



## The Hawk Highlights.....

### Principal's Greetings.....



Dear High Bridge Families,

Thank you for your patience as we continue to navigate through our virtual learning sessions. However, you can rest assured that your children are in capable hands. The staff is great and your children's teachers are absolutely the best teachers in Prince Georges' County! We will have a Parent information session this month so please look out for the invitation.

As we approach the Thanksgiving Season we have a lot to be thankful for. There are a lot of people less fortunate than we are and need our assistance. Please stay safe out there especially our first responders.

As always, thank you for your support and Happy Thanksgiving!

~ William J. Kelly

### CRI News

The Community Referenced Instruction program continues to be actively engaged in distance learning. Students continue to work on real life related content such as elections and Native American History, as we prepare for Thanksgiving celebration this month. As we delve into our new math curriculum, students are enjoying their explorations in mathematical reasoning. There is a link to home and school relations as students and parents use mathematical tools around the home to integrate in their academic journey. Additionally, students are engaged in the Scholastic reading program as they work on improving their reading performance.

### Technology News

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#### Now you can follow us on twitter@highbridge

[www.l.pgcps.org/highbridge](http://www.l.pgcps.org/highbridge) – great place to find the school calendar, frequently asked questions, current events, and websites for enrichment and intervention!

[www.iready.com](http://www.iready.com) – grades K-5 can practice lessons set up by their teacher to reinforce what is taught in the classroom!

SchoolMax Family portal – allows parents to track the grades of their child/children. If you do not have a logon, please email [nancy.barboza@pgcps.org](mailto:nancy.barboza@pgcps.org) and request one today!

## Kindergarten Highlights!!!!

Can you believe we have already entered our 2nd Quarter of Kindergarten? Your children have settled into their virtual classroom and have been busy exploring and learning new things every week. They have even begun using the chat box to sign in for class and click links for interactive lessons! In **Reading**, we will blend words with short a, t, n, m, and s sounds. We will also learn about what plants and animals need in order to grow. In **Writing**, we have Writing Workshop where we draw, write, and share messages in response to the texts we read. In **Math**, we will work with putting together (composing) and taking apart (decomposing) numbers up to 10. In **Science**, we are talking about weather patterns and severe weather. In **Social Studies**, we are learning about different cultures and celebrating traditions. If we were in person, we would begin working with the kindergarteners on independence with tying their shoes, putting on and taking off their coats, proper sanitizing of hands, and independently using facial tissue. Please begin to work with your little one on independence with these skills at home. Parents, thank you for your continued support during this time!

## Fabulous First Grade!

First grade is ready for the chilly weather this November with all of our classroom online learning! We're getting into the groove of our schedule, so now we can really push forward with learning! In reading, we will focus on retelling stories using characters and detailed events and move into personal narratives with our writing. We will practice nouns, verbs, contractions, inflectional endings and continue our yearly focus with capitals, punctuation and meaningful sentence structure. Encourage your child to edit their homework weekly and show their best handwriting. In math, we will continue to study addition and subtraction relationships, word problems involving missing parts or three whole numbers and balancing both sides of the equals sign. We will combine numbers that are related to make simple number sentences. Practice all classwork skills coming home from our school day. In science, we are flying into our space and technology unit, which is always fun for the students, and discovering the features of light and sound! Last, we are moving into cultures, traditions and celebrations with our social studies unit. Please continue to turn in book logs at the end of each month for a grade and practice all 1st sight words as you learn new ones to add to our list! Let's have a fabulous November and enjoy a restful and healthy Thanksgiving with your families!

## Second Grade News!!!

**Language Arts:** We have just begun our first Writing Workshop. Students had the chance to listen to the story "Aunt Isabel Tells A Good One" in order to inspire them before they write a narrative. Students will not only learn how to write a narrative, but they will also learn about the writing process. **Math:** During November, the Second Graders will learn different strategies of how to add 2 digit numbers without regrouping. They will learn strategies such as using a Hundred Chart, Open Number Line, and drawing models. Soon we will begin to learn about telling time. We will continue to solve word problems and practice counting pennies, nickels, and dimes. **Science:** In science this month, we will be learning all about changes to the earth's surface...earthquakes, volcanoes, floods, landslides, and hurricanes! The students will explore various topics by watching videos, reading articles, and virtual experiments.

**Social Studies:** For the second quarter, students will learn about cultures in our county. Students will be able to share their traditions and cultures with the class as we explore various topics. Academic vocabulary that students will learn: artifact, tradition, festival, and customs.

