

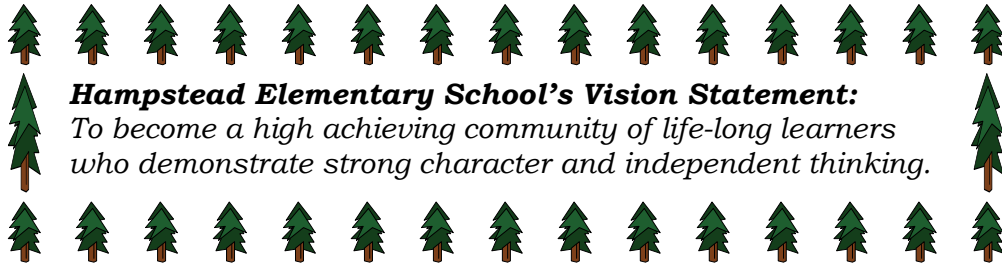


Hampstead Elementary School—Reach for the Stars!

Panther Cub Growl

**January
2012**

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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

January 2012

- 3 Schools Re-Open!
- 9 Green Team Meets After School
- 10 6:30 pm PTO Meeting
Domino's Pizza Night
- 11 5 pm Board of Ed Meeting
- 13 9:30 Otto the Auto Program for Kindergarten
- 16 Schools/Offices Closed
- 25 5 pm Board of Education Mtg.
- 27 Schools Closed for Students
- 30 Third Marking Period Begins

February 2012

- 1 Report Card Goes Home
- 3 9-12:30 5th gr. to BSO
PTO Desserts with Dad
- 7 7 pm FY13 Budget Hearing @
Manchester Valley High School
- 8 3:45-7:15 Conference Night
6:30 pm Volunteer Training
- 10 12:35 pm Early Dismissal Day
Schools Closed for Prep & Pre K
- 20 Schools/Offices Closed
- 21 Schools Closed for Students

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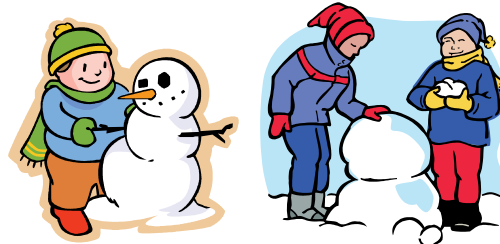


Special points of interest:

- We have seen many students come to school without a coat. Please make sure your child is appropriately dressed for the weather.
- Please label all hats, coats, gloves with your child's name.



A HAPPY NEW YEAR



Principal's Corner

As we look forward to 2012 we would like to take this opportunity to wish all the families in our Hampstead community a very safe, happy and peaceful New Year!

The most precious gift we can give our children is the gift of our time. We hope this holiday season will provide all of our HES families with plenty of time to spend with their children and loved ones. May 2012 bring health and happiness to our students, staff and families.

TO REPORT ABSENCES BY E-MAIL:

A note from the parent/guardian explaining a student's absence is required within 5 school days whenever a student is absent from school. Absence notes can be sent to the school in a variety of ways. Parents can send a note when their child returns to school, send an email to hamattendance@carrollk12.org or fax the school at 410-751-3438.

ALL notes for vacation MUST be approved PRIOR to the absence!

Out-of-District Requests for the 2012-13 School Year

Board policy states that students who attend Carroll County Public Schools shall attend the school in their designated attendance area. However, in very specific and limited circumstances, students may be placed in a school outside their attendance area if an approvable circumstance is deemed to exist.

Parents/legal guardians desiring an out-of-district placement for their child should carefully review the list of approvable circumstances listed on the back of the out-of-district application to determine whether the child meets the criteria for approval. Please review the out-of-district regulations in the Student Services manual for updates. The information can be found in Section 1 of the Student Services manual at www.carrollk12.org. The Carroll County Public Schools' out-of-district policy and regulation will be strictly adhered to in making decisions regarding admission of students to schools outside of their assigned attendance area.

It is the parent's/legal guardians's responsibility to obtain an out-of-district application from the school office or the Student

Services Department. These applications will be available on December 5, 2011. Completed applications may not be returned to the school office.

The deadline for out-of-district applications for the 2012-2013 school year is **February 1, 2012**. Completed applications must be **postmarked or personally delivered** by the deadline date to:

Carroll County Public Schools
Student Services Department
125 North Court Street
Westminster, MD 21157

Applications postmarked/received after the deadline date of February 1, 2012 will be returned to the sender without consideration.

Questions regarding out-of-district issues may be directed to the school's pupil personnel worker, Steven Shoup, at 410-751-3179.

Media News by Mrs. Wirick

The New Year brings our annual **Photography Contest**! This event invites students in grades K-5 to submit photographs for a school wide contest. All entries are due by Wednesday, February 15 and will be on display in the Media Center for the month of March. Families are invited to see all of the photograph entries on display in the Media Center before the PTO's Talent Show on Friday, March 2.

Photographs can be taken using a digital camera or a 35mm camera and should be submitted as printed copy (not in digital form). Color and Black & White photographs will be accepted, but we will no longer have a separate contest for Black & White photographs. Pictures can be submitted 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.



