



Thunder Hill Elementary 2022-2023

October 7, 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

Important Dates:

October

- 7- Fall Festival 5:30-7:30
- 10-Bike, Walk or Roll to School
- 14- Rain Date for Fall Festival 5:30-7:30
- 20- Fire Department Visit to THES K-2nd grade
- 21-Professional Work Day, Schools closed for students
- 24 - Professional Work Day, Schools closed for students
- 25- Flu Clinic at THES for students

November

- 2 - Schools close 3 hours early (12:10 p.m.)
- 8 - Election Day - Schools and Offices closed
- 19- UNITY Day wear orange
- 21 - Parent/Teacher Conferences - Schools close 3 hours early (12:10 p.m.)
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- 23 - Parent/Teacher Conferences - Schools closed for students
- 24 & 25 - Thanksgiving Holiday- Schools and Offices closed

Let us Walk, Bike or Roll to School.

Thunder Hill is participating in the **26th Annual WALK to School Day on October 12, 2022.** Students are encouraged to bike, walk or roll to school. There are many ways students can participate in this event.

- Roll to school on a Bus
- Roll to school by carpooling with neighbors
- Bike or Roll to school with a family member
- Walk to school with neighbors

Please be patient and watchful as students will be Walking, Biking and Rolling to school on Oct 12, 2022. While driving please be diligent when entering crosswalks and intersections to keep everyone safe.

If your child is leaving their bike at school please provide a lock that can be used to lock bikes to bike racks or a nearby tree. Students will need to take their helmets into the school with them. This activity was organized by THES Green School Committee.

Please click [here](#) to view more details.

Cafeteria Reminders:

- There is no longer a universal free breakfast for all students.
- Check your account balance hcpss.nutrislice.com
- If you do NOT want your child to purchase breakfast/lunch please talk to them at home , email the homeroom teacher directly to follow-up.

HCPSS Calendars

There will be no printed 2022-2023 calendars. Staff, students, and families may add our online calendar to their own mobile/online calendar by

1. Going to <https://www.hcpss.org/calendar/>
2. Scrolling down to Subscribing to a Calendar
3. Right-clicking on the calendar you wish to subscribe to
4. Selecting Copy Link Location/Address/Shortcut
5. Adding to your calendar of choice (See your calendar for specifics on adding a new calendar)

You also may view and/or download printable PDFs of the [full calendar](#) and/or important [dates only](#).

Updates to the PDFs will be noted on the [HCPSS calendar page](#).

PLEASE NOTE! The calendar is subject to change. The online calendar reflects the most recent version.

Calendars in Spanish, Chinese, and Korean

Calendario en español

西班牙语日历

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October 2022

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APPROVED

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Color key: numbers and other dates of interest 1 = Non-Religious Holiday 2 = Religious Holiday 3 = Government Holiday 4 = Other Holiday 5 = Other Holiday 6 = Other Holiday 7 = Other Holiday 8 = Other Holiday 9 = Other Holiday 10 = Other Holiday 11 = Other Holiday 12 = Other Holiday 13 = Other Holiday 14 = Other Holiday 15 = Other Holiday 16 = Other Holiday 17 = Other Holiday 18 = Other Holiday 19 = Other Holiday 20 = Other Holiday 21 = Other Holiday 22 = Other Holiday 23 = Other Holiday 24 = Other Holiday 25 = Other Holiday 26 = Other Holiday 27 = Other Holiday 28 = Other Holiday 29 = Other Holiday 30 = Other Holiday 31 = Other Holiday						
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9	10	11	12	13	14	
16	17	18	19	20	21	
23	24	25	26	27	28	
30	31					

November 2022

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School Spirit Thursday's

Every Thursday we will begin celebrating THUNDEROUS THURSDAY!! Please show your **THUNDERBIRD PRIDE** on Thursdays by wearing yellow and/or blue!

New Information

Help THES Celebrate Unity Week!

