

Wyland Elementary School
Parent Teacher Organization
Family Handbook



2020-2021

Welcome to Wyland Elementary School!

We have compiled this booklet as a special introduction into “Wylandese.” It is our hope that the information contained in this booklet will answer most of the questions you may have as you progress through the year.

We know that starting at a new school in a new community can be an overwhelming time. It may seem like there are so many things that everyone else knows, but you have no idea what they are talking about! You may hear people mentioning the Talbot Tailgate or Wymart, for example, and think they are speaking a different language!

We have included information that is important for you to know or that may be of interest to you. Since there is so much happening at Wyland, within Hampton Township School District (HTSD), and within the Hampton community, it would be impossible for us to include everything. Therefore, we encourage you to also refer to the Wyland Student Directory (available to families in late September/early October), the student handbook, the HTSD calendar and website (www.ht-sd.org), and the Hampton Township community publications and website (www.hampton-pa.gov) for more comprehensive and detailed information - just find a friendly face and ask! Our Wyland families are a warm and welcoming group and will gladly answer your questions for you.

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We hope you find this booklet helpful. We feel our school and our community are very special and we are proud to have you as part of our Wyland family!

- Your Wyland Parent Teacher Organization

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About Wyland's Parent Teacher Organization (PTO)

Success in education is a cooperative effort. Helping students reach their full potential is the goal of every parent and teacher, and requires a commitment from the home as well as the school. The Wyland Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) and the Wyland staff strive to achieve this goal in many ways.

Since the founding of Wyland's PTO, its mission has been to promote the well-being of Wyland students and their families. The PTO enhances the students' educational experience by offering unique and innovative programs and opportunities. It supports the school's administration and faculty, and presents a variety of family-oriented activities. This is accomplished through voluntary financial donations as well as parent involvement, including volunteering to support many special programs throughout the year. The PTO helps finance many activities at the school all year long, including field trips, assemblies, classroom enhancements, and classroom equipment.

Volunteer Opportunities

Wyland's PTO is **your** parent-teacher organization. **Every** parent with a child at Wyland is a member. We encourage you to become actively involved in the PTO, as it is another opportunity for you to become familiar with the school and its policies, and your involvement will give you a chance to meet other parents and interact with the staff.

There are a number of opportunities available that require a variety of abilities and talents. Some are needed for activities in the building during regular school hours, but others take place after school or can be completed at home. Each job is a unique time commitment. Many are for a one-time event, but others continue throughout the school year. Clearances are required for in-classroom volunteering opportunities.

PTO Meetings

Throughout the year, you will be notified about various PTO events and programs (to which you can volunteer to help), and asked to give your input as to what you would like to see happening in the PTO. The best way to learn about these opportunities and give your input is to attend the PTO meetings. Our meetings are usually held monthly in the Multi-Purpose Room or school library, with varying days and times to accommodate our families' different schedules. Please check out *The Week @ Wyland* online flyer for the scheduled dates.

Communication

The PTO is committed to keeping parents informed of activities and events happening at Wyland, as well as relaying important information from the school. The following table outlines several methods of communication:

Communication Tool	Location
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School Calendar	Summer 2020 Mailed Home
The Week @ Wyland	http://www.ht-sd.org/page.cfm?p=5557
District Website	http://www.ht-sd.org
PTO Email/Newsletter	wyland.pto@gmail.com
Student Take-Home Folders	Backpacks
Infinite Campus (Student Management System)	Parent Portal: "Quick Link" on District Website (www.ht-sd.org) OR https://htsd.infinitecampus.org/campus/portal/hampton_township.jsp
Wyland Facebook Account	Search for Laurie Tocci (laurie.tocci.3)

Twitter	@WylandElementa1
Wyland PTO Facebook page	To protect the privacy of Wyland families, the Wyland PTO Facebook page is private, but any Wyland guardian is invited to join. Contact the Wyland PTO to learn how.

If you have questions or need to contact the PTO, you can send an e-mail to **wyland.pto@gmail.com** or contact one of the Executive Board members below:

2020 – 2021 PTO Executive Board Officers

*President – Kelly Wyland
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*Co-President – Melinda Barbiaux
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Wyland General Information

Wyland Elementary School

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Regular School Hours

Grades 1 – 5: 8:40 am – 3:15 pm (*any student arriving after 8:40 am is considered tardy and must present a written excuse when arriving at school*)

AM Kindergarten: 8:40 am – 11:10 am

PM Kindergarten: 12:35 pm – 3:15 pm

Early Dismissal Hours

Once a month, all Hampton elementary school students are dismissed early. **This early dismissal time applies only to elementary students.**

On these days, grades 1-5 are dismissed at 1:30 pm. This time change affects the Kindergarten class schedule as follows:

- AM Kindergarten reports from 8:30 am – 10:30 am
- PM Kindergarten reports from 11:30 am – 1:30 pm

The 1:30 PM early dismissal days for 2020 – 2021 are as follows:

- September 16, 2020 (Wednesday)
- October 7, 2020 (Wednesday)
- November 25, 2020 (Wednesday)
- December 22, 2020 (Tuesday)
- January 15, 2021 (Friday)
- February 11, 2021 (Thursday)
- March 11, 2021 (Thursday)
- March 31, 2021 (Wednesday)
- May 14, 2021 (Friday)

*These dates are subject to change based upon the current instructional model being used in the District (i.e. Hybrid, Face to Face)

Two-Hour Delay Schedule

HTSD is committed to the safety and well-being of its students, and occasionally it is necessary to delay the start of classes due to poor weather conditions. When a 2-hour delay is necessary, the class schedule is as follows:

- Grades 1-5: 10:30 am – 3:15 pm
- AM Kindergarten: 10:30 am – 12:25 pm
- PM Kindergarten: 1:15 pm – 3:15 pm

If it is necessary to schedule a 2-hour delay on an early dismissal day, the early dismissal will be canceled and elementary students will be dismissed at their regular time. The first such cancellation of the early dismissal will not be rescheduled; however subsequent cancellations of early dismissal will be rescheduled.


