



9/27/18 Pointer View Newsletter

Calendar Updates

OCTOBER

03 - SCHOOLS CLOSE 3 HRS EARLY - No ½ day PreK/RECC

04 - PTA Meeting - 7pm

09 - Interim Reports Issued

10 - In-house Field Trip - 2nd Gr. - Fire Safety House Visit

10 - Walk/Bike to School Day

10 - Flu Clinic

11 - In-house Field Trip - 2nd Gr. - Fire Safety House Visit

19 - SCHOOLS CLOSED FOR STUDENTS

25 - Field Trip - K - Fire Station

25 - SPIRIT DAY! Unity Day - Wear Orange

26 - Field Trip - K - Fire Station

NOVEMBER

01 - PTA Meeting - 7PM

02 - Field Trip - 4th Gr. - National Building Museum

02 - Field Trip - 1st Gr. - Sharps Farm

05 - End of First Marking Period

06 - SCHOOLS & OFFICES CLOSED - General Election Day

07 - SCHOOLS CLOSED FOR STUDENTS

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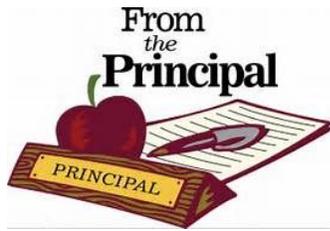
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It was wonderful to see so many of our families at the back to school nights over the last few weeks. Our staff enjoyed meeting you and having you learn more about their classroom and our instructional programs. Here is the link of our presentation for you: [Back to School Night Presentation](#)

Also, please remember if you are going to volunteer, visit school, or chaperone in our school you need to complete the child abuse and confidentiality training. You can view this on the last section of our PowerPoint and run the certificate from our website. You must turn the certificate into your child's homeroom teacher to volunteer.

It is hard to believe that October is right around the corner. Please make sure to label all the clothing that your child brings to school. We advise dressing your children in layers since the fall temperatures are fluctuating.

We have been in school for three weeks and your child should be getting acclimated to their daily schedule. Please ask your child about their school day and see if they earned any PRIDE tickets? This is a great way to learn how often they are earning a ticket and what they were doing well to earn the PRIDE ticket.

We look forward to seeing you soon. Julie Schrufer-Principal



Absences:

If your child is absent due to:

- illness
- appointment
- 3 or less discretionary days

Please email Deb_McKee@hcpss.org or send a note in with your child when they return to school to have the absences excused.

Please include your child's first and LAST name, the date(s), and the reason for the absence.

Discretionary Absences:

Each child is allowed 3 discretionary absences per year.

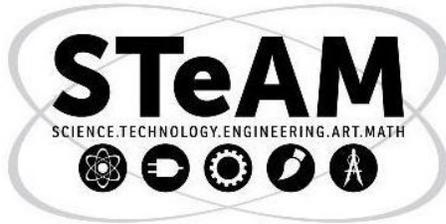
If your child will be absent for more than 3 days, please submit an "**Extended/Discretionary Absence Form**", which can be found on the PRES website. The principal, in consultation with the administrative directors, will determine if the absences will be lawful/excused or unlawful/unexcused. Students with unlawful absences of 10 consecutive school days or more will be withdrawn from school and the parent will need to re-enroll them upon their return.



REGISTER for PE FUN Before School Program Fall Session

This class is very popular so sign up soon! Register by **TOMORROW Friday, September 28th** for the before school session. [Click here](#) to download the flyer with more information.

For more info on PE Fun Classes check out our twitter <https://twitter.com/PEFUN4FUN>



STEAM Day

Attention Pointers Run Parents! We are actively seeking out parents to volunteer for our annual **STeAM Day** event on Wednesday, April 3, 2019. If you work in or have studied in a **Science, Technology, Engineering, Art** or **Mathematics** field, we would love to have you share your knowledge with the PRES students.

We need volunteers for every homeroom at every grade level to develop and run a 40 minute lesson/activity multiple times throughout the day on April 3rd. The activity must be related to a **STeAM** field of your choice, be kid-friendly and have a hands-on component to help engage the students. There will be a light breakfast and catered lunch for all volunteers, and we will reimburse you up to a certain pre-approved amount for money you spend on materials.