## Third Grade Happenings.....

Third Grade having explored and richly discussed stories, it is now time for the 10 Day Writers' Workshop Cycle. Students should have their notebooks ready with a pen or markers. Of focus is: Prewriting, Drafting I, II, III, Revising I, II, III, Editing and Publishing and Sharing. In **Math**, students will focus on shapes and their attributes. We will discover what is perimeter and practice finding perimeter through various real life situations. Additionally, we will build multiplication fluency through repeated practice, games and competition among our peers. In **Science**, Weather predictions will continue by discussing weather patterns. Students will explore the critically important current events on Climate Change and how its impact around the world over the years. **Social Studies** continues with 3 types of [communities thru](#) a hands on project. Maps and globes help us identify landforms and bodies of water. Rich discussion will ensue on the three branches of government. In Quarter 2, students will read to find out how does life and culture change over time?

## Fourth Grade Happenings!!!!

In **Reading** over the next three weeks, our class will build their knowledge about the qualities needed to rise to the occasion, with a focus on the genre of realistic fiction. We will read texts and view videos about what it takes to meet a challenge. Discuss the Topic: Set aside time daily for your child to share with you what he or she is learning. Use these ideas to discuss the topic: • Talk about the ideas your child has added to the Knowledge Map each week. • Ask about the texts your child is reading and what he or she has learned from them.

In **Math** Fourth graders are learning how to divide whole numbers of up to 4 digits by 1 digit. They work with division as the inverse operation to multiplication. They work with a wide variety of contexts that lend themselves to division. They develop their understanding of division as rectangles of given areas (dividend) with one known length (divisor) and one unknown length (quotient). They use rectangles to develop an understanding of partial quotients, first with a diagram and then with a partial quotient algorithm. Students learn how to interpret the remainder based on the context of the division problem.

In **Social Studies** the Unit will celebrate culture and diversity this quarter! We will look deeper into how Maryland's culture has changed over time by examining the various cultures in Maryland's past and present. We will also remember and share that we are all part of one culture or another, and that there are many different and wonderful ways to celebrate and connect our own cultures and those of others around the world.

**Science** sees some fun this Quarter as we explore changes in the land over time. We will investigate rock layers, Earth's surface and geologic makeup, and fossils as we look for evidence of change over time...a chance to be real explorers.

## Fifth Grade News Flash!!!!!!

Welcome to the month of November and the start of the second quarter for students! As we continue to learn in our virtual classrooms, we would like to continue to encourage best practices during class times. For example, we are still seeing many students without cameras on for learning and on some occasions students are not interacting with questions as they are asked. Please reinforce the expectation that students are engaged, participating, and being attentive to the lessons as they are being presented in Zoom. With your support from home, we can best work together to help all of our students be successful.

For math, the month of November will begin with students working on addition and subtraction of decimals with place value manipulatives and written methods. Students move on to working with fractions. They revisit and deepen their understanding of equivalent fractions in order to add and subtract fractions, including mixed numbers, with like and unlike denominators. They consider how the ideas of regrouping they have used in base 10 apply to mixed numbers. For science, students will begin to explore Earth science concepts. They will learn about the interactions between the spheres of the Earth, the water cycle, and how Earth changes over time.

In reading, students will continue to read, analyze, and evaluate characters in realistic fiction texts. We will be cycling through the reading skills of making inferences, comparing and contrasting characters actions and words, analyzing plot structure, and summarizing text. Students are expected to annotate texts as we read to record their thinking and questions about the stories. We will continue to build our vocabulary with new terms and practice spelling patterns with new word lists. Finally, we will wrap up the month by beginning to explore our first writing workshop task to work through the formal writing process.

For social studies, students will continue to explore the development of European colonies in America. As we discuss these colonies, we will also ask questions about the impacts of decisions made on all people living in the new lands.



## Counselor's Corner

National Career Development Month  
November 3rd-30th 2020

Happy National Career Development Month! It's never too early to begin discussing careers and college with your scholar. Did you know that college preparation begins in Kindergarten? Hobbies lead to career? There are lots of fun activities you can do to celebrate NCDA!

Theme Days  
Examples  
Career Dress Up Day  
Bag of Careers  
Career Read-Aloud  
Poster or Coloring Contest

HIGH BRIDGE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
**Virtual Career Day**

PRESENTERS NEEDED  
MARCH 12, 2021  
8:00AM - 1:00PM

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Alphabet Jobs  
National Education Health Awareness Date  
Career Development Education Month  
Picture Book Month  
World Kindness Day  
National Hunger and Homeless Week  
National Adoption Day  
International Day for Tolerance



### November Guidance Lessons

Personal Educational Plan ( 4th & 1st Grade Only) Caring for Others Communication, Explaining Feelings & Attendance Is A Long Word

#### Important Dates

#### To Remember:

**November 19**

**1st Quarter Report Cards Released In School Max (No Paper Copies)**



**November 25-27 Thanksgiving Break**