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Morning Reminders

- Adult supervision at the school does not begin until 9:10 am. Teachers and staff are in meetings and planning until that time.
- Designated Arrival/Dismissal Areas for Students
 - Kindergarten, 1st grade, 2nd grade students enter and dismiss through the front doors.
 - 3rd grade and 4th grade students enter and dismiss through the side doors located by the 3rd grade wing.
 - 5th grade students will walk to and from the blacktop.
 - **All students will enter through the front doors if they arrive after 9:25am.

Seeking Members for the GT/Advanced Programs Advisory Committee

The Howard County Public School System seeks new members for the GT/Advanced Programs Advisory Committee. Curriculum advisories serve as a forum for sharing ideas, information, and concerns, as well as suggesting initiatives for continuous improvement and academic excellence in HCPSS. The Advisory will meet between 3-5 times during the school year.

By Sept. 13, please complete the [interest form](#) if you are interested in serving on this advisory committee. All applicants will be contacted by October 1. If you have any questions, please reach out to Debbie Blum, Coordinator, Gifted and Talented Education, at debbie_blum@hcpss.org.

Student Behavior Intervention - HCPSS Policy 9400

The Howard County Public School System (HCPSS) is committed to providing a safe, engaging, and supportive school environment that fosters the social and emotional safety, dignity, and well-being of all students. HCPSS acknowledges the need for employees

1. to use an array of research-based positive behavior interventions, strategies, and supports to address student behaviors and keep students safe
2. to minimize the practice of exclusion from the classroom environment
3. to minimize the practice of physical restraint (which may only be used when necessary to protect a student or other person from imminent, serious, physical harm and only after other less intrusive, nonphysical interventions have failed or been determined inappropriate).

It is an expectation that HCPSS employees will be responsive to all incidents of exclusion or physical restraint and appropriately case manage impacted students to minimize unsafe behaviors and maximize instructional engagement.

Additional information can be found at [HCPSS Policy 9400 - Student Behavior Intervention](#). If you have any questions regarding this policy or its implementation, please contact a school administrator.

2024-2025 Parent Academy KickOff, Sept. 25, 2024

HCPSS parents, guardians and family members are invited to join HCPSS Superintendent William J. Barnes, school system leaders and community organizations for this valuable information night to prepare for a successful academic year. The event will also feature various workshop topics which provide access to resources and support.

The 2024-2025 Parent Academy Kick-Off will be held Wednesday, Sept. 25 from 6-8:30 p.m at Wilde Lake High School, 5460 Trumpeter Road, Columbia. Dinner will be provided from 5:15-6 p.m. [Registration is encouraged.](#)

Workshop topics include:

- College and Career Readiness/Career Exploration
- Maryland's Blueprint for the Future
- Navigating the School System for Student Success
- Mental Health
- Advanced Programs K-12
- Social Media Safety & Security
- Elementary ELA, Reading, and the Library
- Math Programs
- Financial Literacy
- Immigration Law
- Early Childhood Programs

Flyers for distribution:

- [Parent Academy Kick-Off Flyer - English](#)
- [Parent Academy Kick-Off Flyer - Spanish](#)
- [Parent Academy Kick-Off Flyer - Korean](#)
- [Parent Academy Kick-Off Flyer - Chinese](#)

Please contact 410.313.1293 for more information.

Lego Donations for Gifted & Talented - STILL NEEDED PLEASE



REQUEST FOR LEGO DONATIONS

The GT Department is excited to announce a new 3rd grade instructional seminar titled **Lego Landmarks**. In order to make this seminar successful, I need your support.

I am still seeking donations of LEGO pieces in all colors and shapes, with a particular need for base plates. If you have any to spare, please consider donating them to the cause. You can drop off your LEGO donations at the front office, where you will find a box labeled "Legos."

Thank you for your generosity and support!

Ms. Lee
GT Resource Teacher

Pets on School Property



Animals in schools or offices, whether leashed or not, present safety, environmental, and liability issues. Students and staff may be exposed to potential physical hazards, such as bites, and/or allergy- related health problems. As a result, animals are prohibited within Howard County Public School (HCPSS) buildings. Animals are also prohibited on school system property during arrival, dismissal, recess, and other

HCPSS-sponsored outdoor activities. Thank you for your support in ensuring all students and staff are safe.

