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teachers need to establish and communicate daily procedures and routines. Together students and teachers also need to establish learning and behavior expectations as well as instructional goals.

To that end, during the first three weeks of school, teachers will not only establish behavior and learning expectations and goals, but also assess student abilities and interests, modeling think-alouds, establish literacy centers and/or independent reading guidelines, teach or review guidelines for independently choosing the "just right" book, and begin whole group literacy study. Writer's notebooks will be modeled; spelling and infor-

mal writing assessments will be completed. Formal reading assessments will be given to students quarterly. Children's reading levels sometimes change dramatically over the summer especially if they have read a great deal. Please understand that this may require us to change reading teachers or even classes to get just the right instructional match. We will keep you informed of our decisions along the way and we certainly appreciate your understanding.

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## Gifted & Talented

The CCPS Gifted and Talented Program is designed to meet the needs of highly able learners and maximize student achievement. Gifted and Talented teachers in collaboration with classroom instruction, will continue to provide a continuum of services designed to meet the needs of Gifted and Talented Education Program participants. This may include in-class instruction, pull-out groups, and/or resource development with classroom teachers. A Referral and Review team will determine student eligibility for services. Indicators for participation include observational checklists, standardized test scores, work samples and classroom performance. Although students are not formally identified

until the beginning of third grade, Gifted and Talented teachers will continue to provide a range of services for grades K-5, including the Primary Education Thinking Skills for grade 2. Look for more information concerning the upcoming Gifted and Talented Education Program Orientation Night.



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## PTO News

Our PTO generously supplies each student in grades 2 through 5 with a Premier School Agenda. This agenda is an important link between school and home. The agenda provides a consistent way for each student to record assignments, for each teacher to communicate with a child's parents, and for parents to communicate with their child's teacher. Your child is expected to record homework and assignments in their agenda each day and to share that agenda with you each evening for a signature. This provides you with a way to monitor your child's assignments and to engage in conversation about their learning day! Start off the year with the routine of checking the agenda each night!

The PTO is in need of a few committee chairpersons. Please contact Bonnie Kapinos if you are interested in any of the following:

Apparel Sale (beginning of school year)

Fun Run (fall)

BJ's Fundraiser (spring)



Dine Out Nights (throughout the school year)

Stop by the PTO booth at the open house to check out this year's spirit wear! It's only available for a limited time! Shirts, sweats and bags with Hampstead Elementary logo on.

### 2009-2010 PTO Contact Information

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## CCPS Volunteer Program—Making a Difference Together

Volunteering is an excellent way for parents and family, community members, and business partners to build and strengthen ties with the CCPS system.

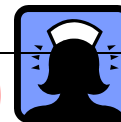
CCPS Volunteer Program Guidelines outline consistent standards for volunteers. Level I Volunteers (guest readers, concession stand operators, business representatives, event ticket collectors, guest speakers, etc.) must annually register at a school site before volunteering. Level II Volunteers (classroom helpers, tutors, chaperones, mentors, etc.) are required to attend an annual training session at least seven (7) school days prior to volunteering.

Volunteer training sessions are held at schools and regional locations throughout the school year. Volunteer training, obtained during the 2008-09 school year is only valid through September 30, 2009. As plans for the 2009-10 school year are developed, volunteer training may be included as part of a scheduled school event or activity. Carefully scan school newsletters and

bulletins for planned volunteer training dates and locations. Attending required annual volunteer training prior to October 1, 2009 will maintain your eligibility to volunteer and alleviate gaps in your volunteer service. By late summer, a comprehensive list of volunteer training sessions will be available by accessing the CCPS website, <http://www.carrollk12.org>, Channel 21, and local newspapers. Additional information may also be obtained by contacting Jane Farver, CCPS Volunteer Program Coordinator at 410-386-1536 or [ejfarve@k12.carr.org](mailto:ejfarve@k12.carr.org).

### Hampstead Elementary School Volunteer Training Dates:

August 20, 2009	8-8:30 p.m.
September 9, 2009	6, 7 & 7:40 p.m.
September 16, 2009	6, 7 & 7:40 p.m.



## Nurse Notes by Ms. Devaux, R.N. (formerly Spence)

The school nurse cannot dispense any medications except ibuprofen and acetaminophen without a medication permission form signed by a physician and parent.