School Cancellations and Delays

In the event of bad weather, families will be notified of school cancellations and delays through an automated system which consists of an automated telephone call delivered to your primary telephone number and an e-mail sent to your preferred e-mail address.

Families can also find school closings and delays on the district website (www.ht-sd.org) as soon as the decision to cancel or delay school has been made. This information is also found on the regular media sites (television and internet sites for KDKA, WTAE, and WPXI).

Morning and Afternoon Bus Room Information:

- Students who are transported by their parents are dropped off by our “Kindergarten Entrance.” Adults will be there to retrieve your children and direct them. Students who arrive before 8:15 AM will go to the multipurpose room.
- Students who arrive after 8:15 AM will go directly to their classrooms.

- It is recommended that students arrive at school by 8:30 AM, as classes begin at 8:40 AM. If students arrive after 8:40 AM they will be considered “tardy.”
- Daily dismissal for students will be at 3:10 PM.
- Buses depart from school beginning at 3:15 PM. The exception is early dismissal at 1:30 PM once per month. 

At the end of the school day, students who are being picked up (and those who walk home) meet their parents at the pick-up area (the right-most entrance at the front of the school, shown in Figure 1 on page 13) to be signed out. All bus riders will either be in their classrooms until their bus is called or will line up in the main hall to board their bus.

Absences / Illness / Medication / Vacations

Please refer to pages 4-5 in the “Handbook for Parents of Elementary School Children” under “Parent Resources” on the Wyland website (www.ht-sd.org, select “Wyland Elementary” on the “Schools” tab, select “Parent Resources” on the left margin, select “Parent Handbook”).

Bringing Your Child to School

If you walk your child to school in the morning, you may bring them to the main entrance of the school. If you will be driving your child to school in the morning, please arrive through the Lawrence Avenue entrance (shown in Figure 1 on page 13). Drive down the hill, circle around the island near the pick-up area, and stop (please do not continue to the driveway in front of the building, since this is reserved for the school buses until 8:30 am). Please do not park your car. Your child should exit the car at this point. Adults will be there to direct your child. Once your child is out of the car, please continue to circle around the island and exit the same way you came in (see Figure 1 on page 13). *Please be alert and yield the right of way to oncoming school buses.*

If you arrive with your child after 8:40 am, you must park your car in one of the “Visitor” parking spaces in front of the school and

accompany your child to the office to sign him or her in.

Afternoon Kindergarten students are to be dropped off to the staff at the front of the building by 12:35 pm.

Change in Dismissal Routine

If there is a day where your child's usual dismissal procedure will be changed, it is necessary to complete an "Official Note to Wyland" form and submit it to the office that morning. These forms can be found on the Wyland website under "Parent Resources" (www.ht-sd.org, select "Wyland Elementary" on the "Schools" tab, select "Parent Resources" on the left margin, select "Official Note to School").

Changes to the usual dismissal routine include:

- Your child needs to be dismissed prior to 3:15 pm.
- Your child will be picked up at school rather than ride the bus home.
- Your child will be going home with a friend who rides a different bus. **
- Your child will be bringing a friend home on the bus with him/her. **
- Your child will be picked up by a different person than usual.
- Your child will be staying for an after-school activity or meeting.

**** Please note: Due to the large number of students assigned to several buses, it may not be possible for the students riding these buses to bring friends home with them on the bus. Please contact the school office to see if this applies to your child prior to finalizing plans.**

Early Dismissal from the Classroom

If your child needs to be dismissed prior to the regular 3:15 pm dismissal time, you must complete an Official Note to Wyland form and submit it to the office that morning (www.ht-sd.org, select “Wyland Elementary” on the “Schools” tab, select “Parent Resources” on the left margin, select “Official Note to School”). When picking up your child, please park in one of the designated parking areas (see Figure 1 on page 13 - please do not block buses or park in the fire lane).

Please report to the office and sign your child out. The building secretary will then call your child to the office to meet you.

Regular 3:15 pm Pick-Up Procedure (and morning Kindergarten pick-up)

Morning Kindergarten students are picked up at the front of the building beginning at 11:10 am. The child’s last name should be displayed in the front windshield of the vehicle so that the staff can quickly match the students with their vehicle.

If you will be picking up your child at the regular 3:15 pm dismissal time, please park in the back of the building in one of the designated parking areas (see Figure 1 on page 13 – please do not block buses or park in the fire lane).

Report to the pick-up area, which is the set of double doors on the opposite end of the school from the main entrance. Locate the clipboard with the list of student names who are being picked up, find your child’s name, and sign your name on the line next to your child’s name. Please wait at the pick-up area until your child is called. The staff member at the door will check that your child has been signed out, then dismiss him/her to you. We strongly encourage the use of the provided bus transportation.

