**Hampton Township School District**

**Central Elementary School**
**Amy L. Kern, Ed.D.**
*Principal*

September 17, 2026

Dear Central Families,

During the week of October 12th, we will train students on the ALICE procedures for school safety. ALICE stands for Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, Evacuate. We have used these procedures for the last several years and they are used in many school districts in Western Pennsylvania and across the nation. The students will be in their homerooms for this training and will learn about ALICE in a way that is developmentally appropriate for their grade level. All students will hear the story *I'm Not Scared, I'm Prepared,* by Julia Cook, which explains ALICE. They will then have an opportunity to ask questions about what they learned.

Following the training, the teacher will discuss three scenerioes and problem solve, as a class, the possible ways to react to each situation. During this time, students will use what they have learned about ALICE. It is our intention that by using this developmentally appropriate training, students will learn that ALICE is a tool that they could use to keep themselves safe in any location if the situation called for it. Great care has been, and will continue to be, taken to assure that this information is presented in a way that is empowering and not frightening for our students. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Amy L. Kern, Ed.D.
Principal

4100 Middle Road, Allison Park, PA 15101
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# Car Rider Arrival and Dismissal Directions

**We will assume that your child is riding District transportation unless you send a note with your child indicating otherwise. Please indicate if the change is permanent.**

**Car Rider Directions**

Please read the following tips and directions to help us safely, seamlessly, and quickly conduct arrival and dismissal. We thank you in advance for your patience and cooperation.

**AM (8:15-8:45) Student Drop-Off:**

- Cars should use the North entrance and drop children off at the side lobby doors by the cafeteria. ***Please do not leave children outside the school unattended prior to 8:15.**
- **If for any reason your child cannot unload independently on the right side of the car, please skip the line and park in the parking lot and walk your child to the staff helping by the doors.**
- Staff will be outside directing about ten cars at a time into the loop area, we ask that you follow directions and pull all the way up to the end of the loop. **DO NOT** pass a car in front of you in the loop.
- Quick unloading: Please have students ready to **independently** unload, students should already have items in hand and be ready to exit the **right side** of the vehicle. **DO NOT** permit students to exit out the left side of the vehicle. If for any reason your child(ren) is not ready to unload when it is time for the group of cars to drive from the loop, please drive to the parking lot and walk your child(ren) to the side doors.
- Please understand that many are dropping off students and going to work, so we ask that everyone is respectful and helps to keep our drop off line moving and safe.
- **If arriving after 8:45 am**, you must park in the front of the building and bring your child(ren) into the front (blue) doors.
- **If arriving after 8:55 am,** students will need a note explaining the reason for tardiness.
  *****Excused reasons for tardiness are documented in the Family Handbook on our website.

**PM Student Pick-Up**

All students must have a written note from home to be picked up from school.

- At the start of the year, if your student is going to be a regular car rider, please send a note to inform us of your plan. We will issue a sign that you will show to expedite the process.
- If your student will be a car rider on a specific day, please send a note in the morning and include the name/relationship of the person picking up your child. Driver's license should be ready for proof of identification.

Dismissal begins at 3:30 pm. Students being picked up will be called to the Cafeteria Lobby. When picking up children, parents/guardians should park in the left side lot and wait outside the double doors. A staff member will be in the Cafeteria Lobby with the list, compiled daily based on student notes received from home, and will unite you with your student.

♦ Important: the office must be notified by 2:15 pm of any changes to a student's dismissal, otherwise dismissal changes cannot be guaranteed. *Also, please note, all early dismissals must occur prior to 3:15 pm.*

**Tips:**

- Regular pick-ups, please display your school issued sign to help expedite pick-up.
- Occasional pick-ups, please have driver's license in your hand to show immediately.
- Once Central staff has matched you up with your child please go directly to your car and open up a parking spot for other waiting parents.

# CENTRAL'S #BETHEKINDKID SHIRT SALE

**2026 CENTRAL ELEMENTARY #BETHEKINDKID STORE**

This store is open through October 13th and your #bethekindkid order will be sent home from school with your child by November 3rd. Or you may have your order shipped direct. Please see checkout page for details.

