



Thunder Hill Elementary 2022-2023

September 2, 2022

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SCHOOL HOURS

9:25 a.m. – 3:55 a.m.

Note: Doors open at 9:10 a.m.

Arrival ends at 9:23 a.m.

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

#WeSOARtogether

Important Dates:

September

- 5 Labor Day Schools/Offices Closed

- 12-16 Scholastic Book Fair-Media Center
- 13 PTA General Meeting 5:30-6:00
- 13 Back to School Night 6:00-7:00 (Grades K-2)
- 14 Gifted and Talented Information Night 5:30-6:00
- 14 Back to School Night 6:00-7:00 (Grades 3-5)
- 20 Individual School Pictures
- 30 In House Assembly-HCC presents Miss Electricity

Message from Mrs. Hurd and Ms. Dillard:

Dear Thunder Hill Families,

This is just a quick message to say thank you for a wonderful first week of school! We hope your children came home to tell you all about each day. We loved seeing all their bright smiling faces. Throughout the week, your child engaged in many "getting to know you" activities that were designed to foster positive classroom communities and friendships. These activities will continue in the coming weeks as teachers and staff lay the foundation for a safe and supportive learning environment where all students achieve.

We greatly appreciate your patience as we navigated our first week of arrival and dismissal car and bus procedures. Please know that the delay in bus arrival time to your neighborhood is typical for the first few days/weeks of school as drivers and students get acclimated to their bus stops. We thank our Thunderbirds for demonstrating responsible and safe behaviors while they waited safely. We are very proud!

We look forward to seeing our students next week. Thank you for your continued partnership!

Shout Out!

We would like to give a huge **THANK YOU** to Megan Cole and her team for sprucing up our Thunder Hill Sign!!



New Information

Family File Information:

Every year HCPSS parents must complete a Family File (electronic emergency card) for each child. HCPSS utilizes Family File for parents/guardians to complete emergency information. The Family File for this year is now available. Parents/guardians must verify and/or update information for each child, and can do so by logging in to [HCPSS Connect](#) and selecting the "More Options" tab on the left and then clicking on "Family File" from the list. If your child was in an HCPSS school in previous years, you only need to update any changes. ***Please update/provide the info ASAP. Thank you!!!***

Once logged in, you will be asked to update or provide the following information:

- Student Information
- Parent/Guardian Contact
- Emergency Contacts
- Medical Information
- Arrival/Dismissal Procedures
- Photo Approval
- Data Confidentiality
- PTA/PTSA Directory

Chromebooks

If you have a child in kindergarten through 5th grade who still has a Chromebook laptop at home, please return the Chromebook to school with the charging cord. We will unassign your child from the Chromebook.

This year, students in elementary school will not have their own assigned Chromebook, they will use computers that are available to each grade. Thank you.

Student Clothing, Lunchboxes, and Water Bottles

Each year, we have many items in our Lost and Found. At times, the pile is HUGE! As you help your child get ready for the school year, please consider labeling all of their clothing, lunchbox and water bottle. This helps us to return items to the children. Thank you for your assistance.

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 two days of your child returning to school.

Release of Students During School Hours

Parents must report to the front office when picking up their child for an early dismissal. Students will be called to the school office for dismissal upon the parent's arrival. If someone other than the parent/guardian is picking up a child for an early dismissal, the person must be granted permission as indicated on the emergency card or by providing a note from the parent/guardian. Early release of students close to the regular dismissal time is discouraged. Please note: In order to not disrupt dismissal procedures, the office staff will not be able to call individual students down for parent pick up after 3:30 p.m. Please bring a drivers license or ID when picking up a student for early dismissal.

