



POFF PAPERS

August 29, 2024

Curiosity Quests

Team Poff is excited to introduce **Curiosity Quests**. This is a new initiative designed to spark students' natural curiosity and create a love for learning. **Curiosity Quests** are a unique opportunity during which students take charge of their learning by exploring anything they are curious about. At least once each month, students in grades 1-5 will spend an hour delving into topics that spark their interest, guided by a process to help them ask questions, research, and connect with experts. Each quest ends with the student creating something to showcase what they've learned, whether it's a poster, a presentation, or even a physical creation like a knitted blanket, robot, or video game. The goal is to reignite curiosity and wonder in students, making school more engaging and meaningful for them.

Be on the lookout for more information about our quests throughout the year. We may be asking you for your expert help as students identify and explore new topics. We will also share what the students learn and create as the year progresses.

What We Learn in Music

Mrs. Arledge will be sharing what is learned in music by way of a flyer each week. Kindergarten will be featured in the Poff Flyers today. Grades 1-5 will be highlighted in the subsequent weeks to come.

Kind Kid Wednesdays

Every Wednesday is Wear it Wednesday for Team Poff! Students are encouraged to wear their #BeTheKindKid t-shirt or Hampton Blue & Gold every Wednesday.

"In a world where you can be anything, **be kind**"

Poff School/Community Flyers

Click the Poff Flyers link on the Poff Webpage to see the flyers.

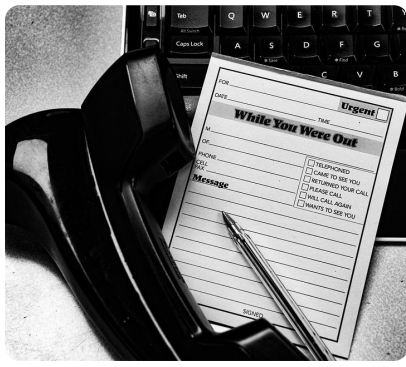
- What We Learn in Music
- Hampton Tailgate
- Hampton Spiritwear
- Talbot Dog Contest
- Hampton Girls Lacrosse
- Hampton Basketball 1st/2nd Grade
- Hampton Basketball Fall Open Gym
- Hampton Ice Hockey
- Metz Culinary Management



Let's Get Acquainted!

Parents/Guardians, please be sure to join us for Let's Get Acquainted. This informational session is designed for adults to hear from your student's teacher about the curriculum and expectations for the year. Be sure not to miss it!

August 29th, 6:00pm - 7:00pm -
Kdg, 1st & 2nd Grade



Student Absences

Daily, on-time attendance is an important part of school success. All students should be on time for homeroom, which begins at 8:45am. This is an important time for organization and preparation for the day. Students who are habitually tardy, arriving after 9:00am (the start of the academic day), disrupt their learning and their classmates' learning. These disruptions can negatively impact academic, social, and emotional development. Per District Policy #204, after ten (10) absences all subsequent absences must be accompanied by a medical note. Please review the [Family Handbook](#) for detailed information about attendance policies and when to keep an ill child at home. **Please call (412) 486-6000 press 2, then press 4, to report student absences for Poff.**

School Meals Payment System

The cafeteria payment website PayForIt.net is now www.PaySchoolsCentral.com. Your PayForIt credentials will be used for the new online payment system. For questions, please contact Sharon Geyer, geyer@ht-sd.org.

Toys From Home

Students are allowed to bring in one or two small toys from home for use during morning bus room. Please remind your child that they are responsible for any damage or loss that may occur, so they may not want to bring their "favorite" toy. When selecting a toy for bus room, please help your child pick something they can play with while at their seat that does not have any noise making capabilities. Thank you for your help with this!

Save the Date!

Mark your calendars with the dates below so you don't miss any of Poff's annual events.

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| August 29th, 6:00pm - Let's Get Acquainted Kdg-2nd | December 20th - Winter Parties |
| March 26th - Open House (1,3,5) | February 13th - Valentine's Parties |
| September 10th - Student Picture Day | March 27th - Open House (K,2,4) |
| September 24th - Class Picture Day | May 9th - Project ACES |
| October 31st - Halloween Parade & Parties | May 15th - Junior Achievement Day |
| November 7th & 8th - Conferences | May 20th - Field Day (Rain Date May 22nd) |
| November 26th - Thankful Luncheon | June 5th - 5th Grade Move Up Ceremony |
| November 27th - Kindergarten Puppet Show | |

POFF PARENT TEACHER ORGANIZATION

A Message From The PTO

We hope your kiddos had a great first week and that you had a chance to meet your children's teachers at Let's Get Acquainted Night. You should have received a form from the PTO to include your family in our Poff Directory and to volunteer for special events, classroom parties, and other PTO activities throughout the year. If you didn't, please complete [this online form](#). Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns by emailing the secretaries at secretaries.poffpto@gmail.com.

Thanks to everyone who made it to last Friday's Back-to-School Bash! If you missed the spirit wear sale during all the festivities, [here's the link to order](#). For more information, check out the flyer in the Poff Flyers.

Although school just started, we're already planning for the Talbot Tailgate, a fun festival hosted at the middle school right before the homecoming game on Friday, September 27. Each year, Central Elementary PTO sponsors a contest where YOUR DOG can be the honorary Talbot for the game! For more information on how to enter, check out the Poff Flyers. Voting will take place the week of the game during recess.

Christina Carlin
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