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Mark Your Calendar

- August 31: "Meet, Greet and Find Your Seat" @HES 9-11:30am
- September 4: First day of school (Grades 1-5)
- September 4-5: Pre-K and Kindergarten parent/teacher conferences
- September 6: A-L Pre-K and Kindergarten students attend school
- September 7: M-Z Pre-K and Kindergarten students attend school
- September 7: FSO BBQ/Bookfair/Open House 5-8pm
- September 9: HES/FSO Chipotle Fundraiser 4-8pm (Prince Frederick location)
- September 10: All Pre-K and Kindergarten students begin classes
- September 11-20: Boosterthon Fundraiser
- September 20: Boosterthon Fun Run
- September 27: 2-hour early dismissal
- September 28: Schools Closed



Message from the Family School Organization President

Hello HES Families!

The Maryland summer heat has yet to break and most of us are still thinking about barbeques and floating in a pool. However, the days have noticeably shortened and school supplies fill local stores, signaling that it is time to get ready for the quickly approaching school year. As your FSO (Family and School Organization, formerly PTA) President and on behalf of the Board, I would like to say thank you to the entire HES family for your continued support of the HES FSO. I would also like to extend a warmest welcome to both familiar faces and new friends. It is truly a pleasure to have all of you as part of the community and school. Together, we can look forward to another fun-filled year of learning for our children.

As with past years, the FSO will continue to support enrichment opportunities across the HES grades. It is our promise that we will work hand in hand with both staff and parents to make each student's HES experience the best that it can be. For us to do that, we need everyone's participation. Whether you have 30 minutes or a couple of hours, your ideas, time, talents and opinions are truly valued. We can guarantee your time will be well spent, benefiting the whole HES community.

On Friday September 7, from 5:00pm to 8:00pm, we will be holding our annual Back to School BBQ/Book Fair & Open House. This is a fun-filled evening for the whole family! Dinner and dessert will be available for purchase from Urban BBQ and Dos Bros Snow Cones. You will have the opportunity to shop our book fair, meet and mingle with fellow HES families, teachers, and staff. Also, parents will have a chance to meet their child(ren)'s teacher(s) at the open houses.

To stay informed of our upcoming events and goings-on at the school, I invite you to join our Facebook page (Huntingtown Elementary Parent Network). If you have any question or concerns, please feel free to contact me at RMS41382@hotmail.com or call/text 321-960-1110. I hope to get to know each of you as the school year progresses as well as see you at upcoming family events.

All the Best,

Becca Willard
HES FSO President



PRINCIPAL

from
Principal's Desk



Dear Huntingtown Elementary Students and Families,

Welcome to the 2018-2019 school year! I hope you are having an enjoyable and restful summer. I am anxious to meet you and hear about your adventures and experiences when school begins on Tuesday, September 4th! Mrs. Robinson and I have been planning and organizing and getting ready for the return of staff and students. Mr. Brooks, Mr. Chris, Ms Susie, and Ms. Gwen have been busily working to shine every corner of our beautiful building. Many of our staff members have been engaged in professional development throughout the summer as they continue to perfect their practice of preparing lessons and teaching students. There have been several new families registering here at HES this summer too! It's been very busy here, but we are gearing up for your return!

I hope all students have read and enjoyed a variety of books and have practiced their writing and math skills over the summer. If not, it's not too late to brush up! Maybe you can make a trip or two or four to our beautiful county library before school starts.

Before school officially begins, we would like to welcome you in to our school on Friday, August 31st to meet us and to check out the classroom and school. This is a very informal "Meet, Greet, and Find your Seat" event where families can stop by, drop off supplies, check out the classroom, and meet the teachers. Students new to HES will have a brief orientation at 10:00 and then a chance to do the same from 10:15 to 10:30.

- 9:00 to 9:45: Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten
- 10:00 to 10:30: Students who are new to HES (New student Orientation 10:00 to 10:15)
- 10:45 to 11:30: Students who are returning to HES

Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten students in Calvert County are having a "Staggered Start" to school beginning this year. This means that during September 4th and 5th, families will conference with the teacher. This is a great way to reduce anxiety for students and a great time for families to talk with the teacher. Families have already been asked to sign up for a time slot in an e-mail that was sent out on August 11th. On September 6th, students whose last name begins with A through L will ride the bus to and from school and then on September 7th, students whose name begins with M through Z will ride the bus to and from school. It is very important that students ride the bus so that bus drivers can begin to associate a face to an address and name and so that students are not "missed" by the driver on the days that follow.

