

PAW PRINTS



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Note from Mr. Davis:

There are many many things happening at Guilford this time of year! Please make sure you visit the GES website and review the calendar to see what events are happening, visit <http://ges.hcpss.org/>. You can also easily view the Guilford calendar of events on your mobile device by downloading the HCPSS app and selecting Guilford in the settings. This is the easiest and fastest way to know what's happening each week.

On Friday, Guilford will host our Annual Turkey Trot and Fall Fest throughout the day. Please check the times for each event and plan to join us if possible. Don't forget to stop into the office to get a visitors badge if you are coming to watch!

Homework Reminders: Homework is an opportunity for students to establish routines and to have addition time to practice some of the skills we are learning in school. Each grade level has a slightly different homework policy which typically involves reading, some vocabulary/spelling work, and math practice. As teachers, we work hard to ensure that homework is meaningful and something that your child can do independently. Homework should not be a time that turns into a battle with your child or arguments. If you as the parent feel that your child has worked long enough or if the homework seems to difficult please stop them and jot a short note to the teacher so they know you had them stop the homework.

Don't forget that schools are closed on Monday, October 31st for a countywide professional learning day!

Jonathan



Title I News...

Please join us for the Primary Math Night(K and second grade only) on Thursday, October 27, 2016 6:00-7:30pm. You will learn how math is taught at Guilford and you will get to take home activities to use with your child. Flyers were sent home last Wednesday. Please plan on attending. First grade math night will take place on November 2nd. Questions, email Krista_shaul@hcpss.org or Donna_bethune-brown@hcpss.org

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Turkey Trot/Fall Festival Reminder

All students in Pre-K through 5th grade will be participating in the Turkey Trot and Fall Festival Stations on **Friday, October 28th**, (rain date Wednesday, November 2nd). All students should wear tennis shoes, dress appropriately for the weather, and leave all jewelry at home. We look forward to seeing all of our students and parent volunteers at this fun filled day!!! Thank you!



SAFETY PATROLS UPCOMING EVENTS

We are so excited that the safety patrols have been invited to march in the Hammond High school homecoming parade on Saturday October 29, 2016. A permission slip was given to all safety patrols at their meeting on Monday October 3, 2016. Please return the bottom portion of the information sheet so that we know if your child will be available to attend. If you have any questions please call Mrs. Tarash.

*On October 29, 2016 please join the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority For their Annual Coat Day and Clothing Drive at the Wilde Lake Interfaith Center, which is located at 10431 Twin Rivers Rd, Columbia, MD 21044
It will take place from 9:30 – 12:00 pm.
For more information contact:
Monica Pringle, Jamoni6@juno.com*

**Winter
Coats
&
Wraps**

Date: October 29, 2016

Time: 9:30am – 12:00pm

**Wilde Lake Interfaith Center
10431 Twin Rivers Road
Columbia, MD 21044**

Hosted By:

**Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated
Iota Lambda Omega Chapter**

Please join the ladies of
Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated
Iota Lambda Omega Chapter
for our
Annual Coat Day and Clothing Drive

In partnership with:

- Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Incorporated
- The Wilde Lake Interfaith Center
- Grace Community Church
- Howard County Public School System Pupil Personnel Services
- Alpha Achievers
- AKA Ascenders

For more information contact:
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SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIRS

BOOK FAIR- The book fair is coming to Guilford from Nov 11- Nov. 22. Last week in the Wednesday Folder we sent home the book fair flier and the hours that the fair will be opened. Please mark your calendars for our annual family fun night. The fun night will be on Thursday November 17. Also information has been sent out by PTA to come and help during the book fair as the students visit the fair and create their wish lists. Stay tuned for more information.

The PTA set up a link to volunteer, please visit:

<https://signup.com/client/invitation/6775657374/1647508/false#!1647508/false/false>

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MEDIA BOOK CHALLENGE- Last week we introduced the media book challenge to all 3rd, 4th and 5th grade students. Please check the announcement section on the Media canvas homepage for further details and information. You can also ask your child all about the details. The treasure box opens on November 11, 2016.

If you have any questions about either event please contact Mrs. Tarash and Mrs. Jenkins in the media center.

