



# NEWS FROM THE HILL

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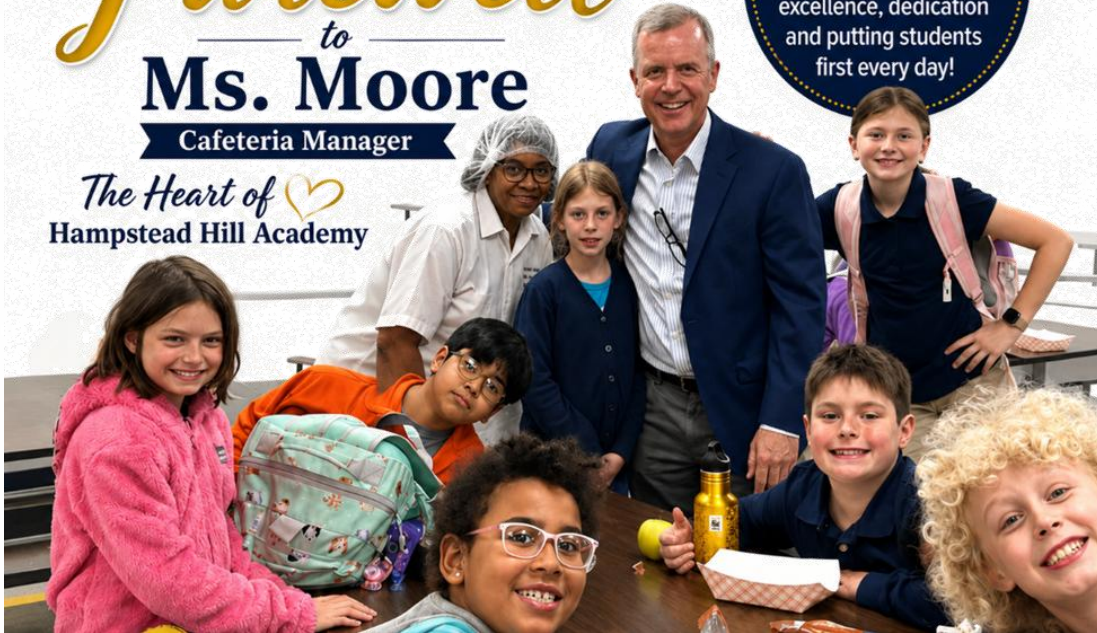
## A Heartfelt Farewell

to  
**Ms. Moore**

Cafeteria Manager

The Heart of  
Hampstead Hill Academy

Thank you,  
**Ms. Moore,**  
for 30 years of  
excellence, dedication  
and putting students  
first every day!



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### Meet Your Teacher Day Friday, August 21<sup>st</sup>

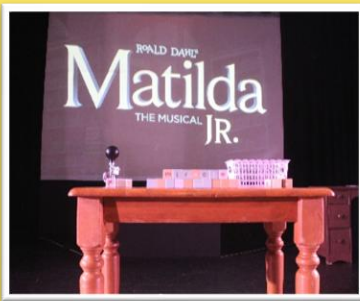
Get ready to kick off the new school year with HHA's annual tradition Meet Your Teacher Day! Join us on Friday, August 21<sup>st</sup>, from 9 - 11 am for a fun-filled morning as students and families explore classrooms, meet new teachers, reconnect with friends, make new ones and ease those back-to-school jitters. Students will have the opportunity to tour their new classrooms and find their cubbies or lockers. Families can also snap selfies with special guests, including the Baltimore Orioles Bird and the Baltimore Ravens mascot. Refreshing lemonade and cookies will be available while families mingle with the HHA community. Whether returning to HHA or joining the school community for the first time, this is the perfect opportunity to start the school year with excitement and confidence. Everyone is invited. We can't wait to see you there!

Location: Hampstead Hill Academy

Time: 9 – 11 am

Date: Friday, August 21, 2026

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#### June News Feature

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#### HHA Mission Statement

Hampstead Hill Academy is a neighborhood public charter school that exists to educate children living in both our attendance area and throughout Baltimore City. Our talented staff uses research-based curriculum to develop and implement rigorous lesson plans that continuously raise the academic bar for our students. Our whole school community is dedicated to working together to challenge our students to succeed in a fair, consistent, just and joyful learning environment.

#### Quick Reminders

**Absences:** Notify the office by 8 am at 410.396.9146. Note: Missing 10% or more of school days may result in chronic absentee status.

**How to Contact Your Child's Teacher:** You can contact via Class Dojo or check the list of staff email addresses at this [link](#).

**Parent Calendar:** Find parent/student activities. [Click here for detailed information.](#)

**Parent Handbook:** Have questions? [Click here to view the Parent Handbook.](#)



# News From the Hill: Editor's Page

## HHA Vision Statement

Hampstead Hill seeks to be a safe, nurturing, diverse, family-friendly neighborhood school with rigorous, effective academic programs and exciting, engaging extracurricular activities. We believe all parents want the same thing for their children: more and better opportunities for college and career. We believe in the importance of the arts, and we want our students to be great communicators, listeners and writers. Our students will be forward thinkers, persistent, responsible, caring, dependable and healthy members of the greater community.

## News Team

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## Message from Principal Hornbeck

*We did it, an incredibly successful 2025 – 2026 school year! Thank you for being part of the HHA family and for your daily commitment to getting your children to school, on time, every day. Your support makes all the difference.*

*The summer at HHA will be busy but exciting. We're running the Busy Bees Camp, the MGP Academic Camp with Friends School of Baltimore and FFG's Summer Camp. Plus, construction begins on our long-awaited playground. Watch the design video on our website. Walk by in early to mid-July, and you'll see it coming to life. I'll be available all summer. Please check in anytime, and I'll get back to you as soon as I can. Most importantly, during the summer, please give yourself time to unplug and be with your children. I will see you at you at Meet Your Teacher on Friday, August 21<sup>st</sup>, 9 – 11 am and on the first day of school for students, Monday, August 24<sup>th</sup> at 8 am. Enjoy your summer!*



**After winning "Lunch with Principal Hornbeck" at the B3 event, the winner and six friends joined in for a fun afternoon watching "The Princess Bride" while enjoying sushi!**



## Message from Assistant Principal Lucas

*The 5<sup>th</sup> grade students had a great year! As part of the Leaders Getting Ready program, students, who earned it, were able to go on a field trip at the end of each quarter. Students were required to have an 80% on Class Dojo and a 75% or higher in all of their classes. Eighty-three percent of the 5<sup>th</sup> grade students met this standard. The class average on Class Dojo was 89%, and the average grade across all classes was 91%. What an accomplishment!*

*Recently, as a reward, the students participated in outdoor activities at Genesee Valley. Genesee Valley Outdoor Adventure Camp offers challenging group activities for students to complete together. Students learned how to work as a team, support one another,*

*and collaborate to accomplish tasks. Most importantly, they had a great time. The staff is very proud of the 5<sup>th</sup> grade students and all of their hard work toward self-improvement. They spent the year preparing to become leaders. As middle school students, they will join their schoolmates in the Leaders Going Places Program. They are ready to lead!*



**Students had a great time doing team building activities at Genesee Valley**



# IMPORTANT DATES

Date/Time	Event
Wednesday, June 3 <sup>rd</sup> – 8 am	Latino Parent Meeting
Wednesday, June 3 <sup>rd</sup> – 4:30 – 7 pm	Family Picnic in the Park
Friday, June 5 <sup>th</sup> – 9 – 11:30 am	Kindergarten Picnic
Tuesday, June 9 <sup>th</sup> – 8:15 – 9:15 am	Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast
Friday, June 12 <sup>th</sup>	Orange Friday
Friday, June 12 <sup>th</sup> – 8:30 – 10:30 am	8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Closing
Monday, June 15 <sup>th</sup> – 8:30 – 9:30 am	Kindergarten Closing Ceremony
Monday, June 15 <sup>th</sup> – 10 – 11 am	PreK Closing & Picnic
Monday, June 15 <sup>th</sup> – 11:15 – 11:45 am	1 <sup>st</sup> Grade Closing
Monday, June 15 <sup>th</sup> – 12:15 – 12:45 pm	2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade Closing
Monday, June 15 <sup>th</sup> – 1:15 – 1:45 pm	3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade Closing
Tuesday, June 16 <sup>th</sup> – 8:30 – 9 am	7 <sup>th</sup> Grade Closing
Tuesday, June 16 <sup>th</sup> – 9:30 – 10 am	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Closing
Tuesday, June 16 <sup>th</sup> – 10:30 – 11 am	6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Closing
Tuesday, June 16 <sup>th</sup> – 11:30 am – 12 pm	4 <sup>th</sup> Grade Closing
Tuesday, June 16 <sup>th</sup>	Early Release Day

## Attendance Data

97.76	Grade 8
97.50	PreK
97.19	Grade 3
96.68	Grade 1
96.64	Grade 2
96.24	Grade 7
96.18	Grade 6
96.08	Kindergarten
95.72	Grade 4
95.55	Grade 5

Congratulations to the 8<sup>th</sup> grade for having the highest attendance for the month of May. The students will enjoy a pizza party as a reward! For the month of May, the total schoolwide attendance was 96.50%.



