



Thunder Hill Elementary 2022-2023

October 28, 2022

2022-2023

SCHOOL HOURS

9:25 a.m. – 3:55 a.m.

Note: Doors open at 9:15 a.m.

Arrival ends at 9:23 a.m.

Students are expected in their classes at 9:25 a.m.

#WeSOARtogether

November

New Information

The staff at Thunder Hill would like to thank our community for your support this week. The Bryant family asks that we share the following information with the THES community.

Save The Date

A celebration of life for Ms. Bryant will take place on Saturday, November 19, 2022 at her alma mater, Archbishop Spalding High School. We will gather at 10:00 am for music, a short memorial service and light refreshments to follow. The Bryant family has established a scholarship fund to directly benefit a Music Education student studying clarinet at Towson University. To donate please click the following link [The Jackie Bryant Memorial Scholarship Fund](#). Thank you for continuing to keep the family in your thoughts.

American Education Week Details

November 14-18 is American Education Week! During this week, we celebrate the achievements of public schools in America and honor the work of people making a difference in education. To help accommodate the large number of anticipated visitors, we encourage you to come to our school during each grade level's designated day below. Teams will share more details in an upcoming Canvas announcement as the date approaches.

Grade	Designated Day
Grades 2 & 3	Monday, Nov. 14
Grades 4 & 5	Tuesday, Nov. 15
Grades K & 1	Wednesday, Nov. 16

Here are some additional reminders for your visit:

- Parking will be limited, so please consider carpooling or alternative parking options
- For safety, please sign in upon entering the building and wear your visitor sticker
- Please do not bring any siblings into the classroom during your visit
- For student privacy, please silence your phone & do not take pictures while in the classroom
- Please limit your school visit to 1 hour
- Due to capacity limitations, we are unable to accommodate guests or families during our lunch or recess periods

Come see all the wonderful things students are learning at Thunder Hill. We hope you can make it and look forward to your visit!

Fall in LOVE with Reading Night at THES

THES families are invited to “FALL in Love with Reading” on Thursday, November 11 at 6pm. Please see attached flyer for details.

[Fall in LOVE with Reading Night](#)

Repeated Information

Parent Teacher Conference Information

Parent-Teacher Conference time is quickly approaching! Conferences with Homeroom/Language Arts teachers will take place on November 21-November 23. This year, parents will have the choice to meet either in-person or virtually. For your planning purposes, please note the schedule below:

- In- person conferences will be held on Monday, November 21st *only*
- Virtual conferences will be held on Tuesday, November 22nd or 23rd *only*

Families will sign up for conferences beginning November 7th. More information will be shared in a separate email as the date approaches. We look forward to seeing you!

Inclement Weather Asynchronous Learning Days

The Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) now allows local school systems to repurpose inclement weather days as asynchronous school days. At the discretion of the superintendent, HCPSS will use up to three inclement weather asynchronous days during the 2022-2023 school year. One of two additional codes will be instituted to reflect the decision to transition to an asynchronous instruction day:

- Code Purple Asynchronous Student Day - School buildings and Office buildings open for staff only
- Code Pink Asynchronous Student Day - School buildings and Office buildings closed

For each asynchronous inclement weather day, students should:

1. Access the inclement weather asynchronous task options chart via the [HCPSS Inclement Weather Asynchronous Instruction Plan](#) website or the hard copy that was sent home to families upon request. K-5 students should complete one task per curriculum area:
 - 1 Math
 - 1 ELA
 - 1 Content (either Science, Social Studies, or Health)

- 1 Related Arts task for that color day
- 2. Circle the completed tasks on a hard copy of the task choices chart or make a list of completed tasks on a separate piece of paper.
- 3. Submit the printed chart or the completed tasks list on separate paper to their teacher at the end of the month to get marked as present for the asynchronous day attendance. NOTE: For asynchronous days occurring less than nine days before the end of the month, task completion lists will be collected at the end of the next month. Attendance for asynchronous days will be updated monthly.

[información en español](#)

For more information, please visit the [HCPSS Inclement Weather Asynchronous Instruction Plan](#).

PTA News

PTA November Meeting:

The November PTA General Membership Meeting will be Thursday November 3, 5:15-6:15 PM, in person at Thunder Hill Elementary School (room TBD). We will have updates on current activities and a special guest speaker, Dwanna Nicole, will speak about Restorative Justice in education. Please join us!

Thunder Hill staff will be hosting reading enrichment activities for students of families that attend the PTA meeting. Free books will be provided to students that attend. We will also work on other activities to build students' reading knowledge and skill! We can't wait to see you and your students!

If you would like to sign up for PTA we will have forms available at the meeting, or you can sign up virtually here: <https://1thes.memberhub.com/store>

Community News

Oakland Mills High School Food Pantry

As part of our Thunder Hill School community outreach, we participate in collecting food and other consumables to donate to the Oakland Mills Food High School Food Pantry. If you are interested in being a part of this endeavor, please click on the link to learn more: [Oakland Mills Food Pantry information](#). Donations can be brought to the Media Center. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. McIlvain in the Media Center – leah_mcilvain@hcpss.org Thank you ahead of time for your generosity!

