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Welcome to the 2018-2019 school year! We would like to officially welcome everyone back to school and express our appreciation for all of your cooperation, flexibility and support as we begin our first year at Hanover Hills Elementary!

We were thrilled with the amazing turnout at our primary and intermediate Back to School Nights! Our teachers were excited to share grade specific information, as well as have the opportunity to speak with so many of our amazing families. Please feel free to contact your student's teacher with any questions or concerns.

We especially want to thank our families for your patience during our dismissal. We are working diligently to advocate for our students and will continue to communicate any changes. Please also remember to make our front office staff aware of any adjustments to dismissal procedures prior to 3:00 p.m. Thank you for your support with this procedure.

Please feel free to contact us by phone at 410-313-8066, or email troy_todd@hcpss.org or leslie_harmon@hcpss.org, if you have any questions or concerns. We look forward to the amazing year ahead as we work closely with your family to build an even stronger home-to-school connection.

Thank you for your dedication and support to making this school year a success!

Mr. Todd and Mrs. Harmon

UPCOMING EVENTS AND IMPORTANT DATES

9/17 September PTA Meeting (6:30)	10/1 Flu Clinic
9/18 Fall Pictures	10/3 Schools Close @ 12:20 (Professional Development)
9/19 SCHOOL & OFFICES CLOSED	10/17 & 10/18 Dental Clinic
9/27 Hispanic Heritage Night (6:30)	10/19 SCHOOL CLOSED (Professional Development)

2018-2019 LUNCH SCHEDULE

Grade	Lunch	Recess
Kindergarten	10:45-11:15	10:15-10:45
First Grade	11:15-11:45	11:45-12:15
Second Grade	1:15-1:45	1:45-2:15
Third Grade	11:45-12:15	11:15-11:45
Fourth Grade	12:45-1:15	12:15-12:45
Fifth Grade	12:15-12:45	12:45-1:15



In order to update your student's emergency contact information, the Howard County Public School System is again utilizing the Connect family system, which can be found on the HCPSS website at <http://www.hepss.org/connect>. Thank you to the many families who have already made a huge effort to complete the Family File! We are still waiting for updates from almost 50% of our families. **ALL Emergency Contact Information contained in the Family File must be updated annually.** We have asked all of our families to **update this crucial information by Friday, September 28, 2018.**



PTA NEWS

Please consider participating in some of the many community opportunities offered by our PTA, as well as our teachers. **Even coming to school to support lunch or recess time is a great way to be a part of our school community!**

Upcoming PTA Events:

- **September PTA Meeting:** Monday, September 17th at 6:30 PM- Come out and meet our future PTA!



PICTURE DAY IS COMING – TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18th

Individual student pictures will be taken throughout the school day on Tuesday, September 18th. An envelope used for purchasing school pictures from Strawbridge Photography was sent home this week. Please complete the form and return the envelope to your child's teacher by Tuesday, September 18th. **Please Note: Every child will be photographed for the yearbook unless otherwise indicated.**

BAND AND STRINGS INFORMATION

Welcome to the first year of Band and Orchestra at Hanover Hills! **Band and Orchestra registration will be open through September 17, 2018.** At HHES, Third Grade students have the opportunity to sign-up for Orchestra. Fourth and Fifth Grade students may sign up for Orchestra OR Band. If a student previously played an instrument in Fourth Grade, it is highly recommended that students continue to play the same instrument in Fifth Grade. Registration forms went home this week. **All forms must be returned by September 17th!** Skip the paperwork and sign up online using the link provided to families!



CHORUS

Does your student like to sing? Fourth and fifth grade students are invited to join chorus at Hanover Hills! Chorus will be divided into fourth and fifth grade with Mrs. Childress directing Fourth Grade Chorus and Mrs. Moraczewski directing Fifth Grade Chorus.

No audition required! All 4th and 5th graders are welcome to sign up. Students can be in chorus *AND* Band and Strings. We encourage them to do both because they complement each other musically. More information will be sent home soon, including online sign-up. **Forms are due on 9/24/2018.**

SCHOOL HOURS

Students may enter the building beginning at 8:30 AM. Breakfast is available for purchase in the cafeteria from 8:30 to 8:45 AM. Morning announcements will then begin at 8:50 AM. Instruction will start immediately following announcements.

Students arriving **8:50 AM or later will be considered tardy and must be signed in by a parent/guardian in the front office.** Dismissal will begin at 3:20 PM. Let's get our students to school on time and ready to learn!

**8:30: Students may enter the building. Staff members are on duty beginning at 8:25 AM.*

** 8:50: Late Bell for students*

**3:20: Students Dismissed (Please report dismissal changes in advance.)*



¡Saludos! September 15th marks the beginning of *Hispanic Heritage Month*. We would like ALL families to please mark your calendars for an exciting community event to celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month!

What: Celebrate music and dance from Puerto Rico with "*Los Hijo e'Plena*"

When: Thursday, September 27th

Time: 6:00-8:00pm

Where: HHES cafeteria

If you would like to volunteer at this event, please contact either joanna_del_toro@hcpss.org, xiomara_media@hcpss.org or michelle_levin@hcpss.org.

