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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

### February 2009

- 2-6 National School Counseling Week
- 2 Report Card Goes Home
- 5 NAEP Testing Grade 4
- 6 12:35 pm Early Dismissal Day  
Schools Closed for Prep
- 10 7 pm @ SCHS FY10 Operating  
Budget Hearing  
Domino's Pizza Night
- 11 5th Grade to BSO  
5 pm BOE Meeting
- 13 5th Grade Celebrations  
PTO Desserts w/Dad (2/20 raindate)
- 16 Schools/Offices Closed
- 17 Schools Closed for Students  
7 pm PTO Executive Meeting
- 22-28 National FFA week
- 25 Instructional Assistants Day  
1 pm Budget Adoption
- 26 10 am Children's Theater Assembly

### March 2009

- 2-6 National School Breakfast Week
- 2-8 National Foreign Language Week
- 3 3rd Grade to Goucher College
- 5 Interim Report Goes Home
- 8 Daylight Savings Time
- 9-13 Kindergarten Registration Week
- 11 4-7 pm K Registration Night
- 13 9-12:30 K to Goucher College
- 16-18 MSA Math
- 18 12:35 pm Early Dismissal Day  
Schools Closed for Prep
- 19 2:15 pm 3rd Grade Musical  
Fine Arts Night
- 20 7 pm PTO Basket Bingo
- 23-24 MSA Reading



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## Principal's Corner



Dear Parents;

We have been experiencing some very cold weather. We do try to have our students get outside unless the temperature or the wind chill are extreme (below 35°). We ask that you send your students to school dressed so that they can go outside. Students who do not have coats or who have bare legs will not be allowed outside when the temperatures or the wind chill are below 40°. Students may keep sweat pants in their lockers for those extremely cold days.



The Maryland State Department of Education has just released the following information:

### Maryland's Education System Ranks Number One Overall

The Maryland public school system has moved to the head of the class, according to an independent national report released last week. *Education Week*, the nation's leading education newspaper, looked at data in six critical categories over the past two years, and found that Maryland's state education system is at the very top of the list in *Education Week's* tally, just ahead of Massachusetts. Other high scoring systems include New York and Virginia.

## Special points of interest:

- MSA Math and Reading tests are next month. Please make sure your child is to school on time during these testing dates.
- Please do not make doctor or dentist appointments during MSA testing dates.
- If your child is late during MSA testing, your child may have to wait until a break in between testing to enter the classroom.

# Kindergarten Registration!!



Registration for kindergarten for the 2009-10 school year will be March 9-13, 2009 from 9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m. **Registration Night will be March 11, 2009 from 4-7 p.m.** Enrollment in kindergarten is mandatory for children who will be five years of age by September 1, 2009. Kindergarten is full day. Our school hours are 8:50 a.m.—3:20 p.m.

Parents will need to present the following at the time of registration:

1. A copy of the child's birth certificate or other legal document to verify the child's legal name and birth date.
2. Verification of residence. The following are acceptable documents for proof of residence:
  - A SIGNED contract on a home being built in Carroll County for families with approved non-resident or out of district status. MUST be followed by an other acceptable proof of residence once the family moves into the county or district.
  - A SIGNED lease/rental agreement on a home/apartment in which the parent/legal guardian is currently residing.
  - A recent bill for service delivered to the residence (i.e., BGE, land-line phone, cable, oil or water).
  - A mortgage statement/bill noting "Primary Residence".

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- A SIGNED settlement document.
  - A tax document from the current fiscal year indicating "Primary Residence".—Date on document must be within 60 days of enrollment.
3. Specific address from which the child will be transported to school and the specific address to which the child will be transported after school.

If you have questions about kindergarten, kindergarten orientation or alternatives to kindergarten, please contact Mrs. Powell, Principal of Hampstead Elementary.

The office will accept telephone calls to obtain preliminary information. The full registration packet can be picked up in the office or can be sent home with a family member or neighbor, and will be available the week before registration. The cover letter in the packet will let you know what needs to be returned during the actual kindergarten registration week.

