

# OPR Penguin Post Family Edition

OCTOBER NEWSLETTER

## MESSAGE FROM PRINCIPAL WOODEN

Alexander Smith writes, "In the entire circle of the year there are no days so delightful as those of a fine October." I have to agree with Mr. Smith. During the month of October, we get to see the bright fall colors of orange, green, and brown. We also get to smell autumn in the air and the scent of Pumpkin Spice. Fall is such a great season.



As we embark upon the month of October, please be reminded of a few things.

- Agenda Planners should be signed nightly.
- Review the Home Access Center to be updated with your child's grades.
- Take time to review our schoolwide expectations that aligns with our core values of being Prepared, showing Respect, having Integrity, being Determined, and being Engaged. Going over these with your child helps ensure they are successful daily.

As stated in the September newsletter, it is my wish that families become more active in our school. Please join our PTA. The cost for PTA is \$8 per family. Let's increase our PTA membership and get involved to make our school the best of the best. Please use the link to join our PTA by using the secure Member Hub <https://fspta-00009657-wpopr.memberhub.com/store>.

Be sure to join our social media sites. On these sites, we show pictures of scholars engaged in learning, show live videos during classroom instruction so that you can be involved, and a hub for school information.

Together let's WISH for an amazing, October.

Being wishful,

## DON'T FORGET TO CHECK US OUT ON SOCIAL MEDIA



## UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

- **Flu Clinic:** Tuesday, October 4
- **No School:** Wednesday, October 5
- **3 Hour Early Dismissal for Students:** Thursday, October 20
- **Professional Development, Schools Closed for Students:** Friday, October 21
- **PTA Book Fair:** Monday, October 24-Friday, October 28, *Families will have the opportunity to provide feedback on our Home and School Compact on October 24.*
- **PTA Trunk or Treat:** Friday, October 28



## GRADE LEVEL UPDATES

### PRE-K-K

Pre-K students have been working hard this past month learning how to be a Pre- Star! We are learning many routines and expectations that our helping us to become great scholars. We are learning and growing together and looking forward to continuing to grow in the new fall season.



Remind app text to 81010

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Morris: @morrisk32

Thompson: @28hee7b

## KINDERGARTEN

Kindergarten Scholars have been fully immersed in Penguin PRIDE Bootcamp! We are PRIDE Certified!



- Dress with the weather in mind. We recommend sending your scholar in layers. Room temperatures may vary throughout the building.
- Tennis shoes are REQUIRED for recess and P.E. Scholars must come to school with appropriate shoes on, ready to participate.
- Please pack an extra pair of clothes in your scholar's bookbag.... Accidents happen and hands-on learning is happening!
- We are excited to begin our academic units this month!
  - Phonics: Making Friends with Letters: Scholars will explore their names and their friends' names in order to learn letters and letter sounds and begin writing letters!
  - Reading: We Are Readers: Scholars will begin to identify as readers, exploring the world around them. Readers will read favorite storybooks.
  - Writing: Launching the Writing Workshop: Scholars will begin to identify as writers. Writers will write informative pieces and end the unit writing narrative pieces.
  - Mathematics: Topic 1: Numbers 0 to 5: Mathematicians will count, read, and write numbers 0 to 5.
  - TUB: Fall Harvest: Scholars will explore how the changes in fall effect the world around them.
- Join your scholar's classroom teacher on the Remind App:
  - Ms. Benoit: <https://www.remind.com/join/maureenbe>
  - Miss Clayton: <https://www.remind.com/join/69c48a2>
  - Ms. Denning: <https://www.remind.com/join/k2ck46>
  - Ms. Donahue: <https://www.remind.com/join/6f7369>
  - Mrs. King: <https://www.remind.com/join/kh78c4b>
  - Mrs. Roane: <https://www.remind.com/join/roane22>

## 1ST GRADE

First graders have been working so diligently to learn our routines and expectations during September's Bootcamp! They have learned how to show their Penguin Pride in many places around the school campus! October begins our academic work together! We are embarking



upon our journey to become productive readers, writers, mathematicians and scientists! As we move into more academic work, please keep in mind these reminders:

