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*Hampstead Elementary School's Mission Statement:
Hampstead Elementary is a team working together
for all students to achieve their maximum potential.*



Important Dates

May 2009

- 1 PTO Book Bingo
- 1-7 National PE & Sports Week
- 3-9 Teacher Appreciation Week
- 4-8 Pupil Personnel Week
- 4 PTO Teacher & Staff Breakfast
- 5 National Teacher Day
- 6 National School Nurse Day
Salute to School Food Service and Nutrition Day
PTO Teacher Luncheon
- 7 7-5:45 pm 4th gr to St. Mary's City (Extended Day!)
- 8 PTO Mothers Day Flower Sale
10:45-2:15 3rd gr to Goucher
- 11 Field Day (raindate 5/18/09)
- 12 12:35 pm Early Dismissal Day
Schools Closed for Prep
Domino's Pizza Night
- 13 10:45 5th gr Panoramic Picture
5 pm Board of Ed Meeting
- 14 9-2:30 2nd gr to Piney Run Park
- 15 1:45 Spring Concert
Interim Report Goes Home
- 16 PTO Spring Flea Market
- 18 7:30 pm Spring Concert
7 pm PTO General Meeting



- 19 2:15 North Carroll Ensemble
- 20 9-2:15 K to Bear Branch
- 21 Back on the Farm Day for K-1
9-9:45 Shiloh Middle School Counselors to visit 5th gr.
- 22 Family Life Talks
MD Historical Society visits 3rd gr.
- 25 Schools/Offices Closed
- 26 Drug Awareness for 2nd & 4th gr.
6:30 pm 5th gr Einstein Challenge
- 28 Kids on the Block for Grades 2 & 4
8:50-2:30 1st gr to Piney Run Park
- 29 12:30-2 1st gr Authors Tea

June 2009

- 1 5th gr Colonial Days
- 2 NCPL Summer Reading Prog.
- 4 8:50-5 5th gr to Mt. Vernon (Extended Day!)
Prep Graduation
- 5 5th gr To Visit Middle School
1st gr Picnic



REVISED SCHEDULE FOR END OF SCHOOL YEAR

- 10 Last day for Prep Students
- 11 12:35 pm Early Dismissal Day
- 12 12:35 pm Early Dismissal Day
Last Day for Students

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Special points of interest:

- Teacher Appreciation Day is coming! Take some time to thank your teachers for all that they do for you!
- PE classes are outside, please dress accordingly.
- Make sure your child is dressed appropriately for school. No flip flops, halter tops, short shorts or short shirts.
- Last day for students in grades 1-5 is June 12th!

Principal's Corner

A very big **THANK YOU** to Ken and Karen Rupert for the otoscope donation to the health room!

You may be amazed to know that we are already giving a great deal of thought to your child's class assignments for next year! Let me share with you how your child will be grouped and how the classes will be organized for instruction:

In May, teachers give a variety of as-

sessments to determine your child's instructional levels in math, reading and writing.

In June, all teachers from each grade level meet to organize students into academic groupings so that instruction occurs at just the right level for your child to be successful, yet challenged to grow. They also consider many factors such as the learning



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style of the student, the teaching style of the teacher, and how the student interacts with certain other students. Resource teachers are consulted as well as our Special Area teachers because, they too, see how each child performs on a daily basis. This is quite a task as the needs of every student are carefully considered. Our teachers do an incredible job because they see the children daily and know how each child operates as a learner!

In mid-August, class assignments will be listed on the mailing label as part of a newsletter that is sent home to each family.

In August and September, students will be assessed once again to determine if any shifting needs to occur. Throughout the year, if a student's academic needs are not being met, we will make adjustments so he/she can learn more successfully.

Throughout the year, students work with many adults. ILA teachers, Resource teachers, and instructional assistants work with many different small groups to supplement instruction. It is exciting that students get the opportunity to learn from so many caring adults! We truly do have a talented staff.

As you can see, your child's interests will always be at the heart of any placement. Therefore, we will not be placing students in classes based on parental requests so we can ensure that each and every one of our students' needs are met. If there is information you would like to have considered as a part of our decision, please send it in writing prior to June 6th.