*CCPS determines the number of teachers prior to June every summer based on enrollment numbers. Please do not wait to register—every student counts when determining the number of teachers!!*

Let your friends and neighbors know to register **now!!**

## Out of District Requests for the 2009-10 School Year

Out of district applications are available in school offices. Board policy states that students who attend Carroll County Public Schools shall attend school in their designated attendance area. However, in very specific and limited circumstances, students may be placed in a school outside their attendance area if an approvable circumstance is deemed to exist.

Parents/legal guardians desiring an out of district placement for their child should carefully review the list of approvable circumstances listed on the back of the out of district application to determine whether the child meets the criteria for approval. The Carroll County Public Schools' out of district policy and regulation will be strictly adhered to in making decisions regarding admission of students to schools outside of their assigned attendance area. The only CCPS designated as "OPEN" for the 2009-10 school year are as follows:

### ELEMENTARY

Cranberry Station Elem.	Mt. Airy Elementary
Ebb Valley Elementary	Parr's Ridge Elem.
Elmer Wolfe Elem.	Robert Moton Elem.
Friendship Valley Elem.	Runnymede Elem.
Hampstead Elementary	Sandymount Elem.
Manchester Elementary	Taneytown Elementary

### MIDDLE

New Windsor Middle	Northwest Middle
North Carroll Middle	Shiloh Middle

### HIGH

Francis Scott Key High	North Carroll High
Manchester Valley High	South Carroll High

All other Carroll County Public Schools will be designated as "CLOSED" for the 2009-10 school year. This means that any out of district application submitted for placement to a "CLOSED" school for the 2009-10 school year will be denied unless it meets the limited criteria for admission to a "CLOSED" school.

Parents/legal guardians who plan to submit out of district applications for the 2009-2010 school year need to be aware of the following procedures:

- It is the parent's/legal guardian's responsibility to obtain an out of district application from the school office or the Student Services Department. These applications are available. Please be certain that the application obtained is for the 2009-2010 school year. Completed out of district applications may not be returned to the school office.
- The deadline for out of district applications for the 2009-10 school year is **April 1, 2009**. Completed applications must be postmarked or personally delivered by the deadline to:
 

Carroll County Public Schools  
Student Services Department  
125 North Court Street  
Westminster, Maryland 21157
- Applications postmarked/received after the deadline date of April 1, 2009 will be returned to the sender without consideration.

QUESTIONS REGARDING OUT OF DISTRICT ISSUES MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE SCHOOL'S PUPIL PERSONNEL WORKER, DOTTIE HENRY AT 410-751-3119.

## Kitchen Korner by Mrs. Nash



Do you skip breakfast or lunch? You've seen the headlines about how important it is to eat breakfast, but that doesn't mean you should be skipping lunch. A recent study from Sam Houston State University in Huntsville, Texas, finds that we often make dinner our most caloric meal and then follow it up with dessert and late-night snacking — behavior that increases your risk for obesity and type 2 diabetes. "Eat more in the morning and afternoon and you'll consume less at night" says lead study author John M. de Castro, PhD.

Keep fresh fruits and vegetables on hand instead of chips and fatty, salty snacks. Reach for a glass of skim milk or water instead of a soda or sugary drink.

Exercise each day for better health. Make 2009 the year for a healthier family.



### Joke:

1. What kind of apple has a short temper?  
- a crabapple!
2. What's the best way to make a banana split?  
- cut it in half!



Don't forget to have a terrific Valentine's Day!

Give your family hugs and kisses!!

**There will be NO Peanut Butter served until the USDA gives us a release notice.**

## Media News by Ms. Morton

Hampstead students interested in participating in this year's Media Festival should submit their entries this month. Photograph, video, slide show, and graphic design entries are due by Friday, February 27. Please note the following Carroll County Media Festival rule. *Students entering any competition using copyrighted materials must obtain copyright permission. If written permission is not attached with the entry form, the entry will be disqualified.* Please remember that most songs from personal CDs or the web, as well as photos and clip art on the web, are protected under copyright law. I recommend the website [www.royaltyfreemusic.com](http://www.royaltyfreemusic.com) (Scroll down to "Music Promo Login" and enter username: hampstead, password: panthercub) to find copyright friendly music for students to use in their projects. Keep in mind that even if a website gives permission to use clip art or music your child must still list it in a bibliography or the closing credits of his/her project. See Ms. Morton, Media Specialist if you have

