



# Panther Cub Growl

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### Hampstead Elementary School's Vision Statement:

To become a high achieving community of life-long learners who demonstrate strong character and independent thinking.



## Important Dates

### February 2012

- 1 Report Card Goes Home
- 3 9-12:30 5th gr. To BSO  
2:30 pm Full School Assembly  
6:30-8:30 pm PTO Desserts w/Dad
- 6-10 National School Counseling Week
- 7 7 pm FY13 Operating Budget Hearing @ Manchester Valley High
- 8 5 pm Board of Education Meeting  
3:45-7:10 pm Conference Night (Teacher Requested Only)  
6:30 pm Volunteer Training
- 10 12:35 pm Early Dismissal  
School Closed for Prep & Pre-K
- 13 3:45 pm Green Team Meeting  
6:30 pm PTO Meeting
- 15 3:30 PTO Talent Show Rehearsal
- 20 Schools/Offices Closed
- 21 Schools Closed for Students
- 22 Instructional Assistant's Day ♥

- 23 1st gr. to MD Science Center  
7 pm Talent Show Rehearsal

### March 2012

- 2 7 pm PTO Talent Show
- 5 12:35 pm Early Dismissal Day  
School Closed for Pre-K & Prep  
Interim Report Goes Home
- 14-15 MSA Reading
- 20-21 MSA Math
- 26-30 Kindergarten Registration Week
- 28 4-7 pm K Registration Night

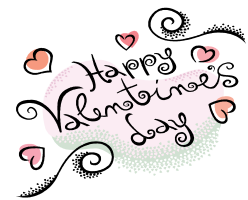
### Hampstead Elementary 2012-2013 School Times

- 8:55—Students can enter the building
- 9:10—Morning Announcements
- 9:15— A.M. Tardy Bell & Class Instruction Begins
- 9:15-11:45—Donna Yeager's AM Class
- 1:15-3:45— Donna Yeager's PM Class
- 3:45—Afternoon Announcements & Buses are called

*Times may be changed slightly.*

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## Special points of interest:

- Parents of 3-5 graders, MSA testing is around the corner in March. Please do not schedule doctor or dentist appointments during these important testing dates.
- Make sure your family has a plan in place for inclement weather dismissals!

## Principal's Corner by Mrs. Powell

Administrative procedures have been established to guide the implementation of Board Policy IKE—Placement, Promotion, Intervention, Retention and Acceleration of Students. The procedures dealing specifically with the promotion and retention of students are as follows:

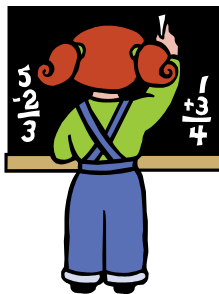
The principal shall consider a student for retention when a student fails to meet grade level standards. The principal may also con-

sider for retention a student who is recommended by school staff or parent/guardian for other reasons. The principal must consider whether the needs of the student can be best met through retention and offer the parent/guardian an opportunity to be included in the process. The principal shall make the decision based on a number of factors including, but not limited to:

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- Academic achievement data
- Response to academic interventions
- Age of the student
- Previous retention(s)
- Attendance record
- Parental concerns
- Developmental factors
- Health factors
- Emotional factors
- Report card
- IEP
- 504 Plan



Students who are at risk for not meeting this criteria will be provided with an intervention program prior to being considered for retention.

Here are a few suggestions that may help you and your child use the information on the report card to improve their progress.

- Set aside time to talk with your child. Ask your child why they think they earned the grades they did. It's important to help them see the connection between the things they did and the grade they earned. If you have not already done so, this would be a perfect time to review your child's data binder.
- Ask your child whether they did their best. What is important is not that your child *be* the best, but that your child *did* his/her best.
- If grades are unexpectedly low, you may need to talk with the teacher. Now is the time to find out about, and correct any problems that may be interfering with your child's learning.
- Set specific goals for the next grading period. Help your child make plans to improve in at least one area. Write out an action plan to achieve the goal.

Remember to keep in mind the ultimate purpose of any report card. It is meant to communicate to student and parent how the student has progressed during a specific marking period. While this report card is designed to communicate academic information, there may still be areas that need further explanation. If you feel that you are still unclear regarding your child's progress, please make sure you contact the school office for a conference with the teacher. Our next conference night is February 8th between 3:45-7:10 p.m.

