

# PAW PRINTS



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*Note from Mr. Davis:*

Wow, what a great first month of school! We are so proud of how quickly our students have settled into the routine and are busy learning each day! The students have embraced our new motto of Excellence in Action! Focusing on being Engaged, Persevering while learning, and Collaborating each day! Thank you for using this same language at home to support your children in showing Excellence in Action.

Family File/Emergency Cards: Thank you to the 50% of the Guilford families who have update your child's family file. If you have not done so, please visit <http://www.hcpss.org/connect/> to update/approve the information listed. Students who do not have a completed/updated Family File/Emergency Card will not be allowed to attend any off site field trips. Please complete your family file immediately! If you need assistance contact the front office at 410.880.5930.

Have you joined the PTA? Guilford cannot be successful without a true partnership between the school and the parents. A big part of this partnership is to join the PTA. Please take the time to complete a PTA membership form.

*Jonathan*

**INDIVIDUAL PICTURE DAY** - Individual student picture day will be on **Friday, September 30<sup>th</sup>**. Order envelopes were sent home in Student Wednesday Folders on September 21<sup>st</sup>. If you are going to purchase a picture package, please fill out the order envelope, include payment, and return to school on picture day. An order envelope has to be filled out for each student. You can also order by going to <http://www.classic-photo.com/> - Click Pre-Order School Pictures. Enter Access Key: **4B2TQQ89**. Please remind your child to give his/her order envelope to their homeroom teacher prior to having their picture taken if you did not order online. Don't forget **Dress to Impress** School Spirit Day is also on Friday, September 30<sup>th</sup>!

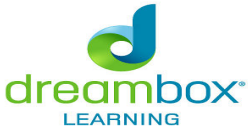


Title I News...

Please join us for the Intermediate Math Night on Thursday, October 6, 2016 6:30-8:00pm. 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. Questions, email [Krista\\_shaul@hcpss.org](mailto:Krista_shaul@hcpss.org) or [Donna\\_bethune-brown@hcpss.org](mailto:Donna_bethune-brown@hcpss.org).

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## Has Your Child Told You About Dreambox?



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 hcps.me as outlined in the letter that went home in Wednesday folders. . Feel free to contact your child's math teacher, or Cheryl Akers, Math Support Teacher if you have questions.

### Attention all Parent Volunteers:

All Parent Volunteers of GES must complete the Parent Volunteer Training packet. You can receive a hard copy in the front office upon your entry into the building. It asks you to read through a few slides and sign that you understand how to report any issue of abuse should a child share with you. Additionally, please connect to the link below and read through a short video about maintaining confidentiality. Once you have completed the video please print and sign the form as instructed. You may return the form to the school's front office. Contact Ms. Dobbs, School Counselor for any questions. The packet is available at: <http://www.hcps.org/parents/volunteer-information/>



### DO NOT PHOTO? URGENT!

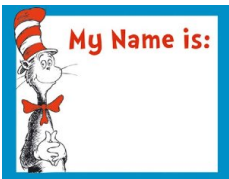
As the parent of a HCPSS student, *if you have selected the DO NOT PHOTO option on your child's Emergency Information File – Media Release, as stated below....*

“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).



### Important Clinic Dates from the Health Room:

October 11, 2016 - Vision and Hearing Screening for PK, K, 1st grades, New students from out of state  
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.

### Small aluminum foil disposable pan donations needed for 4<sup>th</sup> 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!

### 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](mailto: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>

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Students have the opportunity to purchase a hot lunch.

**Lunch (including milk) - \$2.75 Milk (1/2 pint) - .50 cents**



If your child is allergic to milk and you would like him/her to receive juice instead, you must bring a note from your doctor to the cafeteria. In the absence of a doctor's note, all children will receive milk with a school lunch. **Other snacks and drinks are available for purchase with prices ranging from .25 cents to .75 cents.**

**POINT OF SALE SYSTEM FOR STUDENT MEALS** - Parents may prepay for student meals by setting up an online account at [myschoolbucks.com](http://myschoolbucks.com). There is a \$2.25 processing fee for each transaction. Each transaction can be up to \$120.00 in total.

