

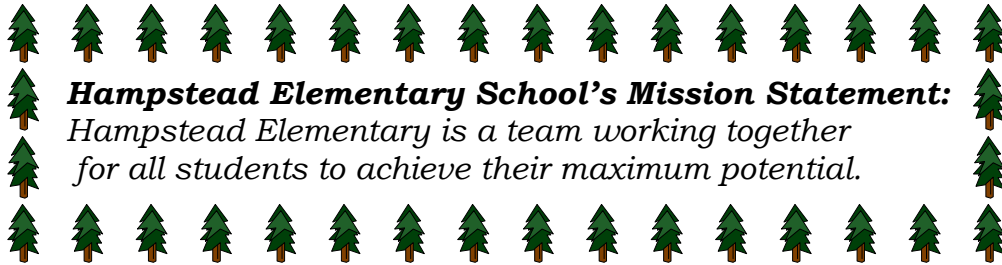


Hampstead Elementary School—Reach for the Stars!

January 2010

# Panther Cub Growl

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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

### January 2010

- 4 Schools Re-Open
- 12 6:30 pm PTO Meeting  
Domino's Pizza Night!
- 13 5 pm Board of Education Meeting
- 15 6 pm PTO Desserts with Dad
- 18 Schools/Offices Closed
- 20 3:45-7:45 pm Conference Night
- 22 12:35 pm Early Dismissal Day  
Schools Closed for Prep & Pre K
- 25 Schools Closed for Students
- 27 5 pm Board of Education Meeting
- 29 Report Card Goes Home  
Irvin Nature Center visits 3rd Grade



### February 2010

- 2 3:45-7:45 pm Conference Night
- 5 12:35 pm Early Dismissal Day  
Schools Closed for Prep & Pre K  
PTO Basket Bingo
- 8-12 National School Counseling Week
- 9 7 pm FY 11 Operating Budget Hearing
- 10 5 pm Board of Education Meeting
- 12 Kindergarten Community Helper Day
- 15 Schools/Offices Closed
- 16 Schools Closed for Students
- 17 National PTA Founders Day
- 18 9-9:55 am Tobacco Awareness 2nd gr  
10-10:55 am Drug Awareness 4th gr
- 23 9-12:30 5th Grade to BSO
- 25 1st Grade to Maryland Science Center

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## Volunteer Training

### January 2010

- 6 6:30 pm @ Cranberry Station Elem.
- 7 9:30 am @ Mechanicsville Elem.
- 11 6:00 pm @ Wm. Winchester Elem.
- 13 6:00 pm @ Winters Mill High
- 27 7:00 pm @ West Middle
- 28 4:30 pm & 5:30 pm @ Francis Scott Key

### February 2010

- 4 9:30 am @ Mechanicsville Elem.
- 8 6:00 pm @ Wm. Winchester Elem.
- 9 7:00 pm @ West Middle  
7:00 pm @ Winfield Elem.
- 24 9:30 am @ Shiloh Middle

## Special points of interest:

- Please make sure your child knows what to do in case of an inclement weather early dismissal.
- Please make sure your child is dressed appropriately for the weather. Some of our classrooms can be chilly. Keep a sweater or jacket in your locker.

# Principal's Corner by Mrs. Powell

As we look forward to 2010 we would like to take this opportunity to wish all the families in our Hampstead community a very safe, happy and peaceful Holiday Season.

The most precious gift we can give our children is the gift of our time. We hope this holiday season will provide all of our Hampstead families with plenty of time to spend with their children and loved ones. May 2010 bring health and happiness to our students, staff and families.



*Mrs. Powell*

*Mr. Dunkleberger*

*Mrs. Schein*

Ms. Devaux

Mrs. Wunder

*Mrs. Wagner*

## Honor Roll

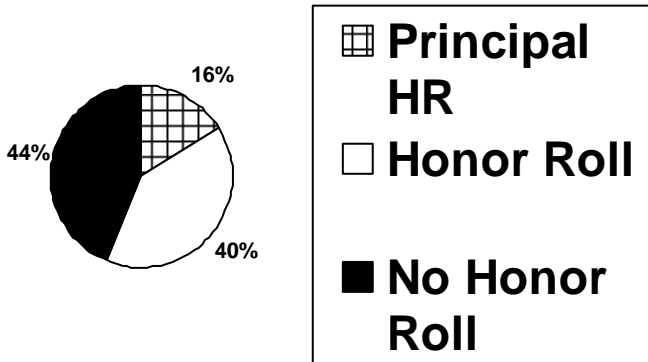
This year students in grades 3,4 and 5 have the opportunity to work towards making the **Principal's Honor Roll and Honor Roll** at the end of each quarter. Take a look at our data for quarter 1! Each quarter we will report on and compare the data from quarter to quarter. Watch for the percentage of students making one of the honor rolls increase as the year progresses. We are really proud of the kids. Thank you for all your support at home.