If you are interested in becoming part of this wonderful event, please email the STEAM team representative for the grade level you wish to volunteer in:

Kindergarten: Dawn Seidman dawn_seidman@hcpss.org

1st Grade: Susan Hudson susan_hudson@hcpss.org

2nd Grade: Lisa Plotkin lisa_plotkin@hcpss.org

3rd Grade: Ashleigh Cooney ashleigh_cooney@hcpss.org

4th Grade: Leslie Carbo leslie_carbo@hcpss.org

5th Grade: Jenny Choi jenny_choi@hcpss.org

General Information: Jessica Brown jessica_brown@hcpss.org



Chorus

We are still looking for 4th and 5th graders to sing in the chorus!

Sign up here:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1ez8Y_jpHulZPqvwtdqtt5nWSDPbftFWGW/view?usp=sharing



Need help logging into your child's Canvas account?

Below are directions and a video from HCPSS explaining how parents can use the HCPSS Connect to access Canvas and other student data.

HCPSS Connect Parent/Guardian Video: <https://youtu.be/-6o2IbPcUJI>



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Food Collection

Help us Support Elderly Residents at Morningside Park

We are proud supporters of Food on the 15th. Our students collect, sort, bag, and deliver groceries monthly to seniors at Morningside Park Apartments. We are currently collecting food for our October 15th delivery. Our 5th grade students will be advertising and sorting the food. The best part is the 5th grade children can also deliver the food with their class and families after school. Our PTA will support with volunteers for delivery of the food.

Please send non perishable items to school with your child in support of this great cause. Your child can bring the food to their classrooms and place them in their teacher's food bag. You can start bringing in non-perishable food donations on Sept. 25th at back to school night. We will collect up until our delivery.

Thank you - Fifth Grade and PTA

What should I donate?

All non-perishable food items are appreciated but our senior citizens specifically need:

- Canned Tuna, Chicken and Salmon
- Cereal
- Canned Peaches, Applesauce and Dried Fruit
- Chicken Noodle Soup and Broth
- Rice and Grains
- Crackers
- Paper Towels, Toilet Paper, Tissues
- Toothpaste



PRES International Night 2018

Do you want to experience the diversity of our multi-cultural PRES community? Then PRES International Night is an event you won't want to miss! Mark your calendars for Friday, November 9th, 2018 from 6:30-8pm. For the first hour in the gym, families will get a chance to visit different country tables, sample food from around the world, see artwork, do crafts & get henna. Starting at 7:30pm in the cafeteria, there will be an exciting cultural performance and workshop!

We need your help to make this event a success! Please volunteer to host a country table, help with set-up, clean-up & other stations or sign your child up to bring in a cooked dish for the "Little Paws Kids Cooking Challenge." Sign up here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B4FABAF2AAAF49-pres>

Please feel free to send any questions to the PTA Cultural Celebrations Committee: Jeehan Kashim-Farooqi, Michelle Ho and Swetha Paluru: presculture@gmail.com

Thank you! We look forward to a wonderful cultural evening!



Get your Pointers Run Elementary School Gear

<https://www.spiritshop.com/school/maryland/clarksville/pointers-run-elementary-school/>

Use promotion code TG5WUUPG at checkout to get \$10 off your purchase!

Community News and Announcements

The Haunted Experience

Whether you choose fright or fun, a memorable experience awaits you... an ink black night sets the stage for a spooky hayride through the eerie trails to the ghostly dwelling deep in the woods. Hear haunting tales of ghosts and goblins and horror that will tingle the spine!

\$10 at gate (cash only)

7 yrs + Rockburn Branch Pk (Montgomery Rd)

Oct 19 & 26 7-10pm Friday

Oct 20 & 27 6:30-10pm Saturday

Inclement Weather: 410-313-4451

Happy Haunted Hayride

It's cute, it's friendly and not so scary. This hayride is for fun – not fright!

\$5 at gate (cash only)

2-7 yrs + Rockburn Branch Pk (Montgomery Rd)

Oct 21 & 28 2-4pm Sunday

Inclement Weather: 410-313-4451

Please visit the Community News and Programs page

(<http://www.hcpss.org/community-news-and-programs/>) on the HCPSS website for announcements of upcoming events and programs sponsored by nonprofit organizations. ☒