MEDIA MESSAGE:

As we are now half way through the first marking period we are so excited that all of our students are checking out media books. Please remember your child's media day and assist them in returning their books to the media center on their media day so that they may check out new and exciting books to read each week. We have many students with overdue books dating back to the second week of school.

All of the media center canvas pages grades k-5 are now published. Please check the grade level canvas pages for announcements and calendar events. Please contact the media center if you are having problems accessing the information.

Thanks for supporting the media program at Guilford.

Mrs. Tarash and Mrs. Jenkins



We have been learning a great deal while having a fun time in General Music class this year. A portion of our curriculum requires students in grades three, four and five to play the Soprano Recorder as part of music learning activities which will ultimately contribute toward the music grade each quarter. We will focus on combining various components of music that have been studied in class. In addition, we will progress through a series of nine songs listed under the heading of **KARATE RECORDER**. Each song merits a colorful string to indicate an achieved level to be proud of. All songs will be introduced in music class and should be practiced at home as well. Song sheets will be sent home after they have been introduced in music class.

To purchase a Recorder, please have your child bring an addressed envelope with cash or a check made payable to: Guilford Elementary School for \$4.00 for a PERIPOLE Soprano Recorder by Friday, November 4th, 2016. The recorder will then become the property and responsibility of your child. All envelopes must be given to Mr. Cousins. Practicing at home is encouraged; however, we request that you remind your child to bring their recorder to school on music days.

Students in grades four and five who already have Recorders are also encouraged to bring them to school cleaned and ready for use before Friday, November 4th.

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Be Excited About Math at Guilford



Many parents want to help their child with math, but just don't understand the way we teach it. Here's your chance to **B.E.A.M.** (Be Excited About Math)! Come in during American Education Week and meet with Cheryl Akers, our math support teacher to learn how we do it. Then go see it in action during a Number Talk in your child's math class. You'll also receive some materials that you can use at home. Please sign in at the office and then proceed to the professional development room. Here's the schedule for the session. Math class is immediately following:

Monday, November 14

- 9:05- 9:35 - Gr. 4 parents
- 11:00-11:30 - Gr. 5 parents
- 1:15-1:45- Gr. 3 parents

Wednesday, November 16

- 9:05- 9:35 - Gr. 1 parents
- 9:45-10:15 - Kdg. parents
- 1:15-1:45- Gr. 2 parents

Clean Out Your Closet Challenge

Guilford Elementary is participating in the Clothing To Cash Recycling Program.

Help our school Raise Money! Please see the attached flyer

Guilford Elementary School is participating in the
Clothing To Cash® Recycling Program
Clean Out Your Closet & Help our School Raise Money!



Guilford Elementary School will be paid for every pound we collect.
All materials will be Reworn, Repurposed or finally Recycled.

Look for the large white collection bin in the school parking lot.
The goal is to **FILL** our collection bin **WEEKLY** with
as many **PLASTIC BAGS** of clothing, shoes
and other textiles as possible!



**Help Support Our School & Save The
Environment One Bag At A Time.**



**We want items in ALL conditions,
unwanted, outgrown and out of style.**

We accept the following:

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| All Clothing | (New and Used Women's, Men's and Children's, Clothing, Coats, etc.) |
| All Footwear | (Shoes, Sneakers, Boots, Cleats, etc.) |
| Textiles | (Bedding, Sheets, Blankets, Towels) |
| Accessories | (Handbags, Backpacks, Gloves, Scarves, Jewelry, Wallets) |
| Toys | (Stuffed Animals) |

We Do Not Accept:

Furniture, Food, Foam Cushions or Plastic items



Just a reminder from the health room that the **Injectable Flu Vaccine Clinic** will be held at Guilford on **November 3, 2016. Only students whose parents signed and returned a consent form will be immunized.** If your child has already received the flu vaccine this year at the doctor's office, and you consented for them to have it at school, please send a note into the health room indicating that you want the consent form pulled, and that your child has already received the vaccine. You can also call the health room at 410-880-5934 to let us know that your student has already be immunized.