Have you thought of getting involved in your child's school? But you're not quite sure how to get started? First, make sure you attend the mandatory annual Volunteer Training. Volunteer in your child's classroom, attend PTO meetings. It's easy!

### Kindergarten, Grades One and Two

Students at these grade levels exhibit a wide range of cognitive, physical, social and emotional developmental levels; therefore, promotion is expected. Students who are not performing according to expectations shall be provided additional intervention prior to consideration for retention.

### Grades Three, Four and Five

To be promoted to the next grade, students must pass English Language Arts (ELA) and mathematics.

- A student who fails ELA and/or mathematics for the year (as determined by the average of the grades over the four (4) marking periods) shall be considered for retention.
- A student who successfully participates in appropriate interventions, such as extra assistance, a pull-out program, extended day programs, extended year programs, etc., to address the ELA and/or mathematics deficiencies shall be promoted.

## Volunteer Training Dates & A.H.E.R.A

### February 2012

- 1 6:30 pm @ Winfield Elementary
- 6 9:30 am @ William Winchester Elementary  
6:00 pm @ Manchester Elementary
- 8 6:30 pm @ Piney Ridge Elementary
- 9 9:00 am @ Mechanicsville Elementary  
9:00 am @ Oklahoma Road Middle  
7:00 pm @ Carrolltowne Elementary
- 10 10:00 am @ Elmer Wolfe Elementary

The Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (A.H.E.R.A.) managements plans for all buildings owned or leased by the Board of Education of Carroll County are available for review at the individual Carroll County school locations and at the Office of Plant Operations located at:

191 Schaeffer Avenue, Westminster, MD 21157

Management plans are required by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and depict the location, amount, condition and response action projected for any asbestos-containing materials, if any are located in the school building.

# Kindergarten Registration Week March 26-30, 2012

Registration for Kindergarten for the 2012-13 school year will be held the week of March 26-30, 2012 between the hours of 9-3 pm. For your convenience, the office will also be open from 4-7 pm Wednesday, March 28, 2012. Enrollment in kindergarten is mandatory for children who will be five years of age on or before September 1, 2012.

Parents will need to present the following at the time of registration:

1. their child's birth certificate or other legal document to verify their child's legal name and birth date.
2. Verification of residence such as a public utility bill or a signed lease agreement.
3. Specific address from which the child will be transported to school and the specific address to which the child will be transported after school.

If you have questions about kindergarten, kindergarten orientation, or alternatives to kindergarten, please contact the principal of the elementary school in your attendance area.

The office will accept telephone calls to obtain preliminary information. The full registration packet can be picked up in the office or can be sent home with a family member or neighbor, and will be available two weeks before registration. The cover letter in the packet will let you know what needs to be returned during the actual kindergarten registration week.

CCPS determines the number of teachers prior to June every summer based on enrollment numbers. Please don't delay! Let your friends and neighbors know to register now!!



## CCPS Proposed Budget

The Superintendent's Proposed Operating Budget for FY 2013 was presented during the Board of Education meeting on January 11, 2012.

The dates for public presentation, review and input to the Operating Budget for Carroll County Public Schools System for the 2012-2013 school year are listed below:

- **January 25**—Public hearing with citizen participation. Charles I. Ecker Boardroom, Board of Education Offices. 6:00 p.m. Board Work Session (without citizen participation) on the budget will be held immediately following the public hearing.
- **February 7**—Public hearing with citizen participation. Manchester Valley High School. 7:00 p.m.
- **February 22**—Adoption of the Board of Education's Proposed FY 2013 Budget during the Board of Education Meeting. Charles I. Ecker Boardroom, Board of Education Offices. 1:00 p.m.
- **April 25** (tentative date) - Board Work Session (without citizen participation). Charles I. Ecker Boardroom, Board of Education Offices. Immediately following the 1:00 p.m. Board of Education Meeting.

To ensure adequate time to address all budget topics, the Superintendent will be observing the following guidelines during Citizen Participation at the public hearings:

- Citizens will be given up to three minutes to speak.
- The Superintendent reserves the right to limit testimony on each budget item to five speakers. This will allow time for public comment on all budget topics.
- Citizen may not display signs or posters. In lieu of signs, individuals are encouraged to submit written comments to the Board and the Superintendent.