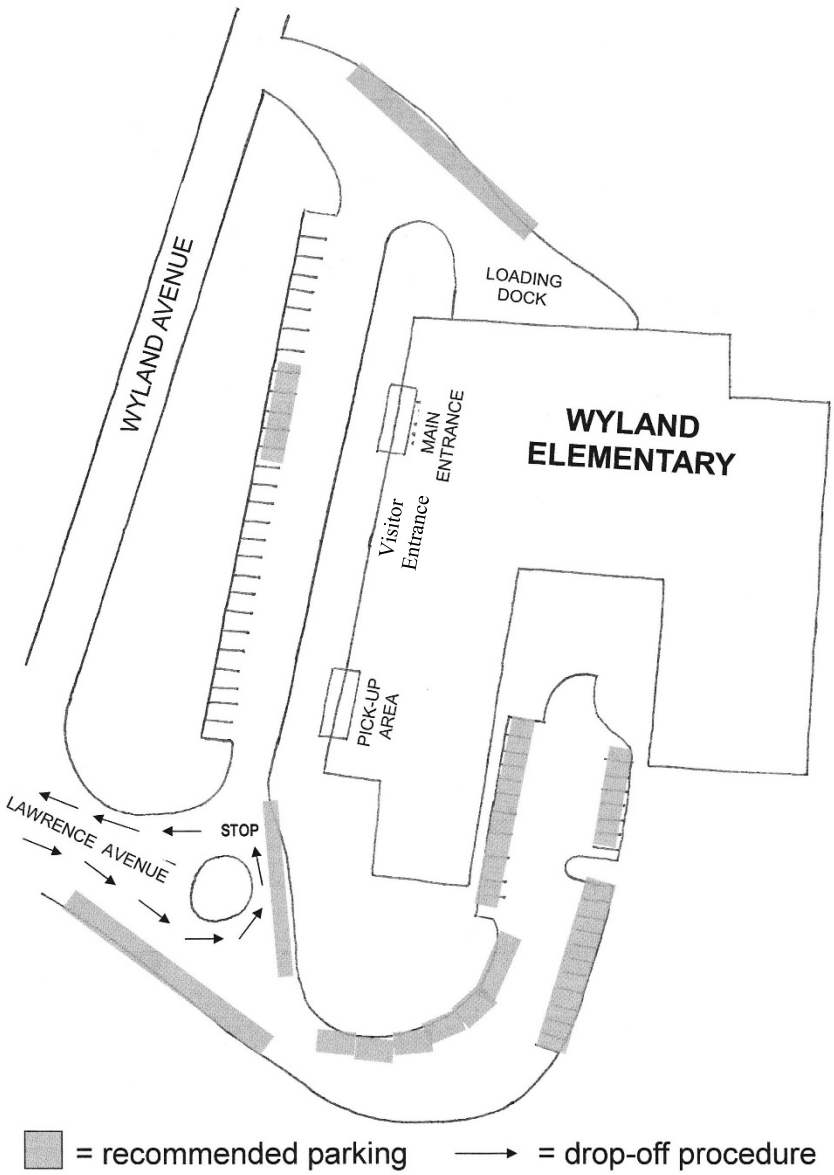
Parking at Wyland Elementary School

Due to the limited amount of paved areas, parking spots are often hard to come by, especially at the end of the school day. Please refer to Figure 1 on page 13 for suggested parking areas. For the safety of our students and to maintain a smooth flow of traffic, please note that parking in the front of the school should be avoided during bus arrivals at the beginning and end of the school day. Please do not block driveways of neighboring homes.

**Please note: During a limited number of special events, there will be an altered parking procedure. At these times, a faculty member will be directing traffic and instruct you where to park.*

***For special events, a shuttle bus may be provided between St. Paul's Methodist Church and Wyland Elementary School.*

Figure 1: Wyland Elementary School Property Map



School Safety and Security

The safety and well-being of the students is a primary concern at Wyland Elementary School. For this reason, the following security precautions have been established:

- All exterior doors are locked at all times, and access to the building is controlled by school personnel.
- Should you need access to the school for any reason, please enter through the Visitor's Entrance (shown in Figure 1). Upon entering the school, you will speak with the building secretary and wait in the vestibule. If you have an appointment or meeting, you will show your driver's license, sign-in at the main desk and obtain a visitor's sticker. This sticker must be worn on your clothing in plain sight for the duration of your visit.
- While in the building, please go directly to the area where you are meeting, and return directly to the office to sign out when your activity is completed. Please DO NOT visit the classrooms or interrupt the teachers unless they are expecting you.

School Bus Safety

Wyland Elementary School expects all of its students who ride a bus or van to school to act in a courteous, respectful, and safe manner, both at the bus stop and on the bus.

- Students should arrive at their bus stop at least five minutes ahead of their scheduled time and wait on the sidewalk or curb, away from the road.
- On the bus, they should cooperate with the bus driver and remain seated for the entire ride.
- Any student who does not obey the safety guidelines established by the bus driver and HTSD will be reported to the principal, and may lose transportation privileges.

For further school bus safety guidelines, please refer to the district calendar or student handbook. Questions regarding school bus transportation should be directed to Diane Balint at 412-492-6316 (balint@ht-sd.org).

If you are driving to school during bus times, please remember that while on Wyland property you are still required to follow Pennsylvania's School Bus Stopping Laws:

- You may not pass a school bus which is loading or unloading students, even if the bus is parked at the curb and you are passing on the left.
- You must always stop for a school bus that has its red signal lights flashing and stop arm extended.
- There must be a distance of at least 10 feet between you and all sides of the school bus. This means you may not pull out of a parking space in front of a bus if it is loading or unloading students or if its lights are flashing.
- Failure to observe these rules will require school personnel to contact the Hampton Township Police and can result in a 60-day suspension of your driver's license, 5 points added on your driving record, and a \$250 fine.

Special Education / Gifted and High-End Learners Services

Every student at Wyland is a unique individual and therefore has a unique learning style. Hampton Township School District strives to meet every student's academic and emotional abilities and needs through a variety of interventions. For those students that require remedial or alternate instruction, there are several learning support services available. These services may consist of inclusion with supplementary support, co-teaching, pull-out support for math and language arts, or a combination of all three. Support services may be administered in a one-to-one or small-group setting. Students who may benefit from special education services can be identified through testing administered by the District or by private consultation. For more information about Wyland's special education services, please go to the school's website.

Hampton Township School District also promotes enrichment or accelerated instruction for those students who have shown an interest, motivation, and strength in a particular area. Wyland provides a variety of enrichment opportunities through

differentiated instruction and extension activities offered in the regular classroom setting, specialized pull-out classes, or a combination of the two. A student may be identified as a high-end learner through testing administered by the District or by private consultation. For more information about the Enrichment program, please go to the school's website.

School Counseling Services

Hampton Township School District understands that a child's comfort and security is dependent on a number of personal and social factors, both in school and at home. Therefore, every Hampton school provides a number of programs and services designed to address a student's emotional, social, and psychological well-being. These programs are offered through each school's counseling department. At the elementary level, topics addressed may include bullying, friendship, grief and loss, body image, and many other areas of concern to students and families. Topics may be discussed in a classroom or small group setting, or can be addressed through one-on-one interventions. For additional information, please visit the elementary school counseling department's homepage.

