

Cradlerock Elementary School

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October 2, 2015

### **IMPORTANT DATES**

*Dates and times are subject to change*

10/6 Fall Pictures

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10/7 Interim Progress reports

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10/11 HCPSS Community 5K and Fun Run

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10/12 Math Manipulative Night for 2nd Grade Students and Families  
5:30 - 7:00 pm

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10/14 School Improvement Meeting 6:15 pm  
PTA meeting 7 pm

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10/16 Professional Work Day - Schools closed for students

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10/23 1st quarter PBIS celebration - Luau Party

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10/29 Halloween Parade/Party - Harvest Party - 1:45 pm

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10/30 End of marking period - Schools close 3 hrs early  
PTA Trunk or Treat

### **SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT UPDATE MEETING**

There will be a meeting on Wednesday, October 14th from 6:15 - 7:00 pm that will focus on Cradlerock's School Improvement initiatives. All Parents are welcome to attend and no RSVP is

necessary. The meeting will be in the media center. After the meeting we encourage you to stay for the October PTA meeting that starts at 7:00 pm. If you have any questions, please email Mr. McCoy at [jmccoy@hcpss.org](mailto:jmccoy@hcpss.org).

## **FAMILY FILE**

Please make sure you have completed your child's Emergency Card online. We have had 55% of our parents update their information. We are looking for 100% of our parents to update their child's information. If you have not already done so, please access HCPSS Family File at <http://www.hcpss.org/connect> and check / update your child's information. If you have questions, please email [JoAnn\\_Adkins@hcpss.org](mailto:JoAnn_Adkins@hcpss.org) or call us. It is extremely important for us to have current information.

## **LUNCH APPLICATIONS**

Lunch application forms need to be completed every year as last year's status will expire **October 9**. More information about school meals and programs and the application for Free or Reduced Meals can be filled out electronically at [www.hcpss.org/food-services](http://www.hcpss.org/food-services).

## **FALL PICTURE DAY**

Smile!

Picture Day: **October 6**

Mark your calendar for October 6, school picture day.

Order envelopes will be sent home on October 5.

All students will have their pictures taken on this day.

Capture this priceless moment in time!

## **HALLOWEEN/HARVEST PARTY**

We will be having a Halloween Parade on Thursday, October 29 beginning at 1:45 pm. Students who do not celebrate Halloween will participate in a "Harvest Party." If your family does not celebrate Halloween and you wish for your child to attend the Harvest Party, please complete the attached permission form. Students who attend the Harvest Party will not participate in the costume parade or Halloween party. These activities will be held on Thursday,

October 29 beginning at 1:45 pm.

We are currently working on the list of menu items we will be requesting donations of and will publish the list soon. Thank you in advance for your support.

**Costumes** may not be of a gory Halloween nature (ghosts, blood & guts, masks, skeletons, makeup, etc.) Absolutely no weapons will be allowed. If we feel that the costume is not appropriate for school, the child will not wear it during the parade. Costumes are not to be worn to school and should not require a lot of preparation or assistance.

Below are suggested costume options:

- Appropriate book characters
- Household items
- Animals
- School supplies
- Careers
- Sports figures
- Nature/Food
- Appropriate cartoon characters/action figures
- Positive role models

## **LET'S GO HOCO 5K RUN/WALK**

Join us on Sunday, October 11 at 8 am for Let's Go HoCo, a 5K run/walk and 1 mile fun run hosted by the Howard County Public School System.

Let's Go HoCo is a great way to bring together students, families, staff and Howard County community members to promote health and wellness. We are asking our Cradlerock families and staff to wear their Cradlerock gear and show our bulldog spirit!

View event information and register today at [www.hcpss5k.com](http://www.hcpss5k.com).

## **GIANT A+ BONUS BUCKS AND BOXTOPS**

The Giant A+ Bonus Bucks program begins October 9, 2015. We have already begun to collect BoxTops for the BoxTop program. We were awarded \$6100.00 between these 2 programs last year and

look forward to even greater success this year. We used this money for student incentives and classroom materials.

NEW FOR A+ BONUS BUCKS: If you registered your card last year, you do not need to re-register this year. Please encourage your friends and

relatives to sign up for A+ Bonus Bucks and designate Cradlerock Elementary. Thank you for your continued support!

## **Volunteers**

Thank you for your interest in volunteering within the Howard County School System! We value our volunteers and the contributions they make to our students and schools.

According to HCPSS Board Policy, all parent volunteers must complete a Confidentiality Training Course about protecting the privacy of our students, staff, and schools. Please complete this course before registering to volunteer at your child's school. The course takes about 5 minutes to complete.

