



Hampstead Elementary School—Reach for the Stars!

Panther Cub Growl

**November
2011**

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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

November 2011

- 1-3 Hearing & Vision Screening
- 3 12:35 pm Early Dismissal Day
Schools Closed for Pre-K & Prep
Marking Period Ends
6-8 pm Family Reading Night &
Build A Book Party
- 4 9:30-2:30 3rd gr. To MD Science Ctr.
- 6 Standard Time (Fall Backwards 1 Hour)
- 8 Flu Mist 2nd Dose
10:45-2:15 1st gr. To Goucher College
6:30 pm PTO Meeting in Media Center
Domino's Pizza Night
- 9 Trooper Clinton to visit 2nd & 4th gr.
Report Card Goes Home
- 14 12:35 pm Early Dismissal Day
Schools Closed for Pre-K & Prep
- 17 3:45-7:15 pm Conference Night
- 18 4th Grade to BMA
- 21 Individual Picture Re-Take Day

- 22 Bus Evacuation Practice
- 23-25 Schools/Offices Closed

December 2011

- 1 6:30-8 pm PTO Cookies w/Santa
(snow date 12/9)
- 9 12:35 pm Early Dismissal Day
Schools Closed for Pre-K & Prep
- 12 2 pm & 7:30 pm HES Winter Concert
- 23 12:35 pm Early Dismissal Day
Schools Closed for Pre-K & Prep
- 26-January 2nd Schools/Offices Closed

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 by the principal PRIOR to the trip.

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Special points of interest:

- Please label all hats, jackets, lunch boxes etc with your child's name. Lots of these items end up in the lost and found.
- Unclaimed lost & found items will be donated to a local charity before the holiday season.
- Donation of tissues are welcome!!

Principal's Corner by Mrs. Powell

November marks the end of our first quarter of the school year. With that comes our first report card on November 9th. Please take this opportunity to talk with your child about the progress he/she is making. Discuss what seems to be going well and set goals for areas that you and your child would like to see improved. Write one or two goals down and monitor them every

couple of weeks as you are reviewing school work and check in with the teacher as well. Do not miss the opportunity to meet with your child's teacher. We have set aside, Thursday, November 17th from 3:45-7:15 pm for conferences. If you have not met with your child's teacher please call the school between 9-3 to schedule a conference. *Cont'd on Page 2*

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The week of November 13-19 is American Education Week. The design of our school is not well suited for mass visitation. We do encourage every parent to schedule a visit in their child's classroom sometime during the school year when it fits into your schedule. American Education week or any week during the year, we do ask that you contact the teacher in advance so that you do not visit during a test or an assembly when you would not see the classroom in operation.

UPDATE YOUR EMERGENCY CARD:

During the year addresses, phone numbers (home, cell or work), contact information, can change. It is extremely important that you submit any changes to your emergency card immediately. The best way to do this is in writing, listing your child's name, teacher and exactly what information has changed. It is scary for a child who may be ill or injured when the school cannot make contact with mom or dad if the information on the emergency card is incorrect.

Nurse Notes by Ms. Devaux, R.N.

As we are settling into the school year and preparing for the holidays I wanted to send a reminder to parents to please notify the school of any diagnosed illness your children may have. Some bacteria, such as strep, travel very quickly. Your child must be fever free (below 100.0°) for 24 hours without medication.

It is very important that the school be notified if your child has been treated for lice. Carroll County Schools has developed a policy that children may now be in school with nits but only after proof of treatment has been given to the school nurse. Fol-

lowing a treatment for lice we ask that your child be brought to the health room the next morning so that we can make sure that there are no live insects. We also recheck the student approximately 10 days later. If nits continue we ask that you treat your child again.



As always, if you have any questions or concerns feel free to call me.

Thank you and I wish you a healthy holiday season.

"PEAR"Y INTERESTING FACTS: About Natures' Pear-fect Snack

Pears are a great source of nutrition. Fresh pears are loaded with dietary fiber, much of it in the form of Pectin. Excellent source of potassium, which is an element lost easily through dehydration or perspiration brought on by the active lifestyles of children. Pears have Vitamin C, and have no cholesterol, sodium or saturated fat.