Food Service Account Information

Many children prefer to purchase their breakfast and/or lunch at school. In the Hampton elementary schools, the cost of a full-price breakfast is \$1.25, and a full-price lunch is \$2.40. Extra food items and beverages can be purchased at an additional cost.

Often students have a hard time remembering to bring their meal money with them each day. To make the process easier, parents have the option to "pre-pay" for their children's food purchases:

- Every Wyland student is provided with a 6-digit ID code that can be used to access their cafeteria account. Parents can deposit any amount of money into this account. Checks should be made payable to "HTSD Cafeteria Account."

- Each time students make a cafeteria purchase, they enter their ID code and the cost of the purchase is automatically deducted from their account.
- Parents can also monitor the account by visiting Wyland's homepage and clicking on the "Cafeteria Account Balance" link on the right side of the page. Follow the prompts and enter the correct identification information to have access to your child's current account balance.

HTSD also implemented an online payment system for students' cafeteria accounts through the PayForIt.net program. Through this system you are able to add money to your child's account, set up recurring payments, request e-mail reminders when your child's account is low, and monitor your child's cafeteria purchases. Though there is no charge to sign up for e-mail reminders and to monitor purchases, credit card information is required to register and there is a minimal charge to make an account deposit. For more information, please visit the District website Basic Cafeteria Account.

Questions regarding your child's cafeteria account or Wyland's food services should be directed to Mindy Baginski, Food Service Manager, at 412-492-6390 (metzfoodservice@ht-sd.org).

Parent / Teacher Conferences

Parent/teacher conferences are a way for parents to meet one-on-one with their child's teacher to discuss progress and concerns. Conferences for all grades are held in early November.

Kindergarten classes have an additional parent/teacher conference in late May. Though grades 1-5 do not have a formal conference time after the Fall, parents are always welcome to contact their child's teacher at any time to arrange a meeting to discuss any concerns they may have.

Report Cards

Report cards are issued at the end of each nine-week period. The first report card will be given to the parents during the scheduled parent/teacher conference. The remaining three report cards will be sent home with the students on the dates designated in the district calendar.

For the first, second, and third grading periods parents may keep the grade sheet but should sign and return the envelope to school. For the fourth grading period, parents may keep the envelope and the grade sheet. Kindergarten and First Grade students are given their first report card at the end of the second nine-week period.

Destiny Library Manager

One of the unique features of the HTSD website is the ability to access the library collection at Wyland or any other Hampton school from your home computer. The Destiny Library Manager system (<http://htsdse.htsd.k12.pa.us:800/>) allows parents and students to log into the library's database, search for books of interest and appropriate to their reading level, and determine whether the books are available to be checked out. It contains a link to the Destiny Quest program, which lists the library's newest books and enables students and parents to print a list of books that may interest them. There is also a link to the Webpath Express program, which is a search engine that can direct you to age-appropriate websites about a specific topic.

Lost and Found

With students responsible for many items that need to be brought back and forth between home and school, it is inevitable that some things may get misplaced. Lost items are usually kept in one of two places: coats, hats, gloves, and other clothing items are kept in boxes in the Multi-Purpose Room, and smaller items such as glasses, jewelry, etc. can be found in the main office.

Personal Gaming Device Restriction

It is Wyland policy to restrict all hand-held gaming devices. These devices are not permitted to be brought to or used at Wyland. This restriction applies (but is not limited) to any handheld gaming system or device including Apple and android devices. Many of these devices possess the capability to take pictures, and using them for picture taking is against school policy. To ensure the safety and privacy of our students, any gaming system brought to school will be confiscated and held in the school office for parent pick up. Please respect this restriction and remind your child to leave these devices at home.

Cell Phones/Smart Watches

Many parents choose to have their children carry cell phones or wear smart watches. During school, both must be turned off and kept in backpacks.

Key Communicator

Each school within the HTSD has a designated parent representative who acts as a Key Communicator for that school. The Key Communicators meet regularly with the Superintendent to discuss important issues affecting the school community, as well as address school-related parental concerns. This information is then reported back to the parents of each school, and notes from the meeting can be found on the school's website. Wyland's Key Communicators for the 2020-2021 school year are:

- Jennifer Retsch: (412-715-5326) jenretsch3@gmail.com
- Michelle Solkovy (412-605-7291)
michelle.solkovy@gmail.com
- Colleen Turcsanyi: (412-486-5483) cturcsanyi@gmail.com

Please contact them if you have a question or concern you would like to have addressed by the Superintendent.

Wyland Events, Activities, and Programs

(programs are listed in alphabetical order)

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Adopt-a-Family

During the holiday season, Wyland families are asked to donate gifts and gift cards for those families within our Wyland community who may be experiencing difficult financial times and may not have the resources to purchase gifts themselves. The identity of these families is kept strictly confidential, and only a handful of Wyland staff members know who is requesting help. Parent volunteers collect the gift donations in early December and distribute them prior to the holiday break.

After-School Programs

A number of times throughout the year, students will have the opportunity to participate in several after-school programs covering a variety of interests. Programs may range from athletics to art to science to theater. There is usually a fee to participate. These activities will be noted in “The Week @ Wyland” or “PTO Flyers” sections of the school’s website as they occur throughout the year.

Band and Chorus

Wyland’s music department offers a wide range of advanced music instruction. During the spring of third grade, students are introduced to the variety of band and orchestra instruments they can select for special instruction starting in fourth grade. At the beginning of the school year, interested fourth and fifth grade students are also encouraged to consider joining the chorus. There are two concert “seasons” during the year, with a concert typically in December and another in May. The dates and times for

each performance are listed in the District calendar.