CLOTHING OF ALL SIZES ARE NEEDED

The Health Room at Hampstead Elementary School is in desperate need of clothing of all sizes. Throughout the school year, students have accidents, rip their clothing, or other things that occur which require the student to change their shirt or pants. If we are able to give the child a change of clothes, their parents do not need to come pick them up and take them home. Any lightly used or new clothing that you could donate, would be greatly appreciated. Specifically, we are running very low of pants and shorts in all sizes and for both genders.

Revised Schedule for End of School Year

Six emergency closing days were scheduled in the 2008-2009 school calendar. Four days were used to close schools for students and staff for inclement weather. Two emergency days remain unused. Therefore, the following revisions will take place if no additional emergency closing days are needed:

Wednesday, June 10 Last day for Prep students

Last day of school for students at Freedom Elementary and Northwest Middle Schools to allow time for teachers to move supplies and materials out of the teaching area so that construction can take place.

Thursday, June 11 12:35 pm Early Dismissal Day

Friday, June 12 Last day for students and instructional assistants.
12:35 pm Early Dismissal Day.

Monday, June 15

Last duty day for 10 month teachers.

Friday, June 12
Last day for students
in grades K-5!

Volunteer Training Sessions & Absence Notes

Volunteer Training Sessions:

May 2009

- 6 9:30 am @ Eldersburg Elementary
- 6:30 pm @ Cranberry Station Elementary
- 7:00 pm @ Eldersburg Elementary
- 7 7:30 am @ West Middle
- 7:00 pm @ Shiloh Middle
- 12 6:15 pm @ Piney Ridge Elementary
- 6:00 pm @ William Winchester Elementary

Absence Notes:

Be sure to send in notes for your child's absence in a timely manner. If we do not receive a note within 5 days the absence becomes an unlawful absence and will remain that way until we receive verification of the reason for the absence. Also, all requests for absences due to travel or vacation must be sent in to the principal for approval prior to the absence.

Attendance is closely tied to academic performance so please have your children in attendance each and every day possible. Thank you.

Gym Shorts by Mr. Rebhan

The school year is rapidly coming to a close and we have a lot to accomplish in this semester. With only days left before **Field Day, Monday May 11th**, rain date Monday, May 18th, our students have been working hard to prepare for a full day of activities. Please plan on coming out to enjoy the activities with your child. Parents please listen to **AM 1470 WTTR** for any rain cancellations on the morning of the event. Students who participate in Field Day are reminded to bring a water bottle. Please do not bring fruit juices or Gatorade in order to not attract unwanted bees. Also, remember to wear sunscreen if it is a sunny day. While getting ready for field day, all

students have been participating in our spring fitness testing, trying to improve on their fall scores. Generally, with a winter to practice and condition, most students' find the more they practiced the better they perform. Again, our focus is self-improvement.

As the year concludes and our students get ready for summer vacation, I hope that they will be able to reflect on what they have learned in physical education and use that knowledge in maintaining an active and healthy summer. Parents remember to support your child's physical activity and have a safe summer!

Kindergarten Field Day

Kindergarten will have their Field Day in the back of the school and will remain there for most of the day. Their lunch time will be 11:10-11:45 with plenty of water and bathroom breaks throughout the day.

Field Day Schedule

TIME	5TH GRADE	4TH GRADE	1ST GRADE	3RD GRADE	2ND GRADE
9-10 AM	Station 1 Gym	Station 3 Lower Field	Station 4 Far Field	Station 2 Blacktop	Station 5 Parking Lot
10-11 AM	Station 2 Blacktop	Station 4 Far Field	Station 5 Parking Lot	Station 3 Lower Field	Station 1 Gym
11-Noon	Break 11-11:30 Lunch 11:30-12	Station 5 Parking Lot	Lunch 11-11:30 Break 11:30-12	Station 4 Far Field	Station 2 Blacktop
12-1 PM	Station 3 Lower Field	Lunch 12:05-12:35 Break 12:35-1:00	Station 1 Gym	Lunch 12:15-12:45 Break 12-12:15 & 12:45-1:00	Break 12-12:30 Lunch 12:30-1:00
1-2 PM	Station 4 Far Field	Station 1 Gym	Station 2 Blacktop	Station 5 Parking Lot	Station 3 Lower Field
2-3 PM	Station 5 Parking Lot	Station 2 Blacktop	Station 3 Lower Field	Station 1 Gym	Station 4 Far Field



Field Day Notes

Activities begin at 9:00 am sharp! Every hour students in grades 1-5 will rotate with their homeroom to the next of 5 total stations. Lunch times are built into the schedule.