Kitchen Korner by Mrs. Nash

The kitchen staff would like to thank the kindergarten parents who were able to attend National School Lunch Week. We served approximately 45 parents. I hope you enjoyed lunch with your child and were able to see our operation and how it works. Remember on November 1st kindergarten will be able to purchase snacks and ice cream for 75¢, cookies are 25¢ and a small ice cream sandwich is 50¢.

November is a busy month. We have two 2 hour and 45 minute early dismissal days and Thursday, November 10th the kitchen will serve our traditional homemade Turkey Dinner with all the trimmings! We hope all students and staff will join us for lunch

on the 10th.

If you find yourself so busy this time of year, then let us help you. The kitchen serves delicious and affordable breakfast and lunch each day. The students have many choices to choose from.

REMINDER: Students who bring lunch from home, please include a napkin, fork, spoon, straw, condiments, anything you need with your lunch. The school cafeteria provides necessary utensils with each PURCHASED meal.

The kitchen staff wishes all a healthy, happy and safe Thanksgiving Holiday!

**When packing,
please provide your
own utensils &
napkins!!**

Media News by Mrs. Wirick

Our Scholastic Book Fair continues through the first week of November. Don't forget, families are invited to shop the Book Fair on Thursday, November 3rd from 6-8 pm. We will also be hosting a *Klutz Build a Book* party in the Cafeteria that evening from 6:30—7:30 pm. Please remember to sign up for the Build a Book party ahead of time so we can be sure we have enough supplies. Online Book Fair shopping is also available this year through November 11th. You can shop by going to <http://scholastic.com/schoolbookfairs>. Hampstead Elementary benefits from your online shopping and in-school shopping. The Book Fair helps us get lots of great new books for our Media Center. A percentage of the profit also goes towards the purchase of new equipment and technology for our school. Thank you to everyone who has supported our Book Fair!

Hampstead students have been excited about using our school's online databases. All of these databases are accessible from home through the Media page on our school website <http://carrollk12.org/ham/media>. Be sure to try our newest database PebbleGo Animals, travel around the world using CultureGrams, or research using World Book Online or SIRS Discoverer. Tumblebook library's online talking picture books are also lots of fun and gives extra reading practice. Take the time to try them out from home!



Music Notes by Mrs. Ready

Time moves quickly when you are having fun. I can't believe it is already November! The school year has gone so well and all the grade levels are continuing to excel in their musical talents. Fourth and Fifth grade are well into their recorder units and are preparing for upcoming recorder tests in class. The next recorder test for fifth grade will be the week of November 7th; the students will be passing out of the blue song. The fourth grade will test out of their yellow song during the week of November 28th. Please continue to encourage your child to practice at home. For some, recorder success does not come as easily, which makes parental support all the more important.

Another date to add to the calendar is the Winter

Band and Chorus Concert to be held on December 12th. Two performances will be given, one at 2 pm and one at 7:30 pm. If you cannot make it to the evening concert, you are more than welcome to attend the afternoon concert. Please contact me if you need further information.

On another note, due to limited resources and an increase in student need, I am running short of tissues for my students. As we head into the peak of cold and flu season, I would like to be well stocked to take care of these needs. If you could spare any tissues, myself and my students (and their noses) would be very much appreciated! Until next time, have a safe and wonderful Thanksgiving season.

Healthy Moments by Mrs. O'Neal

October has been a busy month. Project ACES came to a conclusion on October 16th—thank you for your support! The Carroll County Health Department will announce the prize winners in December. In addition, the PTO has graciously donated two bicycles—one lucky Hampstead boy and girl will be randomly chosen! All students who fully completed and turned in their Project ACES will be eligible. Good Luck!

During the weeks of Project ACES we discussed physical fitness and muscles. The 3rd, 4th and 5th

graders had a chance to be active and exercise in health class. We kept up our pulses while we completed different fitness stations in the gym. At the end of October, we started the body systems unit. We will continue with the body through November. In this unit, students will learn the major organs and their functions. We have a lot of exciting activities and demonstrations planned. Students can look forward to becoming experts on their bodies!