Book Fairs

Students have an opportunity to order books from the Scholastic Book company through sales flyers sent home throughout the year. Purchases through these flyers provide the teachers with credit to obtain books for their classroom. In addition, there are Book Fairs twice a year (once in the fall and again in the spring), where a large selection of books are brought to the school. At both Book Fairs, students can shop the fair, purchase books, and take them home that day. These Book Fairs benefit the PTO and the school library. During the Book Fairs, students are assigned a time to shop with their class, and there is also a designated evening where parents can shop with their children if they prefer.

Special Breakfasts

The PTO sponsors three breakfast events during the school year. A breakfast event in September honors grandparents, where the children are able to invite their grandparents (or other special guest) to share breakfast with them before school. An October breakfast event celebrates the male role models in our students' lives. A Spring breakfast event celebrates the female role models. The Families will attend according to their last name. A nominal fee will be charged for these breakfasts. Be sure to look for the flyers in "The Week @ Wyland" and in student backpacks to sign up to attend!

Field Days

Every year in late May or early June, Wyland students participate in this outdoor, fun-filled, friendly competition special event. The students are usually divided into two groups, with the kindergarten, first and second grades participating in games and activities appropriate to their physical abilities, and the third,

fourth, and fifth grades competing against each other as they rotate through a variety of challenging game stations. During the activity times, those grades not participating in the events are the spectators and cheer for the students competing. Parents are welcome and encouraged to attend as spectators and can also volunteer to distribute water, hand out frozen treats, and clean up after the event.

Field Trips

Getting out of the classroom and into the community is often a valuable learning resource to supplement the curriculum. Throughout the school year each grade participates in field trips that are chosen to complement specific classroom lessons. To help alleviate some of the costs associated with the field trips, the PTO budget covers a portion of the expenses for every Wyland student. However, due to rising transportation and admission costs, it is often necessary for the families to pay the remainder of the expenses associated with field trips. Permission slips will be sent home, usually one to two weeks in advance, detailing field trip location, cost, and lunch arrangements. Occasionally, parents may be asked to help chaperone the field trip.

Fifth Grade Fun Day / Celebration

The fifth-grade year is a treasured time for our students, as it is their last year at Wyland before moving on to the Middle School. As a special celebration of their time at Wyland, fifth grade students are treated to several activities and events that are uniquely their own. These activities may include a fun-filled field trip, an outdoor picnic on Wyland's playground, or perhaps an evening year-end celebration! These events usually occur during one of the last days of the school year, and there is minimal-to-no cost.

Grade Level Performances

Our Wyland students love to show off for their parents, and during

the year our younger grades have the opportunity to strut their stuff on stage. The Kindergarten classes perform a special “Thanksgiving Puppet Show” for their families the last day of class before the Thanksgiving break. First grade students take to the woods for the annual “Bugz” play held in the spring. (Performance content and dates are subject to change). These shows are performed for the entire school during a special assembly, and there is a separate performance time just for parents and loved ones. Due to the limited space in the Multi-Purpose Room, families may be asked to limit their number of guests.

Hampton Alliance for Educational Excellence (HAEE)

The HAEE is a volunteer non-profit organization (independent of the school district), consisting of Hampton parents, faculty, and administrators, that provides monetary grants to support and promote innovative educational experiences. The HAEE provides enhancement programs that generally do not get funded in the school budget, such as dynamic teaching tools, creative projects, and one-of-a-kind speakers. HAEE grants are available to any Hampton teacher, administrator, or parent group who has a unique idea that will benefit our students. For more information about HAEE’s grant application process, please refer to the school district’s website. The HAEE’s main fundraiser is a 5K Run/Walk each fall.

Halloween Parade

Each October, just prior to the classroom parties, Wyland students show off their costumes in the annual Halloween parade. Weather permitting, the students parade around the track in the back of the building, then cross the street (with a police escort) to walk through Elmcroft Senior Living Community. They return to school following the same path. Parents and siblings are welcome to watch the parade but are not permitted inside the school building before, during, or after the parade. Morning Kindergarten students have their own parade that morning, and march through the classrooms inside the building.

Holiday Parties

Three times during the year, special parties take place in the classrooms to celebrate the holidays. The parties usually take place at the end of the day on the school day closest to the Halloween, Winter, and Valentine's Day holidays. Parents are invited to volunteer to help plan and run the holiday parties. If parents are unable to help in the classroom the day of the party, they can assist by donating needed party supplies. At the start of each school year, forms are sent home where parents can indicate their party preference. Parents will be notified of their party assignment in late September. Non-food treats are strongly encouraged.

Holiday Secret Shop

Children love to shop for holiday gifts for their loved ones. Every year in early December, the Multi-Purpose Room is transformed into a festive store where students can purchase gifts for those special people in their lives by selecting from a variety of merchandise at a minimal cost (usually \$1 - \$10 per item). Each class will be assigned its own time to shop. Parent volunteers are needed to help students make their gift selections and also to help with wrapping presents.

Homeroom Coordinator

Each classroom needs one parent volunteer who acts as the Homeroom Coordinator. This person is responsible for coordinating and overseeing all holiday party planning and acts as a liaison between the parents and the teachers. Parents may indicate their interest in becoming a homeroom coordinator when completing the holiday party volunteer form at the beginning of the year.

Jump Rope for Heart

Jump Rope for Heart is a national event which raises money for the American Heart Association through family donations. During gym class, usually in late January, students participate in a variety of age-appropriate jump rope and cardio-building activities as well as instruction on how to stay “heart-healthy.”

Junior Achievement Day

For a number of years, Wyland has maintained a partnership with Junior Achievement. Wyland parent volunteers act as the classroom instructors on the designated JA day (usually in the Spring). Students participate in lessons and hands-on activities specifically geared toward each grade level’s abilities. Some of the topics covered include spending versus saving; how businesses contribute to a community; and the difference between human, natural, and capital resources. Junior Achievement not only teaches students about the value of money, but more importantly it teaches them the value of contributing to their communities.