Important Clinic Dates from the Health Room:

November 1, 2016 - Dental Clinic Day 1 K - 3rd

November 3, 2016 - Flu Clinic

November 4, 2016 - Dental Clinic Day 2

November 15, 2016 - Dental Clinic Day 3

Volunteers for any of these clinics are welcome. Please call the health room at 410-880-5934.

Are you using Dreambox at home?



All students at Guilford Elementary have an individual Dreambox account. Yes, it's true! Students from other schools have to pay for this access! We hope your child will take advantage of this account. Dream box can be accessed through either a computer or tablet. See the Dreambox blurb below for additional information and a resource document. Please let us know if you have any questions about this account.

Guilford is fortunate to continue, 24 hour access to a great math website, Dreambox Learning. DreamBox Learning empowers students to master key concepts, increase achievement, accelerate student learning, and boost long-lasting confidence in math. It does this by customizing itself based on your child's skills. We have begun using Dreambox at school and encourage you to have your child log in regularly at home. Research has found that regular use of this engaging program can aide in increasing math skills. You can even set up a parent dashboard to monitor your child's progress at home. Be sure to have your child log in to Dreambox this year using the directions in the PDF linc below. Feel free to contact your child's math teacher, or Cheryl Akers, Math Support Teacher if you have questions.

[accessing dreambox\(1\).pdf](#)

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Thank you Guilford families for sending in your box tops. For the month of September, 910 valid box tops were submitted. Congratulations to 5th grade for submitting the most box tops. Look out for extra recess! K - 100; 1st - 118; 2nd - 140; 3rd - 113; 4th - 211; 5th - 228. We are still collecting box tops for the month of October. Our 1st submission date to Box Tops for Education is **November 1st**, so please send in any box tops you have. Remember to mark your child's grade on your submission.

Exciting Events Coming Up Sponsored by the PTA

Paint - Sip and Snack Night(s) - you should have gotten the form in your Wednesday Folder. Please fill it out and return it ASAP. We need a head count for supplies needed.

3,4,5TH Grades NOVEMBER 3, 2016 @ 6:30pm

Please contact Roxie Rivera if you have more questions at guilfordpta@gmail.com

Pancake Breakfast to support the 5th Grade Field Trip - please come out and eat lots of yummy breakfast foods Saturday November 5th at 8am. Ridgely Run Community Center / Mission Road/ Jessup, MD.

Please use this link to order your tickets online: <http://www.guilfordpta.com/fundraising-1/pancake-breakfast> for this YUMMY Event.

If you have further questions please reach out to Ms. Mel Stone-Wald at guilfordpta@gmail.com

We need your help with *Volunteering* for a few things for our children at GES.

*Fall Fest/Turkey Trot

You can sign up for donations using this link <http://signupgenius.com/go/20f0b45a8a72fabfd0-fall>

* Scholastic Book Fairs

You can sign up to volunteer using this link <http://signup.com/go/YYZnME>

* Our Vision & Hearing Screenings Next Week October 11th as well as October 20th.

You can sign up to volunteer using this link <http://signup.com/go/2MVfAS>

* Flu Clinic November 3rd

You can sign up to volunteer using this link <http://signup.com/go/XWtDsi>

* Dental Clinic - November 4th & 15th

You can sign up to volunteer using this link <http://signup.com/go/rWJ6X2>

You can also email Melanie Tindale at guilfordpta@gmail.com for more assistance.

FYI, Teacher conferences will be coming soon and the PTA will be sending out a link for help and donations for the staff dinner.

JOIN THE PTA, IT'S NEVER TO LATE!

Please remember that your registration helps so much in all that we do for the GES COMMUNITY!
Register now at <http://www.guilfordpta.com>

Any questions regarding PTA, please contact our President Kimber Johnson at gesptapres@gmail.com. If she can't answer your question she will direct you to the right board member that can.



Hammond High School Homecoming!

Join in the festivities, celebrating Hammond High School's 40th Year/Homecoming. Pancake breakfast in the cafeteria from 8:30 AM to 10 AM. Adults \$7.00 all you can eat pancakes w/2 sausage platter. Kids age 6 and under \$3.00. Parade kicking off from KC Village Center Amherst House at 10:30 AM. Calling all future Golden Bears to march in the parade (ie: safety's, boy scouts, girl scouts, Junior Golden Bears (under 3 assisted in strollers) Noon game start in the HHS Stadium. Grab your parents, kids and neighbors and join us for this autumn tradition.

