Samantha	Garrett, Grant	Glenn, Isaiah
Glenn, Caleb	Hamelett, Alexander	Hamelett, Sebastian	Harris, Arthur
Hart, Maya	Jackson, Alivia	Koroma, Almira	Lee, Zachary
Makonnen, Lucas	Maroto, Mazi	Martin, Kane	Michael, Etsegenet
Mogire, Valarie	Morgan, Xara	Myrick, Brandon	Najjar, Luc
Nephtalem, Helina	Okubadejo, Orinola	Omar, Enaya	Onwuanibe, Chidi
Oti, Chidi	Pannell, Simone	Pecker, Kennedy	Shiferaw, Beniam
Smith, Jason	Spence, Charleigh	Watson, Sydney	Zecharias, Abigail

Schedule Update- Mark your Calendars

Looking ahead, Tuesday, February 4, 2020 schools will be closed due to the special primary election to fill the 7th congressional district seat vacated following the passing of Rep. Elijah Cummings. Please mark your calendars so you can plan accordingly.

The Kindness Pantry



THE KINDNESS PANTRY

Created to ensure that ALL of our children in our 42 Howard County elementary schools have access to school supplies and snacks.

By coming together as a community and donating to the schools directly, we can all make a long-lasting impact on the children.

Empower and lift up ALL the children in Howard County.

For more information, email us at thekindnesspantry@gmail.com.
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Curriculum Corner

English Language Arts

Are you already hearing, "I am so glad we have a break?" or "I can't wait to relax and do nothing!" Check out [these 7 tips](#) to keep your child(ren) reading over the break.

Math

As you enjoy family time this holiday, consider pulling out some cards and practicing math in a fun way! [This article](#) shares 16 games you may want to check out.

Bully Buster Bulletin

Here is some information from the Bully Busters!!

Just a reminder that we meet with students regarding feelings and behaviors that may impede learning,

development, and overall health and wellness. Some of these topics may include, *but are not limited to*, the following:

- **Grief** (*Loss of a family member, relationship, pet*)
- **Friendship struggles**
- **Changing Families** (*Divorce, separation, difficult relationships, moving*)
- **Improving strategies for self-control**
- **Managing anger and frustration**
- **Developing age-appropriate social skills**
- **Building confidence and self-esteem**
- **Navigating disappointments and difficult experiences**

Now that first quarter report cards have been nestled in the hands of families for a few weeks, you have likely

seen the latest report card template reflecting the following learning behaviors:

- **Demonstrates Interpersonal Skills**
- **Demonstrates Responsibility**
- **Demonstrates Perseverance**
- **Demonstrates Collaboration**
- **Demonstrates Initiative**

Consider having ongoing conversations with your child(ren) to make connections with learning behaviors across environments. This process can support a higher level of understanding, application, and long-term transfer of the behaviors. For instance, discuss the meaning of responsibility and how it applies to the child's role on the sports team (*arriving on-time to practices and games, being dependable, putting forth best efforts, encouraging teammates, etc.*). Allow your child(ren) to explain how perseverance and collaboration may also play a role in extracurricular activities.

Thanks to everyone who donated to Helping Hands! A special thanks to Good Hope Church, Grace Community Church, St. Paul's Church, and the Howard County Police Department for their donations for Thanksgiving and Helping Hands! Your gift donations were so generous and helped make the season brighter for some of our families! We hope all of our families at FES have a wonderful holiday season!

Upcoming

- December 19 1st Grade Gingerbread Houses, 9:30 a.m.
- December 20 Kindergarten Gingerbread Houses, 9:30 a.m.
Kindergarten Winter Party, 2:00 p.m.
5th Grade Winter Party, 2:30 p.m.
1st Grade Winter Party, 2:45 p.m.
- Dec. 23 – Jan 1 Winter Break
- January 2 Schools Reopen
- January 14 PTS Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Media
- January 15 PTA Spirit Night- Chick Fil A
SGA Meeting, 8:45 a.m.
Instrumental Concert, 6:30 p.m.
- January 20 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, Schools Closed
- January 21 Band & Strings Beginners Concert, 7:00 p.m.
- January 24 End of Marking Period
Yearbook Club Photos
- January 27 Professional Work Day – Schools Closed for Students

[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!