

**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**

## Special Guests Visit Fulton Elementary

County Executive, Allen Kittleman, will be at Fulton on Wednesday November 15<sup>th</sup> 2017. Dr Martirano will be stopping by Fulton to visit 2nd grade students on Friday, November 17<sup>th</sup> 2017. We are proud to share all the wonderful things the children are doing with our distinguished guests.



## A Wild West Book Fair –Saddle Up and Read

is coming to Fulton!! Our annual BOOK FAIR is scheduled to begin on Nov. 30<sup>th</sup> and run through Dec. 8<sup>th</sup>. We will be open from 10:00 to 4:00 every day with extended hours on Thursday, Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> from 5-8 pm. We are in need of volunteers to help make this a successful event. Please visit

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d4daeab2da1f85-book>

to sign up to volunteer. For more information about the Book Fair and online shopping visit <http://bookfairs.scholastic.com/homepage/fulton>

Thanks for your support!!  
The Media Staff

## Dates To Know:

November 10	End of 1st Marking Period, Schools Close 3 hours early
13-17	American Education Week
14	PTA Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Media Center
16	Picture Retakes
17	Report Cards Issued
20 & 21	Parent/Teacher Conferences/ Schools Close 3 hours early
22 – 26	Thanksgiving Holiday
30 -12/8	Book Fair
December 4-8	Book Fair
6	Kindergarten, Library Trip (Little, Green, Ranker)
7	1st Gr. Robinson Nature Ctr. Trip Kindergarten, Library Trip (Watts/James)
	Book Fair Night, 5:00 to 8:00 p.m.
13	Kindergarten, Library Trip (Pinion/Callanan)
	Winter Chorus Concert, 7:00 p.m.
14	2nd Gr. Toby's Theatre Trip
18	Kindergarten, Toby's Theatre Trip
19	PTA Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Media Center
20	Interim Reports Issued

December 23, 2017 through January 1, 2018

January 2 Staff and Students Return

## It's A Boy!

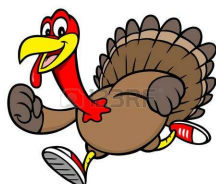
*Congratulations to our paraeducator, Kerisha Jones, on the birth of her son, Javon Michael. Javon joined the Fulton Family on Tuesday, November 7<sup>th</sup> at 8:49 a.m. Best wishes to Kersiha and her family!*

## Pennies for Puerto Rico

During Hispanic Heritage month, the Fulton community participated in a PTA sponsored collection, Pennies for Puerto Rico. Throughout the week of the collection, students learned facts about Puerto Rico during the morning announcements. When students learned that Puerto Rico was struggling to rebuild after Hurricane Maria, they were eager to help in any way possible. Students were encouraged to contribute whatever amount they could, but also knew that it was okay if they could not donate at this time. Many families helped to kickoff our collection during our Fall Festival on Friday October 13<sup>th</sup>.

Students donated to their grade level collection jar and knew that the grade that collected the most money for Puerto Rico would be able to move Freddie on their grade level Falcon Chart. Each grade level made generous donations and Fulton Elementary was able to collect a grand total of \$1,534.94 for Puerto Rico. The grade level that was able to collect the most money was Kindergarten, raising \$447.57. The money that was collected will be donated to the charity, Save the Children, and will help provide assistance to Puerto Rican children and their families. Thank you to everyone who was able to make a contribution.

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Turkey Trot  
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## Fulton's 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Turkey Trot

### General Information

Fulton's 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Turkey Trot will be held on Monday, November 20<sup>th</sup> for grades 3, 4, & 5 and on Tuesday, November 21<sup>st</sup> for grades K, 1, & 2. (schedule below!)

The students will take part in a **run** around a designated course. Upon finishing the run, each child will receive a certificate with a number on it. The points on each certificate will be random. The certificates will be added up by class and this total number will go towards the class's final Turkey Trot score. No matter when a student finishes the Turkey Trot course, he/she will still be contributing to their class score! The emphasis of the Turkey Trot is for our students to demonstrate to the community the importance of having a strong and healthy heart.

