

*The Chanticleer*  
**Harford Hills Elementary School**  
“Striving for Excellence”

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**Our Vision Statement**

Harford Hills Elementary School believes that all students can meet with success when they are provided a safe, engaging, and rigorous learning environment. Our school community will work together to challenge all students to achieve. We will prepare our students for the demands and opportunities of the 21<sup>st</sup> century by promoting academic excellence, fostering appreciation of diversity, encouraging lifelong learning, and producing caring, respectful, responsible citizens.

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**May 2021**

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

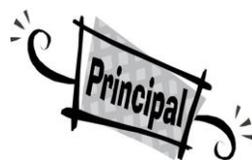
May



- 3            Pre-K and Kindergarten Conference Day-No School for Pre-K and K Students
- 3-5        Teacher Appreciation Week
- 4            Chick-fil-A Spirit Night – 5:00-8:00 P.M.
- 13         Professional Development Day – Schools Closed for Students
- 13         PTA Meeting - 5:30-6:30 P.M.
- 28         School Spirit Day - Show your pride by wearing red, white and blue.
- 31         Memorial Day - Schools Closed

June

- 1            Chick-fil-A Spirit Night – 5:00-8:00 P.M.
- 10         PTA Board Meeting - 5:30 P.M.
- 18         Last Day of School for Pre-K Students
- 18         School Spirit Day – Sports Day/Favorite Team Day
- 21         School Closes at 12:20 P.M. (3 Hours Early)
- 22         Last Day of School - School Closes at 12:20 P.M. (3 Hours Early)



**A Message from Mrs. Guild**

The month of May has finally arrived! I can't believe we're winding down the 2020-2021 school year! I think we are seeing the light at the end of the COVID tunnel! Our students have worked hard through the pandemic and we are proud of them. Teachers have worked even harder! I want to thank each of you for your ongoing support of our students and our staff. We continue to need your support to encourage your student to come to class each day and to turn in their assignments. Please continue to help your child stay on task as the weather gets warmer and the end of the school year approaches because we still have a lot of work to do for the remaining months of the school year



## **FIFTH GRADE TRANSITION YEAR RESIDENCY VERIFICATION**

All resident families with students currently enrolled in grades 5 and 8 are required to verify residency with their sending school (Harford Hills Elementary School) prior to the start of the 2021-2022 school year. Letters were mailed to the parents/guardians of our fifth grade students. If you did not receive this letter, please call Ms. Flaherty at 410-887-5236. **This information may be emailed to Donna Flaherty – [dflaherty@bcps.org](mailto:dflaherty@bcps.org). Information must be received by June 18, 2021.** Failure to provide this information will result in the receiving school (the student's projected middle school) withdrawing the student prior to the start of the 2021-2022 school year, as indicated in Baltimore County Public Schools (BCPS) Policy Rule 5150.

## **SHARED DOMICILE INFORMATION FOR PARENTS/GUARDIANS**

Shared Domicile Renewal Forms were mailed to the home of each family residing with another family. Your child's enrollment must be renewed each year as long as you live in a shared domicile living arrangement. If you receive a form and are no longer living in a shared domicile living arrangement, you must provide proof of residency for your new address. If you have any questions about the documentation you need to provide, please call Ms. Johansen at 410-887-5236. **These forms must be returned to the office or emailed to Kathy Johansen [mjohansen@bcps.org](mailto:mjohansen@bcps.org) by June 30, 2021, or your child will be withdrawn from Harford Hills Elementary. Baltimore County Public Schools (BCPS) Policy prohibits schools from making any exceptions for forms that are turned in late.**



## **MESSAGES FROM THE HEALTH SUITE**

Parents/Guardians should pick up leftover medications and/or inhalers by the last day of school. **Students cannot carry medication home.** It is BCPS policy to destroy medications and inhalers not picked up by the last day of school. If you have questions about this or need to make different arrangements, please call Ms. Herman at 410-882-3476.

## **ATTENTION KINDERGARTEN PARENTS/GUARDIANS**

Students entering kindergarten are required to have two doses of Varicella (chicken pox) and two doses of the MMR vaccine. Please check with your health care provider that your child has received these important vaccines and bring proof to nurse. **\*Failure to comply with these regulations will cause your child to be excluded from school.**



## IS YOUR CHILD RETURNING TO HARFORD HILLS NEXT YEAR?

Some families are experiencing changes that will impact whether or not their child will be returning to Harford Hills Elementary School next year. If you think there is a possibility that your child will be attending a different school during the 2021-2022 school year, please inform the Harford Hills office staff at 410-887-5236 as soon as possible. This will enable the school to prepare the necessary transfer papers and will simplify the process for your family.



### THE VIRTUES PROJECT

As we head towards the end of the school year, our Virtues Project focuses on the virtue of Service. Service can be defined as

- Giving to others and wanting to make a difference in their lives.
- Looking for ways to be helpful instead of waiting to be asked to help
- Having the needs of others be just as important as your own needs
- Giving any job your best effort

We practice the virtue of Service, by watching to see what help other people need. Then, giving our best effort to help that person. When we demonstrate Service, we help others without looking for a reward.

Below are some examples of Service that can be discussed with your child:

- What would you do if you saw your parents carrying several bags of groceries into the house?
- What would you do if you saw a new student looking a little lost in school?
- What would you do if you noticed that there was a lot of trash in your neighborhood park?
- What would you do if you noticed a younger sibling needing help tying their shoes?

There are many things that we can do to demonstrate the virtue of Service each day. As you see the virtue of Service being demonstrated, it is helpful to acknowledge the virtue with your child and talk about it's positive impact. As always, we appreciate your support with our school wide program.