Other important dates include:

**March 1**—Budget request due to County Commissioners for review.

**April**—Presentation of budget to Commissioners.

**May**—County public hearing.

**May**—Board of Education approves budget categories.



## Music Notes by Mrs. Ready



I hope everyone is staying warm and dry during these winter months. It is hard to believe that we are already well into the 3rd quarter. Where does all the time go? Things have been progressing very nicely with all grade levels. Each grade level is continuing to advance their understanding of all musical concepts using many techniques of singing and playing instruments. Fourth and fifth grade is continuing on their study of the recorder and will do so through to the end of the year. Please remind your child to practice at home whenever possible for their upcoming recorder tests. Third grade will begin the recorder at the beginning of the 4th quarter. Parents can keep an eye out for a letter regarding that sometime soon.

The 4th and 5th grade chorus has grown dramatically from our numbers for the winter concert, which is a very good thing! This group is progressing very well as we learn all of our spring concert songs. **Our concert is scheduled for May 30th at 2 & 7:30 pm. Please mark this date on your calendar** if you haven't already done so.

Lastly, for those parents who are making plans for their child this summer, I would like to suggest a musical theatre enrichment program offered to kids from Grades 1-8. The cost is \$95 for two weeks of the program, which lasts for two hours every day. Please let me know if you are interested and I can send a flyer home with your child.

As always, thank you for your support of our music program here at Hampstead Elementary. If you ever have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at the school anytime.



## Media News by Mrs. Wirick

There's not much time left! Encourage your child to get his or her camera out and take photos for this year's Photography Contest. Photo entries need to be turned in to the Media Center by Wednesday, February 15th. That gives us time to pick the winners and have all photos on display before the **Talent Show on Friday, March 2nd**. All Hampstead families are invited to attend this photography open house. Photos must be the work of a Hampstead Elementary student and should have been taken within the past year. Entries can be in the following subject areas:

1. Life Study—includes people or animals.
2. Landscape—general scenic pictures including nature, architecture, seascape, waterfalls, gardens. Does not include people or animals.
3. Still Life—a grouping of two or more objects arranged by

the photographer, usually taken indoors. Cut flowers in a vase are Still Life.

4. Special Effects—Include photos that were drastically altered using special computer software. Also includes photos taken with special films, camera filters, etc. *Special Effects entries must include a written explanation of the effect, technique, and/or software used.*

Please contact Mrs. Wirick, Media Specialist, if you need more entry labels or have any questions about the contest rules.



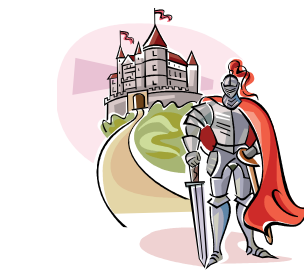
**All entries MUST be the work of the child!**

**Due date is February 15th.**

## Art Clips by Ms. Hammond

Our halls are starting to fill up with kindergarten radial snowflake designs, first grade snowmen collages, second grade "woods in snow" scenes, third grade mixed media snowy landscape scenes, and fifth grade impressionist snowscapes a la Claude Monet...even though as I write this there is no real snow in sight! Our students in fourth grade are busily working on their foil repousse, creating a metal image of a medieval castle.

Students are also beginning to sort through their artwork to select a piece for exhibit at our annual Fine Arts Night, which will be held on Wednesday evening, March 28th! Please save that date on your calendars, because it is a night you will not want to miss! More about this school-wide event will be detailed in our March newsletter.



## Kitchen Korner by Mrs. Nash

I would like to welcome our new director of Food Services, Karen Sarno, who replaces Eulala Muschek, who retired in October. Mrs. Sarno can be reached at the Central Office in Westminster.

You will notice some changes to our menu. Some extra items have been added. I also listed the extra entrees that are available each day for lunch or breakfast. If you have any questions about Food Services please feel free to call me at 410-751-3420.

### Featured Vegetable

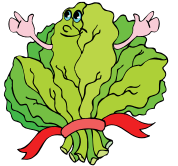
Did you know lettuce is a member of the sunflower family? Iceberg lettuce got its name from the fact that California growers started shipping it covered with heaps of crushed ice in the 1920's. It had previously been called crisphead lettuce. This pale green lettuce is known for the crispy texture and very mild flavor. Iceberg is the least nutritious of the salad greens.

The Green leaf variety doesn't grow to form a lettuce head, but instead the leaves are joined at the stem. Darker green lettuce leaves are more nutritious than the lighter green.

