

Pointers Run Elementary School  
Information Sheet

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The first day of school is **August 29, 2011**.

**CLASS LISTS WILL BE POSTED AFTER 5:00 ON THURSDAY AUGUST 25, 2011.**

Visitation, Orientation, and Open House Dates

**August 17 – New Student Orientation:** From 10:00 – 11:00 am there will be an orientation for new students, in grades 1 – 5, and their parents. *Please bring a small photo of the new student with you to the orientation.*

**STUDENTS NEW TO POINTERS RUN AND WHO WILL BE ENTERING FIRST GRADE:** *Please make sure to register for the assessment being given to new first grade students, ONLY from 11:00 – 1:00 on August 17 (call the school office @ 410-313-7142 if you have not).*

**August 25 – Kindergarten & RECC Orientation/Back To School Night:** At 6:00 pm there will be an orientation/Back To School Night, held in the school's cafeteria for parents of students entering kindergarten and RECC (adults only, please). At this meeting, Kindergarten parents will be given bus tags for their children to wear *every day during the first two weeks of school*. The bus tag will assist the bus drivers in getting to know your child. For the first week, the kindergarten children will be discharged before other students. They will be met by assistants and walked to their classrooms. After the first few weeks the children will know the routine and enter school with the other children. If you are not able to attend this orientation it is important that you **send** your child to school the **same** way your child will go home (bus, car-rider, after school care, etc) so that the teacher will know where to send your child at dismissal time and your child learns their arrival and dismissal routine. If you are not able to send them the same way they will go home, please send a note telling their teacher what the dismissal practice is.

**August 26 – Open House:** All students and parents are invited to visit their classrooms and teachers. Please limit your visit to no more than 30 minutes. We strongly suggest that you try to carpool with your neighbors, as parking is VERY limited (feel free to park at Clarksville Middle School). There will be no formal program. This is an opportunity for students to meet new teachers and locate their classrooms. **You should bring your child's school supplies with you to the open house.** See below for times.

AM RECC	11:00 to 11:30
PM RECC & KINDERGARTEN	1:00 to 1:30
FIRST GRADE	1:30 to 2:00
SECOND & THIRD	2:00 to 2:30
FOURTH & FIFTH	2:30 to 3:00

**BUS SCHEDULES:** Bus Schedules are published in the local newspapers (Howard County Times, Columbia Flier, Washington Post, etc) in the issue published the Thursday before school starts. Bus schedules will also be posted at the school during the open house on **August 26**.

**CALENDARS:** County Calendars will be given out to the youngest child in each family in the Howard County Public School System, during the first week of school.

**NEWSLETTER:** You must register with [www.hcpssnews.com](http://www.hcpssnews.com) and sign up to electronically receive the newsletter and other important information. It will go directly to your inbox. No paper copies of the newsletter are sent home.

**PARENT HANDBOOK:** The parent handbook is available on the PRES website <http://pres.hcpss.org>. It contains information about school procedures and other important information that you should be aware of. **Please make sure to read it and refer to it throughout the school year to answer any FAQ's.**

**SCHOOL HOURS:** At this time, school hours are 9:25 – 3:55. Children should not arrive prior to 9:10 (children may enter the building at this time), as there is no adult supervision outside, prior to the start of the school day.

**SCHOOL LUNCH:** At this time the cost, of a student lunch is \$2.50 and milk is .50. Menus are sent home at the beginning of every month and are available online at [www.HCPSS.org](http://www.HCPSS.org). To sign up for pre-paid lunches or FARMS please call the Food and Nutrition office at 410-313-6738.

**SUPPLY LISTS:** A notification will be sent through [www.hcpssnews.com](http://www.hcpssnews.com) when supply lists become available for the coming school year. You must register on the website to receive it.