

PAW PRINTS



Guilford Elementary School
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Note from Mr. Davis:


Have you signed up for conferences? If not please visit www.hcpss.org/connect to sign up for a conference. Once you log in the HCPSS Connect, select CONFERENCE on the left sidebar to see what conference times are available. Then click on the link titled: Parent Scheduled Conferences. Then you can select your times, it will autosave your conference selections. The county sets aside days in both November and February for parents to meet with their child's teacher, please take advantage of this time. Our goal is that all parents will conference with us so that we can discuss your child's progress. If you need help signing up for a conference, please contact the front office.

Report Cards: Our staff spent Monday, reviewing each child's progress, grading end of the quarter assessments, and working on finishing report cards. All students will bring home their report cards on Tuesday, November 15th. Please take the time to review this with your son/daughter.

End of the Quarter Pep Rally: We are excited to have our end of the quarter Pep Rally on Friday. This is an exciting time to celebrate so many successes of our Guilford students. This year, we are recognizing students for their Attendance, ROARing Behavior, Most Improved, Engagement, Perseverance, and Collaboration. Feel free to join us for this celebration.

Changing Weather: As the weather continues to fluctuate between warm and cold, please make sure you child is sent to school in the appropriate clothing. Our goal is to have outdoor recess each day and wearing the proper clothing is important to enjoy the time outside.

Jonathan

 **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.

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



SEPTMEMBER

Pre-Kindergarten: Kayden Stocken

Kindergarten: Athena Tran, Emily Bom, Ishmael Morales

1st Grade: Mariah Brown, Nailah Hill, Gavin Draminski, Hunter Quach

2nd Grade: Hailey Markley, Sarah Cing, Ahnasti Lawrence, Aria Decicco

3rd Grade: Katheryne Rivera, Elianna Longoria, Khloe Goodman

4th Grade: Rachel Par, Bella Giorgilli, Adriann Miller, Kimmel Garner

5th Grade: Carly Vincent, Alissa Sawhney, Dylan Markley, Makhi Young

Art: Angel Bentsil

Media: Isaiah Martin

Music: Trishele Boateng

P.E. Hancock: Stephen Pryor

P.E. Wolter: Ava Matthews

Technology: Burhhaan Khan

Instrumental Music: Gabe Levrone

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First Grade would like to send a BIG Thank You to our Guilford PTA for supporting our students in having exposure to current events. We are so grateful for our subscription to Time For Kids, and truly appreciate our ongoing collaboration with our amazing PTA. Thanks for ALL you do for our students! We are so fortunate!



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

Wednesday, November 16

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

ATTENTION: PARENT / TEACHER CONFERENCES NOVEMBER 21st, 22nd and 23rd



To schedule parent/teacher conferences, parents can log onto their HCPSSConnect account at the Howard County Public School website: www.hcpss.org. Parents will be able to schedule their parent/teacher conferences starting Friday, November 4th. Parents will be able to access the "Conference" link to schedule or cancel their appointments until **Friday, November 18th**. After this date, you will have to schedule, cancel or reschedule your appointments by contacting your child's teacher. **Parent instructions for scheduling parent/teacher conferences were sent out in a Eschool Newsblast to your registered email on file on Friday, November 4th.**

Parents/Guardians who do not have Internet access at home or work may call the school at 410-880-5930 to schedule their conference beginning Thursday, November 10th.

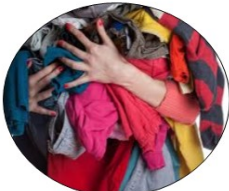


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Clean Out Your Closet Challenge

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:

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

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Important Clinic Dates from the Health Room:

November 15, 2016 - Dental Clinic Day 3

Federal Impact Aid Survey was sent home with students last week. Public Law 81-874 is federal legislation that provides financial assistance from the federal government to local school systems based on the number of students whose parents/guardians work more than 50% of the day on federally owned property in the State of Maryland, as of the survey date (September 20, 2016). The parent/guardian can be employed by the federal government or by a contractor working on a project on federally owned property located in the State of Maryland. Also counted are students whose parents are serving as active military anywhere in the world. ***Please take a moment to complete the survey and return to school by Friday, November 18th.***



PTA NEWS

Our next meeting is November 15th at 6:30pm. Hope to see more people attend.



Thank you to Lori Hall for running successful restaurant nights for fundraising and community bonding.

Thank you to Roxie Rivera and Mel Stone-Wald for two AWESOME paint nights for the kids. Thank you for really giving your all on these nights for the kids, they loved it.

Thank you to Ray Somerville for a day full of fun and excitement with our Turkey trot and Fall Fest.

We cannot do these amazing events without amazing parents...THANK YOU ALL SO MUCH!!!!

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

* Scholastic Book Fairs

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

*Staff Meal During Conferences on Nov 21st

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

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

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UPCOMING EVENTS

November

- 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
- 21 Schools Close 3 hrs early, Parent/Teacher Conferences Begin
- 22 Schools Close 3 hrs early, Parent/Teacher Conferences Continue
- 23 Schools Closed for Students, Last Day Parent/Teacher Conferences
- 24-25 Schools and Offices Closed – Happy Thanksgiving!



December

- 2 Spirit Day – Mismatch Day
3rd Grade In-House Field Trip - Breadmake
- 6 Winter Chorus Concert 7:00 pm
- 8 Girl's Night Out – 6:15-8:15 pm For girls grades 3rd-5th Bring a role Model
- 16 Spirit Day - Wear something from your heritage that shows your culture or tradition

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.

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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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