

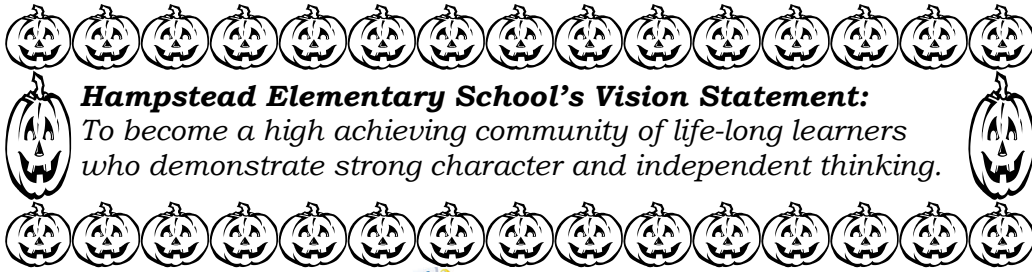


Hampstead Elementary School—Reach for the Stars!

Panther Cub Growl

October 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

October 2011

3 12:35 pm Early Dismissal Day
Schools Closed for Pre-K & Prep
3:45-7:15 pm Teacher Requested
Conference Night

4 Individual Picture Day

6 Interim Report Goes Home

7 Volunteer Fire Dept. Visits

9-15 Fire Prevention Week

10-14 National School Lunch Week

11 Flu Mist for students K-5
6:30 pm PTO Meeting in Media
Domino's Pizza Night

12 9:30-12:30 K to Goucher College
5 pm Board of Education Meeting

13 Bus Evacuation Drill

14 Fun Run (rain date 9/20)

17-21 Nat'l School Bus Safety Week

17 National Boss's Day



18 School Bus Driver & Bus Assistant
Recognition Day

7 pm Town Mtg @ Oklahoma Road
Middle School

21 Schools Closed for Students & 10
Month Staff, Professional Mtg Day

28 First Day of Scholastic Book Fair

November 2011

1-3 Hearing & Vision Screening

3 12:35 pm Early Dismissal Day
Schools Closed for Pre-K & Prep
Marking Period Ends

8 Flu Mist 2nd Dose
10:30-2:30 pm 1st Gr. To Goucher
6:30 pm PTO Mtg. in Media
Domino's Pizza Night

9 Report Card Goes Home

14 12:35 pm Early Dismissal Day
Schools Closed for Pre-K & Prep

17 Conference Night 3:45-7:10 pm

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Special points of interest:

- As the weather turns cooler, please label your child's coats and jackets!
- Remind your child to check the lost and found during lunch.
- Please make sure your child is dressed appropriately for outside recess & PE classes.

Principal's Corner by Mrs. Powell

Report cards are a little over a month away and with that brings the end of the first quarter of the school year.

This first week in October students (except Kindergarten) will be receiving an Interim Report. October 3rd is a teacher requested conference night. You may call to schedule a conference for November 17th beginning the first week of November. The November conference is a great opportunity to help make

corrections if things are not going as well as you would like. The office will take phone calls for conferences between the hours of 9 am—4 pm beginning the first week in November. Teacher's will contact you if a conference is needed for October 3rd. We are hoping that by planning together we will positively impact your child's work habits and achievements for the remainder of the quarter.

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After report cards come home in November, you will have the November 17th conference night available to schedule a conference.

I would like to thank Mrs. Wagner for all of the volunteer training sessions that were conducted, our teachers for their Back to School Night presentations, our PTO for the Ice Cream Social, and to all of our parents for attending these events. We look forward to a great year working together to support all of our Hampstead students.

Giant A+ School Rewards & Safeway:

Our school earns money from the Giant A+ program and the Safeway Goes Back to School program. Please consider logging onto the websites and set up Hampstead Elementary School for donations. Once you sign up with Giant and/or Safeway our school gets a percentage very time you shop! You must re-register every school year.

Attendance:

Be sure to send in notes for your child's absences in a timely manner. If we do not receive a note within five (5) days the absence becomes unlawful and will remain that way until we receive verification of the reason for the absence.