While you have your calendar out, please note that our Open House & Back-to-School BBQ will be on Friday, September 7th. Like last year, we will be combining our BBQ with our Open House to make it more convenient and less stressful for families. We will start the BBQ at 5pm. Families can socialize and mingle while the kids reunite with and make new friends on the playground. Families can patronize Urban BBQ and

Ledo's Pizza, which will be set up in the cafeteria. And for dessert, Dos Bros Snow Cones will be set up outside with many flavor choices to choose from.

At 6:00pm, parents and guardians will make their way to the classroom for Open House presentations while the students continue to play and socialize under the supervision of the HES Resource Teachers. This time provides an excellent opportunity for parents to meet with their child's teacher in a more formal setting. During Open House, parents visit classrooms and learn information concerning curriculum, homework, classroom routines and procedures, and grade-level events. There will be a second session beginning at 7:10pm.

Parking at HES is limited, so please consider carpooling with friends and neighbors. The Sleepy Hollow Daycare parking lot is also available to park in after 6pm.

Heterogeneous class lists have been developed for this year. Homeroom teachers for students in grades 1-5 and can be seen in HAC (Home Access Center) online beginning August 28th. **DISCLAIMER:** As staffing changes for HES, homeroom assignments may also change. Changes could be made at any time, even after the school year has begun. Kindergarten students and students new to Calvert County will receive notification in the mail sharing their homeroom teacher's name.

Spirit Days are every Friday! Students, family members, and staff are encouraged to participate and proudly wear our HES greens and yellows or other HES attire! Spirit wear will be available for purchase later in the fall, however each student will receive a "Fear the Heron" Fun Run shirt in September.

Medications occasionally must be administered to students by our school nurse, Nurse Jenna. According to Maryland state guidelines, any medications – including over the counter medications – must have a "Physician's Authorization Form" on file in the health room before they can be administered at school. They must be in the original container and have the child's name on the bottle. Medications must be brought to school by the parent or guardian. Nurse Jenna will be glad to answer any questions you may have concerning this policy. You may bring medications to school for the 2018 - 2019 school year from 8 to 3 on Monday-Wednesday, or Friday, August 31st at "Meet, Greet, and Find your Seat"

Our School day is from 9:00 to 3:40. Car riders and buses begin arriving at 8:40 and all buses will be here by 8:55 am. Announcements will begin on our Huntingtown News Network (HHNN) at 8:55. Students who arrive after 9:00 are considered tardy and **MUST** be signed in by the parent in the school office. Afternoon car riders will be dismissed from the gym (a change from previous years) and should be signed out by 3:40 pm on sheets located in the gym. Please remember to bring ID. Dismissal announcements will begin at 3:40 daily.

School Security measures have been put into place for the safety of all students and staff. All outside doors will always be locked, except during student arrival and dismissal. Students arriving after 9:00 am must be accompanied by an adult to be signed in at the office. Visitors and parents coming into the building will need to ring the doorbell outside the main entrance of the school. The office staff will grant them access into the building by "buzzing" them in to the school where they can sign in at the office once they have stated the purpose for their visit.

School bus routes for Calvert County Public Schools for next school year will be posted on Calvertnet approximately two weeks prior to the beginning of school; however, they will no longer be published in the local newspaper. School bus route information will also be available in each school beginning around August 21st. School bus routes can be found on the school system's website at www.calvertnet.k12.md.us under For Parents>School Bus Routes. Please review the routes and times carefully to confirm bus numbers and pick

up/drop off times. On the first day of school, we ask that students ride the school bus they are assigned. As students arrive by bus, we will greet them and give out a bus note to make sure they know which bus to ride home at the end of the day.

Parking at HES is always a challenge. Please refrain from driving your child to and from school and utilize the school bus as much as possible.

