

Cheetah Chatter

September 30, 2016

Calendar

- Oct. 3 – School and Offices CLOSED
- Oct. 8 – Purple Friday !
- Oct. 12 – School and Offices CLOSED
- Oct. 13 – Individual School Pictures
- Oct. 14 – Crazy Hair Day
- Oct. 17 – K Library Field trip
- Oct. 21 – 1st grade field trip
- Oct. 24 – Nov. 22 – Annual Canned Food Drive
- Oct. 28 – Halloween Parade
- Oct. 31 – School closed for students
- Nov. 4 – Wacky Tacky Day!
- Nov. 11 – Red, White, Blue Day!
- Nov. 11 – 3rd Grade field trip

From the Principal

Halloween is Coming...

Halloween will be celebrated at Ilchester with a parade and class celebrations on Friday, October 28th. The parade will begin around 2:00 PM. The parent viewing areas will be in the front of the school all the way around to our blacktop area. We will have cones and signs to identify these areas. The children will be traveling out the front of the school and will parade on the sidewalk and around to the blacktop. They will re-enter the school through the gym doors. We have over 700 wonderful students so it is a long parade and at times there may be gaps in the line. After the parade concludes we will ask our parents who are assisting or visiting in their child's classroom celebration to wait ten minutes before entering the school. This will allow our students time to travel back to their classrooms. Remember to stop in the front office to sign in and to get a visitor's badge. We realize that some families do not celebrate Halloween. Please let your child's teacher know if you prefer for your child not to participate in the Halloween activities. An alternative activity will be provided. Students may choose to wear their costume to school or you may send it in a sturdy bag on this day and remember that the costume will be worn over school clothes. Costumes may not include toy weapons, even as costume accessories.

We are always happy to see many parents and guests at our Halloween celebration. Please be reminded that finding a place to park can be challenging on this day. Spaces may be available in the lot behind Bonnie Branch Middle School. We also ask that all parents and guests take notice of the "no parking" signs posted on either side of our driveway. Also, please be courteous to our neighbors and do not park on private lawns. Thank you!

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Picture  Day

October 13



HCPSS Community 5K & 1M Fun Run | October 16, 2016

The Howard County Public School System is proud to present Let's Go HoCo - HCPSS Community 5K & 1 Mile Fun Run! This event brings together HCPSS students, families, staff and the community to celebrate health and wellness. Proceeds from this year's event will benefit the **Teachers for Tomorrow** scholarship program for HCPSS students who have high academic potential and limited financial resources.

BAND NOTES

We are off to a great start. I am very excited about the large number of students who have signed up for band and strings this year!

Home practice is necessary for students to make suitable progress on their instruments. I understand that the children have many activities and other homework to complete, but beginners should be practicing at least 10-15 minutes every day and advanced students should be practicing at least 15-20 minutes every day. Practice sessions can be broken up into 5-minute increments if that works better for your schedule or child's attention span. With the late morning start at Ilchester, I highly recommend having a practice time before school. I attempt to email all practice assignments home so parents are aware of what their child should be practicing. If you are not receiving these emails, please let me know so I can make sure I have your correct email address.

All Beginning Band (Wind and Brass) students need Accent on Achievement Book 1. All Advanced Band (Wind and Brass) students need Accent on Achievement Book 2. Advanced students will also use Book 1. All Beginning String students need Essential Elements 2000, Book 1. Advanced String Students need Essential Elements Book 2. Advanced students will also use Book 1.

All Percussion students should have a binder, Metronome, a stick bag, and sticks/mallets.

Dates to remember:

Advanced Band and Strings Concert: December 14th, 7:00pm (Snow date December 20th)

Beginning Band and Strings Concert: January 24th, 7:00 pm (Snow date January 26th)

Community News

Please visit the [Community+News+and+Programs+page](http://www.hcpss.org/community-news-and-programs/) at <http://www.hcpss.org/community-news-and-programs/> for announcements of upcoming events and programs sponsored by non-profit organizations.

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