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School Hours: 9:15 a.m. - 3:45 p.m.

June 10, 2022

Upcoming Dates

- Monday, June 13 Grade 1 STEM Presentations – 1:50 to 2:30pm
Monday, June 13 Kindergarten End of Year Celebration – 9:30am
Monday, June 13 Grade 2 End of Year Celebration – 11:30am to 1:30pm
Tuesday, June 14 Grade 5 STEM Presentations – 12:30 to 1:30pm
Tuesday, June 14 Grade 4 End of Year Celebration – 12:30 to 3:30pm

June 15, 16 and 17 Schools Close 3-Hours Early (12:45pm)

- Wednesday, June 15 Grade 5 End of Year Program – 9:30 to 12:00am
Thursday, June 16 Grade 1 End of Year Celebration – 9:45am
Thursday, June 16 Grade 5 Celebration – 11:00am to 12:10pm
Friday, June 17 Grade 5 Students vs. WFES Staff Volleyball Game

Friday, June 17 Last Student Day

[2022-2023 Academic Calendar \(Monthly Format\)](#)

School News

We Really Need Your Help! Only 84 Families Have Responded!

As part of our WFES school improvement process, we are asking families to provide input about their equity priorities for our school. **Please use the link below to complete the Indicators of Educational Equity Survey by Friday, June 17th.** This is a very important survey. We need your assistance, as we are hoping for 100% participation.

We will use your input, along with other school data, to refine our school improvement plan for next school year. The survey is anonymous and available in multiple languages. If you have children at more than one school, please complete one survey per school. **In the area that asks "What is your role", please indicate FAMILY.**

- [English Survey](#)
- [Spanish Survey](#)
- [Chinese Survey](#)
- [Chin Survey](#)
- [Korean Survey](#)

ARE YOU MOVING? 4th Quarter Report Cards Will Be Mailed.

If you have moved or are moving soon, please notify us as soon as possible. We are available to assist you with transferring to your child's new school. Whether it be another HCPSS school, private school, or a school outside of the HCPSS district, we are here to help. If you have an address change, please call Colleen Green or Penny Smith at 410-313-5512.

Medication Pick-Up Information for End of Year

Medication remaining at the end of the school year should be picked up by the parent/guardian prior to/or on the last day of school, Friday, June 17th. Any medication not picked up will be discarded. If you are unable to pick up medication by 12:30 p.m. on June 17th, please contact the Health Room at 410-313-5515 to make alternate arrangements. Thank you!

Student Chromebook Storage

Student Technology Incident Invoices

Soon families who have unpaid invoices for lost, stolen, or damaged Chromebooks will receive reminder emails from MySchoolBucks [do-not-reply@myschoolbucks.com]. Families can pay electronically by logging in to their [MySchoolBucks](#) account or create an account by selecting **Log in** and then choosing **Sign up today!** Originally, families would have also received an email from [hcpss_notifications@hcpss.org] with additional information concerning the incident. Questions regarding the student technology incident questions can be directed to DeviceDeployment@hcpss.org and invoicing and/or payment procedure questions can be directed to Finance@hcpss.org.

WFES Students are the Biggest Readers in Howard County!

Congratulations to our students! WFES won an award from the Library Media Department for having the highest number of books checked out. We are a community of readers! Let's keep the momentum going by signing up for the Summer Reading Program 2022 at the Glenwood Library. You can drop by Glenwood anytime between June 1st and August 4th, to participate. There are also fantastic makerspace materials for children to use there. Let's see if we can set another record by having the highest number of students enrolled in the Summer Reading Program 2022! Go Tigers!



Summer Curriculum Resources

The elementary curriculum offices have compiled several activities and strategies for students to enhance their learning during the summer. The resource can be found on the Canvas [Parent Pages](#) and can be viewed by grade level and subject. Additional resources and suggestions can also be found on the Parent Pages. These resources include games, strategy instruction tips, field trip suggestions and much more.

- [Prekindergarten](#)
- [Kindergarten](#)
- [Grade 1](#)
- [Grade 2](#)
- [Grade 3](#)
- [Grade 4](#)
- [Grade 5](#)

DreamBox Access Ends June 30, 2022

Students will not have access to DreamBox this summer. Access will be turned off June 30th.

Kindergarten and New HCPSS Student Registration

Registration for 2022-2023 Kindergarten continues. Parents/Guardians of children who will be five years old as of September 1, 2022, must enroll their children in kindergarten for the 2022-2023 school year. Please be sure to tell your family, friends, and neighbors!! Registering for school is an online process.

- [Road to Kindergarten Workshop Slideshow](#)

- [Getting Ready for Kindergarten](#)
- [Gather Documentation](#)
- [Begin Registration](#)

Parents/Guardians without access to a computer should contact Teachers' Secretary, Mrs. Colleen Green at Colleen_Green@hcpss.org 410-313-5512 for assistance in completing the registration process.

Volunteer Requirements

All volunteers, including picnic volunteers must complete both, Child Abuse and Neglect Reporting Procedures Training and Confidentiality Training prior to volunteering at any Howard County Public School. Please review the trainings, print the certificate for each training, and send to school (Attention: Penny Smith) prior to first scheduled volunteer session, or email to Penny Smith at penny_smith@hcpss.org.