Special Effects- Includes 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.*

Photos should have been taken within the past year (after March 2011) and should be no smaller than 3 ½" x 5" and no larger than 16" x 20" and should include an entry label taped to the back. Entries will be judged for composition, content, cropping, originality, print quality, technique, tonality, and appropriateness to subject area. Please remember that all entries must be the work of the student. Please contact Mrs. Wirick, Media Specialist, if you have any questions.

Volunteer Training Schedule

JANUARY 2012

- 10 6:30 pm @ West Middle
11 6 pm @ Cranberry Station Elementary
6:30 pm @ New Windsor Middle

- 12 5:45 pm @ Friendship Valley Elementary
6 pm @ Oklahoma Road Middle
18 3 pm @ Manchester Valley High
6:30 pm @ Sandymount Elementary

Music Notes by Mrs. Ready

Welcome to a New Year! I hope all of you had a safe and relaxing holiday. Thanks to so many of you who filled a need and brought in tissues for the music classroom. We are well stocked for the year and our noses will be nice and dry. I also want to thank all the parents and families who showed up in support of our Winter Band and Chorus Concert. It was so good to see many of you there. Here at Hampstead we do not take parent support for granted and we know that none of what we do would be possible without your support at home, so thank you.

Now that the winter concert is over, I have re-opened enrollment in the 4th and 5th grade chorus. If your child did not participate in the winter concert but would like to participate in the spring concert, he or she is more than welcome to join. Please tell your child to see me if they are interested. **The Spring Concert will be held, Wednesday, May 30th at 2:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.**



Healthy Moments by Mrs. O'Neal

Students in first through fourth grade will continue to learn about germs and diseases in January. Hopefully, everyone is practicing the proper steps to hand washing that we reviewed in class so we can prevent the spread of colds and the flu!

Kindergartners and fifth graders will be learning about nutrition and healthy eating after winter break. In Kindergarten, we will focus on sorting foods into food groups. We will also discuss foods

that are healthier and foods that are less healthy. In fifth grade, we will focus on the key nutrients found in each food group and their benefits. Students will also learn about the recommended servings for each food group. Students can look forward to having fun learning about food this month!



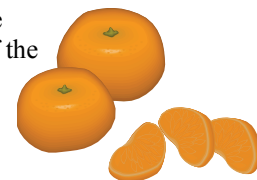
Kitchen Korner by Mrs. Nash

Welcome back, hope everyone had a relaxing holiday. Time to get back to work and build our minds and bodies.

The fruit for this month is tangerines. Tangerines are an excellent source of vitamins A and C and potassium. The Spanish and Portuguese traders first brought citrus seeds to the U.S. in 1518. Tangerines are actually a variety of the mandarin orange named for Tangier, Morocco, where they were first imported from China. This pebbly-skinned and traditional fruit found around Christmas time, are often sold with the stem and leaf attached. Tangerines are fairly easy to peel and have seeds.

Enjoy a tangerine for lunch or a snack. They are good for you!

Remember: **Borrowed money should be paid back to the office the next day. When packing a lunch, please remember to pack a straw, napkin and utensils.**



Art Clips by Ms. Hammond

Welcome back to school and to a new year of art!

Kindergarten and first grade students painted snowpeople in December and now they will be creating more snowmen through collage and printmaking.

Second graders are studying the concept of symmetry as they make individual snowflakes in a radial design. They will then use that knowledge to paint more intricate and colorful radial designs.

Students in grade three are completing a mixed media winter landscape, using watercolors, tempera, and ink. Then they will learn about the Japanese sumi-e style of painting as they explore this art form.

Fourth graders are working on foil repousse, a technique where you press a tool into a soft metal to show an image. Their theme is medieval castles, and they are really enjoying working with this process!

Our fifth grade artists just completed a winter landscape in oil pastels, after studying some of Claude Monet's impressionist winter scenes. They are small because the process is time-consuming, so I call them their "miniature masterpieces"! Stop in to see them on display.



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Inclement Weather Procedures

Please Post!

Please make sure your child knows what to do in case of school closing early due to inclement weather.

SCHOOL OPENING ONE (1) HOUR LATE:

Students should report to school between 9:20-9:50 a.m.

Morning Prep and Pre-K programs are canceled. Afternoon Prep and Pre-K programs will run on their regular schedules.

SCHOOL OPENING TWO (2) HOURS LATE:

Students should report to school between 10:20-10:50 a.m.

Morning Prep and Pre-K programs are canceled. Afternoon Prep and Pre-K programs will run on their regular schedules.

SCHOOL CLOSING ONE (1) HOUR EARLY:

Dismissal time will begin at 2:20 p.m. Afternoon Prep and Pre-K programs canceled.

SCHOOL CLOSING TWO (2) HOURS EARLY:

Dismissal time will begin at 1:20 p.m. Morning Prep and Pre-K programs will dismiss at 11:00 a.m. Afternoon Prep and Pre-K programs are canceled.

SCHOOL CLOSING THREE (3) HOURS EARLY:

Dismissal time will begin at 12:20 p.m. Morning Prep and Pre-K programs will dismiss at 10:00 a.m. Afternoon Prep and Pre-K programs are canceled.



Ice Cream Tear Off

Please complete and have your child return this slip to the newsletter box (in the office) on or before **January 5, 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!

Parent's Signature

Child's Name

Child's Name

Child's Name

Child's Name

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