### 3rd Grade: 1st Quarter Honor Roll

During the first quarter, students received honor roll certificates for meeting specific criteria. They are listed below as well as the percentage of students receiving each award.

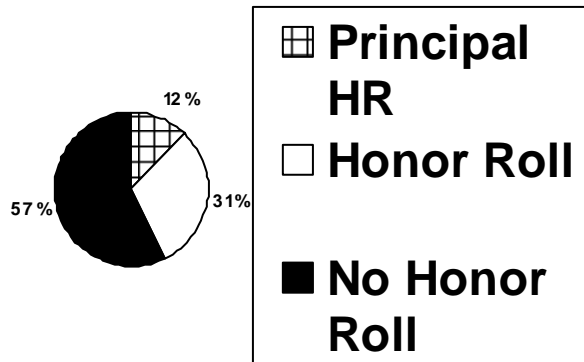
**Principal Honor Roll: All A's and no N's**

**Honor Roll: All A's and B's but not all B's and no N's.**



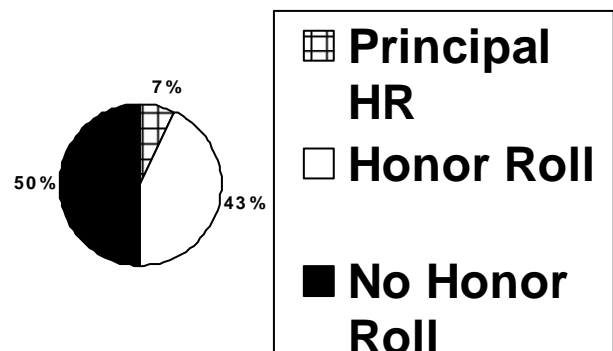
### 4th Grade: 1st Quarter Honor Roll

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### 5th Grade: 1st Quarter Honor Roll

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## Kitchen Korner by Mrs. Nash

The kitchen staff hopes everyone has a happy, healthy holiday. January has arrived, time to make those New Year Resolutions. This is the year to get in shape! Try changing your eating habits, become aware of what you and your family are eating. Exercise more, make it a family activity.

### Start the Day (and the Year) Right!

Make giving your kids a healthy breakfast every day one of your New Year's resolutions.

If you don't have much time in the morning or your kids aren't hungry when they wake up, send them to school for breakfast. Healthy food choices are available every morning in the cafeteria for ALL students. We cannot wait to see them there!

Help your kids to make this semester a success—encourage them to eat breakfast!

**Tip of the Month:** By eating breakfast, students get more of important nutrients, vitamins, and minerals such as calcium, dietary fiber, folate, and protein.

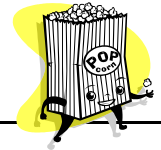
### Riddle:

Did you hear the joke about the banana peel?

*No, it must have slipped my mind.*

What did the baby ear of corn call its Dad?

*Popcorn!*



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## Gym Shorts by Mr. Rebhan and Ms. Hughes

As the Holidays are upon us, Hampstead Elementary school students will have successfully completed our gymnastics unit. Our main focus during this unit is to learn about the strengths and limitations of our bodies. The first part of the unit has 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> graders focusing on floor exercises such as forward and backward rolls, cartwheels, tripod stands, and a few cooperative skills such as the "rising sun" and "wheel barrel" walk. K-2<sup>nd</sup> grades concentrate on all of the different types of rolls, log, pencil, egg as well as the forward and backward.

Later in the unit students will combine upper body strength and balance while working on equipment such as the rings, ropes and climbing wall. Other activities during this three-week unit include the springboard and vaulting box, "Big Red" (our highly anticipated rolling matt), balance beams and climbing tubes. This unit helps the students build self-confidence, at the same time; we stress safety and

discipline while using the equipment.

Last month our school had an assembly to promote Project Aces (Active Children Excel in School.) We finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in the county with 88% of our students participating. This was our best finish ever! Our school earned a Gold Trophy award as well as \$200.00 for Health and Phys. Ed. supplies. Many students won small prizes, while our grand prize bicycle winners were 5<sup>th</sup> grader, Aaron Cash and 3<sup>rd</sup> grader, Erin McPhaul. Thank you Hampstead PTO for providing the bicycles as prizes. Congratulations Hampstead Elementary students for proving once again that we are one of the most active schools in the county!

After the Holidays, students will turn their attention to our "Scooter City" unit. Have a safe Holiday and remember to stay warm and active!