Romaine is the key ingredient in Caesar Salads. It has a leaf-like shape with darker outside leaves, a strong taste and crispy texture.

Butterheads or Bibb, grows in loose heads, with grassy green leaves, butter texture and mild flavor.

Happy Valentines Day and President's Day!



## Gym Shorts by Mr. Rebhan

February marks the end of "Scooter City", a student favorite. This unit teaches the students the rules of driving, proper use of hand signals and following road signs.

The students apply these rules while driving through a miniature town-setting on scooters. The students also receive an allowance of \$25.00 in play money to spend at local businesses. If they prefer, they are able to manage their own business, which helps students learn responsibility with handling and exchanging money.

Our miniature town consists of a bowling alley, a putt-putt golf center, an ice-skating rink, a rope swinging station, a gas station, a bank, a limousine rental, a real traffic light and a mountain visit (which utilizes our Rockwall). The town also allows the students to become police officers and enforce the driving rules.

This unit coincides with the county-based curriculum standard, Social Psychological Principles (working effectively with others in a social setting). The students really enjoy this unit because



they get a sense of what it is like to be a citizen in a real town. At the same time the students remain physically active while using their quadriceps and hamstring muscles to propel the scooters. Don't be surprised if this month your son or daughter provides you with a little driving advice! ☺

After a brief one week bowling unit, and ping-pong, students will begin basketball. K-2 will learn basic ball handling skills, while 3rd-5th graders will ultimately use their skills by applying them to modified zone basketball games.



Lastly, I would like to welcome Caitlyn Lackey, a student teacher from McDaniel College. Caitlyn will be working with me for the next eight weeks. Ms. Lackey will get an opportunity to experience Physical Education on the elementary level and will ultimately get the chance to teach your son/daughter before she moves on to North Carroll High School for her next assignment.



## Summer Kids@Carroll and NEW! Teen College

Exciting enrichment summer programs at Carroll Community College capture children's attention and engage teens with a camp-like environment. Half-day programs are for ages 3-15 will be held June 25 thru August 10. Registrations are being taken now!

For course details go to [www.carrollec.edu/summerkids](http://www.carrollec.edu/summerkids) or call Continuing Education & Training at 410-386-8100.

### Sneak a Peek at Summer 2012!

February 25, 9:30 a.m.—12 Noon @ Great Hall, CCC

- Learn about the NEW! Summer Teen College
- Meet and talk with camp instructors and learn about specific camps

- See demonstrations and exhibits for selected upcoming programs
- Meet college staff
- Register early for popular camps

### Hot program areas include:

Preschool Curiosity Shop; Careers; Cooking; Creativity; Digital Design & Video Games; Fitness; Performance; Reading, Writing & History; Science & Technology; Woodworking



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## Peanut Butter Allergy Information

Imagine if you were allergic to peanuts and were eating lunch in the cafeteria with hundreds of other students armed with their peanut butter sandwiches, peanut butter crackers, and all those hidden peanuts in their processed foods. For students who have an extremely severe allergy to peanuts, it means sitting at a peanut-free table. We have created this table so that students can eat in a safe environment that is free of all peanut and nut products. There are to be no peanut products at this table or near this table at all.

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) estimates that 6% of children have some kind of food allergy, putting them at risk of an allergic reaction at home, or even more dangerously, away from home. Peanut reactions can be very severe, even with extremely small amounts of exposure. This might be because the immune system recognizes peanut proteins easier than other food proteins. Peanuts and some other foods can cause the body to go into anaphylactic shock, a life-threatening condition where a person's blood pressure drops and his or her airways narrow. The condition can normally be relieved with a dose of adrenaline, also called epinephrine.

We are asking that your child be aware that students in our school have peanut allergies and that they could have an allergic reaction if they are exposed to any peanut product. Talking with your child about this issue is appreciated.

## Ice Cream Tear Off

Please complete and have your child return this slip to the newsletter box (in the office) on or before **February 3, 2012** to acknowledge that you have received and read the newsletter. Since we are sending the newsletter home with the youngest or only child, please list each child's name on this slip so they each have a chance to win a free ice cream from the cafeteria during their lunch time.



Turn in for a chance to win!

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*Parent's Signature*

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*Child's Name*

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*Child's Name*

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*Child's Name*

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*Child's Name*

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