

HAMPTON HAPPENINGS



HAPPY NEW YEAR EDITION / January 2020

GENTLE REMINDERS

- We need to leave the handicap parking spaces available for those who need to use them. Please leave the spaces open for those that have a handicap sticker.
- As winter weather approaches, we've asked our maintenance department to push the snow a little further to maximize our parking. The plows are truck plows (not the big ones), so they do what they can do. We ask for everyone's patience during the snowy months ahead. Since we have so many parent pick-ups, it may take a little longer to get everyone safely in and out of our parking area.
- If your child is sick, they may need to stay home and recuperate for a day. Most doctors recommend keeping your child home for a 24-hour period once they begin antibiotics. Please help keep our school a healthy place!



HAMPTON ELEMENTARY MISSION

The mission of the Hampton Elementary School Community is to foster an environment where all children feel safe, respected, and valued. We provide the foundation for students to reach their maximum potential in their academics and encourage them to strive for personal excellence.

UPCOMING DATES

Popcorn Days .50 a bag	Jan. 17 & 31
School Board Mtg. at Handy Middle School 7:00 pm	January 13
Half Day - Dismissal at 12:20 pm. Lunch will be served.	January 17
Sugar & Spice Ball 5:30-7pm	January 25
NO SCHOOL	Feb. 17

SAFETY / DISMISSAL

For the safety of all of our students, **please keep the hallways clear at the end of the day.** If you need to pick up your child early for any reason, please sign them out in the office. If you do not have a badge showing that you signed in at the office, you may be asked to do so. **No badge tells us that no one in the office knows that a person is in the building, and that does not promote safety for our students. If you see someone without a badge, please contact the office.** They are probably safe, but we like to be on the safe side — **so please follow our guidelines.** Kindergarten parents picking up their children may wait outside the red gym doors. They will be opened once the students are in the gym.

REMINDERS

There will be a half day of school on Friday, January 17th. Dismissal will be at 12:20 pm and lunch will be served before students are released. Also, there will be no school on Monday, February 17th



SUGAR & SPICE BALL



On Saturday, January 25th, we will be having our Sugar & Spice Ball (formerly our Daddy/Daughter dance) from 5:30-7 pm in the gymnasium. Hampton young ladies and their significant person (male or female) are welcome to dress up and attend. Our theme this year is "unicorns"! Cost is \$20 per family. Price includes entrance to the dance, picture and light refreshments! Please R.S.V.P. by January 13th.



RSVP for the Daddy/Daughter Dance



Name of Student(s): _____

Classroom Teacher: _____

_____: Number of people attending Make checks out to Hampton Elementary



BOOSTER CLUB NEWS

POPCORN DATES:

January 17 & 31
February 14 & 28

.50 cents a bag

SHOPAROO:

If you have not already downloaded this app, we encourage you to do so. This is a great and easy way to earn money for your school. You can find the app on Google Play or the Apple App Store.

THANK YOU!

A huge thank you to all of the volunteers who helped out with the Holiday Gift Shop! We wouldn't have been able to pull it off without all of you. The students really enjoyed it, and their smiles showed their appreciation. Thank you so very much!

SCHOOL STORE DATES:

January 9 & 23

Grades 1-5 / Shop at lunch time

STUDENT TARDIES / LUNCH PROGRAM

If you know in advance that your child is going to be tardy on a specific day, please call the office (Ext. 1501) before 9:00 a.m. to let us know which lunch choice your child would like to order that day. Our food is prepared at the Bay City Central Cafeteria and preparations start early in the morning.

GIFTED & TALENTED PROGRAM

The Gifted & Talented Office will open the referral window for its program beginning in January. The program is designed for 1st through 8th grade students whose learning characteristics indicate a need for unique educational experiences beyond the regular classroom curriculum. Teachers will be asked to submit their student referral(s) during this time, but parents may also refer their student for consideration for the Gifted & Talented program.

Teachers and parents may refer students by going to the Gifted & Talented website at: www.bcpsgifted.com.

