



Hampstead Elementary School—Reach for the Stars!

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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

29 Schools/Offices Closed

September 2011

- 1 9 am Full School Assembly
- 5 Schools/Offices Closed
- 6 Back To school Night for 1st & 2nd Grades
 - 6:30 pm Session I
 - 7:35 pm Session II
 - 6 pm, 7 pm, 7:40 pm Volunteer Training
- 12 6:30 pm PTO Meeting (Media Ctr)
- 13 Back To school Night for 3rd, 4th, 5th Grades
 - 6:30 pm Session I
 - 7:35 pm Session II
 - 6 pm, 7 pm, 7:40 pm Volunteer Training
- 14 2:15 pm All for Kids Assembly
 - 6:30-9 pm Boy Scout Open House
- 15 6:30-8:30 pm PTO Ice Cream Social
- 27 9:15 am for gr. 3, 4, 5 Science Center Program

October 2011

- 3 12:35 pm Early Dismissal
Schools Closed for Prep & Pre-K
3:45-7:15 pm Conference Night
- 4 Individual Picture Day
- 6 Interim Report Goes Home
- 11 Flu Mist K-5
6:30 pm PTO Meeting
- 14 Fun Run (10/20 rain date)
- 21 Schools Closed for Students and 10 Month Staff
- 28 First day of Scholastic Book Fair

The newsletter is available online!



Principal's Corner

Dear Parent/Guardian,
The CCPS will continue to use the AlertNow Rapid Communication Service to provide parents/guardians with information from their child's schools and the school system. Alert-Now is capable of delivering both e-mail and phone alerts at no charge to parents. You do not have to sign up for the system. All information is taken from emergency cards. It is important to make sure the school is notified

when there is a change to your child's emergency procedure card throughout the school year.

Please be aware that the phone numbers you provide in the Primary and Secondary Phone section of the emergency card will be used by the school to send high priority and emergency messages (attendance calls, school

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Special points of interest:

- P.E. classes are outside! Please remember your tennis shoes and a jacket if required.
- Hope to see you at the Back to School Nights.
- Plan to attend one of our Volunteer Training Sessions!

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closings, cancellation of school activities and interim and report card reminders) from AlertNow. Non emergency messages (newsletters, general announcements, etc.) will be sent to the e-mail address you provide on the card. Please be sure your contact information is correct. Please notify the office in writing as information on your emergency card changes.

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 unlawful 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 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.

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.

We are asking that your child be aware that students in our school have peanut allergies and they could have an allergic reaction if they are exposed to any peanut product. Thank you for taking the time to talk with your child about this issue.



The Daily Dozen of Bus Riding

1. Be at the bus stop 5 minutes before pick up time.
2. Walk safely to the bus stop and wait in a safe manner.
3. Watch your step and use the handrail when getting on and off the bus.
4. Take your seat promptly and remain seated for your ride to and from school.
5. Sit in the seat facing front; keep your feet, books and other articles out of the aisle.
6. Always keep your hands and head inside the bus.
7. Report any damage that you see to the bus driver.
8. Eating, smoking or using vulgar language is prohibited.
9. Your conduct should be quiet and orderly so the driver is not distracted from the important job of driving.
10. Your driver is responsible for the safe operation of the bus; listen to the bus driver's instructions.
11. Wait until the bus has come to a stop before leaving your seat.
12. Cross ten feet in front of the bus with the warning lights only upon discharge and if you live on the opposite side of the road. Be sure YOU check traffic both ways, too.

Nurse Notes by Ms. Devaux, R.N.

We are fortunate to have another year left of the flu mist grant. It will be offered again to Elementary and Middle school students. Notification of Hampstead's administration dates as well as permission slips will be coming home in September. Please keep an eye out. Parents of medically fragile students may want to check with your child's doctor to be sure it is okay for them to attend school during the administration of the vaccine.

Parents, please remember, if your child has a fever of 100.0 degrees or higher, please keep them home for 24 hours after the fever breaks without fever reducing medicine. The reason for this policy is to protect your children from relapse of the illness

as well as protecting the other students in our school.

Only parents can transport medication to school. This includes prescription and non prescription medications as well as medicated cough drops, eye drops and lotions.

Please make sure that updated information is on your child's emergency card. This helps to ensure that we can reach parents promptly if your child is sick or injured. It is also important to make the health room aware of any medical diagnosis so that your child is assessed and treated appropriately.

Stay safe and healthy!





Kitchen Korner by Mrs. Nash

Welcome back from the kitchen staff; Mrs. Nash, Manager; Mrs. Bonnie Kahline and Ms. Vira Knights.

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to the breakfast and lunch program at Hampstead Elementary. We hope your child(ren) will be joining us for both breakfast and lunch.