Please remember that absences due to travel or vacation must be sent to the principal for approval prior to the absence!

Attendance is closely tied to academic performance, so please have your child in attendance each and every day possible.



Mandatory Annual Volunteer Training Dates

October 2011

- 3 6 pm @ William Winchester Elementary
- 5 9 am @ Oklahoma Road Middle
- 9:30 am @ Eldersburg Elementary
- 3 pm @ Manchester Valley High
- 11 7:30 am @ Spring Garden Elementary
- 6 pm @ Winters Mill High
- 13 9 am @ Mechanicsville Elementary
- 6 pm @ Manchester Valley High



- 17 6:30 pm @ New Windsor Middle
- 19 6:30 pm @ Sandymount Elementary
- 20 8 pm @ Northwest Middle
- 24 7 pm @ Carrolltowne Elementary
- 26 7 pm @ New Windsor Middle
- 27 6:30 pm @ Runnymede Elementary

Level II Volunteers (classroom helpers, tutors, chaperones, mentors, etc.) are required to attend an annual training session at least seven (7) school days prior to volunteering.

Gym Shorts by Mr. Rebhan, Ms. Hughes & Mrs. O'Neal

Now that fall is here, Physical Education classes will remain outside until the weather starts to turn cold (around Thanksgiving). Please remember to dress appropriately for the autumn weather. Due to all of the rain, students at Hampstead Elementary School are a little behind on putting the finishing touches on their soccer unit. 5th graders will be competing in a soccer game in front of the entire school around the middle of October (date to be determined). All 5th grade parents are welcome to come out and watch.

During the rainy days, students worked on their fitness testing (push-ups, sit-ups, sit & reach, the pacer test). The mile run takes place outside on our quarter mile running track.

Kindergarten and 1st grade just finished learning their Locomotor skills, body parts, shapes and spatial awareness. They

will begin outside Physical Education on September 26th.

Project Aces (Active Children Excel in School) begins October 3rd-16th. Each year Carroll County students are challenged to exercise for an entire hour each day for a two-week span. Last year 91.6% of Hampstead Elementary students met the challenge. Our goal is to improve on that percentage this year. Each student who turns in a completed exercise journal will be entered into a drawing for a new bicycle, courtesy of the HES PTO. Students should remember to write down all of their activities during that two week span.



Upcoming units will include football (K-1st soccer), as well as a brief nature hike and rhythms unit.

Healthy Moments by Mrs. O'Neal

At the end of September, we finished up mental and emotional health. During this unit, all the grades worked on various activities dealing with feelings, personal strengths, and decision-making. For example, fifth graders developed goals for personal growth and used these statements to create giant pyramids.

After completing the mental and emotional health unit, we moved onto the fitness unit and will continue with it through October. During fitness, we discuss cardio respiratory endurance, muscular strength, and flexibility. Students also learn about their muscles and bones and how they contribute to movement.

In correlation with the fitness unit, Hampstead Elementary will begin Project ACES on Monday, October 3rd. This program includes students in K-5 and will continue through October 16th. Please encourage your children to participate in physical activity for 60 minutes everyday. Students who log 60 minutes of activity for all 14 days of the ACES Challenge will be entered in a raffle to win various

prizes. Grand prizes include two tickets to see a **Baltimore Ravens game** and three invitations to **attend a Ravens Play 60 reward luncheon**. School wide cooperation can also earn money for the health and physical education programs. Let's keep active for ACES!

Hampstead elementary students will also be participating in national Red Ribbon week from October 24th-October 28th. During this week, we will discuss the importance of making good choices and leading a drug free, healthy life. In connection with Red



Ribbon week, we will organize a few spirit days (to be determined at a later date). You're child will also be coming home with a red ribbon prior to October 24th. Encourage him/her to wear it every day during Red Ribbon week to show support for drug free communities.

Art Clips by Ms. Hammond

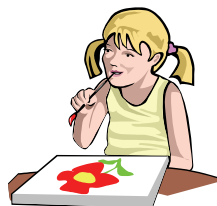
We had an exciting start to the school year, with each child creating a personal work of art! Imagine if you could see this work permanently on a mug, key-chain, T-shirt, or any number of other useful products. This year, we are working with the Square 1 Art company, to offer you the chance to have personalized items for gift-giving for family and friends.