1. We are SO INCREDIBLY PROUD of your little ones! They really have done an exceptional job adjusting to the changes that first grade brings!♥
2. Homework will begin this month! First graders will have an opportunity to practice reading and math
3. strategies nightly. While not mandatory, we do recommend that students complete the work so that they can get daily reinforcement of essential first grade skills. More information will be forthcoming!
4. Please make it a habit to check your child's agenda each evening. Teachers will use this to communicate behavior information and students will write their homework assignments in the agenda. We encourage parents to write any questions, comments or concerns in their agenda for the teacher.
5. Sneakers must be worn daily so that students can participate in gym and play to the playground equipment.
6. Please pack an extra set of clothing in case of an accident.

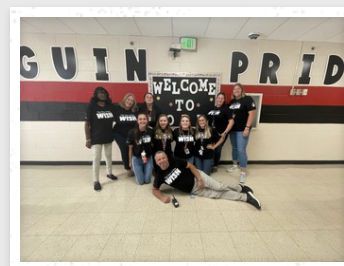


## 2ND GRADE

-Please make sure your scholar is wearing tennis shoes to school every day! If your child chooses not to wear tennis shoes, please have him/her pack a pair to wear for free play and gym if necessary!

-Each evening, please take some time to review your scholar's agenda book and sign it. This agenda has important information about homework and special events coming up in the classroom as well as any behavior information that needs to be shared.

-Look for math homework pages starting at the beginning of October. The problems that need to be completed will be circled. Homework pages should be returned the next day with the problems completed to earn a penguin ticket! Also, please make reading for 20 minutes a night a routine for your child to make sure this important work gets done each evening!



## 3RD GRADE

- We have had such a wonderful start to our third grade year! Make sure to ask your student about the Penguin PRIDE Bootcamp celebration.
- As a reminder, our day of instruction begins at 9:00 am. If your child is a car rider, please arrive on time so your child has time to prepare for the day.
- Please check and **SIGN your child's agenda book each night**, as this is our daily form of communication between school and home.



- We look forward to a great year in 3rd grade!

## 4TH GRADE

We are off to a wonderful start! Fourth grade penguins have been working each day to show Penguin PRIDE! We have been doing a deep dive into routines and procedures to set every student up for a successful school year. We have been getting to know each student academically through preassessment work.



Coming up in October, we will begin the following units in each subject:

- Math – Place Value Concepts
- Reader's Workshop – Interpreting Characters
- Writer's Workshop – The Arc of the Story
- Social Studies – Native Americans, Age of Encounter, and Early Colonies  
*Please note that Social Studies and Science units will be alternated throughout the year.*
- Word Work – Various resources will be used based on students' need in each class

Take time each evening to talk with your scholar about his/her day. Ask your scholar about what he/she learned or what was challenging to do. Ask about his/her friends or what he/she did on the playground.

Be sure to check your scholar's agenda book every night and initial as this is a direct communication tool between school and home.

We look forward to an awesome year, the Year of the Wish!!

## 5TH GRADE

It has been a great start of the year, and we have enjoyed getting to know all of our amazing fifth grade students. Fifth grade has been doing a fantastic job this month while participating in our bootcamp to review routines and expectations.

Please remember to:

- Sign agendas nightly
- Check Wednesday folders and sign the yellow paper
- Send a water bottle to school with your child daily



## SPECIAL EDUCATION

Welcome back to another year! The special education team has enjoyed getting to know our students while we support them throughout Boot Camp this month! Instructional small groups

and interventions will start on Monday October 4th. Please reach out to your child's case manager if you have any questions!

Please keep in mind that all IEP meetings will continue to take place virtually this school year, unless otherwise requested. In addition, all IEP related documents will be sent to your email address, unless a request has been made to receive documents via USPS mail. In addition, your child's case manager will inquire about Medical Assistance eligibility status at each IEP meeting. If your child is MA eligible, it would be very helpful if you had the MA number handy at the time of the meeting. Thank you for your help with this!

