



Thunder Hill Elementary 2022-2023

September 23, 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:

September

- 26 Rosh Hashanah Schools/Offices Closed
- 30 In House Assembly-HCC presents Miss Electricity

October

- 2nd grade Fire Safety House Visit
- 5-Schools/Office Closed
- 7- Fall Festival 5:30-7:30
- 14 Rain Date for Fall Festival 5:30-7:30
- 20- K-2 Fire Department Visit to THES
- 21-Professional Work Day, Schools closed for students
- 24 - Professional Work Day, Schools closed for students
- 25- Flu Clinic at THES for students

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](#)

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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!

Book Fair Thank You!

A huge round of applause to all members of the THES Community for making the Media Center Scholastic Book Fair an outstanding success. The profits from the fair will benefit all students at THES!

Leah McIlvain

New Information

Student Review of HCPSS Policies

This week, September 19-22, THES administrators met with all students in grades K-5 to review important school system policies. The policies are reviewed using developmentally

appropriate language for each grade. You can review the policies as well as the notes we will use when we meet with the students below:

[Student Policy Review](#)

Provide Input on HCPSS Inclement Weather Plan

The Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) recently opened a pathway for local school systems to repurpose up to three inclement weather days as asynchronous school days for the 2022–2023 school year.

HCPSS is requesting your feedback on its Inclement Weather Asynchronous Instruction Plan no later than Monday, Sept. 26. [Details on the HCPSS plan and a link to complete a short online survey](#) are available online.

Additional feedback may be sent via email to InclementWeatherPlan@hcpss.org. Please note that comments/messages received will be reviewed; however, staff will not respond to individual emails.

Registration for Black Student Achievement Program (BSAP) Saturday Math Academy

The HCPSS Black Student Achievement Program Saturday Math Academy Fall Session is approaching!

This year, the BSAP Saturday Math Academy will offer an in-person enrichment program for Howard County Public School System students in all levels of math for grades 3-12 based on course availability. Registration will take place online Saturday, September 24, 2022, from 9:00 a.m.- until capacity is reached. Class space is limited. Families can register by accessing the [HCPSS Connect Website](#).

For more information, please visit: [BSAP Saturday Math Academy HCPSS News Post](#)

- [BSAP SMA Fall 2022 Flyer \(English\)](#)
- [BSAP SMA Fall 2022 Flyer \(Spanish\)](#)
- [BSAP SMA Fall 2022 Flyer \(Chinese\)](#)
- [BSAP SMA Fall 2022 Flyer \(Korean\)](#)

HCPSS Educational Partnership Annual Report

The [HCPSS Educational Partnerships 2021-2022 Annual Report](#) has just been released. Each school's partners are listed, as well as system wide (at-large), curricular and program office partnerships. The report highlights the vital role partners play to help students achieve success in life, wherever their path may lead.

Young Author's Contest

The Howard County Literacy Association is launching the annual Young Authors' Contest this year for students in grades 1-5. Please see this [flyer](#) for information.

Repeated Information

Restorative Justice at THES

Dear Thunder Hill Community,

This year Thunder Hill ES is beginning its journey in implementing restorative justice. Restorative Justice is an indigenous philosophy that emphasizes building relationships. In HCPSS, this philosophy is used as a school climate and culture shift that includes intentional community building with staff, families, and students.

This has been a collaborative effort with the Restorative Justice Partnership, [Howard County Education Association \(HCEA\)](#), and the [HCPSS Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion](#).

Students in grades 3-5 and all staff will be completing a survey to provide feedback on this effort and our progress as a school.

In order to have a clear picture of how each of our community stakeholders view the culture and climate of our school, we will be utilizing the [Culture of Excellence & Ethics Assessment](#). The testing window is open until September 30th. We will shape our plans for this school year based on the information we collect through the survey. As a valued member of our school community, please click on the link below to complete the assessment

<https://www.research.net/r/ceea-parent>. Please use: Thill35 for the survey ID code.

Completing the survey will ensure your thoughts and opinions are taken into consideration as we develop those plans. We look forward to our continued partnership.

Sonia Hurd
Principal

THES Fall Festival

Please mark your calendars!

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.

More details will be coming in a flier soon!

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.

FLU VACCINE CLINIC

THES Flu clinic will be held on October 25th for students and staff only. More information will be sent the first part of October.

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

Join the THES PTA!

One of the best ways you can help the PTA this year is to simply become a member. Memberships provide the PTA with crucial funding, and it also shows us the members of our school community care about the mission of the PTA. Becoming a PTA member does not commit you to attending meetings or volunteering (though you are welcome to both.) Memberships can be purchased online at <https://1thes.memberhub.com/store> Please follow us on our Facebook page for important announcements and updates. <https://www.facebook.com/thunderhillpta>

Click [here](#) to read more information about Memberhub.

Community News



On 9/21, SuperSquads Cheerleading is back on Wednesdays 3:55-5:10 at Thunder Hill Elementary for students Grades 2-5! Visit www.supersquads.org to register! Additional information can also be found on [Cheerleading - SuperSquads - After School Teams! | Community News and Programs \(hcpss.org\)](#).

The Salvation Army will be hosting monthly food drives

For September's Drive:

Location: 3267 Pine Orchard Lane, Ellicott City, MD 21042

Phone: 443-656-3376

When: Monday, September 26

Drive-thru event from 12:00 – 2:00pm

Please do not arrive before 11:45am

El Ejército de Salvación organizará colectas mensuales de alimentos

Para la campaña de septiembre:

Ubicación: 3267 Pine Orchard Lane, Ellicott City, MD 21042

Teléfono: 443-656-3376

Cuándo: lunes 26 de septiembre

Evento de autoservicio de 12:00 a 2:00 p. m.

Por favor no llegue antes de las 11:45 a.m.