questions about these rules or contests. If your child likes to access from home the online databases made available through our school, please be aware of this change. The address and username/password for World Book Online is new. This database can now be accessed by going to [www.worldbookonline.com](http://www.worldbookonline.com) username: ccps09, password: media09. Choose *World Book Kids* for shorter articles and an easier reading level. Choose *World Book Student* for more detailed articles. Know that *World Book Advanced* is aimed at High School students and a Spanish encyclopedia is also an option.

All of the databases available through our school can be found on the Media page of our school's website. <http://www.carrollk12.org/hamp/media>



## Gym Shorts by Mr. Rebhan

February marks the end of "Scooter City", a student favorite. This unit teaches the students the rules of driving, proper use of hand signals and following road signs. The students apply these rules while driving through a miniature town-setting on scooters. The students also receive an allowance of \$25.00 in play money to spend at local businesses. If they prefer, they are able to manage their own business, which helps students learn responsibility with handling and exchanging money.

Our miniature town consists of a bowling alley, a putt-putt golf center, an ice-skating rink, a rope swinging station, a gas station, a bank, a limousine rental, a real traffic light and a mountain visit (which utilizes our Rockwall). The town also allows the students to become police officers and enforce the driving rules.

This unit coincides with the county-based curriculum standard, Social Psychological Principles (working effectively with others in a social setting). The students really enjoy this unit because they got

a sense of what it is like to be a citizen in a real town. At the same time the students remain physically active while using their quadriceps and hamstring muscles to propel the scooters. Don't be surprised if this month your son or daughter provides you with a little driving advice!

After a brief one-week bowling unit, students will begin basketball. K-2 will learn basic ball handling skills, while 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> will ultimately use their skills by applying them to modified zone basketball games.





## Art Clips by Ms. Hammond

Plans are underway for our annual **Fine Arts Night!** Mark **Thursday, March 19<sup>th</sup>** on your calendar, because you will not want to miss this event! Every student in our school will have artwork on display, and our third grade students will present their concert. Parent volunteers are really needed to help get this amount of work ready and hung in the halls. Please contact Ms. Hammond if you are able to help in any way!

Students in Kindergarten and first grade have painted and collaged truly imaginative snowpeople, and some of these are in our halls. They are continuing the “snow” theme....even though as I’m writing this, we haven’t had a snowfall big enough to make a real snowman!

Second graders have already learned how to warp their looms to get ready to weave....ask them what warping means. They have started to weave, and are learning some basic weaving patterns. As they progress, they will begin designing their own patterns too.

Third grade students just completed wonderful pa-

per-sculpted masks, and these are on display in the showcase near the art room. They are now working with clay. They learned about a particular type of clay vessel that was created in the Carolinas during the late 1800’s, and are adapting the technique to make it one of their own personal expression.

Both fourth and fifth graders have been working in the Computer Lab during art classes! They have designed an original drawing (no clip art allowed here!) with the Kid Pix program, and are excited to display their work at Fine Arts Night!

And finally, although Youth Art Month is celebrated during March, our county-wide exhibit begins in February again this year. The show will be at the Carroll County Arts Council, and will run from February 18 through March 11. If your child has a piece of work in this show, a letter with more details will be sent home.



## Music Notes by Ms. Hollenberg



Chorus membership has been reopened for the second half of the year. We now have 79 members, and we have starting preparing for our Spring Concert that will be held on May 18<sup>th</sup>.

Third graders have starting working on the musical “Possibilities” that will be presented as a part of Fine Arts Night on March 19<sup>th</sup>. Parents of third graders should have received a letter with the details about this event.

Fifth graders are finishing up a focus on rhythm and will soon be exploring major and minor scales.

Fourth graders have also been focusing on rhythm, as well as harmony. All fourth and fifth graders should bring their recorders to all music classes.