The event is also a **food drive**. This part of the Turkey Trot will show the community that Fulton students not only know the importance of having healthy hearts, but also giving hearts! We are asking that students bring in non-perishable food items to the box in their classroom. Each class will add **five (5) points** to their class's score for each item donated. The class in each grade with the highest Turkey Trot score (the total of points accumulated from the run and food drive, divided by the number of students in the class) will receive the **Turkey Trot Award!** We will also have a **GRAND PRIZE** (donated by the PTA!) for the class with the highest Turkey Trot score out of the entire school! The Grand Prize is a class party at *Pump It Up!!*

### Turkey Trot Schedule

Time	Monday Nov 20 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday Nov 21 <sup>st</sup>
9:45 – 10:45	Grade 5	Grade 2
10:45-11:45	Grade 4	Grade 1
11:45-12:45	Grade 3	Grade K

### Food Drive Details

Once again, we are collecting food for our Turkey Trot Food Drive, which will take place from November 1<sup>st</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup>. Please help support our event by donating non-perishable food today! All of the donated food will go to LARS (Laurel Advocacy and Referral Services) located in Laurel, MD. *The food will be picked-up on Tuesday, November 21<sup>st</sup>*

### Volunteers Needed!

We are in need of volunteers for the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Turkey Trot! The event will take place on Monday, November 20<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, November 21<sup>st</sup> from 9:45am-12:45pm. There will be a volunteer orientation at 9:30am on Monday and again on Tuesday. If you would like to volunteer to help on one or both of the event days, please click the link below to sign-up:

[www.SignUpGenius.com/go/10C0E4AA9AB2BA6FD0-fultons4](http://www.SignUpGenius.com/go/10C0E4AA9AB2BA6FD0-fultons4)

If you have any questions, please contact Katie Howell at [kaitlin\\_howell@hcpss.org](mailto:kaitlin_howell@hcpss.org) or 410-880-5957.

## Parent/Teacher Conferences

Our parent/teacher conferences will be held Monday, Nov. 20 and Tuesday, Nov. 21. Many teachers will hold conferences during those evenings as well. Some teachers may choose to hold meetings on Wednesday, Nov. 22. Once the sign-up process has begun, parents will see the times available. Conferences will be held with homeroom teachers. Information about your child's progress in mathematics will be shared through the homeroom teacher as well. While this is the only formal conference schedule this year, you may always contact your child's teacher to request a parent-teacher conference at any time to discuss your child's progress.

To schedule parent/teacher conferences, parents can log onto their "HCPSSConnect" account at the Howard County Public School website: [www.hcpss.org](http://www.hcpss.org). Parents will be able to schedule their conferences **starting November 6<sup>th</sup>**. You will have access to scheduling or cancelling your appointments until midnight on **November 16<sup>th</sup>**. **Parent instructions for scheduling parent/teacher conferences can be found at "HCPSSConnect" under "Guides" at the HCPSS website.**



Greetings Fulton Families and Friends!

The Bully Busters are doing lots of fun and empowering lessons with our star students! In kindergarten, we learned how to be a good friend and practiced identifying characteristics of being a good friend in the book, *Chrysanthemum*. In first grade, we discussed the difference between tattling vs. telling with a story called, *A Bad Case of the Tattle Tongue*. In second grade, students practiced the "Golden Rule" – treating others the way you want to be treated. In third grade, we reviewed the 3 key players in a bullying situation (Target, Bully, Bystander) and what bullying really entails. In fourth grade, we read the story, *Mr. Peabody's Apple*, which highlighted how fast rumors spread and that we must THINK before we speak. Finally, in fifth grade, students learned about indirect bullying and how it can affect students. Together, we are making Fulton Elementary a fun and safe place to be!



Each year, Fulton assists several of our families in need during the holiday season. This year, we are reaching out to our generous and giving community to ensure that ALL of our families have happy holidays. If you are able and willing to contribute, we would be so grateful.

Here's how you can help!

During parent teacher conferences on **November 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>**, "hands" with gift ideas will be posted on the wall by the front entrance. Mrs. Shields will be there to assist you in collecting your information. These "hands" will include the age, gender, and idea for a gift. We are asking for gifts to be dropped off, **UNWRAPPED**, with the "hand" attached to the gift by **Friday, December 8<sup>th</sup>**.

We appreciate your kindness and compassion this holiday season!

Please contact the School Counselors, Beth Shields or Lisa Bach, with any questions.



## 2nd Grade News

It is hard to believe that we made it through the 8 habits and the first quarter all in the same week! Two great accomplishments! This week, we learned the 8th and final habit: *"Find your voice! Leading myself and others to greatness!"* Your child is now a Habits Expert! Love it!