## A Heartfelt Farewell to Ms. Gwen Moore, Cafeteria Manager The Heart of Hampstead Hill Academy

As this school year comes to an end, the Hampstead Hill Academy community says goodbye to a truly special member of the staff. After more than 30 years of dedicated service to Baltimore City Public Schools, Cafeteria Manager Ms. Gwen Moore is retiring. It can be said with absolute certainty that Ms. Moore has been one of the very best cafeteria managers in City Schools. That is not an exaggeration. It is something felt by every student who has walked through the lunch line.

For many years, Ms. Moore and her team carried out the enormous responsibility of serving breakfast and lunch to hundreds of children each day. She did so with an unmatched work ethic and held the highest standards for herself and her staff. Because of her dedication, the kitchen was always spotless, organized and welcoming. In a time when cafeterias everywhere are often understaffed and overworked, Ms. Moore always remained focused on providing the very best for students. Behind the scenes, she handled the demanding work of ordering supplies and ensuring that meals were always fresh and of the highest quality possible. Students always came first.



Ms. Moore is the definition of a professional. Every day, she greeted each child with warmth, kindness and respect, making students feel welcomed and valued. While the school community will move forward, it does so with heavy hearts as it says farewell to one of the great unsung heroes of HHA. Ms. Moore, thank you for 30 years of excellence, clean counters, fresh fruit, hard work and unwavering dedication. Everyone hopes you enjoy your well-deserved retirement, and maybe even come back to visit from time to time. You will be missed more than words can express!

## Celebrating the Last Days of School for the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Students

The end of the school year is here, and the 8<sup>th</sup> grade students are making the most of their final days together with a week full of fun and celebration! The excitement begins on Wednesday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> with a trip to Great Wolf Lodge, followed by the late-night Midnight Madness event on Friday, June 5<sup>th</sup>. From June 8 – 11, students will participate in closing practice from 8:30 – 10:45 am as they prepare for their big finale. The class will also celebrate in style with a special luncheon at Bayside Cantina on Thursday, June 11<sup>th</sup>. What an incredible way to close out this chapter before stepping into high school. Let's celebrate and cheer on our 8<sup>th</sup> grade students as they enjoy their final weeks at HHA. See a complete list of our 8<sup>th</sup> grade students at the end of the magazine.



## 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Closing Ceremony

The closing ceremony will take place on Friday, June 12, 2026, from 8:30 - 10:30 am sharp. Families will be able to enter the new auditorium at 8 am. Each student will receive **four** tickets for family members. Tickets must be presented at the door for entry. If additional tickets are needed, families should contact Ms. Shultz in the office to be placed on the waiting list. Tickets will be distributed to students by Friday, June 5<sup>th</sup>.

During the presentation of awards, families are asked to take pictures from their seats to avoid blocking the view of other audience members. A professional photographer will take pictures of students during the event. The school expects these pictures to be available by late June, and families may pick them up from the office. After the ceremony, students will meet their families outside for pictures and congratulatory hugs. The 8<sup>th</sup> grade teachers and the HHA faculty are excited to celebrate this important milestone with students and their families.

## Summer Assignments for Rising 6 - 8 Grade Students

As the school year comes to an end, don't forget to check for summer assignments to help prepare for the fall. Here's how to access the assignments:

- **Google Classroom:** Teachers will share summer work details with next year's grade-level teachers, so students can find their assignments.
- **Reading Online:** All required novels are available digitally through ActivelyLearn. Log in to access the grade level books and instructions.

If you have any questions about summer work, feel free to reach out to Middle School Academic Coach Matt Cobb at [mcobb@hha47.org](mailto:mcobb@hha47.org).



## PreK Picnic and Closing

The PreK closing ceremony and picnic will take place on Monday, June 15<sup>th</sup> at 10 am. Both PreK classes will meet and celebrate at the “Castle” playground on the corner of Eastern Avenue and Milton Avenue in Patterson Park. Details will be posted on Class Dojo as the date gets closer.

## Kindergarten Picnic and Game Day

Kindergarten parents and their families are invited to the Annual HHA Kindergarten Picnic and Game Day on Friday, June 5<sup>th</sup>, from 9:30 – 11:30 am at the “Castle” playground on the corner of Eastern Avenue and Milton Avenue in Patterson Park. The rain date will be Monday, June 8<sup>th</sup>. Everyone is welcome, including siblings. Families are encouraged to dress for the weather and bring a blanket for a picnic lunch. There will be snacks, organized games, hula hoops, chalk, picture frame decorating and temporary tattoos. Families are invited to come play, relax and enjoy time together in the park.

## Kindergarten Closing Activities

Parents and family members of kindergarten students are invited to attend a special closing activity in the HHA auditorium on Monday, June 15<sup>th</sup>, from 8:30 – 9:30 am. Doors will open at 8:10 am. The children will present a special program that includes songs and an awards ceremony. Students are encouraged to dress up, and picture-taking is absolutely encouraged. Please join us for this memorable occasion.

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### KINDERGARTEN PLACEMENT ASSESSMENT DAYS!

**July 9th & July 21st**

All incoming kindergarteners must be assessed before the school year begins. This helps us organize classes with minimal changes. Appointments are 20 minutes long. If your child is in FFG or Busy Bees, an appointment is still needed, but no parent attendance is required. Be sure to let us know if your child will attend FFG or Busy Bees during the appointment time.

Once your child is fully registered for kindergarten, you can schedule an appointment by contacting Katie Johnson at [kjohnson@hha47.org](mailto:kjohnson@hha47.org) or by calling the main office at 410-396-9146.

Schedule your appointment today!

For more information please contact:  
Katie Johnson at [kjohnson@hha47.org](mailto:kjohnson@hha47.org)  
Hampstead Hill Academy: 410-396-9146

If you are unable to attend an assessment day, your child will be placed into a temporary homeroom until the assessment can take place during the first week of school.

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### DÍAS DE EVALUACIÓN DE LA UBICACIÓN EN EL JARDÍN DE INFANCIA

**Julio 9th & Julio 21st**

Todos los alumnos que ingresan a kínder deben ser evaluados antes del inicio del año escolar. Esto nos ayuda a organizar las clases con mínimos cambios. Las citas duran 20 minutos. Si su hijo/a asiste a FFG o Busy Bees, aún necesita una cita, pero no es necesaria la asistencia de los padres. Asegúrese de informarnos si su hijo/a asistirá a FFG o Busy Bees durante el horario de la cita.

Una vez que su hijo/a esté inscrito/a en kínder, puede programar una cita contactando a Katie Johnson en [kjohnson@hha47.org](mailto:kjohnson@hha47.org) o llamando a la oficina principal al 410-396-9146.

¡Programa su cita hoy mismo!

Para más información, póngase en contacto con  
Katie Johnson at [kjohnson@hha47.org](mailto:kjohnson@hha47.org)  
Hampstead Hill Academy: 410-396-9146

Si no puede asistir a una jornada de evaluación, se asignará a su hijo/a un aula temporal hasta que pueda realizarse la evaluación durante la primera semana de clase.

## Closing Ceremony and Report Cards for Grades 1 – 7

On Monday, June 15<sup>th</sup>, and Tuesday, June 16<sup>th</sup>, students will attend the closing ceremony for their grade level. Parents are invited to join the celebrations. Awards will include attendance certificates and other academic recognitions. Teachers will also present grade-level slideshows highlighting memories from the school year. The last day of school is Tuesday, June 16<sup>th</sup> and school will dismiss at 12:35 pm. Parents are welcome to sign their child out after the closing ceremony. Report cards will be mailed home in late June in accordance with the district policy. If payment is needed for a lost or damaged book, please contact Ms. Tyson or Ms. Johnson for textbooks, or Ms. Kannam for library books.



