

Important information to get the new year off to a good start

August 6, 2015

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the 2015-16 school year!

Staff Changes: Please welcome our new members and those returning to different positions. Some of our staff members have moved on to new experiences and we wish them well. We know you will be excited to meet our newest staff members!

Mrs. Cheryl Santoni joins us as an experienced assistant principal from Waverly Elementary School. Her background as a special educator and HCPSS resource teacher will be an asset to HSES. **Mrs. Tracey Albright** is now Assistant Principal at Stevens Forest Elementary School.

Mrs. Tracy Purper comes to HSES from Carroll County Public School System, and will teach Second Grade.

Mrs. Amy Callan also joins us from Carroll County and will be a Third Grade teacher.

Ms. Emily Kassir is now an ESOL teacher at our school.

Mrs. KyungJoo Koo, ESOL Teacher, will be tending to her family in Korea.

Ms. Lauren Campbell, a Loyola graduate, will join our 4th Grade teaching team.

Mrs. Eileen Griffin transferred to Bushy Park ES, where she will teach 3rd Grade.

Mr. Thomas Hurlburt will serve as Instructional Team Leader for 4th Grade.

Ms. Kellie Riley will move from 4th grade to 5th Grade.

Ms. Kristen Lutjen has accepted a teaching position at another school.

Mrs. Pam Rochlin transferred to HSES from Ilchester ES and is our 5th Grade Instructional Team Leader.

Mrs. Molly Caroland is now our Math Support Teacher.

Ms. Emily DeFrancesco, Towson University graduate, will be teaching 5th Grade.

Ms. Tracy Williams, from Clarksville ES, will be our Reading Support Teacher.

Ms. Allison Holocker, will be our part-time Physical Education Teacher.

Ms. Denise DeFour, will be teaching a morning preschool class at our school.

Mrs. Laurie Boyle will serve as Kindergarten Instructional Team Leader.

Ms. Teresa Ballinger and Mrs. Harriet Bishop Sniadach, Special Educators, join us at HSES.

Ms. Maria Payne, Speech Language Pathologist, a graduate of HSES, joins our staff.

Mrs. Ashley Hackett, Speech Language Pathologist, moved out of state.

Some of our paraeducators have changed assignments: **Mrs. Laurie Duguay** will be in 3rd grade and **Mrs. Pam Gogol** will be in 5th grade. **Mrs. Kathy Shown** will be the 2nd grade team paraeducator.

Ms. Beatrice Anan joins us as lunch/recess monitor.

1. **You are invited to attend our annual Open House for students in Grades 1-5 on Friday, August 21 at 2:00.** Class lists will be posted and families are invited to greet our staff, drop off school supplies, and pick up the first day folder. It is not necessary for our new kindergartners to attend, as the Kindergarten Orientations are held on August 20 at 7 PM for parents and August 21 at 10:00 AM for kindergarten students and parents, concluding with a social time for kindergartners and their parents at 11:00 AM the same day.

The PTA will hold an Open House on August 21 in the cafeteria beginning at 1:30, prior to the schoolwide Open House. Please stop by to check out volunteer opportunities, and other information on ways parents can partner with our school. The PTA will also share information on the upcoming third year of our very successful Boosterthon Fun Run!

2. **Monday, August 24 at 8:30** marks the first day of the 2015-16 school year! **Our daily schedule begins with morning announcements at 8:40.** Please make sure your children arrive at school by 8:30 AM so they can be in their seats, ready to learn, no later than 8:40 AM.

3. **Important Dates:** Our annual **Back to School Social**, sponsored by the PTA, will be held on Wednesday, August 26 from 6:30 to 8:00 PM on the school playground. The Social is an opportunity for families to meet one another and our staff in a relaxed atmosphere. **Back to School Night will be held on Tuesday, September 1, 6:30-8:00 PM for Grades 1 & 2. Back to School Night for Grades 3-5 will be held on Wednesday, September 2, 6:30-8:00 PM.** Please mark your calendars and be sure to attend these important events.

4. **Cash Programs Benefit HSES:** Local retailers donate cash to Hollifield Station for every family that participates in their programs! You must designate HSES each school year. These programs allow us to provide needed instructional materials and activities for our students. Please go to www.giantfood.com, click on A+Bonus Bucks, and designate Hollifield Station. Please save your Box Tops; the cash from this program is used to purchase Time for Kids/Weekly Reader classroom magazines and recess equipment.

5. **PTA** – Please be sure to join our PTA and support school/family activities. Our PTA will be holding only one fundraiser this year: **the Boosterthon Fun Run on October 8!** The PTA utilizes these funds to provide cultural arts assemblies, after school activities and additional opportunities for students. Please support the PTA by responding when volunteers are requested and by supporting our one fundraiser.

6. The staff and I are very excited to begin the upcoming school year, as we will continue to fulfill the HCPSS Vision 2018 and support growth for all of our students. We will continue sharing information on ways parents can support a growth mindset in children, as well as tips for providing praise to ensure effort and persistence are encouraged. The book, *Mindset*, by Carol Dweck, was shared with parents last year and is a wonderful resource.

7. Please be sure to visit www.myschoolbucks.com to ensure your child's meal payments are up to date.

We are looking forward to a very successful 2015–2016 school year!

Sincerely,

Lisa Booth Cheryl Santoni