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## Healthy Moments by Ms. Hess

In December, we didn't have enough time to complete the disease prevention unit. Therefore, students in first through fourth grade will continue to learn about germs and diseases in January. Hopefully, everyone is practicing the proper steps to hand washing that we reviewed in class!

Kindergartners and fifth graders will be learning about nutrition and healthy eating after winter break. In Kindergarten, we will focus on sorting foods into food groups. We will also discuss foods that are healthier and foods that are less healthy. In

fifth grade, we will focus on the key nutrients found in each food group and their benefits. Students will also learn about the recommended servings for each food group. Students can look forward to having fun learning about food this month!



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## Art Clips by Ms. Hammond

Well, it's a new year, and we are hopefully well rested and ready to learn more art skills and concepts during January!!!

The winter theme for students in both **Kindergarten** and **first grade** will be snow!!! They will be painting snowmen, creating snowpeople collages, and learning printmaking techniques as they design snowflakes.

**Second graders** continue working with clay. Before the winter break, they created animals with clay, and now they will learn about ceramic glazes. They will use glazes to paint their animals, and they will be on display for a little while before taking them home. Then they will paint winter landscapes.

**Third graders** are also ready to begin working with clay. They will learn about a particular type of clay vessel that was created in the Carolinas during the late 1800's, and adapting the technique to make it one of their own personal expression.

Students in **grade four** are finishing up paper mosaics, and then they will learn about the history of castles, and design a castle out of foil. They will learn the art of repousse, which is a way of creating a relief, or raised, image of their castle.

**Fifth graders** are starting a longer unit of study about the artist Henri Matisse. They will learn about his artworks, and then create a painting of an interior of a room in a similar style. The focus will be on bright colors and lots of patterns, just like those in Matisse's works.

All students will be involved in making decisions about which piece of their artwork they want to display at our annual Fine Arts Night in March. This is one reason that parents do not always see a lot of work coming home....we save a lot for exhibits, but they will always bring their artwork home at some point during the year!

Parent volunteers are needed to help label and hang artwork for this evening event....please contact Ms. Hammond if you can give some of your time!



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## Music Notes by Mrs. Ready

Wow, what a great turnout for our winter concert. It was great to see everyone there supporting your kids and the music program here at Hampstead. The kids worked very hard and it would not have been possible without your support and encouragement, so THANK YOU! I also wanted to thank our accompanist, Mrs. Groth, who volunteered to help us out on such short notice. She did a fantastic job!

Since our concert is over and we will soon be preparing for the spring concert, auditions will reopen to fourth and fifth graders. Any new students who may be interested may come to our rehearsals to get more information.

Third grade will soon begin preparing for their musical that will occur in the month of March. This should be an exciting time for them to perform as one unit in front of an audience. Many students have been looking forward to it all year.

Fifth grade will also be preparing for their field trip to the BSO in February. More information will follow in student handouts so be on the lookout.

Until then, stay warm and enjoy the New Year!



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This story can fit 150-200 words.

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dors.

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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

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



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## Media News by Ms. Morton

Thank you to everyone who supported this year's Scholastic Book Fair! We appreciate all of the families who shopped at our fair and the parents who volunteered their time to help us keep things running smoothly. Hampstead students will surely benefit from the success of this year's book fair! We were able to add some great new books to our library shelves and plan to purchase new technology with the money we raised from the Book Fair.

The New Year brings another popular event to the Media Center. It's time to start thinking about our school's annual **Media Festival**. This event invites students in grades K-5 to submit photographs, video or multimedia projects, and graphic designs for a school wide contest. All entries are due by February 26.

For the photography contest, color or black & white photographs can be submitted in the following categories.

1. Life Study
2. Landscape
3. Still Life
4. Special Effects



Photos should have been taken after April 2009 and should be no smaller than 3 1/2" x 5" and no larger than 16" x 20". The mount size should be no smaller than 5" x 7" and no larger than 24" x 30". Entries will be judged for composition, content, cropping, originality, print quality, technique, tonality, and appropriateness to subject area.

In addition to photographs, the Media Festival also includes competitions for slideshow stills (using programs like PowerPoint), live action or multimedia videos, and computer generated graphic designs. Interested students will be coming home with more detailed information packets on these competitions in early January. Any student who would like more information, technical help, or has any questions about these contests should see Ms. Morton in the Media Center. Please remember that all entries must be the work of the student. Unfortunately, there is no County Media festival this year for us to send our winning entries. However, all student entries will be displayed at Fine Arts night in March.

## Ice Cream Tear Off

Please complete and have your child return this slip to the newsletter box (in the office) on or before **January 8, 2010** 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!

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*Parent's Signature*

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*Child's Name*

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