## Talented New Hires

Career decisions, promotions, retirements and out-of-state relocations resulted in only a small number of openings at HHA for the 2026 – 2027 school year. After posting positions in January, outstanding educators from City Schools, across the region, and throughout the country expressed interest in joining HHA. More than 100 inquiries were received for just three teaching positions. Following interviews, sample lesson observations and reference checks, the school is putting the finishing touches on next year's team. Families will learn more about the new faculty members in the fall, but there is great excitement about the talent joining the HHA community.

## Matilda the Musical Jr.

The production of *Matilda the Musical Jr.* was a tremendous success, with four sold-out performances showcasing the incredible talent and hard work of the cast and crew. The school is incredibly proud of everyone involved for bringing this beloved story to life and creating such a memorable experience for the HHA community!



Congratulations to 4<sup>th</sup> grade student Quinn Johnson for his outstanding academic achievement! Quinn earned Honor Roll in Quarter 2 and Principal's List in Quarter 3. Due to an oversight, his name was unintentionally omitted from the May newsletter.





## Latino Parent Academy

Throughout the school year, the Latino Parent Academy met monthly to learn about a variety of important topics that support student success and family well-being. This year, families learned about WIDA and MCAP assessments, suicide warning signs and prevention, stress-management strategies, child development stages, advocacy and leadership skills and many other valuable resources. In May, the school year concluded with a special double celebration honoring both the end of another successful school year and Mother's Day. The event was filled with fun, delicious food, raffles, games and a relaxing painting activity that gave everyone an opportunity to unwind and connect with one another.

Thank you for another wonderful year of learning, sharing and building community together. The Latino Parent Academy looks forward to seeing families again next school year as everyone continues to learn, grow and support one another.



*Members of the Latino Parent Academy celebrate the end of the school year and Mother's Day!*



***A special thank you to the dedicated student helpers of the Cantay Baila Cultural Program for their hard work, enthusiasm and support throughout the program.***

## Canta y Baila Cultural Program

During this school year, Ms. Castelan offered Cantay Baila, a cultural enrichment club conducted entirely in Spanish with the goal of celebrating and preserving Latino culture. Through songs, games, hands-on activities and dances, students explored the rich diversity of Latin America cultures while strengthening their Spanish language skills. The program also encouraged students to learn more about their own family histories, traditions and cultural identities, creating meaningful connections between home and school. Through these experiences, students developed a deeper appreciation for their heritage and the traditions that make each family unique. A special thank

you to student helpers Layla Escalona, Juliette Castelan and Rosy Barrietos, who supported the program throughout the year. Ms. Castelan looks forward to expanding Cantay Baila and providing this enriching cultural experience to even more students in the future.

## Baltimore Curriculum Project

The Baltimore Curriculum Project (BCP) celebrated its 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary with a milestone “Are You Smarter Than a BCP Student?” Gala on April 30, 2026, at the Maryland Science Center. The game-show-style fundraiser brought together a record crowd of supporters, educators, families and community leaders for an evening that highlighted three decades of impact in Baltimore schools. Special anniversary moments included the unveiling of BCP’s first-ever [Impact Report](#), the premiere of a [new documentary](#) celebrating BCP’s history and future, and the presentation of BCP Awards honoring long-serving Board members. The event also featured exciting quiz-show competitions between BCP students and celebrity panelists, including 8<sup>th</sup> grade student Grace Gorham from Hampstead Hill Academy, who proudly represented the school during the competition. Both student rounds ended in ties, showcasing the impressive knowledge and confidence of BCP students. To read more about the gala and see pictures from the event [click here](#).



*Grace Gorham, student contestant, and Principal Hornbeck were jumping for joy as they celebrated being part of the BCP Gala event.*

## Classroom Chronicles "Where Learning Comes to Life!"



### PREK NEWS Ms. Kaminaris and Ms. Klenk



Another wonderful school year has come to an end! The students have come a long way together and have learned so much throughout the year. Thank you to everyone for the hard work and perseverance shown all year long. To finish out the school year, students are learning about addition and subtraction and are writing their own addition and subtraction sentences. The class is also learning about animal habitats. Please continue to check Class Dojo for more information about the PreK end-of-year celebration and other important end-of-year updates. The PreK closing ceremony and picnic will take place on Monday, June 15<sup>th</sup> at 10 am. Both classes will come together to celebrate at the “Castle” playground. As families begin making summer plans, this is also a reminder about the summer kindergarten testing dates. The two testing dates this year will be Thursday, July 9<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, July 21<sup>st</sup>.

### KINDERGARTEN NEWS Ms. Maciel, Ms. Wallis and Ms. Alatzas



Last month, students enjoyed Storybook Day and a visit to Robinson Nature Center. Favorite memories included the planetarium, meeting Franklin the turtle, going on a nature hike and eating lunch outside. As the class looks ahead to the final few weeks together, please note the following important dates:

- End-of-Year Picnic in Patterson Park — Friday, June 5<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am
- Kindergarten Closing Program in the Newstead Gym — Monday, June 15<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 am

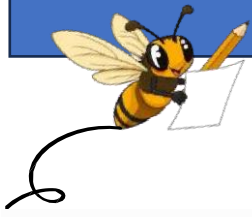
Please continue checking green folders and Class Dojo for important announcements over the next few weeks. All library books should be returned to school in their blue and red book totes. The teachers are very proud of the kindergarten students and all of their accomplishments this year to become 1st grade students. During the summer break, students are encouraged to continue to read and practice writing numbers and words. It has been a pleasure teaching your children this school year. Have a safe and enjoyable summer!



*Smiles, laughter, and lots of animal adventures made for a wonderful day at the Baltimore Zoo for the PreK students!*

# Classroom Chronicles

## "Where Learning Comes to Life!"



*Kindergarten students connected with nature at the Robinson Nature Center*

### 1<sup>ST</sup> GRADE NEWS

**Ms. Clary Thomas, Ms. Lunkin  
and Ms. Karlin**



Thank you to all families and students for a wonderful year in first grade! The students had a great time visiting the zoo in Washington. Thank you to the parents who chaperoned the trip. The first-grade closing program will take place on Monday, June 15<sup>th</sup> at 11:15 am in the Newstead Gym. Students who have earned certificates will be recognized during the program. The slideshow featuring photos from the school year is always a big hit. Throughout the summer, families are encouraged to continue building and reinforcing the skills

students have learned to help prepare them for next year. The teachers wish all students the very best as they move on to the next grade level. Have a safe and relaxing summer!

No one can believe it's already June! Time flies when students are learning and having fun. The 2<sup>nd</sup> grade teachers are planning a mini field day at the "Castle Playground" in Patterson Park on Friday, June 12<sup>th</sup>, from 11:30 am to 12:30 pm. Please check Class Dojo for more information. The closing program for 2<sup>nd</sup> grade will take place in the Newstead Gym on Monday, June 15<sup>th</sup>, from 12:15 - 12:45 pm. Students who have earned certificates will be recognized. Students may dress out of uniform on this day. The slideshow featuring photos from the school year is always a big hit. Tuesday, June 16<sup>th</sup> is the last day of school and will also be an early release day. The teachers look forward to celebrating the 2025 – 2026 school year with students and families. Thank you for the opportunity to teach and work with your children this year. Have a wonderful summer, and encourage students to keep reading!

### 2<sup>ND</sup> GRADE NEWS

**Ms. Bonner, Ms. Zoll  
and Ms. Keating**



**Reading – Ms. Knudsen:** Students have taken the ELA MCAP assessment and the spring MAP assessment, learned about point of view and mastered the use of context clues. Over the summer, families are encouraged to continue working with their children on daily reading practice. Students can continue practicing skills on websites such as IXL and Prodigy. This has been a wonderful year. The students have persevered through and overcame many challenges, and their hard work has been impressive. Teachers are very proud of all they have accomplished!

### 3<sup>RD</sup> GRADE NEWS

**Ms. Knudsen, Mr. Bradbury  
and Ms. Ahearn Jensen**



**Math – Mr. Bradbury:** What a wonderful year it has been in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade at HHA. It has truly been a pleasure teaching this delightful group of children. Together, the students have grown so much academically and physically. Just look at the fall class pictures. As the school year comes to a close, here are a few tips to help prevent summer learning loss in math. Family board game nights can be both fun and beneficial, helping children build their attention span. Non-electronic games are proven to develop logical reasoning skills and strengthen problem-solving strategies. Multiplication and division flash cards are still an excellent tool for building fluency with math facts and a small reward can always help with motivation. For an online option, students will continue to have access to IXL, the learning program used in the classroom throughout the school year. Login information will be sent home before school ends. Please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions or additional suggestions. Wishing everyone a relaxing and enjoyable summer!