The CC BOE feels that if possible, alternate plans should be made to avoid the administration of prescription or non-prescription medications in school. Parents should be encouraged to consult with their physicians to discuss the possibility of administering medication either before or after school. However, there are occasions when it is determined by a physician or dentist that a child must receive prescribed medication during the school day, either on a regular schedule or in the event of an emergency (bee stings, asthma or diabetes).

When these circumstances occur, the physician or den-

tist must give written approval and specific directions regarding administration. No medication will be administered unless it is in the original container with appropriate written permission and directions.

All medications must be brought to school by a responsible adult. ALL medications except children's strength ibuprofen and acetaminophen must be accompanied by a medication consent form completed by a prescribing physician or nurse practitioner (not be a physician's assistant), and the parent. **ANY STUDENT WHO TRANSPORTS MEDICATION TO SCHOOL, PRESCRIPTION OR NON-PRESCRIPTION, WILL BE IN VIOLATION OF THE DRUG AND ALCOHOL POLICY.**

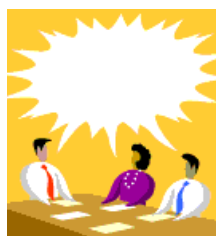
## Important Dates: Please mark your calendar

### 2 Hour 45 Minute Early Dismissal

October 29, 2009—System-wide  
November 9, 2009—System-wide  
December 3, 2009—Elementary Only  
December 23, 2009—System-wide  
January 22, 2010—System-wide  
February 5, 2010—Elementary Only  
March 15, 2010—System-wide  
April 1, 2010—System-wide  
May 11, 2010—Elementary Only  
June 10, 2010—System-wide

### Conference Nights

4-7:45 pm October 13, 2009  
4-7:45 pm November 9, 2009 (Early Dismissal Day)  
4-7:45 pm January 20, 2010  
4-7:45 pm February 2, 2010



## Bus Riders & Parent Pick Up & Playtime



### **Bus Riders:**

Parents, please put your child on the school bus the first day of school if at all possible. When parents bring students into school the first day, there are many students who have no idea what bus to ride home. Parents actually do a disservice to your child by bringing them to school. Please make sure your children know the bus they are riding in to school and the bus that takes them home. If your child comes in on one bus and rides a different bus home, please also send a note with your child that first day of school listing both bus numbers.

Video/audio cameras are placed on school buses to protect students and staff and provide for a safe and orderly environment. The privacy of students and the recording are kept secure and are reviewed only by the authorized CCPS Personnel.

### **Parent Pick Up:**

If your child is going to be a permanent pick up at the

end of each day, you will need to send in a note the first day of school stating: please put my child on the parent pick up list for the entire school year. If your child was parent pick up the previous year, you must send a note for the current school year. We no longer have notes from previous years.

If your child needs to be picked up on certain days and it is consistent (i.e., every Tuesday, Wed, etc.) also put that in writing and your child will be put on that specific day throughout the school year.

Children's names WILL NOT be called on the PA system at the end of the day. You must inform your child when they are to be parent pick up. Only names received after 11:00 am will be announced.

### **Playtime:**

If your child attends Playtime daycare at Hampstead Elementary, please send a note whether your child is Before and After Daycare or just Before or After.

## 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, information, 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 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 CCPS wishes to display 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 check the appropriate box on the Emergency Procedures Card.

## AlertNow



The Carroll County Public School System is now using the AlertNow Rapid Communication Service to provide parents with information from their child's schools and the school system. AlertNow replaces eSchoolnewsletter and is capable of delivering both e-mail and phone alerts at no charge to parents. You do not have to sign up for the new system. All information is taken from emergency procedure cards. AlertNow was piloted in six schools last year and we have had very positive



feedback. We are excited about the new capabilities AlertNow offers and believe it will greatly enhance our communication with parents and our school communities.

# Orientation, Open House & Back to School Nights

- 8/20 7 pm Kindergarten Orientation—Parents ONLY  
Volunteer Training immediately following.
- 8/24 1:30-2 pm New Family Orientation  
2-3 pm Full School Open House, includes a bus ride for kindergarten students.
- 9/9 6:30 pm Primary (1 & 2, gr) Back to School Night (2 sessions including Volunteer Training)
- 9/16 Intermediate (3 rd, 4th, 5th gr) Back to School Night (2 sessions including Volunteer Training)

## Back to School Nights are as follows:

Session I 6:30-7:30 pm

Session II 7:35-8:35 pm

**Volunteer Trainings** 1/2 hr each at 6 pm, 7 pm, & 7:40 pm.

Open House is your child's opportunity to visit the classroom and meet his/her teacher for the first time. It is strongly recommended that you make every attempt to attend. This is a great time to have your child "practice" walking into the building and finding his/her classroom in preparation for their first day when they come to school off the school bus.



