



Thunder Hill Elementary 2022-2023

January 13, 2023

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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

Important Dates:

January

- 13-Winter Wonderland event 5:30-7:30
- 16-Martin Luther King Jr. Day - Schools & offices closed
- 18- Professional Work & Wellness Day - Schools close 3 hours early (12:55 p.m.)
- 19 Road To Kindergarten workshop at Centennial High School, 6:30-7:30 p.m.
- 20-End of 2nd Marking Period
- 20-Winter Wonderland snow date 5:30-7:30
- 23-Professional Work Day - Schools closed for students
- 26-Road to Kindergarten workshop at Oakland Mills High School 6:30-7:30 pm
- 30-Report Cards issued

Save the Date:

The Band and Strings concert has been rescheduled for February 21st at 6:30 pm. It will be held at Oakland Mills High School.

January 2023

APPROVED

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
New Year's Day (Observed) Schools and offices closed (Non-representative)						
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Martin Luther King Jr. Day (Observed) Schools and offices closed (Non-representative)			Professional Work and Wellness Day (Schools close 3 hours early, 12:55 p.m.) Non-representative	High schools only close 3 hours early, 12:55 p.m. Non-representative	High schools only close 3 hours early, 12:55 p.m. Non-representative	
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
	Professional Work Day (Schools closed for students)					
29	30	31	January holidays and other dates of interest © 2022 York-Town - All rights reserved.			

Winter Wonderland - 1/13



The THES PTA and Community Outreach Team are thrilled to host Winter Wonderland for our families and community members. The event is at THES on 1/13 from 5:30- 7:30. Please consider bringing the following items for our students to make Winter Emergency bags for the OMHS Food Pantry and Columbia Community Cares: New Gloves, Hats, Scarves, Mittens, Socks, Granola Bars or Non-Perishable Bagged Snacks.

Free Cocoa and Cookies will be provided - PTA will also be selling additional snacks as a fundraiser.

We are in need of volunteers and donations to make this event a success:

Volunteer Sign Up:

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1FM-XDkryooNG6Zy8M0QI9mguFUtQUhdiCsBjxK76vbE/edit?usp=sharing>

Sign Up Genius for Cookies and Cocoa:

[THES Community Outreach Team: THES Winter Wonderland \(signupgenius.com\)](https://signupgenius.com)

Event Details:

K-1:

5:30 -6:10 Sing Along in the Cafe

6:10 - 6:50 Indoor "Snowball Fight" and Open Gym - Gymnasium

6:50-7:30 Crafts/Story Time - Media Center and Hallways

Grades 2-3 Families:

5:30 -6:10 Indoor "Snowball Fight and Open Gym

6:10 - 6:50 Crafts/Story Time - Media Center and Hallways

6:50-7:30 Sing Along in the Cafe

Grades 4-5 Families:

5:30 -6:10 Crafts/Story Time - Media Center and Hallways

6:10 - 6:50 Sing Along in the Cafe

6:50-7:30 Indoor "Snowball Fight" and Open Gym

New Information

THES Community Circles

We hope you can join us Saturday, February 25, 2023 from 9-11am for a community building circle for THES families. Adopted from indigenous communities, peace circles are the most comprehensive

restorative justice practice. Circles bring individuals together in a way that builds trust and creates opportunities for honest communication, connection, collaboration, and mutual understanding. We are offering this circle as a fun way for families to engage in community building with one another. Please complete this [form](#) if you are interested in attending.

THES Hearing and Vision Clinic - January 18th

Attention parents/guardians of students in grades K, 1, & and new to Maryland.

January 18th, will be the THES Hearing and Vision Screening Clinic

If your child wears glasses, please be sure your child has them that day.

Please contact the THES Health Room if you have any questions.

Recess Update

The Office of School Safety and Security and Risk Management, in collaboration with School Management and Instructional Leadership, reviewed county wide practices regarding school visits and it has been determined that parents are no longer able to attend recess. Parents can continue to eat lunch with their child(ren) if they complete the following:

- Go to the [HCPSS Web site](#)
- [Links to an external site.](#)
- to review information about the school system volunteer process.
- Review the “Child Abuse and Neglect Reporting Procedures Online Training” PowerPoint.
- Sign the Certificate of Completion for the “Child Abuse and Neglect Reporting Procedures Online Training” form and provide it to the school when signing in.
- Review the "Confidentiality Training for Volunteers" PowerPoint
- Sign the Confidentiality Agreement and provide it to the school when signing in.
- Sign in at the front office using the Lobby Guard sign-in system (a valid photo I.D. must be provided).

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Thunder Hill Science Fair

CALLING ALL SCIENTISTS AND INVENTORS!

Are you curious about the world around you? Do you want to invent something that may change the world? Well here is your opportunity

WHAT

Thunder Hill Elementary School
Annual Science/ Inventors Fair



WHEN
Wednesday, March 29, 2023
6:00-7:30 P.M.

WHERE
Cafetorium



If you are interested in participating and sharing your discovery/invention, please print and complete this registration [form](#) and give it to your homeroom teacher by Friday, February 3, 2023.

Repeated Information

Middle School Parent Orientation and Information Nights

Our feeder middle schools, Oakland Mills Middle, Dunloggin Middle and Ellicott Mills Middle will host parent information nights in January. Please save the dates below.

What middle school are you assigned to? You can look up your assigned school based on your address. Please use the following school [locator link](#) for your middle school assignment.

Oakland Mills Middle School-January 17th 6:00-7:00 pm

Dunloggin Middle School-January 26th 6:00-7:00 pm

Ellicott Mills Middle-January 17th 6:00-7:00 pm

OMMS – Rising 6th Grade Orientation 1/17/2023 6pm

Oakland Mills Middle School is thrilled to welcome rising 6th grade falcons. Middle school is an exciting time for students and their families. We will be holding a New Student Orientation on Tuesday, January 17th at 6pm in the OMMS cafeteria. Families are invited to attend to learn about the middle school schedule and opportunities at OMMS.

Road to Kindergarten

The Road to Kindergarten information sessions will be held for families of children who will begin kindergarten in Fall 2023.

Road to Kindergarten Workshops



THURSDAY, JAN. 19, 2023, CENTENNIAL HIGH SCHOOL

TUESDAY, JAN. 24, 2023, WILDE LAKE HIGH SCHOOL

THURSDAY, JAN. 26, 2023, OAKLAND MILLS HIGH SCHOOL

SNOW DATE: THURSDAY, FEB. 2, 2023, OAKLAND MILLS HIGH SCHOOL

Student Absences

Just a reminder that parents/guardians must turn in a note if the child is absent. The note should include the student's name, date absent, reason for absence, and parent/guardian signature. We also accept these notes through an email address. Please email THESabsence@hcpss.org with the same information if you prefer this format. Please submit notes within five days of your child returning to school.

The Howard County Public School System is committed to helping all our students develop an understanding of the importance of regular school attendance, so they can fully benefit from our comprehensive educational program.

Please click [here](#) to read more information regarding student attendance.

PTA NEWS

Restaurant Night At Philly's Best-January 18th

Wednesday January 18th Thunder Hill Elementary PTA RNO at Philly's Best. Carry out only from 11am -10pm. Bring in this [flyer](#), show it on your phone, or just mention you are here to support this fundraiser and 20%of the proceeds will be donated to the organization.

