

PAW PRINTS



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Note from Mr. Davis:

Less than 200! We are getting closer to our goal of having every student with an updated Family File! Students will not be able to attend an upcoming field trip if we do not have an updated Family File/Emergency form on file. When you complete the form, don't forget to press SUBMIT! Thank you to all the families who completed their Family File!

Our Annual Turkey Trot and Fall Fest is fast approaching, mark your calendar for Friday, October 28th. We would love to have you join us for this fulfilled day. For those new to Guilford, just a reminder that we do not celebrate Halloween during the school day and as a result students are not permitted to wear costumes at school. In addition, there is no school on Monday, October 31st due to a Professional Learning day for our staff, please plan accordingly.

Staying Hydrated! Our brain needs water to grow. If you would like to have your child have access to water in their classroom they can bring in a water bottle each day. Students are allowed to use water bottles in their classrooms and drink them throughout the day. Staying hydrated is important to good health!

Jonathan

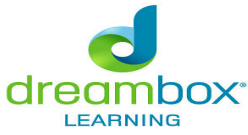


SAFETY PATROLS UPCOMING EVENTS

We would like to invite all of the families of our safety patrols to attend the induction ceremony on Monday October 17 at 6:15 pm in the Guilford Elementary School Cafe. We had a safety patrol meeting on Monday October 3 where we handed out the information sheet asking you to RSVP for the event. Please return the bottom portion of the form to school so we know who will be attending. Thank you so much and Congratulations. Mrs. Tarash, Ms. Dobbs, and Mr. Carter

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.

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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 link 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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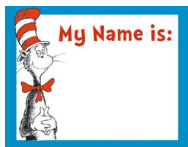
As the parent of a HCPSS student, *if you have selected the **DO NOT PHOTO** option on your child's Emergency Information File – Media Release, as stated below....*

"In the course of school activities, HCPSS staff and the news media occasionally photograph or videotape students, and/or make public their names, likeness, or school work for display/use intended for a public audience. Such exposure could occur in print, on TV, on radio, or by electronic means such as the Internet or social media. Unless you exclude your child from **all** such exposure by opting out, we will assume your permission to do so."

"I **do not** want my child to be photographed, videotaped or identified by the HCPSS or the news media for display/use intended for a public audience. I understand that this release does not apply to public events, the Yearbook, and use by the Parent Teacher Association."

... your child will not be included in photographs that are used in the classroom, team bulletin boards or for purposes of recognition.

If you wish to change this designation, you may do so by logging onto HCPSS Connect for parents and revise your child's Family File (Emergency Card- Media Release).



RESTRICTED NAME? URGENT!

As the parent of a HCPSS student, *if you have selected the "**Name**" option on your child's Emergency Information File – Data Confidentiality, your child's name **cannot** appear in event programs, bulletin boards, list for recognition purposes or the yearbook.*

The form clearly states "**If you restrict the release of your child's name, please note that your child will be excluded from such publications as the yearbook, a published honor roll, school event programs, and other publications of this nature.**"

If you elect to restrict your child's name, there are no exceptions to be made for any of the events mentioned above.

If you wish to change this designation, you may do so by logging onto HCPSS Connect for parents and revise your child's Family File (Emergency Card- Data Confidentiality).

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Important Clinic Dates from the Health Room:

October 20, 2016 - Vision and Hearing Re-screen

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.

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

Small aluminum foil disposable pan donations needed for 4th grade

Plastic Bottle Donations for 5th Grade Science - Please help 5th grade prepare for their upcoming science unit by sending in any clear plastic 2-liter bottles! Students can turn in any bottles to their homeroom teacher or deliver them to Mrs. Lambert's room. Thank you for your support!



The PTA would like to thank everyone who participated and purchases items in our Fall MUMS Sale. We were able to reach our goals because of each of you. We thank you so very much!

We also want to thank Lori Hall and Rachel Smith for making sure we had a successful Fall MUMS Sale.

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

* 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.

We also need Volunteers for FALL Fest if you have not filled out your volunteer form please do so and turn it in ASAP or email us guilfordpta@gmail.com ATTENTION Raymond Sommerville.

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.

Pre K thru 2nd Grade OCTOBER 20, 2016 @ 6:30PM

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.

You should have also received this flyer in your Wednesday Folder. Please fill it out and return it ASAP to reserve your seat for this YUMMY Event.

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

JOIN THE PTA!

Thank you to all that registered for PTA membership at back to school night.

Please remember that your registration helps so much in all that we do for the GES COMMUNITY!

Register now at <http://www.guilfordpta.com>

Get ready and get those box tops in. Box tops goals will be posted soon, but let's start NOW! Make sure you put them in a plastic bag or envelope and Mark your child's grade level on there.

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.

PTA Website: <http://www.guilfordpta.com>

**SAVE THE DATE -
HHS HOMECOMING
Saturday, October 29**



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, karinfbruce@comcast.net, 410-381-6694 or Shaun Borsh, nborsh@verizon.net, 443-794-8105 with any questions, etc. **Go Bears!**

UPCOMING EVENTS

October

- 12 **Schools and Offices Closed**
- 14 Kindergarten Field Trip – Sharps Farm
- 16 HCPSS Community 5K and Fun Run
- 17 Safety Patrol Induction Ceremony, 6:15-7:15 pm
- 19 1st Grade Field Trip – Robinson Nature Center
- 20 Hearing and Vision, Rescreening
PTA Paint and Sip Night, 6:30-8:00 PM
- 21 Spirit Day – Favorite Sport T-shirt Day
Kindergarten Field Trip – Otto the Auto (in-house)
4th Grade Field Trip - Newseum, Washington, D.C.
- 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
- 4 Spirit Day – Sweat Shirt Day – Wear your favorite sweatshirt
- 5 PTA/5th Grade Pancake Breakfast 8:00-10:30 am
- 18 Crazy Hair Day – Wear your hair in a wild style; Spike, fancy hair clips, bows or ribbons!



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

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](#).

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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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