To complete your training course and register with your child's school, please go her : <http://www.hcpss.org/parents/volunteer-information/>

## **FROM YOUR PTA...**

"Every child, one voice..."

Thank you to everyone who purchased (and sold more) KidStuff Coupon Books! We reached and exceeded our fundraising goal! If you still have your KidStuff Coupon book, please send it back to school immediately. If you would like another book, e-mail [ptacradlerock@gmail.com](mailto:ptacradlerock@gmail.com) and we will get some extras to you!

Our next PTA meeting will take place on Wednesday, October 14th at 7:00 in the Media Center. Please join us to start planning 2 fun events - "Trunk or Treat" and the "Family Pasta Dinner with Entertainment"!

"Trunk or Treat" will be held on Friday, October 30th. This is a

community event where everyone can dress up and enjoy each other's company. Different families decorate the trunks of their car, truck, mini-van, etc. Children walk around and visit each trunk and get a "treat"! It is a fun and safe way to spend a Friday night! We will need families to participate and decorate trunks!! The more "Trunks", the more "Treats". Please look for more information to follow!!

More September Volunteers - Michelle Garrison, Jen Harwood, Robyn Jackson, Andrew Johnson, Toni Klinkenberg, Heather Sabaka, Lisa Harbaugh, Ashley Alfeo, Gian Alfeo and John Avery! Thank You!!

## **WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE JUDY CENTER**

Terrific Tots is a Judy Center program for parents and their 2 and 3 year old children. Recreation and Parks provides 2 teachers who read stories, while the children sing, dance, learn finger plays, do counting activities and learn about sounds of letters. Terrific Tots meets at 9:30 (Session I) and at 11am (Session II). Each class is 45 minutes and meets in the portable classroom by the Judy Center Science Garden. Please call (410) 381-9024 or (410) 381-9407 to register.

Terrific Tots (for 2's and 3's) begins on Tuesday, October 6th and Thursday October 8th at 9:30 and 11am and Wiggles and Giggles (for 12-23 months old children) begins on Wednesday, October 7th at 9:30am.

## **TITLE 1 CORNER**

We would love to see you volunteer in our school! If you have not done so already, please complete the HCPSS Parent Volunteer course on-line (it only takes 5 minutes). Click the link below to <http://www.hcpss.org/parents/volunteer-information/>

Did you miss Third and Fourth Grade parent night "Words,

Words, Words"?. The teachers gave great tips on how you can help your child at home with vocabulary homework. If you would like for use to share those tips with you, please contact Melissa Carney or Alexcia Redd on 410-313-7610.

Math Manipulative Night for second grade parents will take place on October 12, 2015 at 5:30pm. Please see the attached flyer for more details.

Title I Team  
Melissa Carney  
Alexcia Redd

## **COFFEE & CONVERSATION**

The Board of Education of Howard County regularly holds *Coffee & Conversation* sessions at schools throughout the county.

These meetings provide citizens with an opportunity to share a cup of coffee and chat informally with Board members. The meetings are held in various regions of the county; however, interested persons from throughout the county are invited to attend any or all of the meetings.

**The next *Coffee & Conversation*  
With the Board of Education will be held:**

**Saturday, October 24, 2015, 9:30 – 11 a.m.  
Deep Run ES Cafeteria  
6925 Old Waterloo Road, Elkridge, MD 21075**

## **EMERGENCY/WEATHER CLOSING INFORMATION**

You can find information about emergency/weather closing at <http://www.hcpss.org/schools/emergency-closings/>

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# HALLOWEEN PARADE AND HARVEST PARTY

Dear Cradlerock Elementary Parents/Guardians,  
This school year, we are having a Costume Parade and Halloween Party. Students who do not celebrate Halloween will participate in the Harvest Party. These activities will be held on Thursday, October 29 beginning at 1:45 pm.

If your child does not celebrate Halloween and will instead participate in the Harvest Party on October 29th, please complete the bottom portion of this letter. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call us.

We are currently working on the list of menu items we will be requesting donations of and will publish the list soon. Thank you in advance for your support.

Sincerely,  
Administration

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**Complete this form only if your child will NOT be participating in the Halloween activities. If your child will participate in the Costume Parade and Halloween party you DO NOT need to complete this form.**

My child \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_'s class will **not** participate in the Costume Parade or the Halloween Party. Instead, he/she will participate in the Harvest Party.

We will donate \_\_\_\_\_.  
(Food/Drink from above menu)

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Parent/Guardian Signature

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Phone Number

Complete and return this form to your child's teacher no later than **Friday, October 23, 2015**