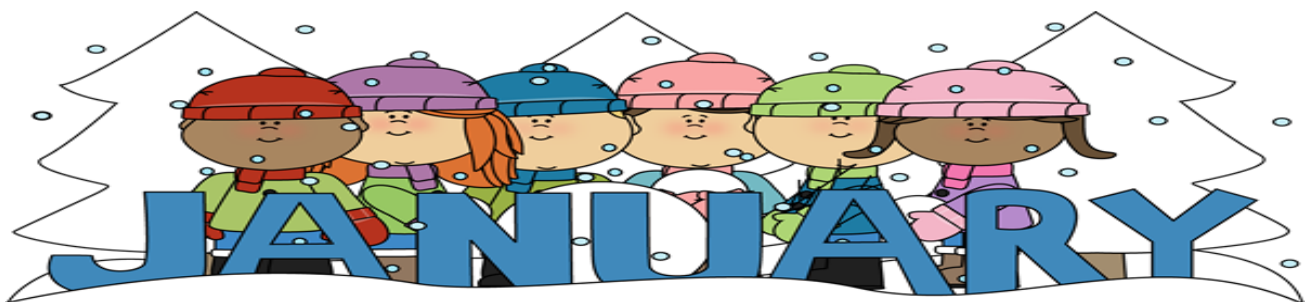
The online referral window will be open and accepting responses for students currently in grades Kdg. through 7th grade from January 6 through February 14, 2020.

Informational Meetings:

- January 8, 2020 from 6-7pm. Honors Parent Meeting at Western Middle School Media Center.
- January 23, 2020 from 6-7pm. Honors Parent Meeting at Handy Middle School Media Center.
- February 5, 2020 from 6-7 pm. Elementary GT Parent Meeting at McAlear Sawden Elementary.
- February 11, 2020 from 6-7 pm. Elementary GT Parent Meeting at Kolb Elementary.

Middle School Program — Placement consideration for the middle school program consists of reviewing the students' standardized test scores for the past several years, and teacher recommendations. In addition, students applying for this program will take the SAGES: Reasoning sub-test and depending on the course they are applying for, Math / Science or English Language Arts / Social Studies test(s).

Elementary Program — Students who are being evaluated must take SAGES: Screening Assessment for Gifted Elementary and Middle School Students. That scoring will be considered along with their academic accomplishments, standardized test scores and teacher / parent recommendations.



SKYWARD FAMILY ACCESS

Your child's academic progress and school attendance can be accessed easily, by you, through our web based student records system; *Skyward*. Our classroom teachers and school office staff will utilize this online tool to send you information such as report cards, newsletters and other school related messages.

Please keep your e-mail address current through our school office or your child's homeroom teacher. To access *Skyward*, our office staff will send an invitation to your e-mail address to set up a user account for your child. Once this account has been created, you will be able to view your child's academic progress, attendance and receive school information such as newsletters and other school related messages.

Paper copies of report cards and newsletters are no longer printed but will be made available to parents without internet access at home or special requests.



DRESS FOR THE WEATHER

It has been our observation, that students are NOT coming to school prepared for WINTER. Please help us in the following manner:

1. During cold, snowy weather, encourage your child to wear boots, hats, gloves, warm coats, etc.
2. On days they wear boots, be sure another pair of shoes are sent to school. Wearing boots all day in school is not a comfortable, healthy or safe situation.
3. Send an extra pair of shoes for "muddy" days.

Remember: All children must go outside for at least 15-20 minutes during their lunch hour. The only exception to this is during rain days. Once it starts getting colder, our district rule is to only keep students inside if the temperature with wind chill is below 10 degrees. We check a few different sources if it is close and make a judgment call, so please watch the weather and try to pack accordingly. Our children need to get outside and have a fun and energetic break. Please help us make sure that all students are prepared for that fun!

SPECIAL AREA CHANGES - 2nd Semester

Our 2nd semester begins on January 20th and we will be welcoming back Music to our building. Mrs. Jaime, will be teaching our Music classes once again!

We are sad to see Mrs. Booms, our S.T.E.A.M. teacher leave us. She will be teaching S.T.E.A.M. at Auburn Elementary during the 2nd semester. We will miss you Mrs. Booms!

