



Newsletter

April 2023

Principal Corner

I hope everyone is enjoying their Spring Break! It's unbelievable that we are starting our 4th quarter on April 11th. Report cards for 3rd quarter will be mailed out by April 19th. Parents, please check your ParentVUE to see your student's grades. If you have problems accessing your ParentVUE, please contact Mrs. Raymond at raymondjd@pwcs.edu or by calling the school. If you would like for your students to receive tutoring services, please email Ms. Anderson, afterschool tutoring administrator at andersas@pwcs.edu. Tutoring is held Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 3:00pm to 5:00pm. If tutoring is cancelled, you will receive a notification from the school. Summer school registration will be open on April 10th. Teachers will be reaching out to parents for students who would benefit from summer school.

With the weather getting warmer, we would like to remind parents that their students are to wear clothing abiding by the Code of Behavior and also consistent with Virginia Code §§ 22.1-276.01 and 22.1-279.6. These dress and grooming guidelines were created to maintain gender neutrality by creating equitable standards regardless of gender and to not have a disparate impact on students of a particular gender. Prohibited items of clothing include/Clothing items which: reveal bare skin to the extent that they distract or may foreseeably distract other students or staff; reveal or expose undergarments; fit in a manner as to reveal or expose undergarments; contain vulgar, discriminatory, lewd patently offensive or obscene language or images; contain threats or gang symbols; promotes the use of weapons and violence, or the use of alcohol, tobacco or illegal drugs, and/or associated paraphernalia; cause or may foreseeably cause a disruption to the learning environment; and accessories which could be regarded as or used as a weapon.

In the coming weeks, we will also be wrapping up our preparation for our SOLs that will happen in May. Please make sure your student is charging their laptop every night and bringing it alongside with their charger every day. We have a very short supply of laptops and chargers to lend to students due to students forgetting their laptop or losing their charger. If a student has damaged or broken a school laptop, parents have been contacted via email for payment. Please remember that your student's laptop is school property and needs to be taken care of.

Yours in Education,

Mrs. Mitchell,
Principal

Outside Food

Hampton Middle School provides breakfast and lunch free of charge for all students this school year.

Per PWCS Regulation 452.1 – Food Services shall ensure children have access to adequate and healthy foods. Students cannot use delivery services, such as Doordash or Uber Eats to bring food for their consumption.

Food delivered to student to school will be sent back. Students are not to come in with outside food after coming from an appointment.

Sports Happenings

Boys Track/Baseball/Softball/Girls Soccer Meet/Game Entry and Information

- All meets/games are scheduled to begin at 4:45 but are subject to change based on the arrival of the bus.
- Price of admission: \$3 adults \$1 student

Boys Track Coaches

Ms. Kelley Brown - brownkm@pwcs.edu

Mr. Ryan Koontz - koontzrf@pwcs.edu

Baseball Coach – TBA

Softball Coach

Mr. Thomas Brown - browntj@pwcs.edu

Girls Soccer Coaches

Ms. Ashley Meehan - meehanae@pwcs.edu

Ms. Natalie Cargill - cargilnm@pwcs.edu

Athletic Coordinator

Mr. Melvin Klugh - klughmk@pwcs.edu

Boys Track Meets

April 18th Hampton vs Parkside AWAY Meet

April 25th Hampton vs Lake Ridge AWAY Meet

May 2nd Hampton vs Saunders HOME Meet

May 5th Hampton vs Beville HOME Meet

May 9th Hampton vs Benton AWAY Meet

May 16th Hampton vs Manassas Park HOME Meet

Baseball/Softball/Girls Soccer Games

April 19th Hampton vs Parkside AWAY Game

April 24th Hampton vs Lake Ridge HOME Game

May 1st Hampton vs Saunders HOME Game

May 3rd Hampton vs Beville AWAY Game

May 8th Hampton vs Benton AWAY Game

May 10th Hampton vs Manassas Park HOME Game

May 15th Hampton vs Parkside AWAY Game

May 17th Hampton vs Lake Ridge AWAY Game

May 24th Hampton vs Saunders AWAY Game

May 31st Hampton vs Beville AWAY Game

Upcoming Events:

April 14th – Unified Track and Field at Ronald Reagan MS

April 14th – All County Orchestra at Unity Braxton MS

April 21st - Holiday (schools and offices closed in observance of Eid al-Fitr)

April 24th – April 26th – NatureBridge Field Trip

Hampton Middle School's invites you to celebrate the diverse cultures that make up our community at our International Night on Thursday, April 27th from 6:00pm – 8:00pm.