# Classroom Chronicles

## "Where Learning Comes to Life!"



**Science – Ms. Ahearn Jensen** - Students observed the life cycle of a butterfly as they watched the class caterpillars grow and transform into butterflies. Once the butterflies reached adulthood, they were released during a special ceremony in the park.

**Reading – Ms. Salcedo-Jackson:** As the school year comes to a close, students are putting all of their reading skills into action. This month, students are focusing on reflecting on the books they have read, strengthening comprehension strategies and building stamina for longer texts. Families are encouraged to continue supporting daily reading at home. Even just 15 – 20 minutes each day can make a big difference. The students are looking forward to the final incentive of the year which is Field Day. This will be a fun way to celebrate all of their hard work and accomplishments. Looking ahead to next school year, the goal is for students to continue building strong reading habits by reading regularly, exploring new genres and thinking deeply about what they read. Thank you to all families for the support, encouragement and partnership shown throughout the year in helping students grow as readers. The teachers are very proud of all the progress the students have made.

**Science - Ms. Green:** Students are finishing the ENERGY unit with some fun and competitive group projects. They are building electric cars to race outside, designing ways to protect an egg from breaking during a 20-foot drop and creating circuits using solar panels. A huge shoutout goes to all of the students for their hard work during the Science Fair on May 27<sup>th</sup>. The teachers are so proud of their effort and creativity. Thank you as well to all of the parents and family volunteers who judged projects and helped make the day run smoothly. Your support is greatly appreciated!

**Math – Ms. Shortman:** The Mermaids will finish *Unit 9: Area and Perimeter*. This unit focuses on finding the area and perimeter of rectangles, squares, and composite figures. The Sharks and Goldfish are working on *Unit 7: Decimal Operations*. All classes will complete a portfolio project at the end of the unit.

**General Announcement:** Students who earn a 75% or higher on Class Dojo will be celebrated at the next incentive on Friday, June 5<sup>th</sup>. The incentive will be Field Day in the park. Students will enjoy ice pops while participating in field games and activities with their friends. The teachers are looking for parent volunteers to help run games and activities during Field Day. Please reach out to Ms. Shortman or Ms. Green if you are able to volunteer. Be sure to check Class Dojo for photos from the event. Families are encouraged to continue motivating students to earn positive merits, as expectations will become even greater in 5<sup>th</sup> grade.

**4<sup>th</sup> GRADE NEWS**  
**Ms. Salcedo-Jackson,**  
**Ms. Green and Ms. Shortman**

**95-100% Dojo Crew**

GREEN'S GOLDFISH		SHORTMAN'S SHARKS	
Sabrina A	Bradley M	Tori C	Gerard N
Savannah A	Philip O	Naomi C	Nora N
Leilani M	Noelle P	Celeste C	Thai son N
Nursel B	Gabriela P	Jackson D	Stella O
Silvija B	Alejandro S	Caleb H	Emmy P
Ivy B	Sophie S	Riley K	Charlize Q
Caden C	Kali S	Davis K	Hazel R
Abigail D	Ella T	Eloise M	Elliott S
Madelyn F	Penelope U	Leo M	Zachary S
		Claire M	Eileen TQ
		Dylan N	Selah W

**4<sup>th</sup> GRADE DOJO INCENTIVE**

This graphic celebrates 4<sup>th</sup> graders who earned 95-100% positive on Dojo in the 2025-26 school year. Continue to exceed expectations.

We are all buzzing with pride!  
 ~ Ms. Kamara, Ms. Green,  
 Ms. Salcedo & Ms. Shortman

**SALCEDO'S MERMAIDS**

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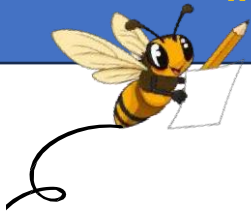
**The chart celebrates 4<sup>th</sup> grade students who earned between 95-100% positive average on Class Dojo in the 2025-26 school year. 45% of all 4<sup>th</sup> grade students maintained between a 95-100% positive Class Dojo average during the entire school year. This is a great accomplishment. To our students, continue to exceed expectations. We are all buzzing with pride!**

**5<sup>th</sup> GRADE NEWS**  
**Ms. Pellegrini-Gaither,**  
**Ms. O'Connor and Ms. Ruppenthal**

**English/Language Arts – Ms. Pellegrini-Gaither:** Students are finishing the school year with some exciting novel studies. The Owls are reading *A Long Walk to Water*, a dual narrative that follows two compelling storylines. This class will continue working on answering inferential questions and supporting their thinking with textual evidence. The Pandas and Robins are reading *Dragons in a Bag*; the story of a young boy named Jaxon and a mysterious older woman named Ma. These classes will continue building vocabulary skills and answering both literal and inferential questions using text evidence. It has been a fantastic year in 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Wishing everyone a wonderful summer!

# Classroom Chronicles

## "Where Learning Comes to Life!"



**Math – Ms. O'Connor:** Recently, students finished work with the coordinate plane. In this unit, they learned about plotting points in the first quadrant of the coordinate plane, plotting points from a pattern and generating patterns based on a rule. Students have recently been learning about different types of angles and their properties. They are also preparing for the upcoming BizTown field trip. During this trip, students will learn about work readiness, entrepreneurship and financial literacy. This is a great opportunity for our students!

**Social Studies – Ms. Ruppenthal:** Students will continue learning social studies using the Social Studies Alive curriculum. They will also learn about the Articles of Confederation and the creation of the United States Constitution. This learning will lead into discussions about the rights and freedoms of people in the United States. Students will participate in reading, writing and engaging activities throughout the unit. They will also complete an action research project following a short science unit on the local environment called "Save the Bay." As part of this project, students will create a poster and a video to raise awareness about issues currently affecting the Chesapeake Bay.

**English Language Arts – Mr. Farber:** Students are about to finish the last novel of the year, *Bud, Not Buddy*, by Christopher Paul Curtis. In history, they will finish the unit on the final ancient civilization, Rome. The students' final ancient civilizations quiz on Rome will be on Tuesday, June 9<sup>th</sup>. It has been a pleasure teaching these students this year, and I hope everyone has a great summer!



**6<sup>th</sup> GRADE NEWS**  
**Mr. Farber, Ms. Bentil**  
**and Ms. Poole**

**Math – Ms. Bentil:** I am so grateful to have spent this year with your students. Over the past months, students explored ratios, decimals, fractions, positive and negative integers, the foundations of algebra, geometry, statistics and so much more. Through all the new and sometimes challenging math concepts, their determination to learn and succeed never wavered. They persevered, advocated for themselves and others, and trusted in their knowledge and skill. I am incredibly proud of every student, and I look forward to seeing how they grow as both students and leaders over the next few years. To conclude the year, students will review some key concepts from 7<sup>th</sup> grade math, such as additive inverse and integer rules, and apply them to multi-step equations and real-world problems to build a strong foundation for what's ahead. Have a wonderful summer!

**Science – Ms. Poole:** The end of the school year is always bittersweet, but especially so this year. I've enjoyed getting to know all of my students and seeing how much they've grown (physically, socially, and academically), but saying goodbye is the hardest part, as we've grown to become a family. This year, students focused on four main topics; light, odor, ecosystems and erosion. They are now experts and should be able to thoroughly answer and explain; *Can I believe my eyes? How can I smell things from a distance? Where have all the creatures gone? and How does water shape our world?* Their newfound knowledge should help them in future science classes, but more so, it should help them understand what's going on in the world around them. Best wishes for a wonderful summer and enjoy some quality family time!

**7<sup>th</sup> GRADE NEWS**  
**Ms. Fetterolf, Mr. White**  
**and Mr. Lohrman**



**English Language Arts – Ms. Fetterolf:** Students are finalizing and presenting research projects on selected countries in South America, Central America and the Caribbean. The groups have used research and teamwork skills to create presentations, and they will share important information with their classmates. In addition, students are ending the year with poetry reading and writing activities to strengthen their creative skills and apply the literary devices studied throughout the year. These end-of-year projects

highlight the many skills students have developed during this successful year of becoming stronger readers, writers, speakers and listeners. It has been a joy to work with this special and spirited group of students during my first year at HHA.

**Math – Mr. White:** During the week of June 1 – 5, students will prepare for the NWEA MAP mathematics assessment. Families are encouraged to help students stay focused, practice their math skills and come to class each day ready to learn. Have a wonderful and safe summer break. Please remember that MGP will begin on Monday, June 22<sup>nd</sup> and end on Friday, July 17<sup>th</sup>.

