

Pointers Run Elementary School
Information Sheet

<http://pres.hcpss.org/>

The first day of school is August 29, 2016.

CLASS LISTS WILL BE POSTED AFTER 5:00 ON THURSDAY AUGUST 25, 2016.

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.*

August 17 – ASSESSMENTS FOR STUDENTS NEW TO POINTERS RUN or HOWARD COUNTY AND WHO WILL BE ENTERING FIRST or SECOND GRADE: *Please make sure to register for the assessment being given to new first or second 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, First Grade & RECC Orientation/Back To School Night: At 6:30 pm there will be an orientation/Back To School Night, held in the school's cafeteria for parents of students entering kindergarten, 1st grade 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. **Each time your child's regular dismissal routine changes please send a note telling the teacher what the dismissal practice is for that day.**

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

BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHTS:

RECC, KINDERGARTEN, FIRST GRADE	AUGUST 25 (Thurs @ 6:30)
SECOND AND THIRD GRADE	TBA
FOURTH AND FIFTH GRADE	TBA

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 and are available on-line at the HCPSS website.

BUZZER SYSTEM: Whenever visiting PRES for any reason or to pick up your child(ren) you will need to use the buzzer system at the main entrance. Please press the CALL button; state your name and purpose for visiting and once we verify, we will unlock the door for you to enter the building. Please be prepared to show a photo ID if asked.

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. You may also access the calendar on the www.HCPSS.org website.

POINTerview NEWSLETTER: The link for the PRES Pointer View Newsletter is sent electronically every two weeks and contains current information, which you need to be made aware of.

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 press time, the cost of a student lunch is \$2.75 and milk is .50. Menus are sent home at the beginning of every month and are available online at www.HCPSS.org. To sign up for pre-paid lunches or the FARM program, please call the Food and Nutrition office at 410-313-6738 to request an application or see the county's website www.HCPSS.org under School Meals.