



HAMPTON HAPPENINGS

DECEMBER 2016

HAMPTON ELEMENTARY MISSION

The mission of the Hampton Elementary School Community is to foster an environment where all children feel safe, respected, and valued. We provide the foundation for students to reach their maximum potential in their academics and encourage them to strive for personal excellence.

UPCOMING EVENTS

POPCORN DAYS / .25 CENTS	DEC. 2 & 16
HOLIDAY GIFT SHOP	DEC. 13, 14, & 15
SCHOOL BOARD MTG . AT KOLB SCHOOL 7:15 PM	DEC. 12
COLLEGE DAY	DEC. 13
WINTER RECESS	DEC. 22 - JAN. 2
CLASSES RESUME	JAN. 3, 2017

SCHOOL SCHEDULE

SCHOOL OFFICE OPENS	7:45 A.M.
STUDENT ARRIVAL	8:10 A.M.
TRANSITION TO CLASSROOMS	8:30 A.M.
SCHOOL BEGINS	8:40 A.M.
STUDENT DISMISSAL	3:32 P.M.
SCHOOL OFFICE CLOSES	4:00P.M.

DRESS FOR THE WEATHER

It has been our observation, that students are NOT coming to school prepared for WINTER. Please help us in the following manner:

1. During cold, snowy weather, encourage your child to wear boots, hats, gloves, warm coats, etc.
2. On days they wear boots, be sure another pair of shoes are sent to school. Wearing boots all day in school is not a comfortable, healthy or safe situation.
3. Send an extra pair of shoes for "muddy" days.

Remember: All children must go outside for at least 15-20 minutes during their lunch hour. The only exception to this is during rain days. Once it starts getting colder, our district rule is to only keep students inside if the temperature with wind chill is below 10 degrees. We check a few different sources if it is close and make a judgment call, so please watch the weather and try to pack accordingly. Our children need to get outside and have a fun and energetic break. Please help us make sure that all students are prepared for that fun!



SAFETY / PARENTS IN THE BUILDING

We ask that all visitors or volunteers in our building please sign in at the office after buzzing in. We have visitor badges that we ask all of our visitors and volunteers to wear. NEVER enter the building without checking in at the office.

STAYING IN AT RECESS DUE TO ILLNESS

Students must have a note from a doctor in order to stay in at recess. Many students do not prefer to go out when it's cold, but it is very good for them to get the fresh air. So unless a student has a doctor's note excusing them from outdoor activity, they will go outside. Please dress them according to the weather.



MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

TEACHER APPOINTMENT COURTESY

The Hampton staff is here to help you and your child. We are committed to the education and well being of your child and it takes a lot of time to prepare for each school day's learning experiences for your child.

We know that communication is critical and we appreciate all of the support you provide to our staff. We will meet with you in person, or respond by email or phone if you have a question or a need. If you do need to meet with our staff in person, please give them a courtesy call to set up a time to meet. Please avoid a drop-by, drop-off or pick-up meetings so that staff can focus their attention on student arrival, lesson planning/preparation and student dismissal. When you do arrive, please check-in at the school office with the Office Staff.

Staff contact information can be found on our website (www.bcpshampton.com) under the "Staff Contacts" tab.

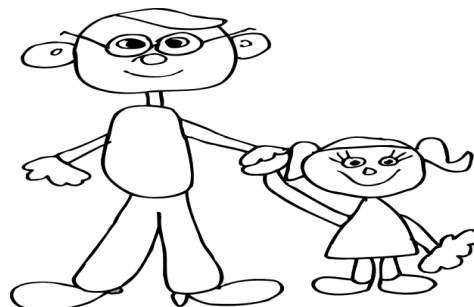
WINTER RECESS

This year's Winter Recess will be from Thursday, December 22nd through Monday, January 2, 2017. Classes will resume for all grades on Tuesday, January 3, 2017.



DADDY / DAUGHTER DANCE

On Saturday, January 28th, we will be having our Dancing with My Star Ball (Daddy /Daughter dance) from 6-8 pm in the gymnasium. Hampton young ladies and their significant male role models are welcome to dress up and attend. Cost is \$15 prior to January 20th and \$20 at the door (per family). Price includes entrance to the dance, punch, cookies, and a picture! An invitation will come home the first week in January.