Learn about the many cultures represented at our school, taste foods from different regions, watch performances, a fashion show and more!

Participate in our celebration by bringing food from another culture – help others learn about the world through food.

Admission is free! Bring your whole family!

Cell Phone Reminder – Students are not to use their cell phones during class instruction. First time – phone is taken, sent to the Main Office as a warning, second time – phone is taken, sent to the Main Office and parent is called, third time – phone is taken, sent to the Main Office, parent is called to pick up phone and student receives referral. There is a student phone in the Main Office that a student can use, as long as the teacher knows that the student is going to use the phone and the student comes with a pass to the Main Office to use it.

Attendance Information

Virginia law provides that all children of compulsory attendance age are expected to attend school each day that school is in session, unless otherwise excused under School Board policy, regulation, and the compulsory attendance laws.

If a student is absent from school, parents should provide an excuse to the school within 5 days of the absence. Cases in which an excuse is not received within five (5) days of the absence will be referred to an administrator.

How to Report an Absence

- ParentVue should be used to report *FULL-DAY* absences for the *CURRENT* day and/or future days (up to 30 days in advance).
- If you need to submit an excuse for a *PRIOR* day or for a *LATE ARRIVAL*, you will need to email our attendance secretary, Mrs. Keyber Mendez at mendezka@pwcs.edu. Note: any email asking to excuse an absence or tardy must come from the parent's email. Anything sent from the student's email address will **not** be accepted.
- Hand-written notes or doctor's notes can also be dropped off to the front office. A note must include a parent's signature.
- If you need to have your student dismissed early, you do not need to call or email the office in advance. Once you arrive at the office, and your I.D. has been verified against the emergency contact list, your student will be called to the office for dismissal. The last early dismissal of the day will be at *2:30 pm*, so please be sure to arrive before then, with your ID, if you need to pick your student up early.
- If your student is marked absent from just *one period*, parents should *email the teacher directly* to find out what happened. The teacher will then work with the Attendance staff if a correction to attendance is required.

Extended Absences

- Preapproved absences of more than 5 school days are discouraged and will only be granted on a case-by-case basis by the principal or her designee. If a student will be out of the building for more than 5 school days, the parent should submit the absence request, either in ParentVue, or by sending an email to mendezka@pwcs.edu. The request will be reviewed by the principal, and if the request is approved, the student's teachers will be notified. Due to the varied demands on teachers for make-up work, teachers shall have discretion to determine the type/amount of work and when students shall make up work for preapproved absences.

For further information on Attendance Policies and the Truancy process, please see the PWCS regulations.

[Regulation 724-1 – Attendance, Absences, Excuses, and Tardies](#)

Save the Date!

8th grade Bridging Ceremony

June 8, 2023 at 6:30pm at Gar-Field High School

We will be preparing to see our 8th graders bridge over from middle to high school on June 8th. Students will be wearing gowns for this ceremony. More information to follow on ordering gowns during homeroom. Parents, the Gar-Field Gymnasium is not as big as EagleBank Arena, please be advised that there will be 4 tickets given per student to attend the ceremony. 8th grade students who are in the ceremony, do not need a ticket. We will have staff at the doors checking for your ticket. If you lose your ticket, you will not be allowed to enter. Please remember that the safety of our students is priority and this is a joyous occasion for both parents/guardians as well as staff at Hampton Middle School. Does my 8th grader still come after the bridging ceremony to school?

Yes! Plus, we have other activities planned in June for students.