In addition to Hispanic Heritage Night, we will celebrate this special month from September 15th through October 15th. Activities include a Latino music dance-off for all students, daily announcements with fun facts about Latino countries and cultures, and school-wide cultural craft activities.

MESSAGE FROM THE HEALTH ROOM

As we enter into flu season, this is a reminder that good hand washing and covering sneezes and coughs with tissues and sleeves are essential steps to preventing the spread of "germs." Also, remember that despite concerns about school attendance, our student's health is most important of all. For this reason, we ask you to please:



- Call the school nurse to let us know if your child is absent with a contagious illness such as strep throat, or the flu. Please provide any documentation from your physician about diagnosis and release to return to school.
- Keep your child home if he/she has a fever of over 100.0. A fever indicates that your child has an infection that could be passed to other students. If you give your child Motrin or Tylenol, the fever will, of course, disappear but he/she will still be contagious to others. Children must be fever-free for 24 hours (without medication) before returning to school! Students vomiting or with diarrhea should be symptom free, able to eat and drink a regular meal, and resume normal bowel habits before returning.
- PLEASE NOTE: Students who require medication to be administered during the school day need to have new forms completed for the new school year. These forms are available on-line:
<http://www.hcpss.org/aboutus/forms.shtml>.



UPDATE: LUNCH ACCOUNTS AND FARMS

HCPSS will continue to use the Point of Sale System for purchasing school lunches. Please remember you can add funds to your child's account electronically, or your child can bring money to school to be added to his/her account. Student Pin Numbers are required at checkout and will be sent home shortly. **Please help your child remember their pin for checkout.** It is our priority for all of our students to have lunch every day!

Students who did not receive a current FARMS Direct Certification letter **MUST** fill out a new form for the 2018-2019 school year. During the first 30 school days, students with free and reduced meal eligibility from the prior school year will be carried over. **Any student who has not filled out an application by September 30th will have their status changed to full pay status until a new application is received.** More information can be found at <http://www.hcpss.org/food-services/farms/>.

Howard County G/T Program Parent Academy, Oct. 17th

Wednesday, October 17th, 7 – 8:30 p.m. – Howard High School, 8700 Old Annapolis Road, Ellicott City, 21043

HCPSS families interested in the Gifted and Talented (G/T) Program are invited to come learn about the advanced-level offerings available through the G/T Education Program and how their students can become involved.

Following the general session, parents and community members will have an opportunity to meet by school level for a question and answer session.

Full Schedule:

7:00 – 8:00, G/T Education Program Overview Presentation – Auditorium

8:05 – 8:30, Question and Answer Sessions:

* Elementary G/T Program Offerings: Auditorium

* Middle G/T Program Offerings: Classroom F124

* High School G/T and AP

GT TESTING: 4th AND 5th GRADE STUDENTS NEW TO HOWARD COUNTY

The Howard County Public School System is currently in the process of identifying students new to Howard County Public Schools for possible placement in the G/T Mathematics Program. If you have a child new to the Howard County Public School System whom you wish to have tested as part of the G/T placement process, please submit your request in writing to the G/T Resource Teacher by September 18th. If you have any questions, please feel free to call **Mrs. Barbagallo** or **Mrs. Van Reenan**, G/T Resource Teachers, at **410-313-8066**, or email michaeline_van_reenan@hcpss.org or kathleen_barbagallo@hcpss.org.

GIRLS ON THE RUN: Registration Opens August 19th

Girls on the Run® inspires girls in grades 3-5 to be joyful, healthy, and confident by using running to teach valuable life skills. Teams of 15-20 girls meet twice weekly (Tuesday's and Thursday's) after school for 10 weeks. Each season concludes with the girls and their running buddies completing a 5k run. The spring season will start Tuesday, September 18th, with the season-ending 5k scheduled for December 2nd in Westminster, MD. Registration is open! Program registration fee is \$175 and includes 5k registration, water bottle, t-shirt, and all program materials. Financial assistance is available - no girl is turned away. Visit www.gotrcentralmd.org for a list of program sites and to register. Questions? Call 443-583-7740.

IMPORTANT TECHNOLOGY REQUEST

To keep your children healthy and engaged while in the classroom, we would like each student to bring in their own earbuds to use for the audio part of computer lessons and programs. The children will be reminded not to share or loan their headphones to others. The headphones or earbuds should be brought to school in a zip-lock bag and the child's name should be on the bag and headphones in permanent marker. We are looking for the students to bring in simple earbuds that will plug into a 3.5 mm jack. You can find them in-store or online at Amazon.com, [Walmart](http://Walmart.com) or [Best Buy](http://BestBuy.com). (Large headphones like "Beats" by Dr. Dre will not be allowed in school.) There is a wide variety of choices and prices. Please make sure they are "kid size" because full size ear buds can be very uncomfortable for the students.

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Coming Up in Our Next Newsletter...

- **REMINDER: School is closed September 19th.**
- **Fall Picture Day is coming on September 18th!**
- **Please join us at Hispanic Heritage Night!**
- **Have you updated your student's Family File?**