



# POFF PAPERS

March 20, 2025

## Open House



Join us next week for Open House! Students and families are invited to visit classrooms and see what we have been learning this year. Open House will be held on the following days from 6:00 - 7:30 pm. Stop in and see what we're up to!

**March 26 - 1st, 3rd and 5th Grade**

**March 27 - Kdg, 2nd and 4th Grade**

### Poff School/Community Flyers

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

- PSSA Testing
- Kindergarten Registration
- YMCA KWrap
- Poff Playground Fundraiser
- PTO Pizza Fundraiser
- PTO Betsy Ann Fundraiser
- PTO Poff Yearbook
- HYLAX Drop In Practice
- Hampton Spring Soccer
- Hampton Girls & Boys Lacrosse
- HBA - 1st & 2nd Grade Basketball
- Hampton Wrestling
- Metz Hiring

## Health Office Reminders



We continue to see cases of the flu, please see the guidance below.

**Flu** is a contagious respiratory illness caused by the influenza virus, which can cause mild to severe illness. Most experts believe it is mainly spread by droplets when people sneeze, cough or talk.

**Symptoms** : fever/chills, cough, sore throat, runny nose, muscle aches, headache, fatigue, vomiting and diarrhea (more common in children)

**Flu Recovery:** Get plenty of rest, drink a lot of fluids, take fever reducing medications. Children should avoid aspirin unless prescribed by a physician.

### **Prevention- Encourage your child to:**

- Wash their hands frequently or use alcohol based hand sanitizer
- Avoid touching their eyes, nose or mouth
- Cough and sneeze into their elbow and use a tissue
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick

The nurse's office is accepting donations of gently worn elastic waist pants. All sizes are acceptable.

### **Please keep in mind the following guidance when sending your child to school:**

- Fever- Student must be fever free for 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medication. A fever is considered a temperature of 100.4 or above.
- Vomiting/Diarrhea - Student should stay home for 24 hours from the last time they vomit or have diarrhea.

## Author Visit

April Hartmann, a local author and illustrator, will visit Hampton in early April 2025. This will be a special visit for Kindergarten through Grade 3. Ms. Hartmann will present her new children's book, "The Dream Keepers" along with an interactive art demo. A special thank you to the Poff PTO for funding this exceptional opportunity for the students.



## PSSA Testing

Students in grades 3-5 will participate in PSSA testing according to the schedule below. Most test sessions will run from about 9am - 11am. No educational trips will be approved for students in testing grades during this time. Please do your best to avoid late arrivals and absences on the dates below. Further information about PSSAs can be found in Poff Flyers.

*Because the PSSA assessments will be taken online this year, families are asked to remind students to **charge their laptops** each evening so they are prepared for the assessment the next day.*

**April 28-30-English Language Arts, Grades 3-5**

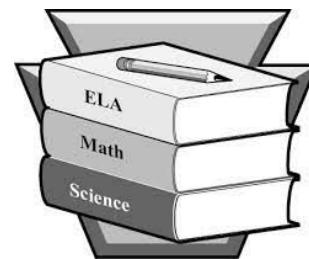
**May 2 - Math - Grade 5**

**May 5 - Math - Grades 3-5**

**May 6 - Math - Grades 3 & 4**

**May 6 - Science - Grade 5**

**May 7 - Science - Grade 5**



## Junior Achievement

Poff's annual Junior Achievement (JA) Day is Thursday, May 15th. We will need two volunteers per classroom for this day to be a success. Volunteers will be provided with all the necessary materials to teach the JA lessons. Visit the [JA website](#) for more information. More details to come! Please email Mrs. Giarrusso with questions or to volunteer at [ellen.giarrusso@ht-sd.org](mailto:ellen.giarrusso@ht-sd.org).



## Congratulations, Odyssey of the Mind Finalists!

Congratulations to several Poff students who competed in the Odyssey of the Mind Western PA Tournament.

The Poff team including Nick F., Martyna K., Audrey M, Paisley P, Cameron R. and Athena S. placed 7th in their age group (grades 3-5)

The Poff team including Savannah G., Maria L. and Lila S. placed 5th in their age group (grades 3-5).

The Wyland Team including Poff student Thomas M. placed 4th in their age group (grades 3-5) and is advancing to the PA State Finals!

The Central Team including Poff student Frances F. placed 2nd in their age group (grades 3-5) and is advancing to the PA State Finals!

# POFF PARENT TEACHER ORGANIZATION

## PTO Announcements

**Fifth Grade Parents:** We need your help! We'd like to continue the fun tradition of including a baby picture for each of the fifth grade students. Please send your child's baby picture to [yearbook.poffpto@gmail.com](mailto:yearbook.poffpto@gmail.com) ASAP. Thank you!!

**Yearbook:** There's only a few weeks left to order your yearbook and receive the two FREE customized pages. See the Poff Flyers for the QR code or website and get your book ordered before it is too late! Don't miss out!

### **Raise Some Dough with Poff PTO and Pasquale's Pizzeria! 3/26 Benefit Night!**

Same night as the first night of Open House at Poff... Pasquale's is ready to help make your busy day that much easier! Please mention Poff PTO, either by phone or in special instructions for online orders on 3/26.

### **Betsy Ann Chocolates**

The Poff PTO is selling Betsy Ann Chocolates again just in time for Spring Break! The top-selling student will win a basket of spring goodies and the class with the most sales will win a special spring treat! Order forms will be sent home (please check your student's folders!). The last day for ordering is March 31st. Return the master order form (keep the customer order form for yourself) with payment. Write checks to Poff PTO or pay via PayPal @PoffPTO2990. Orders are not completed until payment and master order form have been received. Pick-up will be at Poff on Tues, April 15th from 3:45 PM - 5 PM.

### **2025 Poff Talent Show**

Come support our amazing performers at the **Poff Talent Show** on **Thursday, March 20th** at **6pm at Hampton Middle School!** Our talented students have been working hard to put on a fun and entertaining show filled with singing, dancing, comedy, and more! We'd love to see you there to cheer them on!

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