GIFTED & TALENTED PROGRAM

The Gifted and Talented Office will open a window to take nominations for its program beginning in January. The program is designed for 1st through 8th grade students whose learning characteristics indicate a need for a unique educational experience beyond the regular classroom curriculum.

Middle School — Grades 5, 6, and 7
Elementary — Grades Kindergarten, 1, 2, 3, and 4

January 3rd through January 13th
January 30th through February 10th

BOOSTER CLUB NEWS

MY COKE REWARDS:

You can enter the codes from Coke products at home and choose to donate them to school or you can drop your codes off and our volunteers will enter them.

SHOPAROO

If you have not already downloaded this app, we encourage that you do so. This is a great and easy way to earn money for our school. You can find the app on Google Play or the Apple App Store.

REMEMBER TO SIGN IN!

Volunteers — remember to sign in at the office when you come to help out! We log your hours and want everyone's time here to be accounted for. Hampton is one of the top schools that logs the most volunteer hours! Let's keep it up!

POPCORN DAYS

December 2nd & 16th. January 13th & 27th. .25 cents per bag.

HOLIDAY GIFT SHOP

On December 13, 14, & 15, students will have the opportunity to purchase their own special holiday gifts for family and friends. The gifts range in price but there many affordable option. The children enjoy making decisions and learning about economics.

We are in need of MANY volunteers to make this event a success. If you are able to donate any of your time on any of the above mentioned days, please contact Sandy at 893-1100 or send us an e-mail at hamptonvolunteer@bcschools.net with your availability. We will be in touch with you before the gift shop starts to confirm.

There will be no School Store on Wednesday, December 14th due to the Holiday Gift Shop.

LIBRARY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Mrs. Dine is looking for volunteers in the library to help out on Monday and Friday mornings for 1 - 2 hours to shelve books and also on Monday and Thursday afternoons from 12:30 - 2:00 p.m. to help with Kindergarten and 1st grade students / classes. If you are able to help, please e-mail hamptonvolunteer@bcschools.net with your availability.

CANDY CANE SALES

For the month of December, the Booster Club will be selling candy canes during the holidays instead of pretzels on Thursdays. Candy canes are .50 cents each and will be sold at lunchtime on 12/1, 12/8, and 12/15. Proceeds will go to the Playground Fund.



GENTLE REMINDERS - PARKING LOT

We need to leave the handicap parking spaces available for those who need to use them. Please leave the spaces open for those that have a handicap sticker.

As winter weather approaches, we've asked our maintenance department to push the snow a little further to maximize our parking. We ask for everyone's patience during the snowy months — we want to get everyone safely in and out of our parking area.

Also, in the morning, when dropping off your child, please make sure that you pull up to the next available spot and let your child out. Once they are on their way into the school, please, to keep the flow of traffic moving nicely, please make your way toward the exit. We are finding that the line gets rather long and held up at times.



SAFETY / DISMISSAL

For the safety of all of our students, **please keep the hallways clear at the end of the day.** If you need to pick your child early for any reason, please sign them out in the office. If you do not have a badge showing that you signed in at the office, you may be asked to do so. No badge tells us that no one in the office knows that a person is in the building, and that does not promote safety for our students. If you see someone without a badge, please contact the office. They are probably safe, but we like to be on the safe side — **so please follow our guidelines.** Kindergarten parents picking up their children may wait outside the red gym doors. They will be opened once the students are in the gym.

DROP-OFF ZONE

Please don't park your car in drop-off zones. If you need to exit your car for any reason, please park in a parking space. Parked cars cause congestion in the drop-off area. You may have your vehicle in the circle as long as you remain in your vehicle. We understand that now with the weather getting more frigid, it may be difficult to take an infant or small child outside to wait. If you go around the circle, again please stay in your vehicle and a staff member will bring your child to you. Please do not wave them through the lot — we want to make sure they are safe.

