

Pointers Run Elementary School

Information Sheet

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The first day of school is September 5, 2017.

Visitation, Orientation, and Open House Dates

August 29 – New Student Orientation: From 10:00 am – 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 29 – 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 am – 1:00 pm on this day (call the school office @ 410-313-7142 if you have not).*

August 31 – 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 from the bus 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. 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.**

September 1 – 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
SECOND AND THIRD GRADE
FOURTH AND FIFTH GRADE

August 31 (Thursday @ 6:30)
September 18 (Monday @ 6:30)
September 19 (Tuesday @ 6:30)

BUS SCHEDULES: Bus schedules are available on-line at the HCPSS website <http://www.hcpss.org>, and will also be posted at the school during the open house.

BUZZER SYSTEM: Whenever visiting PRES, 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.*

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 <http://www.hcpss.org> website.

POINTER VIEW NEWSLETTER: The PRES Pointer View Newsletter is emailed every two weeks and contains current information, which we encourage you to read regularly.

SCHOOL HOURS: At this time, school hours are 9:25 am– 3:55 pm. Children should not arrive prior to 9:10 am, 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 available online at <http://www.hcpss.org>. You can sign up for pre-paid lunches or the FARM program, using the same website.