Breakfast takes only a few minutes and it's a great start to the learning day. Eating breakfast can help your child(ren) do better in school. Did you know that studies have shown that students who eat breakfast each day score higher on tests, have fewer visits to the school nurse, and are better able to concentrate during the day? Our breakfast is served daily beginning at 8:20 a.m. until 8:50 a.m. Children may eat their breakfast in the cafeteria or choose a disposal tray and take their breakfast to their classroom. The breakfast menu is located on the reverse side of the lunch menu. The students may choose the menu breakfast item for that day or choose yogurt and toast or cereal and toast. Breakfast is a great deal at \$1.25 or 30¢ for reduced students and NO cost to any eligible students on the free program.

The school lunch program is a healthy, balanced lunch. You don't have to plan, purchase, prepare a packed lunch for your child. Lunches are prepared fresh every day, no need to worry about storage or food packaging. You can purchase school lunch for a week or a month in advance. We also have yearly tickets. Hampstead Elementary kitchen staff even prepares your child's lunch for field trips per request.

School lunches are \$2.00 for paid students, 40¢ for students on the reduced program and FREE for our students on the direct certified and free program.

Check out our menu for a variety of nutritious meals. Our recipes are lower in salt, sugar and fat. All foods are baked or steamed, No Frying!. Many fresh items are featured daily.

So, before you pack another bag lunch, think about our lunch program. Visit our school cafeteria. Call Mrs. Nash about any concerns you may have. You'll be surprised at how easy it is to provide your child with a well balanced meal without lifting a finger!

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

As the new school year unfolds, students can look forward to the beginning of our soccer unit. 5th graders will have an opportunity to showcase their soccer skills in our annual 5th grade soccer game. (Date to be determined) During the first two months of school students will also be preparing for Carroll County fitness testing. These areas include, push-ups, curl-ups, sit and reach, the mile run (2nd graders prepare for the half-mile run) and the pacer test. Please remind your child to bring his/her tennis shoes to school on the days that they have Physical Education. Occasionally, morning classes may encounter dew soaked grass; therefore, students may want to bring in old tennis shoes or extra socks to keep in their lockers. Our first two units of the fall will include soccer and football.

Kindergarten and 1st grade students we will remain inside for P.E. class through out the month of September. We will use this time to become more familiar with the gymnasium, warm-up procedures, while learning body/spatial awareness and movement (locomotor skills, i.e. skipping, hopping, and galloping). Parents, please help your child remember to wear their tennis shoes on the days that they have P.E. class.

During October students will have an opportunity to participate in two fun and exciting activities. From **Oct. 3rd – 16th Project Aces** will once again challenge your student to remain active during that entire two week period, recording their activity and qualifying for great prizes. Our goal each year is to remain in the 80-90% activity range.

Also students at Hampstead can look forward to the **Fun Run on Friday, Oct. 14th** (rain date, Thursday Oct. 20th). This event invites students, parents and teachers to come together and walk, jog, or run around our ¼ mile track for an entire hour. The Fun Run is our fall fundraiser which helps pay for school supplies, as well as equipment for the Physical Education department. Everyone who participates will receive a participation prize, while top donations may qualify for random prizes.



Art Clips by Ms. Hammond

Welcome back! I hope you all had fun, creative summers, and are ready to get back to school and **more** fun and learning!

Each student must have an **art smock** in their locker, so that it is ready to wear to Art class each week. It needn't be a purchased one; in fact, the best smocks are used adult-sized button-down shirts, with half of the sleeve cut off. This provides good coverage, so that clothing does not get ruined. Adult-sized T-shirts also can work well, as long as they are of a thicker material. Please use a permanent marker to write your child's name on it too, so I can find its owner if it "forgets" to leave the art room with its owner!

Volunteers are always needed and welcome to help with our art program, to coordinate, mount, and label artwork so that it is ready for display. If you are

interested, please let me know, either by indicating this on the volunteer form that you receive, or by contacting me at school.

All students will be participating in our Square 1 Art program again this year, due to its great success last year. Students will begin the year by creating an original picture for this project. You will be getting more info on this in October, when you will have the opportunity to order personalized products with your child's design on it.

Thank you for your cooperation and support of our art program and I am looking forward to a very creative year in the Art room!



Media News by Mrs. Wirick

There are lots of great new things happening in the Media Center this year. First, Miss Morton, Hampstead's librarian, has a new name! She got married this summer and is now known as Mrs. Wirick (pronounced why-rick). We also have lots of new books to share and our library catalog is now accessible from home at <https://destiny.carrollk12.org>. In addition, we are looking forward to a new season of *The Panther Report*, our school's monthly news show produced by 5th graders. Finally, our Scholastic Book Fair will be here before you know it. Mark your calendars for the first week of November (October 31-November 4).

Your child will soon be checking out books from the Media Center during their scheduled Media class period. Kindergarten, 1st, and 2nd grade students

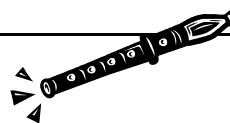
will check out books each week. Their books are due the following week on their media class day. 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade students will check out books every other week. The Media Center is also open to all students before the 8:50 bell each morning. With the permission of their homeroom teacher, students are welcome to come to the Media Center to exchange books at this time. Please help your child find a safe place at home to keep his/her book and make note of your child's media day so that books come back to school on time and don't get lost. If you have concerns about your child taking responsibility for his/her Media book, please send Mrs. Wirick a note. We do not charge fines for late books, but will need payment for any lost or damaged books so that they can be replaced.