Recreation & Parks Before & After School Classes

Sign up for Fall 2024 Before & After School Classes from Howard County Recreation & Parks has begun. These classes provide fun, structured, educational, and enriching activities for students, benefitting both the child(ren) and parents!

Fall 2024 Before & After-School Classes at

Hammond Elementary

Register early, programs fill quickly!



Chess

Chess Club Before & After School with Magnus Chess Academy flickr
All skill levels are welcome! Learn chess with the world champion's academy! We've taught over 10,000 children to play chess in Howard County, including state champions (though most students are beginners looking to learn a new skill and have FUN). Class time is divided between lessons and practice games. Lessons range from the basic rules to advanced tournament strategies. Participants have the opportunity to play in tournaments. Chess supplies provided. Registrants receive a Chess Kid Gold Membership with the program. Info: Patrick Hughes, 410-313-4622 or phughes@howardcountymd.gov.
5-11 yrs _Classes: 12
RP3322.108 Hammond ES Oct 1 4-5pm Tu \$259

Crafts & Fine Arts

KidzArt After School flickr
Enjoy a fun, unique, confidence-building art experience. Our drawing-based curriculum delivers engaging and educationally rich, creative classes that amaze and delight. Create a new masterpiece each week while exploring a variety of artist-grade mediums every session (oil pastels, chalk pastels, watercolor, air dry clay, metal tooling, textured papers and more)! Our curriculum never repeats so join us for all new projects every session, year after year!
Info: Adam Wienckowski, 410-313-4774 or awienckowsk@howardcountymd.gov.
Grades K-5 _Classes: 6 _Materials Included
RP0113.108 Hammond ES Sep 23 4-5:15pm M \$159
Grades K-5 _Classes: 9 _Materials Included
RP0113.155 Hammond ES Nov 4 4-5:15pm M \$235

Language

Spanish After School with International School of Languages
ISL provides a well-rounded program to learn and improve your Spanish. Apart from the language, learn about the culture and traditions of countries where Spanish is spoken. Learn greetings and presentations, the alphabet, numbers, colors, shapes, animals, and more! Activities include conversation, music, flashcards, games, videos, art, and storybooks. Fee includes online resources for continued practice at home.
Info: Carson Nickell, cnickell@howardcountymd.gov.
Grades K-5 _Classes: 6 _Materials Included
RP3311.103 Hammond ES Oct 10 4-5pm Th \$155

Music

Learn Now Music After School flickr
Budding musicians participate in musical instruction, theory, musical games, special extension curriculum-based activities, musical listening excerpts, and more!
Rental instruments and music are provided and can be taken home in between classes to enjoy. A rental agreement must be signed, and instruments must be returned in the same condition at the last class. Parents are responsible for the return cost/replacement of any unreturned/damaged instruments. Info: Carson Nickell, cnickell@howardcountymd.gov.
Grades K-5 _Drums _Classes: 6
RP3360.111 Hammond ES Sep 30 4-5pm M \$165
Grades K-5 _Viola Violin _Classes: 6
RP3360.112 Hammond ES Sep 30 4-5pm M \$165
Grades K-5 _Poppin' Piano _Classes: 6
RP3361.133 Hammond ES Nov 11 4-5pm M \$165
Grades K-5 _Groovy Guitar _Classes: 6
RP3361.134 Hammond ES Nov 11 4-5pm M \$165



What To Do When Schools Are Closed or Have Early Dismissal

tinyurl.com/hcrpschoolsout

No Class When Schools Are Closed or Have An Early Dismissal
Sep 18 • Oct 3 • Oct 18 • Oct 31 •
Nov 5 • Nov 25-29 • Dec 23-31



This information is neither sponsored nor endorsed by HCPSS or the school.

Financial Aid: 25-75% financial assistance available for Howard County residents that qualify. Information: 410-313-7275.
Registration: 410-313-7275, www.howardcountymd.gov/rap or 7120 Oakland Mills Road, Columbia, MD 21046
Refund Policy: www.howardcountymd.gov/recreation-parks/programs



Important Dates

Sept 10 General PTA Meeting 7:15 - 8:15 pm

Oct 5 HES Community Yard Sale

Oct 19 Trunk or Treat - 12:00 - 2:00 pm