**Science – Mr. Lohrman:** Students will study how stars form and die. They will learn what is needed for the formation of a star and what is released during a supernova when a massive star dies. They will also learn how stars similar to our sun eventually burn out over time.

**English/Language Arts – Ms. Kosmer:** Students have finished reading the novel *To Kill a Mockingbird* and are completing a character body biography project. They have done an excellent job preparing for the ELA MCAP assessment and should feel very proud of their hard work and accomplishments. During the last days of school in ELA, students will focus on reading short stories while analyzing themes, making inferences and drawing connections between different texts. This has been a great year filled with essay writing, critical thinking, collaboration and growth in reading. I am very proud of everything the students have accomplished as they prepare for high school.



**8<sup>th</sup> GRADE NEWS**  
**Ms. Kosmer, Mr. Pratta**  
**and Mr. Ball**

# Classroom Chronicles

## "Where Learning Comes to Life!"



**Math – Mr. Pratta:** Students will end the year with a financial literacy project designed to promote awareness of real-world skills such as budgeting, saving and borrowing money responsibly. The students have worked incredibly hard on their math skills this year and are prepared to succeed at the highest level in high school.

**History – Mr. Ball:** Students have finished the year strong. They analyzed the events leading up to the American Civil War and determined which events brought the country closer together and which events pulled the nation further apart. Next, students examined the strengths and weaknesses of the Union and the Confederacy to determine which side held the advantage going into the war. Finally, students explored the Reconstruction Era to evaluate the progress made towards equality and how many of those gains were later reversed after 1877. To conclude the year, students are researching a major event in U.S. history and creating presentations that explain the event and its historical significance.

## Leaders Go Places

**Leaders Go Places** motivates students to reach rigorous academic goals. By now, you know the standards, and that reaching a leadership level takes real effort. Each quarter, at least 75% of our students rise to the challenge and meet the expectations.

At HHA, the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee (DEIC) reviews student data to ensure that all students are progressing equitably. Equity is ongoing work, but our vision is that students from all backgrounds can thrive academically in our middle school. In middle school, LGP is our key measure of academic success. Here's how we did in Quarter 3 across gender and racial student subgroups:

While we are not yet where we want to be, our Quarter 3 data shows that on-level rates across racial and gender subgroups are moving toward mirroring the overall student population, which is a key equity goal. This results from hard work from students, staff and families, and we remain committed to fostering an inclusive environment where all students feel seen, supported and empowered. The work continues. To celebrate their achievements this quarter, students who are on-level in Quarter 4 are invited to attend the Leadership Trip to Guppy Gulch Water Park in Pennsylvania.

LGP Breakdown by Race	Student Population	Students On-Level
Hispanic	39%	37%
African American	21%	17%
White	31%	35%
Two or More Races	6%	7%

## Explore, Excel, Engage Enrichment



**ART**  
**Ms. Butcher**

Students in grades 5 - 8 have enjoyed learning about Henri Matisse and creating their own masterpieces inspired by his artwork.

Congratulations to the Hylkema family, who won the bid at the B3 fundraiser event for a Paint Night with Ms. Butcher. Everyone had a wonderful time painting Maryland crabs!

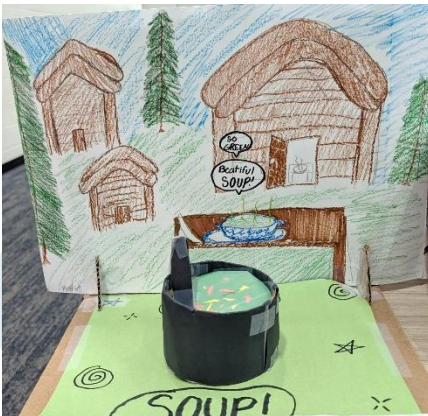


# Explore, Excel, Engage Enrichment



What a year it has been, it's hard to believe that June has already arrived. With that in mind, special recognition goes to the outgoing 8<sup>th</sup> grade students. They deserve sincere thanks for the incredible creativity they demonstrated during the fourth quarter. The stage design they created was truly impressive and serves as a reminder that the future will always be bright when creativity is used to solve problems.

## DRAMA Mr. Jones



*One of many stage designs made by drama students*

## FOOD FOR LIFE Ms. Satterlee

May was a busy month in the Food for Life Kitchen. Students in the lower grades sampled fruits and vegetables from around the world, while students in the upper grades prepared a variety of international dishes. After school, the Culinary Arts Club created dishes for another successful Multicultural Festival!

## HEALTH Mr. Jaimes

Grade 1 and 2 students developed important money-management skills through hands-on learning activities focused on counting, identifying, and subtracting coins and dollar amounts. They practiced solving real-life money scenarios while strengthening

their understanding of different forms of currency.

Grade 3 and 4 students strengthened their financial literacy skills by learning how to work with money using decimals and real-world budgeting activities. They explored smart money habits, planning and spending decisions, and ways to manage money responsibly. Students also discussed how education, careers and income are connected and how future goals can influence financial choices.

Grade 5 and 6 students explored a variety of financial literacy topics designed to build real-world life skills. They learned about debit and credit, practiced creating and managing budgets, and discussed responsible spending and saving habits. Students also explored different career paths and examined how education, training, and job choices can influence income, opportunities and future financial success.

Grade 7 and 8 students explored sexual health and human development with a focus on anatomy and how the human body functions. They learned about the major body systems, including the reproductive system, and how these systems work together to support growth and development. Students also studied the physical changes that occur during puberty and how the body matures over time. Additionally, they discussed the importance of making informed, responsible choices to support overall health and well-being.

In the final weeks of the 2025 – 2026 school year, students have been putting the skills and concepts learned throughout the year to the test through rhythmic and melodic dictation games. Students have also been practicing pop, rock, and folk songs during lessons in preparation for in-school performances and presentations for PreK, kindergarten, and 1<sup>st</sup> grade classes during the first week of June. If students would like to continue renting their school instruments over the summer at no cost to families, please contact Ms. Alexander or Teacher Armbruster for a Summer Rental Contract. Wishing everyone a smooth and enjoyable end to the school year!

## INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC Ms. Alexander

## LIBRARY Ms. Kannam and Ms. Geleta

It's time to look under couches, in cars and in backpacks for HHA library

books to return! The library needs those books returned so the collection can be ready for students next school year. Please reach out with any questions. Families are also encouraged to sign up for the Enoch Pratt Free Library summer reading program. It is always a lot of fun and offers great prizes. [Enoch Pratt Free Library Summer Reading Program](#)



*Instrumental music students had a fantastic time putting their musical knowledge to the test through a variety of fun and engaging games*

# Explore, Excel, Engage Enrichment



## PHYSICAL EDUCATION Mr. Edwards

PreK – 1<sup>st</sup> grade students will finish the year with collaborative games and kicking skill activities. Grade 2 - 4 students are playing group games such as End Zone Trappers and Capture the Flag, and the middle school athletes are playing team handball.

## MUSIC Ms. Barbee

This month, 5<sup>th</sup> grade students are participating in "Recorder Karate." They are putting their musical skills to the test and demonstrating what they have learned throughout the year. Students advance to the next level by successfully performing a designated song. Many students have been collecting belts, with some even reaching Black Belt status. It has been wonderful

watching students practice, improve, and celebrate each new level they achieve. And, of course, many apologies to any families who have been hearing recorder practice throughout their homes each evening.

  
**PLEASE  
RETURN  
YOUR  
LIBRARY  
BOOKS**



*5<sup>th</sup> grade music students take part in "Recorder Karate"*

## Support Services

**"Empowering students, every step of the way."**

## SPECIAL EDUCATION NEWS Ms. Shaffer

On June 28<sup>th</sup>, the field of special education celebrates National Special Education Day. This day recognizes the importance of providing students with disabilities access to a free and appropriate education. This day also honors the progress made since the passage of the Education for All Handicapped Children Act in 1975, which laid the foundation for modern special education services. Schools and organizations often use this time to reflect on the achievements of students with disabilities, recognizes the efforts of educators and families,

and advocates for continued improvements in educational practices and policies that support inclusion and equity for all students.