My School Bucks accounts will continue for items purchased in the cafeteria. Menus are accessible online on the CCPS Website under the For Parents tab. Parents can prepay for student meals, snacks and milk which is deducted from a computerized account. You can deposit money online using your child's 5-digit lunch number or you can send in cash or checks ranging from \$10 on up made payable to HES Cafeteria! We will start collecting lunch money on Friday, August 31st in the HES cafeteria during "Meet, Greet, and Find your Seat". Please remember to check account balances weekly. The price for school lunch is \$2.65; reduced price is \$0.40. The price for school breakfast is \$1.65; reduced price \$0.30. And finally, as a reminder, lunch menus are also online under the For Parents tab. The menus have features including nutrition information and photos.

As a reminder, the CCPS Code of Student Conduct outlines a dress code that shall be followed by all students in kindergarten through grade 12. (Each student will receive a complete copy of this document at the start of the school year.) When shopping for school clothes, please remember: clothing must not be shorter than the longest finger-tip when arms are fully extended at the side; garments with spaghetti straps, tank tops, and halter tops are not acceptable; and clothing with inappropriate scenes or wording is prohibited. Tennis shoes should tie and cannot have wheels and flip flops are discouraged for recess and unacceptable for Physical Education class. We appreciate your cooperation.

Before and After School Care is not available at HES for the 2018-2019 school year.

I hope you enjoy the rest of your summer days. I am certainly looking forward to seeing you on "Meet Your Teacher" day! Please call me at 410-535-7212 or email me at fultonb@calvertnet.k12.md.us if you have any questions or concerns. Go Herons!

Sincerely,

Brock Fulton

Principal



Dear Families,

I hope each of you had a summer filled with fun, family, new experiences and relaxation. Hopefully, your summer also included learning something new and some leisure reading.

My name is LaNisha Robinson and I am so excited to *rejoin* our Huntingtown Elementary School Community as the Assistant Principal! I was previously on staff as the Dean of Students and special education teacher several years ago, so this is very much like coming back home to the Heron nest.

Time sure does fly though, as this year is my nineteenth year in education and my tenth with Calvert County Public Schools. I was previously an educator with the Prince George's County Public Schools district. Between both districts I have amassed teaching experience in a variety of educational settings with students requiring enrichment and highly specialized instruction. I also have several years of leadership experience. I earned my undergraduate degree from Morgan State University in Elementary Education and my Master's Degree in Special Education from Loyola University Maryland, which was Loyola College while I was enrolled. My Administrator credentials were earned from Notre Dame of Maryland University. I currently live in the Chesapeake Beach area with my husband Jamaal, and our sons Bryce and Evan.

As our summer ends and we prepare for this school year, we must always consider how we transition back into the school, balance work, extra-curricular activities and sports, while continuing to support our children's learning and academic success. Here are few tips to ensure a smooth transition:

- Set your child's sleep schedules back to "School Time" several days before the first day.
- Reacquaint your child(ren) with the calendar schedule they'll use to manage their activities. This will also help with time management for homework and projects.
- Refresh your rules about screen time for the school year. Determine what's allowed and when.
- Designate a work space or "homework area" in your home for your child(ren) that stores their school supplies and technology and is distraction free for homework and project completion.
- Prepare school clothes, backpacks and lunches the night before, along with anything that needs to be returned to school.

I look forward to becoming reacquainted with our HES school community and forging new relationships with you and your students throughout the school year. We will continue to focus on RIGOR, RELEVANCE and RELATIONSHIPS to ensure that we are preparing life-long learners for their future!

Cordially,

LaNisha Robinson, Assistant Principal

* * * STAY INFORMED * * *

- ◆ ◆ Update your phone and e-mail information in HAC (Home Access Center) We send weekly e-mails!
- ◆ ◆ New HES Students will receive notification in the mail, check your mailbox!
- ◆ ◆ Our website: <http://hesweb.calvertnet.k12.md.us>
- ◆ ◆ Visit our PTA website at <http://hes.my-pta.org/>
- ◆ ◆ Follow us on Twitter: HtownESCCPS
- ◆ ◆ Follow us on Facebook: Huntingtown Elementary Parent Network
- ◆ ◆ Download the CCPS App for iPhone or Android Devices



* * * SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL * * *

Each year we strive to earn most of the funds needed to support our students from **FREE MONEY** programs!!!
The more participation we have, the more **FREE MONEY** HES gets!!! We all shop, so why not make your shopping habits support your child's school??

