



HAGERSTOWN CHILDREN'S SCHOOL

EDUCATION FOR LIFE

November 2019

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Hello Fall!

Director News

by **Heather Tosten, Director**

The leaves have turned beautiful colors and fall has definitely arrived. November may be the month that many people celebrate how thankful they are, but I am thankful everyday to be a part of a fantastic, caring community that supports each other. Your generous support during the Facebook fundraiser and the bake sale for Penny Weagly was overwhelming and very appreciated. In total we raised over \$15,705.00. Penny is continuing her recovery at home. She has an additional outpatient procedure scheduled for later this month. Her strength, balance and coordination are slowly returning. Your continued good thoughts and prayers are appreciated.

The students have had a great time this month learning about the human body. A big shout out to Brandy Behrens from Hagerstown Smiles Dental Care for coming in and talking to the Primary classes about healthy oral hygiene. The Primary students also enjoyed a visit from Nina Grove who is a Concert Pianist. She shared her love of percussion instruments with the children. We love having visitors. If you have an interest, profession or tradition that you would like to share with the students let me know.

November is packed full of fun activities for your family. Thanksgiving Lunches are a great way to celebrate Thanksgiving with your child and be a part of the HCS community. Your lunch assignment and RSVP paper will be coming out today. Food sign ups will be done through Sign-Up Genius. Because of the large number of students each student will only be allowed to bring 2 guests. More information will be included with the RSVP and Thanksgiving email. I look forward to seeing all of you here.

Our Scholastic Book Fair will be open during the Thanksgiving Lunches for some holiday shopping. It's a great time to browse with your little ones.

We will be hosting our first vender shopping event on November 23 from 10-3pm. We will have over 13 craft and direct sales vendors gathered in one place for your shopping convenience. Spread the word and bring your friends.

- Heather Tosten

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November @ HCS

Pre-Primary

We have enjoyed the month of October as the cooler days have finally arrived. We are working on classroom routines, choosing one activity and cleaning it up when finished. These are goals that we will continue to work on throughout the year. November will be exciting with our seasonal activities. We are looking forward to learning about Native Americans, the first Thanksgiving and our very own USA. We will continue to learn about the human body by exploring our 5 senses. Our art will concentrate on lines. Percussion lessons will also continue into November.

Please make sure you have checked your child's mailbox outside the Pre-Primary classrooms and have gotten your child's information on when their picture day will be. Hope to see you all at the Thanksgiving lunch!

As a reminder, make sure all coats, hats and gloves are labeled.

Primary

Wow, we are already heading into November!! We had a great time exploring Canada. We tried many yummy foods that are produced in Canada, such as Canadian bacon, maple syrup, maple cookies, blueberries, and Nanaimo bars. We also learned many things about the human body in October. We focused on emotions, parts of the body, and the five senses. since our bodies are so complex, we will continue to study them in November.

In November, we will explore the different body systems, such as the nervous system, the muscular system, the skeletal system, and also the organs in our body. We will also talk about keeping our bodies healthy. We will discover many facts about our great country, the United States! We will talk about the Pledge of Allegiance, the National Anthem, our flag, and famous landmarks.

Up next are pictures days and the staff's favorite: the Thanksgiving Luncheons! We love seeing all of the families and eating all that yummy food!! Start thinking about your favorite family traditions! We will be sending home those plates soon to decorate and have the kids share your traditions with the class as part of our holiday tradition lesson.

Kindergarten

Kindergarten had such a great time during the fall parties! We have been learning about the many organs in the human body . In November, we will continue to learn about the human body with a focus on the skeletal system. We also have been learning about addition and subtraction. This month, we will continue to build 4 digit numbers and learn to add 4 digit numbers. Each student will be researching a state and presenting their state research project to the class. We will also learn to identify coin values. This month, Kindergarten will learn about the first Thanksgiving and make cornbread and butter!

Kindergarten conferences will be on November 25th, watch for a Sign-Up Genius!

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Board of Directors

Who:	Open to public
What:	BOD Meetings
When:	2nd Tuesdays @6:30pm
Where:	HCS Office
Why:	Be involved!

The BOD is happy to announce that Hagerstown Children's School was voted "The Best of the Tristate" for both Preschool and Childcare. Congratulations to our amazing staff, you are what make our school great.

Mark your calendars for our first ever holiday craft and vendor fair, Saturday November 23rd from 10am to 3pm. The Scholastic book fair will also be going on at the same time.

Please come out and support some wonderful small businesses and cross some names off your holiday list. We are hoping this will be the first of many fun community building events that we can all enjoy.

Board meetings are held on the second Monday of every month at 6:30 pm. All are welcome to attend.

Office News

by **Ms. Brenda**

We are coming up on a very busy month with Thanksgiving Lunches, the Scholastic Book Fair and our very first Holiday Fair. Please be sure you are watching for emails and check your child's mailboxes or tote bags daily.

If you have any questions, please stop by the office.

- Ms. Brenda



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