Have a great  
**SUMMER**

# Support Services

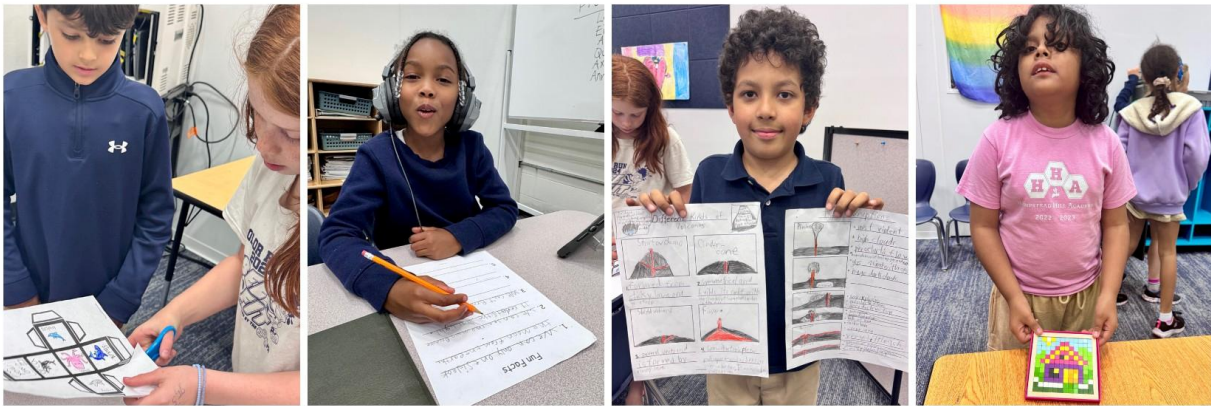
"Empowering students, every step of the way."

It has been a fantastic year in GAL! During the final weeks of school, students will joyfully share and present their passion projects and expert books they have spent so much time researching, designing and developing. Each presentation day will feel like a mini celebration as students learn from one another, admire the creativity and dedication on display and reflect on the process that brought these projects to life. A heartfelt thank you goes out to all the family members who provided encouragement, patience, technical assistance and moral support throughout these projects. While there are far too many wonderful moments to capture here, it is hoped that the photos provide families with a small insider's view into the excitement, pride, and learning taking place in GAL.

## GIFTED AND ADVANCED LEARNING

Ms. Guitian and Ms. Smith

Kindergarten GAL students will finish the year with a deeper understanding of two- and three-dimensional shapes. Families should be on the lookout for a folder containing their child's stories, poems, pictures and "geometry shape labs" to share at home. It has been wonderful getting to know the youngest GAL learners. A group of 5<sup>th</sup> grade legal experts will also hold a mock trial and visit the Baltimore City Courthouse at the beginning of the month to meet judges and learn more about what takes place in a real courtroom.



*Photos from top to bottom  
Leo and Selah, 4<sup>th</sup> grade, creating dice for a game that teaches about the ocean  
Bella, 1<sup>st</sup> grade, gathering fun facts about the moon  
Carlos A., 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, showing off his volcano research  
Manny O., 4<sup>th</sup> grade, with his geometric pixel puzzle  
Gia Z., 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, designing a poster to inform us about protecting cheetahs in the wild  
Lucinda C., 1<sup>st</sup> grade, happily taking notes about wolves*



*1<sup>st</sup> Grade ELD students learn about the life cycle of a butterfly*



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## ELD NEWS

Ms. Berlin, Ms. Hicks,  
Ms. Brezenoff, Mr. LaBarr,  
Ms. Hyatt and Ms. Duran

The most delicious event of May was "Empanadas with ELD." Many thanks to the family who won the empanada party at this year's B3 auction in April, as well as to everyone who placed bids that evening to help raise money for the PTO. The ELD teachers were delighted to welcome three wonderful 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students to join them for empanadas, laughter, and lively conversation.

## Student Activities

### HHA Track and Field

The HHA Track & Field team wrapped up an outstanding season full of growth, teamwork and strong championship performances. The 5<sup>th</sup> grade athletes competed in the Charm City Middle School League Championship at Under Armour Stadium in Port Covington, while the 6 - 8 grade athletes represented HHA in the final City Schools Middle School Track & Field Invitational at Mergenthaler Vocational-Technical High School. The Hornets showed tremendous effort across sprints, distance races, relays, hurdles, jumps, and shot-put events. In the city championship meet against 25 other schools, Kolby C. led the way with a 1<sup>st</sup> place finish in the boys' 1600m. Archer D. placed 4<sup>th</sup> in the boys' 800m, Aaron D. placed 4<sup>th</sup> in the boys' 100m hurdles, and Zoe N. placed 4<sup>th</sup> in the girls' 1600m. The 5<sup>th</sup> grade students gained valuable championship experience competing in the charter league meet and breaking personal records, with strong performances from Isabella G., Annika M., Yoel P., McKinley P., Sead Z., Finn G., Leo C., Colt K. and AJ T. Not only did everyone improve greatly this season, but Isabella G. also earned an outstanding 2<sup>nd</sup> place finish in the girls' 1600m championship race!

The most important measurement for HHA Track & Field is each athlete's improvement throughout the season. On average, HHA athletes improved by 8%, with more than 30 athletes achieving double-digit improvements. Athletes challenged themselves in practice, supported one another during meets, tried new events and represented HHA with pride and sportsmanship. Congratulations to all of our Hornets on a fantastic season! Way to go, Hornets!

Coaches Kamara, Von, Richard, and Sean



## Chess Club

Five students from the HHA Chess Club participated in the 2026 National Elementary K – 6 Chess Championship Tournament, held at the Baltimore Convention Center from May 1 – 3. Over the course of three days, they joined more than 2,500 students from across the country in competing in up to seven rounds of chess matches. Third grade student Lincoln Ho scored 4 points out of 7, and Bobby Krause scored 2.5 points in the K – 3 U600 section. Fourth grade student Rye Reddinger scored 3 points in the K – 6 U600 section. Sixth grade student MJ Krause scored 3.5 points in the K – 6 U800 section, and Grayson Ho scored 2 points in the K – 6 U1400 section. The school is very proud of these students for giving their best effort and representing the school in chess competition. Special thanks go to Baltimore Kids Chess League for covering the students' registration fees and providing a team room where students could relax between games and analyze matches with the chess coaches. It is hoped that even more HHA Chess Club students will join the fun and participate in future competitions.



## Community Involvement

### Habitat Team Garden Volunteers

Saturday, June 13<sup>th</sup>, from 8 - 9:30 am in the Audubon gardens northwest of Boat Lake. Registration is preferred.

### Birding Tour

Saturday, June 27<sup>th</sup>, from 8 – 9:30 am. Participants should meet at the southern end of Boat Lake in Patterson Park. The tour will be led by National Audubon Society and the Baltimore Bird Club. This event is free and open to all ages! Registration is preferred. Please register at least 72 hours in advance if binoculars are needed to borrow. [Audubon Maryland Events Registration](#)



There will be a free youth soccer tournament for elementary and middle school students in Patterson Park on Friday, June 12<sup>th</sup>. Join Healthy Neighborhoods, Friends of Patterson Park, and Soccer Without Borders for an evening of fun in the park. To celebrate this year's World Cup soccer matches, elementary and middle school students are invited to participate in a Round Robin soccer tournament on Utz Field in Patterson Park on Friday, June 12<sup>th</sup>, from 4 - 7 pm. The tournament will include three short 20 - minute games followed by a final match. There will also be a free, family-friendly World Cup viewing party featuring Haiti, Scotland, Brazil, and Morocco on Wednesday, June 24<sup>th</sup>, at the Cedar House in Patterson Park. Free [Park After Dark](#) family camping in the park this coming Saturday, June 6<sup>th</sup>, next to the observatory. There are still [spots left!](#)



**SOUTHEAST**  
community development corporation

The Highlandtown First Friday Art Walks are a fun way to connect with the community while supporting local businesses and artists. The next Art Walk will take place on Friday, June 5<sup>th</sup>, from 5 - 9 pm. Venues throughout Highlandtown are preparing a summer lineup featuring guest artists and vendors, performances, art openings, and plenty of fun. The Highlandtown Art Walk is a self-guided tour. Please note that some venues may open earlier than 5 pm, while others may remain open later than 8 pm. Be sure to check the website and event map for individual venue listings and details. <https://www.ihearthighlandtown.com/2026/02/24/first-friday-art-walk-2026-2/>