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

- 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](#)

[스페인어로 된 달력](#)

September 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
September holidays and other dates of interest National Hispanic Heritage Month (9/15-10/15) 26 Year of the Eagle - Eagle 28 Year of the Eagle - Eagle 29 Year of the Eagle - Eagle *Signs number of previous day				B First day of school for Pre-K/RECC BCC Meeting - Board Proposed Attendance Area Adjustment - Page 1, 2	1 A	2
4	5 B	6 A	7 B	8 A	9	10
11 B	12 A	13 B	14 A	15 B	16	17
18 A	19 B	20 A	21 B	22 A	23	24
25	26 B	27 A	28 B	29 A	30	

Related Arts

Related Arts and the Color Calendar Schedule

Students participate in Related Arts daily for one hour. There are five related arts classes: Art, Media, Music, Physical Education, and Technology. During the pandemic year, we moved from a set or fixed daily related arts schedule to a rotating related arts schedule. The rotating schedule is called the Related Arts Color Calendar. We rotate days using the color calendar because there are a disproportional number of days off on Mondays and Fridays. This used to mean students would have up to 6 fewer Monday or Friday related arts versus the other classes and days of the week. Your child's teacher will share their specific color calendar schedule with you and your child. You can refer to the color calendar below. It is very important to make sure your child dresses appropriately for the classes he/she has for related arts, especially for physical education.

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APPROVED

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
September holidays and other dates of interest 25: Rosh Hashanah (2 days - Jewish) Yom Kippur (previous day)				1 First day of school for Pre-K-2nd	2	3
4	5 Labor Day (Schools and offices closed)	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26 Schools and offices closed	27	28	29	30	

Water Bottles & Filling Station

Students are permitted to bring a water bottle or refillable containers to school. No other beverage is permitted in the classroom. *No glass containers allowed.

This summer, we installed a new water bottle filling station in the Cafeteria. Students are welcome to refill their water bottle there.

Please be sure you write your child's name on the water bottle or container.

PTA News

Join the THES PTA!

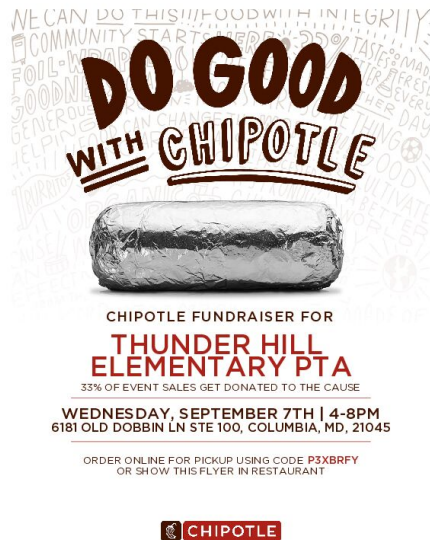
One of the best ways you can help the PTA this year is to simply become a member. Memberships provide the PTA with crucial funding, and it also shows us the members of our school community care about the mission of the PTA. Becoming a PTA member does not commit you to attending meetings or volunteering (though you are welcome to both.)

Memberships can be purchased online at <https://thes.new.memberhub.store/store>.

Please follow us on our Facebook page for important announcements and updates.

<https://www.facebook.com/thunderhillpta>

THES first Restaurant Night is Wednesday September 7th from 4-8pm. Bring the flyer or order online using the code in the flyer for us to get credit.



Community News

OMHS Food Pantry

The OMHS Food Pantry is open the last Wednesday of the month unless otherwise noted, from 3:00 - 5:00pm. You will need to bring a photo ID. Please do not arrive prior to 2:30pm to allow for student dismissal. Also, please remain in your car and a volunteer will come to your vehicle.

More info can be found at the link below:

<https://omhs.hcpss.org/student-services/food-pantry>

The Food Pantry will be open on the following dates:

- August 31, 2022
- September 28, 2022
- October 26, 2022
- November 16, 2022
- December 21, 2022
- January 25, 2023

- February 22, 2023
- March 29, 2023
- April 26, 2023
- May 31, 2023
- June 23, 2023
- July 26, 2023