Gym Shorts by Mr. Rebhan

Thank you to all of the fifth graders who participated in our annual **5th grade soccer game**. All students demonstrated excellent sportsmanship throughout the tournament. I would also like to thank all of the teachers who brought their classes out to watch and cheer for their schoolmates, as well as the parents who came to support their children.

A special thank you to all of the students, parents and teachers who participated during our **Fun Run** jump rope and indoor activities. The **Fun Run** is a huge fundraiser for Hampstead Elementary School. Without the support from our community, the PTO would not be able to provide our students with all of the necessary supplies needed to fulfill a school year. Congratulations to **Nathan Montour and Trevor Clark** for creating this year's **Fun Run T-shirt!**

Students in Physical Education class participated in the "fall walk" during the week of October 31st. The purpose of the walk is to teach students how to take

their pulse and learn about their target heart rate while exercising. The walk allows students to learn about local animals, plants and trees while traveling along the perimeter of the school property.

We will begin our football unit during the week of November 7th. Students will learn the skills required to kick, throw and catch a football, as well as a few positions and pass patterns.

Project Aces (Active Children Excel in School) has come to an end. Thank you to our generous PTO for purchasing two brand new bicycles that will be given to random winners.

Please keep in mind that Physical Education classes will remain outside until the weather no longer permits (usually around Thanksgiving). **Students, please continue to dress appropriately for the weather.**



Volunteer Training Schedule

November 2011

- 2 7 pm @ Spring Garden Elementary
- 8 7:30 am @ Spring Garden Elementary
- 6 pm @ Oklahoma Road Middle
- 9 6:30 pm @ Runnymede Elementary
- 10 6 pm @ Cranberry Station Elementary
- 6:30 pm @ West Middle
- 15 6 pm @ Mt. Airy Middle
- 6:30 pm @ Runnymede Elementary
- 16 9:30 am @ Eldersburg Elementary
- 6:30 pm @ Mechanicsville Elementary
- 6:30 pm @ Mt. Airy Elementary

- 21 6:30 pm @ Runnymede Elementary
- 7 pm @ Northwest Middle
- 22 7 pm @ Elmer Wolfe Elementary

Remember, in order to chaperone a field trip or volunteer in the classroom you MUST have completed a mandatory, annual Volunteer Training session.

Inclement Weather Procedures - Please Post!

Parents can keep youngsters safe by arranging emergency back up care. **Children should be taught what to do and where to go when schools close unexpectedly** and parents/guardians are not at home.

In the event that it becomes necessary to close schools for the entire day because of inclement weather (snow or heat), the announcement will be made no later than 6:30 a.m. through the following media sources: www.carrollk12.org (CCPS Web Site) WTTR, Channel 21 and Channel 3 (Westminster); WHVR/WYCR (Hanover); WGET (Gettysburg); WFMD (Frederick); WBAL, WCAO, WRBS, WPOC, WMIX, WMAR-TV, WJZ-TV, WBAL-TV, WQSR, WWLG AM,

WASA, WANN, V103 (Baltimore); WMAL, WTOP, Fox Channel 5, WRC-TV4, WUSA Channel 9, and WJLA-TV (Washington, D.C.), WCRH (Williamsport), WAFY-KEY 103, WXTR (Washington); www.schools-out.com Web Site. If weather conditions are such that the opening of schools might be delayed one (1) hour or more, or it becomes necessary to close all schools early, the notification will be made through the same stations as for the closing of schools. Inclement weather will affect the Pre-K and PREP programs in the following ways:

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 are 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 by 10:00 a.m.

Afternoon PREP and Pre-K Programs are canceled.

Planned 2 Hours 45 Minutes Early Dismissals:

Dismissal time will begin at 12:35 p.m. grades K-5.

PREP & Pre-K programs are canceled.



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Information concerning the Americans with Disabilities Act is available from the Director of Facilities or the Supervisor of Community and Media Relations.



Thanksgiving



Ice Cream Tear Off

Please complete and have your child return this slip to the newsletter box (in the office) on or before **December 2, 2011** 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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