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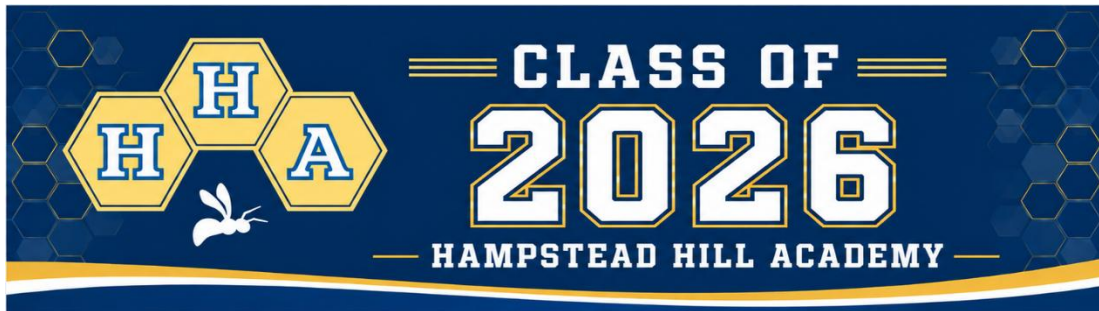
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*Agustin Aguayo - Baltimore City College High School*  
*Maritza Aguilar-Garcia - Baltimore City College High School*  
*Camden Anderson - Calvert Hall College High School*  
*Sasha Anderson - The Park School of Baltimore*  
*Diego Andino Urbina - Archbishop Curley High School*  
*Melanie Barker - Baltimore Polytechnic Institute*  
*Ashly Baten-Rios - Baltimore Polytechnic Institute*  
*Katie Bautista - Baltimore Polytechnic Institute*  
*Symphony Belnavis - Baltimore Design School*  
*Karmen Bradford - Cristo Rey Jesuit High School*  
*Calvin Burger - Calvert Hall College High School*  
*Evanna Cabeza - Baltimore Polytechnic Institute*  
*Dominic Canales-Sanchez - Baltimore Polytechnic Institute*  
*Julian Candia-Garcia - Baltimore Polytechnic Institute*  
*Treme' Cannizzaro - Baltimore City College High School*  
*Danny Cano-Leon - Baltimore City College High School*  
*Gianella Cardillo - Eastern Technical High School*  
*Allison Cerritos-Perez - Baltimore Polytechnic Institute*  
*Tamera Collins - Baltimore Polytechnic Institute*  
*Cecilia Couteau - Baltimore City College High School*  
*Archer Daniels - Loyola Blakefield*  
*Trinity Davis - Baltimore Polytechnic Institute*  
*Heidi De Los Santos - Digital Harbor High School*  
*Aaron Denham - Western School of Technology*  
*Darwin Diaz-Lopez - Baltimore City College High School*  
*Andy Dieguez Orellana - Baltimore Polytechnic Institute*  
*Benjamin Donohue - Baltimore Polytechnic Institute*  
*Damazi Dopkowski - Patterson High School*

*Aubrey Dowdy - Paul Laurence Dunbar High School*  
*Sebastian Echenique - Eastern Technical High School*  
*Layla Escalona Cruz - Baltimore City College High School*  
*Helena Fawcett - Baltimore Polytechnic Institute*  
*Gabriel Fernandez-Newman - Baltimore Polytechnic Institute*  
*Gabriel Gomez - Cristo Rey Jesuit High School*  
*Carlos Gonzalez-Garcia - Cristo Rey Jesuit High School*  
*Grace Gorham - Friends School of Baltimore*  
*Ava Guarnaccia - Eastern Technical High School*  
*Julius Hampton-Glunde - Gilman School*  
*Grace Hanan - Milton Hershey School*  
*Furman Harris III - Digital Harbor High School*  
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*Juan Jimenez Reyes - TBD*  
*Brayden Johnson - Baltimore Polytechnic Institute*  
*Karen Juvencio-Gaspar - Cristo Rey Jesuit High School*  
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*Cindi Ramirez Perez - National Academy Foundation*  
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*Jack Teresi - Mount Saint Joseph High School*  
*Jeyson Tomas Vasquez - National Academy Foundation*  
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*Denise Victoriano-Vazquez - Patterson High School*  
*Daniel Victoriano-Candia - Baltimore City College High School*  
*Mitchell Williams - Baltimore Polytechnic Institute*  
*Andrew Wycall - Gilman School*  
*William Wycall - Gilman School*  
*Edgar Zamora-Rojas - Baltimore Polytechnic Institute*  
*Azran Zelic - Baltimore Polytechnic Institute*  
*Andrea Zheng - Baltimore City College High School*  
*Karla Zhumi-Medina - Digital Harbor High School*  
*Jackson Zivic - South River High School*  
*Yaneli Zuniga-Gallegos - Eastern Technical High School*

*Congratulations*

# PICNIC

## in The Park



**3RD TIME IS THE CHARM!**

JOIN US IN THE PATTERSON PARK ANNEX FOR FUN WITH OUR  
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JUNE

**PARK ANNEX**

**4:30 - 7 PM**

NEAR THE CORNER OF EASTERN AND POTOMAC

# PICNIC

## en el Parque



¡ACOMPÁÑANOS EN EL ANEXO DEL PARQUE PATTERSON PARA PASAR UN RATO DIVERTIDO CON NUESTRA COMUNIDAD! ¡TRAE TU PROPIO PICNIC Y JUEGOS PARA EL CÉSPED!

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




JUNIO

**PARK ANNEX**

**4:30 - 7 PM**

NCERCA DE LA ESQUINA DE EASTERN Y POTOMAC

# 2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR

<b>KEY:</b>		Parent-Teacher Conference Window
		Schools Closed / First/Last Day of School
		Staff PD Day; Schools Closed for Students / Observance Day*
		Central Office & Schools Closed / Early Release Day

**Early Release Day:** Schools release 4 hours after start time  
**Observance Day:** No first-time testing and field trips scheduled. Reasonable effort to avoid athletic events. One-time events or opportunities (ex. awards ceremonies) should not be scheduled.  
\*Observance Day begins the evening before

**NOTE:** This calendar applies to most schools. Please pay close attention to information from your school leader about calendar dates for your school. This calendar reflects dates as of March 2026. For the most up to date information, visit [baltimorecityschools.org/events](http://baltimorecityschools.org/events)

AUGUST 2026						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
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SEPTEMBER 2026						
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OCTOBER 2026						
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NOVEMBER 2026						
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18 – Staff return  
18 – 21, Teacher/PSRP worktime; district-led and school-led professional development  
24 – First Day of School (for traditional schools, some charter schools may have a different start date)

7 – Schools and Central Office Closed; Labor Day  
12\* – 13, Observance Days  
21\* – Schools Closed; Wellness Day; Observance Day

15 – Early Release Day; Parent-Teacher Conference (afternoon)  
16 – Schools Closed for Students; Professional Development Day  
23 – Early Release Day

3 – Schools and Central Office Closed; Election Day  
6 – Schools Closed for Students; Professional Development Day  
8 – Observance Day  
25 – 27, Schools and Central Office Closed; Wellness Day; Thanksgiving Break

Traditional School Report Card Dates				
Quarter	Start Date	Term	Term Ends	Distribution Window
1	Aug 24	Progress Report	Sep 23	Sep 29 - Oct 1
		Report Card	Oct 23	Nov 4 - 5
2	Oct 26	Progress Report	Dec 1	Dec 7 - 9
		Report Card	Jan 15	Jan 27 - 29
3	Jan 19	Progress Report	Feb 19	Feb 24 - 26
		Report Card	Mar 25	Apr 14 - 16
4	Apr 5	Progress Report	May 6	May 12 - 14
		Report Card	June 11	Jun 28 - 30

DECEMBER 2026						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
29	30	1	2	3	4	5
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13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
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JANUARY 2027						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
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24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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FEBRUARY 2027						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
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MARCH 2027						
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21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
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7 – 11, Parent-Teacher Conference Window  
23 – Jan 3, Schools Closed; Winter Break  
24 – 25, Observance Days  
23 – 27; 31 – Jan 3, Central Office Closed; Winter Break

1 – 3, Schools and Central Office Closed; Winter Break  
8 – Schools Closed; Professional Development Day  
15 – Early Release Day  
18 – Schools and Central Office Closed; Martin Luther King Jr. Day

5 – Schools Closed for Students; Professional Development Day  
6 – Observance Day  
8\* – Observance Day  
15 – Schools and Central Office Closed; Presidents Day

1 – 4, Parent-Teacher Conference Window  
5 – Schools Closed for Students; Professional Development Day  
10\* – Schools Closed; Wellness Day; Observance Day  
25 – Early Release Day  
26, 28 – Observance Days  
26 – 30, Central Office Closed; Spring Break  
26 – April 4, Schools Closed; Spring Break

Trimester School Report Card Dates				
Trimester	Start Date	Term	Term Ends	Distribution Window
1	Aug 24	Progress Report	Oct 6	Oct 12 - Oct 14
		Report Card	Nov 20	Dec 7 - 9
2	Nov 23	Progress Report	Jan 20	Jan 26 - 28
		Report Card	Mar 4	Mar 15 - 17
3	Mar 8	Progress Report	Apr 27	May 4 - 6
		Report Card	Jun 11	Jun 28 - 30