In a couple of weeks, your child will bring home a packet with their artwork and an order form. Please take some time to look it over. Each child also receives a free sheet of stickers with their design! A portion of the money from your orders goes to the Art department to supplement the art supply budget, so you can help our school while you shop. Last year's profits helped to finance our artist-in-residence, Terry Whye, when she worked with the students to create the clay mural in the Media Cen-

ter. Thanks in advance for any support you can give again this year!

Students are now into their first art units of study....for **K, 1st, and 2nd grades**, this is a study of lines and shapes in art. They have also been learning how colors mix together, as this is a natural progression from lines and shapes.

Third graders have been working with chalk pastels, and focusing on blending colors for realism. Students in **fourth grade** are studying lines in art, and are learning how to draw by observation. **Fifth graders** have learned about Henri Matisse, and are using acrylics to paint an interior scene a la Matisse!



Media News by Mrs. Wirick

Mark your calendars! Reading will be taking us *Out of this World* later this month at our Scholastic Book Fair. **The Book Fair will land in the Hampstead Media Center on October 28.** Students will be invited to shop during Media class the week of October 31–November 4. The Scholastic Book Fair provides the opportunity for students and families to purchase great books. Making purchases from the Book Fair is completely optional, but is a wonderful opportunity for you and your child to get your hands on some good books. The Book Fair helps us get new books and resources for classrooms and the Media Center. We also earn a percentage of the profit which we plan to put towards the purchase of new equipment and technology for our school. In addition to shopping during Media class, the Book Fair is open each morning at 8:20AM for students to make purchases before school. Families are also invited to shop at our Reading Night on Thursday,

November 3 from 6–8 PM. This evening will include a *Klutz Build a Book* party from 6:30–7:30 for interested families. The Build a Book party gives students the chance to be authors and illustrators as they create their own book with a family member. More detailed information about these special events will be coming home later this month. You can find out more by visiting our Book Fair homepage <http://bookfairs.scholastic.com/homepage/hampstead>. Get an early start on your holiday shopping at the Book Fair! We look forward to seeing you there.



Kitchen Korner by Mrs. Nash

We hope the students enjoyed all the fresh produce during Farm to School Week that we were able to serve in September. We purchased watermelon, cantaloupes, corn on the cob, tomatoes and cucumbers from the Lippy Farm, the Wike Family Farm, and Baughers. Baughers also supplied apples and peaches. We will continue to purchase apples throughout the year from Baughers.

Our featured fruit for the month of October is fresh apples.

There are more than 7,000 varieties of apples. World production of apples is more than 40 million tons. Eight varieties account for 80% of U.S. production. They are:

Golden Delicious	York
Red Delicious	Stayman
Rome Beauty	McIntosh
Jonathan	

So always add a crunch to your lunch and eat a variety of apples. More than half of all apples grown in the United States for fresh eating come from orchards in Washington State.

One apple has five grams of fiber, supplying 20 percent of the daily fiber recommendations.

Reminders: Breakfast and lunch are served daily!

Peanut Butter sandwiches will not be available during late openings or early dismissal days.



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Music Notes by Mrs. Ready

Welcome Autumn! The cool weather is a refreshing change, bringing some relief from a hot summer. As the school year progresses, please keep our concert dates in mind for future planning. The **winter band and chorus concert is December 12th** at 2:00 pm and 7:30 pm. Our Spring band and chorus concert will be May 30th, also at 2:00 pm and 7:30 pm. A letter will be sent home to chorus members later on with information about what time to arrive and what to wear. If you have any other questions about chorus, please contact me.

As for the general music classroom, Kindergarten is progressing very nicely, learning about proper singing voices and exploring movement with music. First, second, and third grade continue to review learning from prior years and prepare for more advanced musical concepts in rhythm and melody for the future. Fourth and fifth grade have begun their study of the recorder already and will continue this throughout the school year, which is a change from last year. Please encourage your child to practice at home whenever possible.

As always, if you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.



Ice Cream Tear Off

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