## Kitchen Korner by Mrs. Nash

Welcome back students and staff to another healthy school year. Prices for the 2009-2010 school year will remain the same as last school year.

Lunch \$2.00                      Breakfast \$1.25  
Reduced Lunch \$ .40      Reduced Breakfast \$ .30  
Milk \$ .50                      Ice Cream & Snacks \$ .75

Advanced lunches are sold daily. Please send check or cash in a sealed envelope with your child's name, grade, teacher and number of lunches. Do the same thing for advanced breakfast. Money should be sent down in the morning with lunch counts.

Yearly and monthly debits may be set up by the Food Service Department as soon as possible. To set up one of these accounts please call Food Services at 410-751-3040.

USDA Requirements: 2 oz meat or protein, 3/4 cup

fruit and vegetable, 8 oz milk

### **CHOICES:**

K-2nd grades; main entrée or peanut butter and jelly; cheese sandwich or tuna salad sandwich.

3-5th grades; Same as K-2nd plus choice of student salad with 2 oz protein.

Health Tip: Fruits and vegetables are packed with vitamins, minerals, fiber and disease fighting phytochemicals. Eating plenty of fruits and vegetables every day can help reduce your risk of heart disease, high blood pressure, type 2 diabetes and certain cancers.

Create ways for your child to be active and helpful at home: dusting furniture, picking up toys, gardening, helping with yard work, or walking the dog.

Have a heart healthy month!

## LOCATE: Enhanced Special Needs Services

Parents, do you need help locating child care for your child with a special need?

Parents of children with a special needs such as asthma, allergies, medical issues, social/emotional or behavioral issues are eligible for a free service to assist in locating licensed child care programs. Call LOCATE: Enhanced Special Needs Services where trained special needs counselors will assist you with your child care needs. For referrals to regulated child care please contact:

LOCATE: Enhanced Special Needs Services

1-800-999-0120 or TDD: 410-385-1042

Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m.—4:30 p.m.

LOCATE: Child Care is a service offered by Maryland Committee for Children through funding from MSDE and Maryland Infants & Toddlers/Preschool Services.



## Hampstead Elementary

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Hampstead, MD 21074

Phone: 410-751-3420

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Email: [www.carr.org/ccps](http://www.carr.org/ccps)

The Board of Education of Carroll County does not discriminate on the basis of disability in employment or provision of services, programs or activities. Information concerning the Americans with Disabilities Act is available from the Director of Facilities, 410-751-3177. Persons needing auxiliary aids and services for communication should contact the Office of Community and Media Relations at 410-751-3020 or write to Carroll County Public Schools, 125 North Court Street, Westminster, Maryland 21157. Persons who are deaf, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability, use Relay or 7-1-1. Please contact the school system at least one (1) week in advance of the date the special accommodation is needed.



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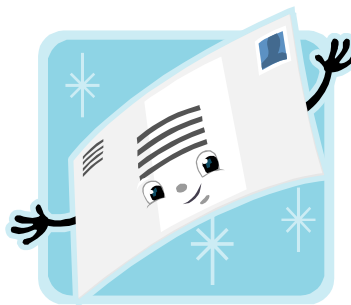
## Reminder:

Be sure to read your homeroom teacher's name on the mailing label. We cannot give out that information on the telephone, nor will it be listed in the newspaper or posted on the front door of the school.

Kindergarten night will be August 20th at 7:00 p.m. for parents ONLY. New Family Orientation is August 24th at 1:30 p.m. followed by our full school Open House from 2:00—3:00 p.m. Open House is the chance for your child to see his/her classroom and meet the teacher for the first time.

Bus listings will be in the Carroll County Times Back to School Edition, August 18, 2009.

The bus transportation lists are posted on the front door of the school by the second week in August. Feel free to drop by anytime to see what your bus number will be for this school year.



Read your mailing label to see who your child's homeroom teacher will be!