- [Child Abuse Training](#)
- [Child Abuse Certificate](#)
- [Confidentiality Training](#)
- [Confidentiality Certificate](#)

2022 Academic Calendar Modifications

The last day for *half-day* pre-K/RECC students is currently Tuesday, June 14. **The last day for *full-day* pre-K and K-12 students is scheduled for Friday, June 17.** Full [details on the calendar](#) are available online.

Early Dismissal Procedures

If you need to pick up your child early for an appointment that is close to the end of the school day, **please do so before 3:30pm**. After 3:30 pm, it is very difficult for our front office staff to get students while assisting with dismissal procedures. We appreciate your assistance with this! Thank you!

From our Health Room - Daily COVID-19 Self-Screenings

All parents/guardians are to perform a [COVID-19 health check](#) every day before your student leaves home. Students are not to come to school if they are experiencing any [symptom\(s\) associated with COVID-19 or other communicable disease](#). We thank you for keeping your children home when they are experiencing various illnesses. If you are unsure, please do not hesitate to contact the health room, by calling 410-313-5515 or email school nurse at Elizabeth_Collora@hcpss.org. If you want to test your child, please don't go to the ER unless the child is having difficulty breathing. [mobile covid testing sites](#)

Absence Reporting Updated

Please report ANY absence to WFESAbsence@hcpss.org and your child's homeroom teacher. We are asking that the following information be provided:

- Student's full name and grade
- Date of absence(s)
- Reason for absence:
 - **COVID like symptoms: please be specific with symptoms
 - Positive for COVID
 - Non-COVID related illness: please be specific
 - Other (injury, travel, etc.): please be specific

**If your child is experiencing COVID-like symptoms, one of the following options is required prior to return:

- Proof of a negative rapid test (a photo of the card with name, date of birth and date of test)
- Note from a healthcare provider with an alternate diagnosis
- Quarantine period of 5 days

Please contact the Health Room at 410-313-5515 with any questions.

Free Summer Meals

HCPSS will continue providing free meals to all HCPSS students and any children aged 18 and under, weekdays from June 27-August 12, with the exception of July 4 and 19. [Full details](#), including site locations, can be found online.

HCPSS Emergency Closing Notifications

In times of emergency/weather closings or delays, information is shared through our website, email, and text, Twitter and the HCPSS weather hotline. The school system's operating status can always be found on the [HCPSS Status website](#). [More information about Emergency closings and information sources](#) is provided online.

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Community News

In response to community requests for resources, HCPSS' new [Community News and Programs](#) website makes it easy for families to find educational and recreational resources, events and after-school programs beyond the school day by non-profit organizations."

Public Library Summer Reading Program

[Information about Summer Reading promotion](#) with the Howard County Library System is now available. All school Media Specialists have received this information.

Howard County Family Wellness Day

The 14th Annual Howard County Family Wellness Day will be held on Sunday, June 19th from 8:30am to 1pm at Centennial Park South. The day will bring together the entire community, challenging every organization, public and private, and every citizen, to make a commitment to healthy living. Enjoy games, crafts, and performances along with vital health screenings, and health education. Family Wellness Day is a collaboration of the entire community. The event starts with remarks from our community dignitaries and the Matzohball 5K Run/Walk. For more information, schedule of activities, and booth space availability, please visit: www.FamilyWellnessDay.org

Salvation Army Food Bank – Fresh Produce Distribution

English

3267 Pine Orchard Lane, Ellicott City, MD 21042 * Phone: 443-656-3376
Monday, June 27 (July-Oct dates TBD)
Drive-Thru From 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm
Please do NOT arrive before 11:45 am

Spanish (Productos frescos)

3267 Pine Orchard Lane, Ellicott City, MD 21042 * Phone: 443-656-3376
Lunes, 27 de junio (Fechas de julio-octubre por determinar)
Drive-Thru De 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm
Por favor, NO llegue antes de las 11:45 am

Free Summer Camp Sponsored by the Boys and Girls Club

Activities include:

STEM, arts, literacy, social emotional skill building, and weekly field trips.

Note: Lunch and transportation are NOT being provided.

Eligibility

Family receiving services from one or more of programs listed on application (TANF, SNAP, Medicaid, etc.)

If you have a youth who would qualify but for some reason is not involved in one of the programs (i.e. they are undocumented) they will also look at the household income in relation to number of people in the family.

Age: Students must be between the ages of 6-12 by July 5, 2022.

Location: Doodle Hatch, Long Reach Village Center, 8775 Cloudleap Ct Columbia MD

Contact:

Submit the [Camp Application](#) and/or any questions to Anna Piccirilli at apiccirilli@bgcmetrobaltimore.org

****FREE** Back-to-School Vaccine Clinics**

The following Back-to-School vaccine clinics will offer Tdap, MCV4, MenB, HPV, and varicella for FREE (regardless of insurance status). Patients must be the appropriate age to receive the vaccine and must be 18 or younger. Parent or legal guardian required to give consent for anyone younger than 18. No advance registration needed, paper consent, and admin forms on-site. Bringing immunization history is helpful, but not required. Here are the dates for walk-up back-to-school clinics.

<https://www.howardcountymd.gov/health/childhood-immunization>

Thursday, June 16, 3:30-5:30 p.m. at HCHD (8930 Stanford Blvd, Columbia 21045), same link as above

Friday, July 22, 3:30-5:30 p.m. at HCHD (8930 Stanford Blvd, Columbia 21045), same link as above