During the week of October 17th THES is excited to join HCPSS schools, students, and staff in celebrating UNITY Week. This celebration was established to support Bullying Prevention Month, which is recognized during the month of October. Our spirit days and activities during the week will show that we are united for kindness, acceptance, and inclusion. On October 19th we will be playing BINGO as a school-wide activity at the end of the day and each day we will have a spirit day to celebrate different aspects of kindness and unity. Look for more information about our spirit week daily themes and our Initiative for Acts of Kindness in your students' Friday folders!

How can your family participate?

We will be collecting donations of new toys/games/prizes for our BINGO game until October 17th. As one of our Acts of Kindness, THES will also be participating in a coat drive for a local charity. If you are cleaning out closets and come across any new gifts appropriate to use as BINGO prizes or lightly-used coats you would like to donate – please drop them off in the front office or to our School Counselor, Kasey Veenstra. Any donations to use as BINGO gifts must be dropped off by October 17th. We will be collecting for the coat drive until the end of October!

Battle of the Books

It's time to form our Battle of the Books teams! Adult Coaches for Teams are urgently needed!!!

Please click [here](#) for more information about Battle of the Books.

Student Attendance


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.

PLANNING A TRIP?

If your student will be absent for 3 or more days, please fill out the Extended Absence/Discretionary Absence form (see below) and return it to the front office.

[Absence/Discretionary Form](#)



**EXTENDED ABSENCE
DISCRETIONARY ABSENCE**

Date of Request: _____ School: _____
Student's Name: _____ Grade: _____
Reason for Absence: _____
Date(s) of Absence: _____

Full Day: ☐ Part Day: ☐ Time Departing: _____
Time Returning: _____
(Student must follow the school's normal
early dismissal and late arrival procedures.)

For absences of up to 3 days per year, the principal may determine whether the absences will be lawful/excused or unlawful/unexcused. This completed form should be submitted to the principal in advance.

For absences in excess of three days, the principal in consultation with the administrative directors will determine if the absences will be lawful/excused or unlawful/unexcused. If the request is for 15 consecutive days or more, the written request should be submitted 2 weeks in advance.

Students with unlawful absences of 10 consecutive school days or more will be withdrawn from school and may be allowed to re-enroll, provided they meet enrollment requirements, upon their return.

Students returning from lawful absences have an equal number of days to complete make-up work.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Disposition: Approved: ☐ Disapproved: ☐

Principal Signature: _____

Reference: HCPSS Policies 8010, 8020, 9010
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Celebrations this month

In alignment with our school's climate and belonging goals, the following celebrations take place during the month of October: Yom Kippur, Diwali, and many more! Please visit <https://www.hcpss.org/diversity/> to read how HCPSS supports diversity, equity, and inclusion throughout the school system.

HCPSS and the Council Of Elders

Join HCPSS and the Council of Elders (TCOE) virtually on **Saturday, October 15, 2022 from 9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.** for an engaging session regarding how to effectively maintain communication with your child's school. HCPSS staff will provide a parent demonstration on how to monitor student performance utilizing school system online resources. Additionally, families will receive strategies to help ensure successful parent-teacher conferences. This session is for families of students in elementary, middle, and high school. To register, please complete the registration form linked [here](#). Please see the [TCOE Navigating HCPSS](#) flier for more information.

FLU VACCINE CLINIC

Flu vaccine clinic at Thunder Hill Elementary School!

Maryland Partnership for Prevention, in partnership with the Howard County Health Department and Howard County Public Schools, will be hosting a flu vaccine clinic at Thunder Hill ES on October 25th. Pre-registration is required and will close on (5 calendar days before your clinic). This clinic is NO COST for students. Please register your child ahead of time using the link below:

www.marylandvax.org/appointment/en/reg/5250915063

Repeated Information

THES Fall Festival is TONIGHT!

All children must be accompanied by an adult.

Co-sponsored by the PTA and Community Outreach Team

October 7 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm with a Rain Date of October 14th

Join us for a free meal, lots of games/activities, a DJ and more!

We can't wait to see you to have lots of fun and build community.