Students also have the option of paying with cash on a daily basis. Each student has been issued a PIN to use when purchasing meals with cash or prepayment. If a student has forgotten their PIN, cashiers can look the PIN up by student name. This PIN allows HCPSS to receive reimbursements from the National School Lunch Program.

We are asking that students bring exact change for purchasing lunch. **If a student brings in extra money, please know that the access money will be placed in the student's account.** In addition, please remind your child that only one snack should be purchased each day.

Please be aware that the students may use the money in their account to purchase snack. If you do not wish for this to be an option for your child, you will need to contact Food and Nutrition Office to have this not be an option for your child. **They can be reached at 410-313-7134.** Thank you for your cooperation and continued support as we continue to use the POS system.

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## GROCERY CARD SIGN-UP

Don't forget about registering your supermarket cards for Guilford. Each year, parents must register so please re-register your Giant, Harris-Teeter, and Safeway cards.

**GIANT** - [www.giantfood.com/aplus](http://www.giantfood.com/aplus). Our school ID # is 01033.

**HARRIS TEETER** - It's time to RE-LINK your VIC cards. We have several ways to link your VIC card: At the register in our stores At the Customer Service desk in our stores. Our website - [http://www.harristeeter.com/community/together\\_in\\_education/tie.aspx](http://www.harristeeter.com/community/together_in_education/tie.aspx). Phone - Call 1-800-432-6111 TIE Coordinators can link parent's cards using the Mass Link feature in the [TIE Coordinator section](#) of their website. **Please note that you may now provide a VIC card number and/or a phone number when mass linking a card.** If you do not have your login information please call 1-800-432-6111.

Link your VIC card to a Together in Education school between Wednesday, September 7 and Tuesday, November 1.

Spend \$100 shopping with the Harris Teeter Express Lane in a single visit each week for five weeks out of the eight week time period and your linked school will earn \$50.

If you are linked to more than one school, the \$50 will be split among the schools to which you are linked. One VIC card can be linked up to 5 schools.

**OSP**- Visit the **HCPSS Online School Payment (OSP)** website where parents are able to pay school fees by debit or credit card online using a secure web browser at their convenience, 24 hours a day. This will include field trip, yearbooks, recorders and payment for lost media books. Go to OSP website: <https://osp.osmsinc.com/howardmd> or visit the Guilford website.

## 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](mailto:karinfbruce@comcast.net), 410-381-6694 or Shaun Borsh, [nborsh@verizon.net](mailto:nborsh@verizon.net), 443-794-8105 with any questions, etc.

## GO BEARS!

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### September

- 30 Fall Picture Day
- 30 PBIS Grade Level Team Drawings  
PTA Mum Distribution, 4:00-6:00 PM

#### October

- 3 Schools and Offices Closed
- 6 Intermediate Math Night, 6:00-8:00 PM Grades 3, 4 and 5
- 7 Spirit Day – Wacky Tacky
- 11 Hearing and Vision Screening  
PTA Meeting, 6:30-8:00 PM
- 12 Schools and Offices Closed
- 14 Kindergarten Field Trip – Sharps Farm
- 16 HCPSS Community 5K and Fun Run
- 19 1<sup>st</sup> 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)



- 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip - Newseum, Washington, D.C.  
27 Primary Math Night, 6:00-8:00 PM Grades K, 1 and 2  
28 Orange Day - Fall Fest and Turkey Trot  
31 **Schools Closed for Students**

**November**

- 4 Spirit Day – Sweat Shirt Day – Wear your favorite sweatshirt  
5 PTA/5<sup>th</sup> Grade Pancake Breakfast

**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 known 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.

**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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