Please remind your child to dress appropriately (light if hot, layers if cool). It will be a very active day. Remember sunscreen prior to school, tennis shoes and a water bottle.

PARKING — DO NOT park along Shiloh Road on either side. Additional parking is available on our front lawn area that faces Shiloh Road (where the

school sign is located).

STATIONS:

1. Gym—Rope Jumping Activities
2. Fenced blacktop area & field near parking lot—Track and Field Events
3. Lower field—Team Sports
4. Far Field (Shiloh side)—Group Relays
5. Parking lot area—Traditional Games



Kitchen Korner by Mrs. Nash

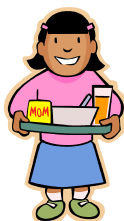
As the summer approaches, kids are often more restless and distracted at school. You can help to make sure that their last weeks of school are productive by ensuring that they begin the day with a nutritious breakfast. Studies show a good breakfast makes kids more alert, less distracted and better behaved in school; it even improves their test scores!

Let's keep our students focused by making sure they begin every school day with a balanced meal at home or at the school breakfast program.

The school year is winding down and all lunch and breakfast tickets need to be used. There are no ticket refunds. We will keep children informed about how many tickets they have remaining.



1. Reminder: **NO LUNCH MONEY WILL BE LOANED THE LAST WEEK OF SCHOOL.** Please make sure your child has money or a packed lunch.
2. Please do not send hard candies to school for lunch. They are a choking hazard.



Have a terrific spring!



Music Notes by Ms. Hollenberg

Chorus students are busy preparing for the Spring Concert on May 18th. Parents of chorus students will receive a letter with the details for that concert.

Fifth graders are learning about key signatures and scales. Soon they will begin a unit on Music History and famous composers. Fourth graders are learning about more complex meters in music, as well as preparing for their final Recorder Karate belt test for the year.

Third graders have started learning how to play a recorder. Recorders need to be brought to all music classes. Second graders have been exploring music around the world and have learned several new pitches.

First graders have learned three rhythms and three

pitches, and they are learning how to read them on staff. They will also be focusing on the brass family of instruments. Kindergarteners are learning about pitch, steady beat and rhythm.



Our Musical SHARPS for April are Julianna Luellen and Garrett Vonella.

Media News by Ms. Morton

The Media Center was a busy place last month during School Library Media month. Our book swap was a big success. Thanks to all the families who donated books. Every student in the school was able to pick a book to read and keep! We had 23 fifth graders take part in the Black-Eyed Susan luncheon. The book How to Steal a Dog, by Barbara O'Connor was their choice as the chapter book they think deserves the MD Black-Eyed Susan award. In media class, Hampstead students picked Scaredy Squirrel by Melanie Watt as the picture book they think deserves the award.

We had several Hampstead students participate in the Carroll County Media festival. These students won 1st place at our school Media Festival. Their entries went onto compete at the County level and their work was on display at the Board of Education in Westminster for the month of April. Congratulations to the following participants in the County Media Festival.

Josh & Nick Ruzsala- 1st place Live Action Video, "The Adventures of Supermonkey 2"

Becky Martin- 1st place Original Graphic Design, "Flowers"

Colyer Traynor- 2nd place Commercial Graphic Design, "Internet Safety"

Madison Coffman & Elizabeth Widener- 2nd place Slide Show, "Surfing Safely"



Ryan Buckley- 1st place Color Life Study Photograph, "Three Swans in a Pond"
Kyle Hann- 2nd place Special Effects Photograph (K-2), "Cool School"
Tere'ssa Flinn- 2nd place Special Effects Photography (3-5), "Noah Underwater in Pink"
Bradley Rodski, Kegan Mayo, Matthew Wood, Josh Rowe, Emma Sutovich, and Maya Shoup all received Honorable Mention for their photographs. All students who participated should be proud!

We had close to 70 participants in this year's "Keys for Reading" program. Carroll County night at the Frederick Keys baseball game will be May 8 at 7:00 PM or May 9 at 6:00 PM. Gates open an hour before the game with a parade 30 minutes before the game. Free ticket vouchers were sent home at the end of April with the students who participated. To redeem your free ticket and to order additional tickets, go to www.FrederickKeys.com and select *Keys for Reading* under the *Community* link on the side menu. You can also order by phone by calling toll free, 877-8-Go-Keys.

