

# PAW PRINTS



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*Note from Mr. Davis:*

*We hope you and your family had a wonderful Thanksgiving break! I know our staff was excited to have some time away with their families.*

*Thank you to all the families who participated in our parent teacher conferences. It was great to see so many of our parents interested in how their children are doing and what areas to work on. If you were unable to attend a conference, feel free to reach out to your child's teacher to schedule a time to talk. The county has also set aside time in February to conference, if at anytime throughout the year, you feel that you need to meet with your child's teacher please know you can request a conference.*

*We appreciate the PTA for sponsoring a dinner during our conferences on Monday! Thank you to everyone who donated food, it was delicious.*

*As I shared yesterday, Guilford had our Indoor Environmental Quality Visit on Tuesday. During the visit, we did find some suspected mold and upon further investigated found a small section of surface mold on the skylight in the art room. The mold was remediated on Wednesday and Building Services have completed the repair of the skylight area. Updated IEQ information can be accessed on the GES website at [ges.hcpss.org/environment](http://ges.hcpss.org/environment).*

*During our most recent Coffee With Administration, we spent some time talking with the parents about how they are supporting their children at home to support our vision of Engagement, Perseverance, and Collaboration. Parents had lot's of ways they have helped "coach" their children in taking ownership of their learning. We hope you will also be intentional in "coaching" your children in these areas.*

*Our goal is to have outdoor recess each day, please make sure that you send your child to school each day with the appropriate coat, hat, and gloves to handle time outside. After two days of rain, it was clear we need to have time outside each day!*

**Jonathan**

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## OCTOBER

**Pre-Kindergarten:** Elizabet Calderon

**Kindergarten:** Jackson Light, Lilah Doumaux, Miguel Hurtado

**1<sup>st</sup> Grade:** Dennis Woodfork, Iva Lucic, Cayla Williams, Mynor Hernandez

**2<sup>nd</sup> Grade:** Olamide Akindele, Bernard Ametewee, Evan Strunk, Abdur-Rahman Ali

**3<sup>rd</sup> Grade:** Michael Thompson, Hridaya Tuladhar, Joshua Samuel

**4<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Avery Abraham, Thomas Smith, Makayla Proctor, Angie Urias

**5<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Gabrielle Addow, Taylor Burg, Samuel Amoaeng

**Art:** Bryce Edwards

**Media:** Nicholas Edwards

**Music:** Kevaun Murphy

**P.E. Wolter:** Maliya Lawrence

**Technology:** Caleb Fortune

**Instrumental Music:** Jacob Hall


The Howard County Reading Council is proud to sponsor the local Young Author's Contest for 2016-2017! Students in grades 2-5 are eligible to participate by writing a poem and/or short story.

- All entries must be **original work**
- All entries must use no smaller than 12 point font in Times New Roman or Comic Sans
- Be sure to save your file. Winners will be asked to email their entry to the chairperson.
- 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 signed by the student author, parent, and sponsoring teacher.

Students who are interested in participating must submit their entries by **Monday, December 19th**. The YAC Announcements poster and Cover Sheet for entries have been posted on Guilford's website. Any questions can be directed to our Reading Support Teacher, Joanna Kasda. Thank you for supporting our young authors!

## MUSIC NEWS

### Parents:



	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
3 <sup>RD</sup>		Kelly	Magulick		Waite
5 <sup>TH</sup>	Lambert	Hill	Carter	Pearman	
4 <sup>TH</sup>	Schultz		Fowler	Chanda	Walker

Please encourage your 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grader to remember to always bring their Soprano Recorder and Recorder folder to Music class. See the chart above for your child's music day.

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**Dear Chorus Parents,**

I hope the recent Thanksgiving break was a healthy and hearty one for you and your family. Well, we are back into the swing of school again and busy as ever. I am writing to inform you of our Chorus Winter Concert date change. As I am eagerly looking forward to the concert I must announce regrettably that the original date, Tuesday, December 6, will be changed do to unforeseen personal matters. The new date is Tuesday, December 13, one week later. In a few days you will receive a letter from me regarding the new date with detailed information on performance times, evening arrival time and concert attire. Thank you for your continued support of our music performances. We look forward to performing for you soon. Mrs. Cousins.



**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 and will close on December 23rd.

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

#### **Ms. Hill's Book Now for Sale**

Do you want to purchase an autographed copy?

**Message in the Mirror** Book Order Form: [BookOrderForm.pdf](#)

GES is excited to announce that Fifth Grade Teacher, Ms. Katrina Hill is a published author. Her book titled, The Message in the Mirror is being sold to the students at Guilford for a discounted cost of just \$10. If you would like to purchase an autographed copy please complete the attached order form and return to Guilford with your payment of \$10 for each book purchased.

**Congratulation Ms. Hill! We are so proud of you!**

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**Changing Weather:** As the weather continues to fluctuate between warm and cold, please make sure your 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.



## **PTA NEWS**

October's Volunteer of the month was Sheronica Collins. Thank you for all your hard work!

**The PTA is always in need your help with \*Volunteering\* for a few things for our children and staff at GES**

You can also email Melanie Tindale at [guilfordpta@gmail.com](mailto:guilfordpta@gmail.com) for more assistance.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

### **December**

- 2 Spirit Day – Mismatch Day  
3<sup>rd</sup> Grade In-House Field Trip - Breadmake
- 8 Girl's Night Out – 6:15-8:15 pm For girls grades 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Bring a role Model
- 13 Winter Chorus Concert 7:00 pm
- 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.

## **PAWPRINT SUBMISSIONS**

**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](mailto: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](http://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](http://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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