Kennywood Tickets

HTSD holds its annual picnic at the Kennywood amusement park each June, usually during the first or second week of summer vacation. To help alleviate some of the cost, Wyland families may purchase discounted Kennywood tickets through the school (typically on a designated day in May). There is no limit to the number of tickets that can be purchased, but they must be purchased in person, and payment must be made by cash or money order. The school tickets are usually valid every operating day in May, June, and September, and on select days in July and August.

Kindergarten Carnival

Our youngest students have a special event all their own! The Kindergarten Carnival brings all of the Kindergarteners together for a day filled with special games, activities, and snacks. Parent volunteers plan and run the carnival, so the specific events vary

from year to year. The carnival is usually held on one of the last days of school in June (often immediately following Kindergarten graduation), and parents and siblings are welcome to come and watch the fun!

Ladies' Night Out

The Wyland PTO organizes a special night for Wyland women and friends to gather. The event generally takes place in April/May and is a great opportunity for socializing with other moms. Local Hampton vendors are also on hand with crafts and specialty items for sale. Ticket proceeds are used for PTO fundraising efforts.

Let's Get Acquainted Nights

The start of the school year brings many questions for parents, and the purpose of the Let's Get Acquainted Nights is to answer these questions. Scheduled early in the year, *Let's Get Acquainted* is designed to allow the parents to meet the teachers, learn about the curriculum for the year, and review the day-to-day classroom schedule. The teachers usually give their formal presentations at the start of the evening, with a brief time allotted afterward for questions.

Mingle in the Middle

Advancing into the Middle School can be perceived as a daunting experience for many students. HTSD tries to ease the anxiety of those students. Each spring, all Hampton fifth grade students are invited to a very special evening of socializing at the "Mingle in the Middle", held at Hampton Middle School. The goal of this special event is to provide an informal setting where the students are encouraged to interact with their peers from the other elementary schools and begin to form friendships that will carry over into their middle school years. The Mingle in the Middle is scheduled for late April. Please check the calendar for an exact date.

North Hills Community Outreach Donations

Wyland Elementary School is proud to partner with the North Hills Community Outreach (NHCO), a local non-profit organization that addresses the needs of people in crisis, hardship, or poverty. One of the services offered by the NHCO is a local food pantry. Several times throughout the year, the PTO challenges the students to donate food items, cleaning supplies, and personal hygiene items to the NHCO. The grade that collects the most items receives a special prize. Challenge dates and information will be announced in the weekly PTO e-mail, and donations should be placed in the marked bins located in the vestibule between the main doors.

Open House

The Open House evenings are a special time when your children invite you into their classroom to meet their teacher, see the work they have been doing, and admire the projects they have posted around the classroom. Unlike the Let's Get Acquainted Nights, children are encouraged to attend with their parents and siblings and show them around the school. This is a casual evening, and you are welcome to visit at your convenience during the scheduled time. Following your visit to the classroom, stop by the Multi-Purpose room for refreshments and to visit with friends. Wyland's Open Houses will be held in October on two different dates (grades K, 1, and 2) and (grades 3, 4 and 5). Please check the calendar for the exact date.

Pasta Dinner / Basket Auction

During those cold winter months, nothing's better than a hot plate of spaghetti! One night each year, the PTO sponsors the Pasta Dinner and Basket Auction. The evening is an opportunity for Wyland families to relax and visit with each other while enjoying a delicious meal and taking a chance on winning some fabulous prizes. This event benefits the PTO and the fifth grade class and is consistently one of the year's biggest fundraisers.

Primary Science Day

Though Wyland's fourth and fifth grade students have their own science-based competition each spring (Science Olympiad), students in grades K-3 have a special science day of their own. During the Primary Science Day, these younger students participate in a variety of hands-on experiments and assemblies. In the past, the day has been run by members of the Carnegie Science Center staff and Hampton High School volunteers. Previous Primary Science Day topics have included climate and weather, environmental issues, and the nature of color and light.

Read Across America

Read Across America is a nation-wide event sponsored by the National Education Association. It focuses on the importance of motivating children to read, in addition to helping them master other basic skills. Each year the reading celebration takes place on or near March 2nd, and students participate in a variety of activities focused on reading.

Recycle-Rama

Though HTSD encourages "thinking green" all-year round, each spring it sponsors a special recycling event. Held at the High School on a Saturday in the spring, Recycle-Rama encourages residents to bring a variety of items to be recycled, including computers, construction materials, appliances, and scrap metal. Clothing, coats, and household items are also collected and donated to charity. The event also offers booths with local vendors and environmentally-friendly businesses that can help you learn more about what your family can do to go green.

Red Ribbon Week

Red Ribbon Week is a national campaign to help teach students about the dangers of alcohol, tobacco, and drugs. It is organized

by the Counseling Department and usually occurs the last week of October. There is a different theme for each day of Red Ribbon Week, such as Crazy Sock Day or Stuffed Animal Day, and students are encouraged to dress for the selected theme each day (specific daily themes will be circulated closer to the date).

Safety Patrol

During each grading period, a group of fifth grade students are chosen to act as school Safety Patrols. These responsible students are stationed around the school at the beginning and end of the school day to help keep our Wyland students safe in the hallways, in the bus rooms, and on the buses.

School Community Council

Wyland's School Community Council (SCC) is comprised of parent volunteers, teachers, and Dr. Tocci. The purpose of the SCC is to provide an opportunity for the school and the parents to work together to provide enriching activities for our children. Each year, these activities center around a specific theme chosen by the council. Past themes have included family health and fitness, cultural awareness, career exploration, and bullying prevention.

School Directory

At the beginning of the school year, parents will be asked to provide contact information to create a school-wide directory. The directory contains important school listings and student contact information. The directory is provided free of charge by the PTO, thanks in part to contributions from local businesses who pay for advertising space on pages at the end of the directory.

School Supplies

The PTO gives parents the opportunity to pre-order the required school supplies for the upcoming school year at a reduced cost. Information is normally provided by mid-June. Check the Wyland website.