As summer quickly approaches please check for any Media books that may be misplaced and return them or send payment before the end of the school year. Also, plan to have your child reading all summer long by signing up for Carroll County Public Library's summer reading program.

Art Clips by Ms. Hammond



Kindergarteners are learning about landscapes, and the art of both Vincent Van Gogh and Henri Rousseau. They are drawing and painting their own landscapes....one with a "Van Gogh" twist, and the other focusing on mixing colors like Rousseau!

Students in first grade have been learning about Claude Monet and his impressionist paintings. They are painting water lilies as did Monet.....stop by to see them in the halls!

Second graders have finally finished their awesome weavings! They are now learning about the paintings of the aboriginal Papunya tribe, and have designed their own icons to tell a story in a painting. Third grade students are working on a painting based on the artwork of artist and author Faith Ringgold. They have drawn, painted, and are now using a printmaking process to design a frame for their work. They will be on display as soon as they finish.

Fourth grade foil repousse castles are on display in the halls, and they look fabulous! They have really set high goals for their work, and we are very proud of these masterpieces! They are now working with clay to create textured dragons.

Students in grade five have finished their papier-mache masks, and these are also on display in school. They are working on a "green" project that will remain a secret until they are ready to be unveiled to the school community!

And finally, we have two Kindergarten students who took the top prizes at the North Carroll branch of the Public Library's "Illustrators' Extravaganza"!!! Zach Wade won first prize and Scott Serafin won second prize for their paintings of cats, inspired by Denise Fleming's book, "Mama Cat Has Three Kittens". Their work was on display at the library during the month of April. Congratulations, Zach and Scott!!!

Give the PERFECT gift to your child's teacher!



The Carroll County Public Schools Education Foundation announces the "Teacher and Staff Tribute Program" which recognizes teachers and staff while giving back to our students.

Your gift of \$10 or more will honor the teacher or staff member of your choice. They will receive an attractive card notifying them of your gesture and the amount of your gift will remain confidential.

Your gift will support the CCPS Education Foundation's grant program, which provides funding for teachers and students in grades K-12. Some of the initiatives funded through the grant program include mentoring programs, literacy programs, and supplies for underprivileged students.

Please use the form below to make your gift. Tributes may be dedicated to any teacher or staff member in the Carroll County Public Schools

Student/Family Name *(to be listed in note card)* _____

Address _____ Email _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone _____

Staff Member Name _____

Staff member School/Location _____ GIFT AMOUNT: \$ _____

You may write one check for multiple gifts. Please make checks payable to CCPS Education Foundation and mail to: 125 N. Court Street, Westminster, MD 21157



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Items Not Permitted in School & Dress Code Reminder

Items not permitted in school: Valuable personal possessions such as head sets, electronic games, portable radios, boomboxes, toys, laser pens, inappropriate print material (including adult magazines or books), Yugio or character game cards, athletic equipment such as bats, hard balls, lacrosse sticks, etc. (Soccer balls, basket balls and footballs must be stored in a bag.), and no chewing gum. beepers, pagers and cell phones must be kept off during school hours.

Dress Code: Please help your child learn respect for school by sending them to school dressed appropriately for learning. Students **ARE NOT PERMITTED TO WEAR** halter tops, half tops, see-through tops, short skirts, short skorts or short shorts. No shoes with spikes/cleats or wheels, clogs, slippers or flip flops. Clothing with reference to alcohol, drugs, cigarettes, inappropriate or suggestive language are not permitted in the school building.

Clothing should be modest, clean, decent and appropriate in appearance so that it is not disruptive to the educational process.

Birthdays: Children's birthdays are not celebrated with parties during instructional time. **Treats may NOT be sent in to be distributed to students during lunch.** NON-EDIBLE TREATS ONLY ARE ALLOWED due to the fact that some students have serious food allergies. The school cannot give out student names, addresses and telephone numbers. Party invitations are not to be distributed in class.



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 is 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 airway narrows. The condition can normally be relieved with a dose of adrenaline, also called epinephrine. Children and adults with severe food allergies carry shots of epinephrine. Please take some time to talk to your child about peanut allergies.

Ice Cream Tear Off

Please complete and have your child return this slip to the newsletter box (in the office) on or before **May 7, 2009** 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

Parent's Signature

Child's Name

Child's Name

Child's Name

Child's Name