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- August 30: "Meet, Greet, and Find Your Seat"
- September 3: First day of school (Grades 1-5)
- September 3-4: Pre-K and Kindergarten parent/teacher conferences
- September 5: Kindergarten students attend school
- September 6: Kindergarten students attend school
- September 9: All Pre-K and Kindergarten students begin classes
- September 13: FSO Bash/Bookfair/Open House 5-8pm
- September 12-20: Boosterthon Fundraiser
- September 20: Boosterthon Fun Run
- September 27: Schools Closed



Message from the Family School Organization President

Greetings HES Families!

I hope you are all enjoying fun-filled days of summer. Can you believe we are already in August which means school supplies are filling the local stores and the start of the 2019-20 school year is right around the corner!

As your new Family and School Organization President and on behalf of the Board, I would like to say thank you to the entire HES family for your continued support for 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 exceptional year of learning for our children.

As with past years, the FSO will continue to support enrichment opportunities across the HES grades and we will also continue to raise funds towards new playground equipment and upgrades. 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. However, for the FSO to be effective and truly representative of the school, everyone's participation is essential. Your contribution, whether it is your time, knowledge, or resources can make a difference and we invite you to become an involved member of the HES FSO. I know for many when they hear the word "involved" they immediately think hours upon hours of time spent at the school or attending meetings, however, this is simply not the case and we want everyone to feel that they are part of the HES Community. Whether you have 30 minutes or a couple of hours, your ideas, your time, your talents and opinions are truly valued. Please consider volunteering, it really does make a difference in the lives of all our students! We guarantee that your time will be well spent benefiting the whole HES community.

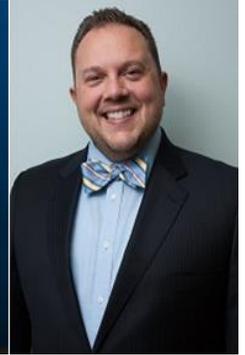
On Friday September 13, from 5:00pm to 8:00pm, we will be holding our annual Back to School Bash/Book Fair & Open House. This is a fun-filled evening for the whole family! You will have the opportunity become a member of our FSO, shop our book fair, meet and mingle with fellow HES families, teachers, and staff. Also, parents will have a chance to meet their child(ren)'s teacher(s) at the open house.

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 questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at Rhonda.hesfso@gmail.com, pm me on FB messenger to Rhonda McAuley Moses or text 703-915-2365. I hope to get to know each of you as the school year progresses as well as see you at our upcoming events.

All the Best,
Rhonda Moses
HES PTA President



from Principal's Desk



Dear Huntingtown Elementary Students and Families,

Welcome to the 2019-2020 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 3rd! 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, Ms. Gwen, and Ms. Sally 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 her 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 30th 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 in grades 1-5 who are new to HES will have a brief orientation at 9:00 and then a chance to do the same from 9:15 to 9:45. All returning HES students can "Meet, Greet, and Find your Seat" any time between 10:00 and 10:45. Our parking lot is limited, so be careful!

Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten students in Calvert County are having a "Staggered Start" again this year. This means that during September 3rd and 4th, 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 6th. About half of the class will then attend on Thursday (students whose last name begins with A-L) and the other half will attend on Friday (students whose last name begins with M-Z). Teachers will share the assigned day at the conference. Students are encouraged to ride the school bus. 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. All kindergarteners and pre-kindergartners will attend school on Monday, September 9th.

While you have your calendar out, please note that our Open House & Back-to-School Bash will be on Friday, September 13th. Like last year, we will be combining our Bash with our Open House to make it more convenient and less stressful for families. Dinner is available for purchase beginning at 4:30 from the Little Red Wagon food truck. Families can socialize and mingle while the kids reunite with and make new friends on the playground. And for dessert, Dos Bros Snow Cones will be set up outside with many flavor choices to choose from.

At 6:00pm, families will make their way to the classroom for Open House presentations. This time provides an excellent opportunity for parents to meet with their child's teacher in a more formal setting. During Open House, families 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 27th. **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 will be notified of their homeroom teacher via e-mail, and students new to Calvert County will receive notification in the mail.

Spirit Days are every Friday! Students, family members, and staff are encouraged to participate and proudly wear our HES teals/greens and yellows or other HES attire! Spirit wear is available for purchase [HERE](#).

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 2019 - 2020 school year from 8 to 3 on Monday or Wednesday or on 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 into 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. 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 \$0.00. The price for school breakfast is \$1.65; reduced price \$0.00. 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 pre-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, weapons, 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 2019-2020 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 443-550-9360 or email me at fultonb@calvertnet.k12.md.us if you have any questions or concerns. Go Herons!

Sincerely,
Mr. Fulton 😊



Dear Heron Families,

I hope you are enjoying a wonderful summer. I also hope you are relaxed, recharged and ready to start a new school year. I am excited that you are a part of our school and learning community and look forward to working with you and your children this coming school year.

All signs point to another productive and incredible school year. Our devoted staff has been preparing and planning for your children's return to school. We are also very enthusiastic to welcome our new families that will be joining us at HES shortly.

To ensure students to arrive to school ready to learn and settle into daily routines, remember that you play a vital role in your child's success at school. You can help by asking about their day, having a positive attitude about learning and reading with your child every night. You would be amazed that 20 minutes of heading with your child each night will do for increased language development and reading skills.

Also as 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.

Please keep an eye out for opportunities to volunteer and for other exciting events and programs.

As always, we have an open-door policy and your thoughts and opinions are welcomed. Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions, comments or concerns.

It's almost time and I'm so excited, I hope you are too!

Sincerely,
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>

- ◆ 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??

- ✓ 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!!!



- ✓ **Shop smile.amazon.com!** If you want to support the school while doing your online shopping, be sure to add "Huntingtown Elementary School Family and School Organization" to your **smile.amazon.com** account!



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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