Science Olympiad

Each spring, Wyland fourth and fifth graders put their science lessons into action during the Science Olympiad. Working together in teams, students apply the knowledge they have accumulated throughout the year to meet a variety of challenges. The Olympiad is the culmination of the science curriculum, and its goal is to promote the understanding of scientific concepts through problem solving strategies while encouraging teamwork and cooperation.

Summer Reading Program

Just because classes aren't in session over the summer doesn't mean reading has to stop. The PTO is proud to sponsor a program that encourages reading all year round. Students are encouraged to continue reading during the summer months and complete a tally sheet that tracks the books they read. In the fall, students turn in their reading records in exchange for chances to win great prizes!

Talbot Tailgate

Each fall, Hampton's annual Talbot Tailgate is held the evening of the Homecoming football game in the hours just before the start of the game. The Tailgate is a community event that consists of club-sponsored booths offering a variety of food and games for people of all ages. It is held in or near the Middle School, and admission is free. Parking is also free and is available at the Middle School, or you can park at the High School and ride the shuttle bus to and

from the event

Talent Show

The talents of our Wyland students are endless! Each year students have the opportunity to take the stage in the annual Talent Show. There are no “try-outs” - any age-appropriate act that wants to be part of the show is welcome. The show is typically held for parents during an evening in the Spring.

Teacher Appreciation Luncheon

Each spring, our Wyland families will show their appreciation for our wonderful teachers and staff by offering a special luncheon for them during school hours. Organized by PTO volunteers, families may be asked to donate food items, paper products, or other necessities for the luncheon.

Teachers of Tomorrow (TOTs)

Each year, fifth grade volunteers get an introduction into the world of teaching by acting as a Teacher of Tomorrow. These TOTs are paired with a classroom or special subject teacher, and work at the beginning or end of the school day to help prepare the classrooms, organize supplies, and assist the younger students.

Wyland Wear

Parents and students who want to buy clothing sporting the Hampton logo are encouraged to purchase their gear (t-shirts, sweats, jackets, hats, etc.) through the PTO. Sales usually occur in mid-September, and the items are delivered in mid-October. A display table is set up at Let's Get Acquainted Night, and a flyer and order form are sent home shortly after.

Wymart

Most Fridays during student lunch hours, Wymart (Wyland's school store) is open for business. Students have an opportunity to purchase school supplies and other novelty items for a minimal price (usually 25¢ to \$5). Parent volunteers staff the store and assist students with their purchases.

Yearbook

Throughout the school year, parent volunteers work to compile a yearbook that students may purchase as a special keepsake. Yearbook orders are taken in the fall, and the book is distributed to students the last week of school in June.

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Mrs. Joy Midgley
Mr. Matt Jarrell
Mr. Larry Vasko
Mr. Greg Stein
Ms. Trisha Webb

School Board Meetings:

- There are three school board meetings held every month during the school year (two work sessions and one voting meeting). All of these meetings are posted in the district calendar and on the website and are open to the public (www.ht-sd.org).
- Agendas for the work sessions and voting meetings are posted on the district website prior to the meetings.
- The public is welcome to address the Board with their concerns, but are asked to be concise in their comments.
- On occasion, it may be necessary for the Board to conduct an Executive Session to discuss sensitive issues. These meetings are not open to the public.
- Board notes and reports of the action taken at the voting meetings are posted on the district website, usually within 24 hours of the meeting.
- Once approved by the Board, the official Board Minutes are posted on the district website.

Hampton Township Community Information

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(412) 486-0400
www.hampton-pa.org

Police and Fire Departments (non-emergency): 412-486-3201

Wage Tax Office: 412-486-0400 ext. 364

Municipal Water Authority: 412-486-4867

Hampton Community Park

Hampton Community Park is beautifully maintained for the enjoyment of Hampton residents and their guests. It consists of 195 acres and includes everything from picnic pavilions to playgrounds to recreational facilities; tennis, street hockey, and basketball courts; baseball and soccer fields; hiking trails; and the outdoor swimming pool complex. It is located on McCully Road and also includes the Hampton Community Center as well as Hampton High School and Hampton Middle School on its grounds. For more information about the park's facilities and rental information, please visit the township website (www.hampton-pa.org/dcs_park.asp).

Hampton Community Center

Hampton Department of Community Services (DCS): 412-487-7870
Website: www.hampton-pa.org/dcs_center.asp
Office Hours: Monday – Friday, 8:30 am – 5:00 pm

Hampton Township is proud of its state-of-the art Community Center. Yearly resident membership to the Community Center is \$32 for adults and \$19 for youth ages 10 – 17. Children 9 and under are free. (Guest passes can be purchased for \$6 per day.) The hours of operation vary depending on the season, so please visit the township website for Community Center hours.

The Community Center consists of a multi-purpose gymnasium, indoor walking and jogging track, dance and aerobics studio, youth lounge, adult lounge, gathering area, and toddler play area. Also contained within the Community Center is a fitness area consisting of twenty-nine pieces of equipment. Membership to the fitness area requires a fee separate from the Community Center membership (please visit the township website for specific amounts and times of operation).

A variety of programs for both children and adults are offered through the Department of Community Services (DCS) throughout the year, and may include exercise, dance, and sports instruction. Stop by the Community Center, visit the township's website, or

read the quarterly “Hampton Magazine” for more information.

The Community Center offers several areas that are available for rental, including the gymnasium, dance studio, adult lounge, activity rooms, and great rooms. Visit the township’s website for more information.

Hampton Community Library is also located within the Community Center, though it is separate from the Department of Community Services. The library is part of the Carnegie Library system, and offers a variety of programs and events for all ages. For more information and library hours, contact the library at 412-684-1098 or visit www.hamptoncommunitylibrary.org.

Hampton Community Swimming Pools

Hampton operates two swimming pools that are available to residents throughout the year. For pool hours, admission prices, season pass information, and swim lesson schedules, please refer to www.hampton-pa.org/dcs_pool.asp.