Music Notes by Mrs. Ready

Welcome Back! It is so good to see old faces again and meet new ones. I hope everyone had a safe and relaxing summer. As the new school year starts off there are a few things that I would like you to keep in mind as the year progresses.

First, something new this year, the 4th and 5th graders will be using their recorder throughout the year instead of waiting until the 4th quarter. It will be used in every music class for about 10 minutes beginning the week of September 19th. Please help your child locate their recorder so it is ready by the 19th. Please also make sure that your child's name is written on the recorder and on its case. If the recorder can't be found, one may be purchased from me at the school for \$5. Third graders will not begin the recorders until the 4th quarter and do not need to have a recorder until then.



In addition, 4th and 5th grade chorus rehearsals are starting up. The rehearsal times are as follows:

4th Grade—Tuesday 11:15-11:45 a.m.

5th Grade—Thursday 2:45-3:15 p.m.

Our winter afternoon and evening band/chorus concert will be scheduled December 12th at 2:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Our spring concert has been scheduled for May 30th at 2:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. If your child is in chorus, please mark these dates on your calendars now in order to prepare. If your 4th or 5th grade child is interested in band, please see our band teacher, Mr. Smith.

I look forward to a fantastic school year. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me at the school.

Consent and Release

Permission to Photograph, Videotape or Audiotape:

Throughout the school year, the Carroll County Public School System frequently covers school activities and may use your child's photograph, video image, or voice for educational, informational, or public relations purposes, with or without identification by name.

If you do not wish to have your child's voice reproduced on tape or to have his/her image appear in such things as a video, a photograph, or the school website, please notify the school principal in writing. It is assumed that parents and guardians consent to their children being audiotaped, photographed, videotaped, or having their image placed on a school website by the school system unless such notification is received.

There are also occasions when the media cover certain school events (such as when a government leader visits a school). If you do not wish to have your child's name or likeness published by the media, you should address your concerns directly to the

school involved so that the media is so advised.

Please be advised that the school system has no control over the media when they are covering activities such as sporting events and musical programs that are open to the public.

Use of Student Work on Websites or in Publications:

There may be times throughout the year when the Carroll County Public School System wishes to display student work on school websites or in publications. If you do not wish to have your child's art, poetry, writing, etc. appear on school websites or in publications, please notify the school principal in writing. It is assumed that parents and guardians consent to their child's work being displayed on school websites or in publications unless such notification is received.



Volunteer Training Sessions

Carroll County Public Schools Volunteer Program *Making A Difference Together*

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. School Days are defined as days when schools are open for students. Volunteer training, obtained during the 2010-2011 school year is only valid through September 30, 2011.

Please Note: The training session will begin promptly at the scheduled time, so allow adequate travel time in order to arrive before the presentation begins. Attendees must be present for the entire presentation because volunteer training is an annual compliance requirement. You will need to attend another presentation if the training session has begun when you arrive. The trainers appreciate your understanding and regret any inconven-

ience this situation may cause.

Please see the date page of this newsletter for our Back To School Night Volunteer Training Sessions.

September 2011

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| 12 | 10 am & 7 pm @ Eldersburg Elementary
7 pm @ North Carroll High |
| 13 | 6 pm @ Winters Mill High
6 & 7:30 pm @ Ebb Valley Elementary |
| 14 | 6:30 pm @ Piney Ridge Elementary |
| 15 | 6 pm & 7:30 pm @ Ebb Valley Elementary
6:30 pm @ Westminster Elementary |
| 22 | 3 pm @ Manchester Valley High |

Healthy Moments by Mrs. O'Neal



Welcome back! I hope summer was exciting and safe! I cannot wait to see everyone and meet those that are new to Hampstead. I am starting the new school year in a new location. Health class will be in room 111A (front class in the second grade suite). Students no longer have to leave the building and brave the elements for health!

In addition to teaching health this year, I will also be teaching a couple of physical education classes. First graders in Hastings' and Stickles' classes and kindergartners in Mrs. Luzier's class will have physical education with me one day a week. I'm looking forward to a healthy year full of fitness, learning, and fun!

We are going to begin the year with the mental and emotional health unit. This unit focuses on feelings, character, communication, and decision-making. Hopefully, discussing these topics will ease some of the new school year jitters! Towards the end of September, we will begin the nutrition and fitness unit. During this unit, health will collaborate with physical education in promoting Project ACES, a program that encourages all children in Carroll County to be active. I can't wait to increase our participation from last year!

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns. Thanks in advance for your support. I am really enthusiastic about the upcoming school year!

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Ice Cream Tear Off

Please complete and have your child return this slip to the newsletter box (in the office) on or before **September 13, 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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