Please wear your grade level colors to show school spirit:

Kindergarten: Red

1st: Orange

2nd: Yellow

3rd: Green

4th: Blue

5th: Purple

MAP TESTING

Thunder Hill will administer the Measured Academic Progress (MAP) assessment to all students in 1st through 5th grades in Reading and Math between September 19 - October 14. The data from the MAP assessment will help schools and teachers measure your student's academic progress. The MAP test does not affect grades and the difficulty adjusts depending on how your child responds. It is normal for students to only answer about half the questions correctly. Please check with students to see if they need headphones to use at school. The HCPSS website contains detailed information about MAP testing [here](#). If you have questions about MAP testing, please contact Kimberly Dillard at kimberly_dillard@hcpss.org.

Parent Volunteer Procedures at THES

We value our volunteers and the contributions they make to our students and schools. Parents who wish to volunteer must complete a brief training course online and submit a certificate of completion to their school. This also includes anyone who chaperones a field trip. Details are available on HCPSS [website](#).

PTA News

Restaurant Night

PTA restaurant night is October 19 from 4-9 at Noodles & Company located at 6191 Old Dobbin Lane Ste 930, Columbia Please see the flyer below.

In addition to in-restaurant sales, we are now opening up our fundraisers to online sales as well. For online and Noodles Rewards app orders, guests can apply the coupon code, "GIVING25" in the Coupon Code line at checkout. Ordering online is quick and easy and allows guests to skip the line by grabbing their meal at our Quick Pick-Up station or where pick up windows are present. This is a great option for families who prefer to dine at home or on-the-go but still want to support the PTA.

DIG INTO A DELICIOUS CAUSE... YOURS.



Enter offer code GIVING25 at checkout*

Raise your fork to raising funds.
Nourishing our communities is an essential part of our mission at Noodles. And we make it so easy. Dine with us on the evening of your group's event and mention your organization when ordering. You can also order online or use our app:

- Log in to your Noodles Rewards account
- Place your order and **enter offer code GIVING25 at checkout.***
- Not a member? Join Noodles Rewards today

ENTER CODE: GIVING25

*Restrictions apply. Offer valid only through the Noodles Rewards app or noodles.com/offer. Valid for pickup, delivery and in-restaurant. Not valid for cash or carry. Please enter offer code at checkout. Offer is limited to one organization when ordering in person. Cannot be combined with other offers or discounts.

Columbia
6191 Old Dobbin Ln Ste 930, Columbia, MD 21045



October 19, 2022
4-8 pm

25%

of qualifying sales
will directly benefit:

**Thunder Hill
Elementary PTA**



NOODLES FOR GOOD.

Make sure your fundraising dollars get to the right place.

- 1. On the day of the fundraiser, order your favorites online at noodles.com/order or on our app.**
- 2. Once your order is complete, head to checkout.**
- 3. Enter code "GIVING25" in coupon code and hit "Apply."**
- 4. Look for red checkmark for confirmation and proceed to checkout.**



DELÉITATE CON UNA CAUSA DELICIOSA... LA TUYA.



Escribe el código GIVING25 al momento de pagar*

Toma el tenedor y recoge fondos.
Alimentar a nuestras comunidades es un ingrediente esencial de nuestra misión en Noodles. Y lo simplificamos mucho. Come con nosotros en la noche del evento de tu grupo y menciona el nombre de tu organización cuando hagas tus pedidos. También puedes pedir por Internet o con nuestra aplicación:

- Inicia sesión en tu cuenta de Recompensas de Noodles
- Haz tu pedido y **escribe el código GIVING25 al momento del pago.***
- ¿No eres miembro? Suscríbete hoy a Recompensas de Noodles.

INGRESA EL CÓDIGO: GIVING25

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NOODLES PARA BIEN.

Asegúrate de que los dólares que recaudas lleguen al destino correcto.

- 1. El día de la recaudación de fondos, pide tus favoritos en noodles.com/order o en tu app.**
- 2. Después de hacer tu pedido, dirígete a hacer el pago.**
- 3. Ingresa el código "GIVING25" en el código de cupón y pulsa "Aplicar."**
- 4. Espera que aparezca el ✓ de confirmación y haz el pago.**



Community News

After School Programs at THES

Please click the link below to see the after school programs that are offered at Thunder Hill.

[After School Programs](#)

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!