



Thunder Hill Elementary 2022-2023

August 21, 2022

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Important Dates:

Tuesday , August 23

- 3:00-6:00 Community Kick-off @ Blandair Park

Friday August 26

- 10:00-11:00 Kindergarten Open House
- 1:15-2:00 New Student Orientation (Grades 1-5)
- 2:00 3:00 Open House (All Families)

Monday August 29

- First Day of School!

Tuesday September 13

- 5:30-6:00 PTA General Meeting
- 6:00-7:00 Back to School Night (Grades K-2)

Wednesday September 14

- 5:30-6:00 Back to School Night (Gifted and Talented)
- 6:00-7:00 Back to School Night (Grades 3-5)

Message from Mrs. Hurd and Ms. Dillard:

Greetings,

On behalf of the Thunder Hill staff, we extend a warm welcome to our new and returning students for the 2022-2023 school year! Our school is amazing because of you and your children! Much hard work and planning has gone into preparing for a successful year. We look forward to our students returning to the building on August 29th.

Our staff returned on Thursday and will be working diligently to plan engaging academic and social/emotional lessons for your children. All teachers and support staff will spend hours engaging in professional development curriculum meetings and student data review meetings. Secretaries and office staff continue to register new students and support families with HCPSS connect. We are very appreciative of our custodial staff who worked diligently throughout the summer to clean and prepare the school for our return to a safe and clean learning environment!

Finally, we want to send a big thank you to our PTA for supporting our kindergarten playdates! We are looking forward to another great year of partnership! We thank you in advance for taking an active role in your child's education!

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>

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

Additional information about our New Family Orientation and Open House

We are excited to see you and your family soon! A separate email detailing new family orientation, Back to School Night, and Open House details will be shared in an upcoming email on Friday. If you can't make these events, no problem! Copies of all presentations will be linked on our school website!

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](#)

[스페인어로 된 달력](#)

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School Begins for Students PFA Council General Meeting 7:30 pm						

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HCPSS Student Code of Conduct

The Howard County Public School System is committed to providing a safe, engaging and supportive learning environment where all policies are enforced fairly and consistently. HCPSS policies and regulations emphasize instruction and rehabilitation rather than punishment and are designed to foster and reward appropriate behavior and keep students connected to school so they can graduate college and career ready. Please read and review the HCPSS student code of conduct with your child(ren) before the school year begins:

<https://www.hcpss.org/about-us/student-code-of-conduct/>

COMPLETE YOUR FAMILY FILE

PLEASE COMPLETE YOUR STUDENT(S) FAMILY FILE TODAY!

The 2022-2023 Family File is now available to parents.

HCPSS requires that your Family File is completed BEFORE you can see your child's teacher in Canvas (during orientation week).

Only families who have completed the Family File will be able to see their student(s) homeroom teacher during orientation week.

Every year HCPSS parents must complete a Family File for each child. HCPSS utilizes Family File for parents/guardians to complete emergency information. Parents/guardians must verify and/or update information for each child, and can do so by logging in to [HCPSS Connect](#) PARENT ACCOUNT and selecting the MORE OPTIONS tab on the left and then clicking on Family File.

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

Again, it is imperative that you complete the Family File in order to receive the name of your child's teacher for the upcoming school year.

<https://www.hcpss.org/f/connect/family-file-quick-guide.pdf>

FAMILY FILE USER GUIDE (ENGLISH) -

<https://www.hcpss.org/f/connect/family-file-user-instructions.pdf>

FAMILY FILE USER GUIDE (SPANISH) -

<https://www.hcpss.org/f/connect/family-file-user-instructions-spanish.pdf>

FAMILY FILE USER GUIDE (KOREAN) -

<https://www.hcpss.org/f/connect/family-file-user-instructions-korean.pdf>

Please contact the front office if you have any questions or need assistance with applying for the Free and Reduced Meal Program or help with Family File

Community Kick-Off Picnic

THUNDER HILL SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY KICK OFF PICNIC - please join us at Blandair Park - Laura's Place Pavilion any time between 3-6 p.m. on Tuesday August 23 to celebrate our amazing school community! The event is free and includes food, music, games, school supplies, the opportunity to meet school staff and connect with Howard County community resources. Bus transportation will be provided for several neighborhoods - additional information is forthcoming. **Please note that all children/students should be accompanied and supervised by an adult for the duration of the event.**

We can't wait to see you there!

Kindergarten Registration

Help us spread the word!

Parents/guardians of children who will be five as of September 1, 2022, must enroll their children in kindergarten for the 2022-2023 school year. To begin the enrollment process, complete the [online registration form](#). While completing the online registration form, you can also upload the required documents. Our office team at Thunder Hill ES will contact you to schedule an in-person meeting to complete the registration process. During this meeting, you will be asked to verify parental relationships and submit any additional required documentation.

School Supply List:

Below is the link to our school supply list for 2022-2023. HCPSS recommends that families recycle and reuse the previous year's supplies when possible. Please call school at 410-313-6922 if you are in need of supplies for your child.

[THES website](#)

We need to hear from you!

Please complete this brief survey to let us know how you can best support Thunder Hill for the 22-23 school year.

English: [Parent Survey](#)

Spanish: [Parent Survey](#)

School Meal Information

Families are reminded that the federal government has NOT extended waivers allowing free meals for all students. Consequently, for the 2022-2023 school year, students whose families do not qualify for free or reduced lunch will be required to pay the [daily meal price](#).

Student Breakfast - \$2.00

Student Lunch - \$2.80

Many HCPSS families are eligible to participate in the [Free and Reduced Price Meals \(FARMS\) program](#), which provides children with a wide range of benefits including free or discounted college tuition, testing and application fees, academic and athletic program fees and many others in addition to free or discounted meals.

Families are urged to check their eligibility and complete a FARMS application as soon as possible. Families must submit a new application every school year.

[Details on the Free and Reduced Meals program](#), are available online. Use the link below to apply.

FARMS Online Application Link

<https://www.myschoolapps.com/Application>