Hampton High School Indoor Pool

During the fall, winter, and spring months (while school is in session), the Hampton High School indoor swimming pool offers Family Swim Nights on Monday and Wednesday evenings from 7:30 to 9:00 pm. The cost is \$4.00 for ages 3 and up (children 2 and under are free). Adult only swim is held On Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:00 to 9:00 pm, and is also \$4 per person. Swimming lessons are also held at the indoor pool on Saturdays during the fall and winter sessions. Swim lesson information and schedules can be found on the DCS website.

Summer Swimming at the Outdoor Pool

From Memorial Day until Labor Day, Hampton residents can swim at the outdoor pool located near the Community Center. While school is in session (late May/early June and late August/early September), operating hours are 4:00 – 8:00 pm on weekdays,

and 12:00 – 8:00 pm Saturday and Sunday. Once summer vacation begins, regular pool hours are 12:00 – 8:00 pm Sunday through Saturday.

***Please note: occasionally during the summer, the DCS offers special programs such as swim meets and outdoor movie nights that alter the pool's operating hours. Refer to the DCS website for these events and times.*

Families have the option to purchase a pool pass at the beginning of the season that is good throughout the summer. There are a number of pass options available. Please refer to the DCS website for detailed information.

Summer Swim Lessons

The Department of Community Service also offers a wide range of swim lesson instruction throughout the summer. Class times and prices are posted in the Hampton Magazine or at the Community Center in early spring. Swim lesson registration is usually on the second or third Saturday morning in April. Classes fill up quickly, so plan to arrive EARLY!

Athletic Information

Hampton has a long-standing tradition of athletic excellence, and offers a wide variety of team and individual sports for our elementary-aged children. Many of these programs are offered through the township's Department of Community Services, but others stand alone as their own organization. Below is a list of a number of athletic opportunities for our children. The months in parentheses are the general times for registration, and contact information is provided when possible:

- Junior Football (April)
<http://www.hamptonjuniorfootball.com/site>
- Baseball and Softball (January and June)
www.hamptonathleticassociation.org

- Soccer (January and May)
www.hamptonoccerclub.org/index.html
- Dolphins Swim Team (September and March)
www.hamptondolphins.org
- Hampton Junior Wrestling (October)
<https://www.facebook.com/hamptonjrwrestling/>
- Lacrosse (November)
<https://www.facebook.com/hylaxyouth/>

These sports are offered through the township's Department of Community Services. Visit the Community Center or township's website for more information:

- Basketball (September-October)
- Dodgeball (September and March)
- Street Hockey (January)

Scouting Information

The Hampton community fully supports the philosophy and practices of the Boy and Girl Scouts of America, and hosts several packs and troops in local Hampton facilities and schools. Scouting registration usually occurs in early fall, shortly after the start of school. If you are interested in learning more about scouting and would like to locate a local pack or troop, please visit the websites below:

- Cub Scouts of America: www.joincubscouting.org
- Girl Scouts of Southwestern PA: www.gswpa.org

Local Points of Interest

In addition to a wide variety of recreational places maintained by the school district and the township, Hampton residents are fortunate to have access to several unique and interesting areas located either within the township limits or just over the township line. These places include:

Hartwood Acres

This 629-acre park is considered by many to be the “crown jewel” of the Allegheny County parks system. The park includes a turn-of-the-century Tudor mansion, public gardens, and stable complex (guided tours available daily, minimal fee required); beautiful hiking, mountain biking, cross-country skiing, and riding trails; and an outdoor stage and amphitheater.

Throughout the year, Hartwood Acres plays host to a number of special events, including the Celebration of Lights, a drive-through holiday light display open from mid-November through early January that benefits the Salvation Army’s Project Bundle Up; the Allegheny County Summer Concert Series, a variety of special, free performances offered at the amphitheater every Sunday evening from Memorial Day through Labor Day; and a variety of festivals and special events, including the HAEE’s 5K Run Walk in early October. The concert area entrance is located off Middle Road in Hampton Township (next to Central Elementary School), and the mansion entrance is located off Saxonburg Boulevard in Fox Chapel. For more information about events and activities, please visit www.alleghenycounty.us/parks/hwfac.aspx.

North Park

Also part of the Allegheny County parks system and located just a few minutes from Hampton Township, North Park is a 3,000-acre recreational area that offers many recreational opportunities and resources. In addition to extensive hiking and biking trails and paths, the park has over 100 picnic groves, shelters, and buildings available for rent; several playgrounds; an 18-hole golf course; outdoor swimming pool and ice skating rink; a fishing lake with canoe and kayak rental available at the Boathouse; baseball fields, basketball courts, and tennis courts; Scout cabin; Nature Center and wildfowl reserve; and horse show area. For more information about events, fees, and directions, please visit www.alleghenycounty.us/parks/npfac.aspx.

Beechwood Farms

Located just a few minutes from Hampton Township, Beechwood Farms is the headquarters for the Western Pennsylvania Audubon Society. It is a 134-acre nature preserve owned and maintained by the Western Pennsylvania Conservancy, and includes 5 miles of hiking trails that wind through woodlands and fields and near streams and a pond. For more information and directions, please visit www.aswp.org/beechwood.html.

Depreciation Lands Museum

Anyone with an interest in early American history should make it a point to visit this unique museum. Located just off Route 8 in the heart of Hampton Township, the Depreciation Lands Museum's buildings and wooded grounds transport visitors to an earlier time. Every Sunday afternoon from April through November, costumed demonstrators escort visitors through the church (built in 1837) and cemetery, log house (built in 1803), replica schoolhouse, blacksmith shop, wagon house, and meeting building. Throughout the year, the museum also offers a variety of family-oriented activities and special events. For more information, fees, and directions, please visit <http://depreciationlandsmuseum.org>.

****Please note that the places listed here are just a sampling of the many points of interest and opportunities available in and near the Hampton area. We encourage you to refer to local media (television, radio, and print publications), tourism websites, and your friends and neighbors to learn more about what this region has to offer.*