- ✓ AmazonSmile is a simple and automatic way for you to support HES's FSO every time you shop, at no cost to you. When you shop at smile.amazon.com, you'll find the exact same low prices, vast selection and convenient shopping experience as Amazon.com, with the added bonus that Amazon will donate a portion of the purchase price to your favorite charitable organization.



- ✓ Please send in your used ink cartridges to help us earn FREE MONEY!!!



- ✓ All **Office Depot** purchases for "Back to School" and throughout the year can also benefit us! Simply tell the cashier you'd like to support HES!



- ✓ Register **Giant Cards!** While you use your cards to save money for you, did you know that Giant will DONATE FREE MONEY to HES if you designate your support of HES?? Ask at the courtesy desk or go online to register. It's fast & easy! Last year, HES received over \$6,700 back from Giant!



- ✓ **Box Tops** for Education Redemption!_ It doesn't get any easier than buying groceries and then clipping the box tops off of participating products. Send them in and help HES earn FREE MONEY. We earn roughly \$1,100 per year!!!





Huntingtown Elementary School ID# 00321

Dear Supporter:

Welcome back to the start of a new school year and to a new year of A+ School Rewards! This year's A+ Program runs from September 7, 2018 through March 16, 2019.

Our school **Huntingtown Elementary School, ID# 00321** has the opportunity to participate in and earn **CASH** from A+ School Rewards, a great fundraising program run through your local Giant! With your help, we earned over \$3k last year!

Former Supporters:

You DO NOT need to re-register your card if your school selection(s) remains the same as last year.

New Supporters or Existing Supporters Wishing to Make Changes:

- Beginning *August 3, 2018*, visit giantfood.com and select "SIGN IN" at the top right to log into your online account. Once logged in, select "MY ACCOUNT", followed by "MANAGE MY ACCOUNT", then "REWARDS & SAVINGS" to select your school.
- If you do not have an online account, visit giantfood.com and click "REGISTER". Follow the prompts to create your online account. Once logged in, follow the same instructions as noted above.
- You'll need your 11-digit BONUSCARD® number and the School ID number. If you need assistance, call 1-888-814-4268 option 1.

To earn points:

- Use your registered BONUSCARD® each time you shop at any Giant, and you will earn CASH for our school. You can confirm your school selection by logging into your account.
- At the end of each month, your points are calculated and converted to CASH rewards. These CASH rewards for our school are updated monthly. You can track our progress when you sign in to your online account.
- Our school will receive one CASH rewards check at the end of the program and can use this cash for any of our educational needs.

Also, please encourage your family members and friends to support our school. This could result in more cash rewards for our school!

Thank you for supporting our school.

CCPS Nondiscrimination Statement

Calvert County Public Schools does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, age, ancestry or national origin, familial status, marital status, physical or mental disability, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, or genetic information or age in its programs and activities and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups. The following persons have been designated to handle inquiries regarding the non-discrimination policies:

Director of Student Services
Director of Human Resources
443-550-8000

For further information on notice of non-discrimination, visit the Office of Civil Rights Complaint Assessment System at: <http://ocrcas.ed.gov> or call 1-800-421-3481.

Anti-sexual, Anti-racial and Anti-disability Harassment Statement

Discrimination can manifest itself in behaviors such as bullying, harassment, or intimidation of individuals.

Calvert County Public Schools does not tolerate any form of harassment including, but not limited to, sexual, racial, or disability. Any individual (student, employee, or community member) who believes that he or she has been subjected to any form of harassment is encouraged to report the allegation of harassment.

Students, parents and community members may report allegations of harassment to:

Ms. Kimberly Roof
Director of Student Services
Calvert County Public Schools
1305 Dares Beach Road
Prince Frederick, MD 20678

Employees may report allegations of harassment to:

Ms. Laveeta Hutchins
Director of Human Resources
Calvert County Public Schools
1305 Dares Beach Road
Prince Frederick, MD 20678

Calvert County Public Schools is committed to conducting a prompt investigation for any allegation of harassment. If harassment has occurred, the individual will be disciplined promptly. Disciplinary actions for students found to have engaged in any form of harassment may result in suspension or expulsion. Disciplinary actions for employees found to have engaged in any form of harassment may result in suspension or termination.

Calvert County Public Schools encourages all students, parents, employees, and community members to work together to prevent any form of harassment.

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