On Monday, 11/13 (from 10 to 11 am) we would like you to be part of the Mayflower STEM Project. Hope you can join us and see our engineers in action!

## COMMUNITY SURVEY

Hello Fulton Families,  
The Equity and Inclusion Professional Learning Community (PLC) at the school would like your input regarding how we communicate with families, ways to get families involved in school activities or events and strategies used to support our students. Our goal is to receive feedback from 100% of our families.

Please click on the link below to complete the anonymous survey. We value your input and look forward to seeing you at parent conferences!

<https://goo.gl/forms/pSNQ73dO5Cjx9cY12>



## Why did my child move to another math or reading group or in the middle of the year?

We believe in flexible grouping. This is an equity issue ensuring that each child gets differentiated instruction to meet their individual academic needs. Flexible grouping means that grouping is targeted and not permanent and can be done based on a number of criteria.

- Groups can be developed based on performance.
- Groups can be developed based on ability.
- Groups can be developed based on the need for specific instruction.
- Groups can be developed based on interest.
- Groups can be developed based on the need for enrichment.

Educators can use grouping strategies to allow students access to appropriate levels of challenge and complexity. Our educators are participating in biweekly data protocols to look at students' academic needs and make data driven decisions around learning. Some of the data we analyze comes from teacher observation, classroom performance, formative and summative assessments, exit tickets, MAP performance data and PARCC data. When we practice flexible grouping, we allow for the most effective and efficient means of providing more challenging coursework to accelerate student learning.

Having an inflexible approach to grouping is often referred to as tracking and tracking is not a sound practice. Having flexible groups allows for educators to promote high levels of achievement and allows teachers to match a student's readiness with instruction, delivering the right content to the right student at the right pace and at the right time.

If you have questions about your child's progress, please do not hesitate to reach out to your child's teacher as they are always happy to provide you with the information that you need.



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.

### **Attention writers in in Grades 2 – 5! The Young Author's Contest is here.**

Write a poem &/or short story. All entries must be original work and use 12 point font in Times New Roman or Comic Sans. Short story entry may range from a minimum of 300 words to no more than 800 words. Poem entry will consist of a single poem, any style, from a minimum of 25 words to no more than 150 words. Entries must not include graphics. Each entry must include a completed cover sheet. Save the WORD document of your entry. School winners will need to submit this and an electronic cover sheet to the county level contest. Please submit your entries to your classroom teacher by DECEMBER 4th. See your teacher or contact Mrs. Williams ([carolyn\\_williams@hcpss.org](mailto:carolyn_williams@hcpss.org)) if you have any questions.

### **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.

### **Keep Current**

**Please keep your information updated in your HCPSS Family File Account, especially phone numbers and email accounts. This is the information that would be used to communicate to the community in case of an emergency.**

### **Volunteer Training**

Dear Parents and Guardians,

In order to volunteer in the school or chaperone field trips you must complete the training required by the Howard County Public School System. There are 2 PowerPoint presentations that you must view. After viewing you will need to print out and complete certificates for each presentation.

Once the training certificates are completed and signed, they should be returned to your child's homeroom teacher. These certificates are kept on file throughout the school year and must be completed each new school year. Teachers must BOTH certificates on file to allow parents, guardians or other family members to volunteer in any capacity.

Below are the links to both trainings.

#### **Child Abuse and Neglect Training:**

PowerPoint:

[http://www.hcpss.org/f/employees/childabuse\\_ppt.pdf](http://www.hcpss.org/f/employees/childabuse_ppt.pdf)

Certificate:

[http://www.hcpss.org/f/parents/abuse\\_certificate.pdf](http://www.hcpss.org/f/parents/abuse_certificate.pdf)

#### **Confidentiality Training:**

PowerPoint: <http://www.hcpss.org/f/parents/parent-volunteer-confidentiality-training.pdf>

Certificate: <http://www.hcpss.org/f/parents/parent-volunteer-confidentiality-certificate.pdf>

We are so grateful to be in a community that shows such great interest in helping out at Fulton Elementary. We look forward to working with our volunteers this school year.

### **Animals On School System Property**

Animals in schools or offices, leashed or not, present a safety, environmental and liability issues. Students and staff may be exposed to potential physical hazards, such as bites, an/or allergy related health problems. As a result, animals are prohibited within HCPSS buildings. Animals are also prohibited on school system property during arrival, dismissal, recess or other HCPSS sponsored outdoor activities.