Please contact Karin Bruce, karinfbuce@comcast.net, 410-381-6694 or Shaun Borsh, nborsh@verizon.net, 443-794-8105 with any questions, etc.

GO BEARS!!

UPCOMING EVENTS

October

- 26 3rd Grade Field Trip – In House Mad Science 11:00am – 3:45pm
- 27 Primary Math Night, 6:00-8:00 PM Grades K and 2
- 28 Orange Day - Fall Fest and Turkey Trot
- 29 Hammond High Homecoming Parade, Safety Patrol marches 10:00 am
- 31 **Schools Closed for Students**

November

- 1 1st Grade Math Night 6:00-7:30 pm
Dental Clinic
- 4 Spirit Day – Sweat Shirt Day – Wear your favorite sweatshirt
Dental Clinic
- 5 PTA/5th Grade Pancake Breakfast 8:00-10:30 am
- 7 Schools Closed for Students
- 8 Election Day – Schools and offices closed – Don't forget to vote!
- 11 Book Fair Opens and runs until the 22nd
2nd Grade Field Trip – Toby's Youth Theatre 9:30-12:15pm
Quarter 1 Pep Rallies
- 14 American Education Week starts and runs through Friday 18th
- 15 Report Cards Issued
Dental Clinic
PTA Meeting 6:30-8:00 pm
- 17 Family Fun Night at the Book Fair 5:30-7:30
- 18 Crazy Hair Day – Wear your hair in a wild style; Spike, fancy hair clips, bows or ribbons!
Coffee with Administration 9:30-10:30am



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COMMUNITY EVENTS

Please visit the Community News and Programs page (<http://www.hcpss.org/community-news-and-programs/>) on the HCPSS website for announcements of upcoming events and programs sponsored by non-profit organizations.

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are due (in writing) in the office to Cathy Corrao every Monday by 12:00p.m. Submissions can be emailed to catherine_corrao@hcpss.org

HCPSS Connect

HCPSS Connect, previously know as the Family Portal, can be found on the Howard County Public School System's homepage, www.hcpss.org. Parents who activated their Family Portal account last school year will use the same log-in and password. New and returning families that have not activated their parent account(s) are urged to do so as soon as possible. For assistance you may call the main office, 410-880-5930.

Family File

To complete or revise your child's emergency information, please log-on to **HCPSS Connect** at the Howard County Public School System's homepage, www.hcpss.org. Parents will use the same log-in and password used for the Family Portal last year. Student emergency information should be completed as soon as possible. Please call the main office, 410-880-5930, for assistance.

If you do not have internet access, please be sure to complete a paper copy of this information and return to school as soon as possible.

Emergency Notifications

As we enter the school year, make sure you know where to find emergency closing information. A complete list of places can be found on the HCPSS [website](#).

SCHOOL HOURS

Grades K– 5 9:25a.m. – 3:55p.m.

Preschool AM - 9:25 – 11:55a.m./ PM – 1:15 -3:55p.m.

Students may enter the building at 9:10 am, when the bell chimes.

LATE ARRIVALS

Students who arrive at school after 9:25a.m. MUST be accompanied by a parent to the Main Office to be signed in before reporting to class.

EARLY DISMISSAL

Teachers may not dismiss students to parents/guardians. Parents/guardians must come to the Main Office, with identification, to sign out students and the office will request that the teacher send the student to the office. This procedure is for the safety of all our students.

ABSENCE POLICY

A parent note explaining a student's absence is required when a student is absent for any portion of the school day. Please include date(s) of absence(s). When a student is absent 3 or more consecutive days a doctor's note is requested upon the student's return to school.

BUSES

Children are assigned to buses by the Pupil Transportation Office based on where they live. Lists of students who ride a particular bus are kept on record in the office. Children are not permitted to ride on another bus. If an emergency arises, please call the main office 410-880-5930.

WALKERS

The Crossing Guard will be on post from 8:55-9:20a.m. Please do not send your children before this time. Students will not be permitted in the building until 9:10 a.m.

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