Second graders are learning new pitches and rhythms and how to read them on the staff. First

graders have started learning rhythm notation and will soon learn to read two pitches on the staff. Kindergarteners have been singing songs about traveling, using their imaginations and their singing voices.

Musical SHARPS for December and January are:

Gabriel Szybalski  
Chad Schaffer  
Hannah Singh  
Liam Mazza  
Dylan Sobolewski  
Colton Kief

## Operating Budget for CCPS 2009-2010 School Year

### & Volunteer Training Schedule

The dates for public presentation, review and input to the Operating Budget for the Carroll County Public School System for the 2009-2010 school year are as follows:

Wednesday, January 28, 2009

Public Hearing and board Work Session on Budget  
Room 007—Board of Education Offices—6:00 p.m.

Tuesday, February 10, 2009

Public Hearing—South Carroll High School—7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, February 25, 2009

Public Hearing/Adoption of Board of Education’s Proposed FY 10 Budget Board Meeting—Room 007—Board of Education Offices—1:00 p.m.

#### Volunteer Training Schedule:

##### **February 2009**

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|----|---------|-------------------------------|
| 2  | 7 pm    | Eldersburg Elementary         |
| 4  | 5 pm    | Manchester Elementary         |
| 10 | 6 pm    | William Winchester Elementary |
|    | 6:15 pm | Piney Ridge Elementary        |
|    | 7 pm    | Winfield Elementary           |
|    | 7:30 pm | West Middle                   |
| 11 | 6:30 pm | Sandymount Elementary         |
| 24 | 6:30 pm | South Carroll High            |

## Inside Story Headline

This story can fit 150-200 words.

One benefit of using your newsletter as a promotional tool is that you can reuse content from other marketing materials, such as press releases, market studies, and reports.

While your main goal of distributing a newsletter might be to sell your product or service, the key to a successful newsletter is making it useful to your readers.

A great way to add useful content to your newsletter is to develop and write your own articles, or include a calendar of upcoming events or a special offer that promotes a new product.

You can also research articles or find “filler” articles by accessing the World Wide Web.



*Caption describing picture or graphic.*

You can write about a variety of topics but try to keep your articles short.

Much of the content you put in your newsletter can also be used for your Web site. Microsoft Publisher offers a simple way to convert your newsletter to a Web publication. So, when you’re finished writing your newsletter, convert it to a Web site and post it.

## Inside Story Headline

This story can fit 100-150 words.

The subject matter that appears in newsletters is virtually endless. You can include stories that focus on current technologies or innovations in your field.

You may also want to note business or economic trends, or make predictions for your customers or clients.

If the newsletter is distributed internally, you might comment upon new procedures or improvements to the business. Sales figures or earnings will show how your business is growing.

Some newsletters include a column that is updated every issue, for instance, an advice column, a book review, a letter from the president, or an editorial. You can also profile new employees or top customers or ven-

dors.

*“To catch the reader's attention, place an interesting sentence or quote from the story here.”*

## Inside Story Headline

This story can fit 75-125 words.

Selecting pictures or graphics is an important part of adding content to your newsletter.

Think about your article and ask yourself if the picture supports or enhances the message you’re trying to convey. Avoid selecting images that appear to be out of context.

Microsoft Publisher includes thousands of clip art images from which you can choose and import into your newsletter. There are also several tools you can use to draw shapes and symbols.

Once you have chosen an image, place it close to the article. Be sure to place the caption of the image near the image.



*Caption describing picture or graphic.*

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## To: All Parents, Staff and Local Supporters

In an effort to raise money for our school we are asking that you please donate all empty/used inkjet and laser cartridges as well as old cell phones. Cartridges and phones can be collected from home, work, friends or neighbors. This will allow our school to raise much needed funds as well as protecting the environment. Cartridges should be placed in a zip lock bag or wrapped in cellophane to prevent leakage.

**Thank you for your support of our school!**

## 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 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.

## Ice Cream Tear Off

Please complete and have your child return this slip to the newsletter box (in the office) on or before **February 6, 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*

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*Parent's Signature*

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*Child's Name*

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*Child's Name*

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*Child's Name*

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*Child's Name*