## SPECIAL AREAS- PRIMARY

- Celebrating Dot Day- all classes are reading The Dot and making their mark.
- For the month of October students in music will be focusing on how on to move their bodies safely while also singing music.
- In P.E. students will be practicing their locomotor skills such as jumping, hopping, skipping, galloping, running, and walking within the teaching areas.



## SPECIAL AREAS- INTERMEDIATE

Welcome back Penguins! In the intermediate building of OPR, during September, in Art, Media, Music and Physical Education, we have spent time learning/reviewing expectations and procedures for each of our respective areas. We have also demonstrated how we can show our PENGUIN PRIDE in each of the Special Areas. Way to go Penguins! Keep up the AWESOME work!



## PTA UPDATES

### Amazing PTA Volunteer Opportunities!!!

Our Scholastic Book Fair will be October 24-28. We will need 5 volunteers each evening. The book fair will be open 4-7:30, BUT WE WILL NEED VOLUNTEERS 3:30-8.

Do you like FREE BOOKS? Well, you get \$10 to spend at the fair each night you work!!!

More details and a sign up link to come. Questions?

You can:

Email: [pta.wpopr@gmail.com](mailto:pta.wpopr@gmail.com)

Send us a message on our Facebook page - William Paca Old Post Road Elementary PTA

Email the Book Fair Chairperson: [meggymassage@gmail.com](mailto:meggymassage@gmail.com)

The PTA is excited to announce a Trunk or Treat event on October 28. Details for the event, as well as a sign up link, will be announced soon. In the meantime, any questions may be sent to



our email at: [pta.wpopr@gmail.com](mailto:pta.wpopr@gmail.com), or via our Facebook Page: William Paca Old Post Road Elementary PTA.

## HOME ACCESS CENTER GRADE UPDATES AND RESOURCES FOR FAMILIES

- Thursday, October 13
- Friday, October 28
- Friday, November 11
- Friday, December 2
- Friday, December 16
- Friday, January 13
- Friday, January 27
- Friday, February 10
- Friday, March 3
- Friday, March 17
- Friday, March 31
- Friday, April 28
- Friday, May 12
- Friday, May 26
- Wednesday, June 14



Home Access Center-English

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## COMMUNITY RESOURCES

### 2022-2023 HCPS ACADEMIC TUTORING PROGRAM

- The Harford County Public Schools Academic Tutoring Program offers students in grades K-12 academic support through small group and/or 1:1 virtual tutoring sessions. Students in grades K-8 can request a tutor in Mathematics and/or Language Arts, and students in grades 9-12 can request a tutor in Mathematics, English, Science and/or Social Sciences. Families can access the Academic Tutoring request link on [hcps.org](http://hcps.org) beginning October 10, 2022, and tutoring sessions will begin as early as November 14, 2022.
- **Tutoring sessions are dependent upon available staffing**
- Questions regarding this information should be directed to: Rebecca Pensero, Supplemental Instruction [Rebecca.Pensero@hcps.org](mailto:Rebecca.Pensero@hcps.org), 410-588-5325

### TOWSON UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF EDUCATION (COE) K-2 TUTORING PROGRAM

- The COE Tutors program is a **FREE** online tutoring service from Towson University teaching candidates as part of one of their courses. Teaching candidates enrolled in a K-2 Literacy course will design lessons with guidance from their course instructor and work

with K-2 students for 30-60 minutes a week via Zoom outside of school hours. COE Tutors is an agreement between Towson University and the family, independent of the school and the school system. Elementary schools may share this information with K-2 families in need of literacy tutoring via [Towson COE Tutoring Program Flyers](#).

- **NOTE: The COE Tutors program is separate from the HCPS Academic Tutoring Program.**
- Questions regarding this information should be directed to: Rebecca Spencer, Teacher Preparation & Professional Development: [Rebecca.Spencer@hcps.org](mailto:Rebecca.Spencer@hcps.org) 410-588-5261



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