APRIL 2027						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
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25	26	27	28	29	30	1
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MAY 2027						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
25	26	27	28	29	30	1
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16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31	1	2	3	4	5

JUNE 2027						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
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27	28	29	30	1	2	3
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JULY 2027						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
27	28	29	30	1	2	3
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11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
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1 – 4, Schools Closed; Spring Break  
22\* – 23; 28\* – 29, Observance Days  
30 – Observance Day

7 – Schools Closed for Students; Professional Development Day  
17\* – Observance Day  
18 – 21, Parent-Teacher Conference Window  
31 – Schools and Central Office Closed; Memorial Day

1 – 10, Senior graduation dates  
11 – Last Day of School and Early Release Day; (unless inclement weather recovery days are needed);  
11\* – 12, Observance Days  
14 – 16 – Inclement Weather Recovery Days  
18 – Schools and Central Office Closed; Juneteenth observance  
19 – Juneteenth

4 – Independence Day  
5 – Schools and Central Office Closed; Independence Day observance



JUL 6-AUG 7

# SUMMER CAMP

## CULTURAL CURIOSITY AT CREATIVE ALLIANCE

*At Creative Alliance Creativity Center we cook, dance, and make art together.  
We connect with nature in our third classroom, beautiful Patterson Park.*

**AGES 7-11**

Campers begin their day with yoga and mindfulness practice in Patterson Park. They'll create piñatas, puppets, and animal stuffies. We'll go swimming at Patterson Park pool, cool off watching a movie in our theater, and cook with our Artesanas.

The last week of camp we have a field trip to Rocky Point Beach!

### CAMP SCHEDULE

**8:30-9:00** Extended Care

**9:00-9:20** Morning Snack

**9:30-10:30** Yoga & Mindfulness in Patterson Park (4 days a week) and Cooking

**10:30-11:05** Field games in Patterson Park

**11:15-11:45** Lunch

**12:00-1:45** Enrichment (3 days a week) Movie and Swimming

**1:45-2:00** Clean up

**2:00-4:30** Extended care



JUL 6-AUG 7 | 5 WEEKS | MON-FRI | AGES 7-11

**9:00-2:00 | WEEKLY \$370**

**8:30-4:30 | WEEKLY WITH EXTENDED CARE \$430**

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## Early Head Start

3 LOCATIONS

AGES 3-4 YEARS

## Head Start

6 LOCATIONS

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HASTA LOS 2 AÑOS PROGRAM

## Early Head Start

3 UBICACIONES

3-4 AÑOS

## Head Start

6 UBICACIONES



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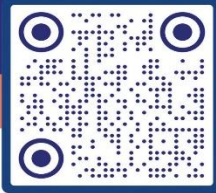
**JUNE 07**  
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**JUNE 21**  
The Dirty Grass Players

**JULY 12**  
Downtown Tumbao

**JULY 26**  
U.S. Army Band Downrange  
featuring Charm City Sings

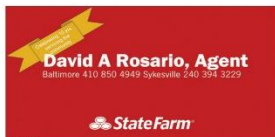
**AUGUST 09**  
Haitian Caribbean  
Festival Concert



All concerts at the Patterson Park Observatory, 6–8pm

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**SOUTHEAST**  
community development corporation



## TALLER GRATUITO PARA COMPRADORES DE VIVIENDA

Este es el primer paso para aprender sobre el proceso de compra de una vivienda y obtener su Certificado de Finalización

Primera parte: 2 de Junio de 2026

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**SOUTHEAST**  
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K-12 Breakfast

Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday	
1	Assorted Yogurt Strawberry Chex <b>or</b> Assorted Yogurt Crunchy Granola Clusters  Fresh Apples Assorted Fresh Fruit Assorted White Milk	2	Confetti Pancakes <b>or</b> Assorted Cold Cereal Graham Crackers  100% Fruit Juice Fresh Pear Assorted Fresh Fruit Assorted White Milk	3	Chicken Bites w/Waffle Flatbread <b>or</b> Assorted Cold Cereal Graham Crackers  Orange Slices Assorted Fresh Fruit Assorted White Milk	4	Assorted Bagel w/Cream Cheese <b>or</b> Assorted Cold Cereal Graham Crackers  Banana Assorted Fresh Fruit Assorted White Milk	5	Croissant w/Apple Butter <b>or</b> Assorted Cold Cereal w/ Wheat Toast Grape Jelly  Assorted Fresh Fruit Assorted White Milk
8	Assorted Yogurt Strawberry Chex <b>or</b> Assorted Yogurt Crunchy Granola Clusters  Fresh Apples Assorted Fresh Fruit Assorted White Milk	9	Cerealburst Waffle <b>or</b> Assorted Cold Cereal Graham Crackers  100% Fruit Juice Fresh Pear Assorted Fresh Fruit Assorted White Milk	10	French Toast Sticks <b>or</b> Assorted Cold Cereal Graham Crackers  Orange Slices Assorted Fresh Fruit Assorted White Milk	11	Lemon Bread <b>or</b> Assorted Cold Cereal Graham Crackers  Banana Assorted Fresh Fruit Assorted White Milk	12	Croissant w/Apple Butter <b>or</b> Assorted Cold Cereal w/ Wheat Toast Grape Jelly  Assorted Fresh Fruit Assorted White Milk
15	Assorted Yogurt Strawberry Chex <b>or</b> Assorted Yogurt Crunchy Granola Clusters  Fresh Apples Assorted Fresh Fruit Assorted White Milk	16	Confetti Pancakes <b>or</b> Assorted Cold Cereal Graham Crackers  100% Fruit Juice Fresh Pear Assorted Fresh Fruit Assorted White Milk	17		18		19	
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29		30							

**Options Available Daily at Breakfast:**

**Cold Cereal Options-**

- Apple Cinnamon
- Cheerios, Multi-Grain
- Cheerios, Original
- Cheerios, Cinnamon
- Toast Crunch, Golden
- Grahams, Honey Kix

1% White Milk & Fat Free White Milk

[\(View Nutritional Information\)](#)

Menu is subject to change

K-8 Lunch

Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday	
1	Breaded Mozzarella Sticks w/Marinara Sauce Cup  Green Beans Carrot Sticks Assorted Fresh Fruit Assorted Milk	2	Popcorn Chicken w/Dinner Roll  Fiesta Taco Black Beans Side Salad Assorted Fresh Fruit Assorted Milk	3	Hamburger on WG Bun <b>or</b> Cheeseburger on WG Bun  Steamed Broccoli Carrot Sticks Assorted Fresh Fruit Assorted Milk	4	Zesty Italian Cold Cut Sub  Celery Sticks Side Salad Assorted Fresh Fruit Assorted Milk	5	Cheese Personal Pan Pizza Or Turkey Pepperoni Personal Pan Pizza  Steamed Corn Carrot Sticks Assorted Fresh Fruit Assorted Milk
8	Popcorn Chicken w/Dinner Roll  Rosemary Garlic Potatoes Carrot Sticks Assorted Fresh Fruit Assorted Milk	9	Hamburger on WG Bun <b>or</b> Cheeseburger on WG Bun  Fiesta Taco Black Beans Side Salad Assorted Fresh Fruit Assorted Milk	10	Chicken Fillet Sandwich <b>or</b> Spicy Chicken Patty Sandwich  Steamed Broccoli Carrot Sticks Assorted Fresh Fruit Assorted Milk	11	Turkey Breast & Cheese Sandwich  Celery Sticks Side Salad Assorted Fresh Fruit Assorted Milk	12	Cheese Pizza Wedge or Turkey Pepperoni Pizza Wedge  Steamed Corn Carrot Sticks Assorted Fresh Fruit Assorted Milk
15	Hamburger on WG Bun <b>or</b> Cheeseburger on WG Bun  Sweet Potato Fries Carrot Sticks Assorted Fresh Fruit	16	Zesty Italian Cold Cut Sub  Side Salad Celery Sticks Assorted Fresh Fruit Assorted Milk	17		18		19	
22		23		24		25		26	
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**Daily Available Lunch Options**

**Milk Options:**

1% White Milk, Fat Free  
White Milk, Fat Free  
Chocolate Milk, Fat Free  
Strawberry Milk  
([Milk Nutrition](#))

**Seasonal Fresh Fruit**

Apples, Oranges &  
Bananas  
([Fruit Nutrition](#))

([Condiment Nutrition](#))

All rolls, breads, and  
tortillas are made with  
whole grain.

Menu is subject change.