Thank you and remember to ALWAYS BE THE KIND KID

*Order Today!*

*Available in youth and adult sizes.*

**Order by October 13th**

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**Question? Contact maley@ht-sd.org**

# CENTRAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
## 4100 MIDDLE ROAD
## ALLISON PARK, PA 15101

October 2, 2026

Dear Parents:

Central's Halloween/Fall celebration is scheduled for **Friday, October 30**. If weather permits, the students will parade outside. All families are invited to watch the parade that starts at 1:45 pm. AM Kindergarten students will have their own parade; Kindergarten teachers will communicate the plan.

**Outdoor Parade**
Families wishing to watch the parade may park in the school's lots or parking areas nearby. The parking lot behind the school will be open beginning at 1:20 pm. Please do not park in the driveways, as this will be the parade route. It is illegal to park on Middle Road or to block a driveway on any other street. Please be considerate of our neighbors when parking your car. A map of the parade route appears on the attachment. To ensure safety, driveway entrances will be closed to traffic from 1:35 pm until the conclusion of the parade.

**Inclement Weather Plan**
In the event of inclement weather, the parade will be in our cafeteria, students will walk across the stage. The decision of an indoor parade will be made at 1:30 p.m., then the custodians will unlock the "all glass" cafeteria side doors (Door 5) for you to enter/exit directly at the cafeteria. We will invite parents of grades 3-5 students inside at 1:45 and then parents of grades K-2 at about 1:55. Due to the gym being decorated and occupied by the Fitness Factory and having limited space for spectators in our cafeteria, we do ask that once see your child's classroom, kindly exit and make space for the next group.

**Party Parents**
Party parents should sign-in and receive their visitor badge prior to the parade. Please be reminded that only PTO selected party parents will be permitted to sign into the building and go to classrooms to host the Halloween parties.

**Costume Guidelines**
We appreciate your help in making our school celebrations fun and enjoyable for all students! Since our student population ranges in age from 5–12, we ask that costumes be age-appropriate and that masks or costumes that are overly scary or frightening be avoided. We prefer **NOT** to have students have to completely change into their costumes at school. Please have them dress so that either their costume is easy to slip over top of their clothes or they may partly wear their costume to school and add pieces before the parade. ***Please note: In accordance with School Board policy, any weapons or replicas are prohibited. Due to allergies, latex balloons and gloves are not permitted at the parties.*** Your cooperation in helping to make this event a success will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Amy L. Kern

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Hampton Community Library
A World of Possibilities

# NEWS, PROGRAMS & RESOURCES FOR OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY

## PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN

**Story Times start September 1:**

**What a Wonder-Fall World**
Tuesdays & Thursdays
10:00am - 11:30am
All ages & abilities

**Books & Babies Lapsit**
Wednesdays
10:00am - 10:45am
Birth through early walkers

**Everybody Dance Now**
Fridays
10:00am - 11:00am
Toddlers & pre-schoolers

## PROGRAMS FOR TWEENS & TEENS

**Magical Kitties Save the Day**
Select Thursdays: 9/17, 10/15, 11/19, 12/17
4:00pm - 7:00pm
Tweens, age 10-14.
Registration required.

**Dungeons and Dragons for Teens**
Select Saturdays: 9/19, 10/17, 11/21
1:00pm - 3:00pm
Teens, age 13-18

**Teen Volunteers**
Teens (9-12 grade) can complete volunteer hours at the library. Visit the library to sign up & make a difference in your community!

## HOURS & HOLIDAYS:

*The Library is CLOSED for Labor Day weekend:*

*September 5 - September 7*

*Have a safe and happy holiday!*

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**Regular Hours**

Sunday: Closed
Monday: 9:30 AM - 2:00 PM
Tuesday: 9:30 AM - 7:30 PM
Wednesday: 11:30 AM - 7:30 PM
Thursday: 9:30 AM - 7:30 PM
Friday: 9:30 AM - 2:00 PM
Saturday: 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

## SAVE-THE-DATE FOR A STAR PARTY

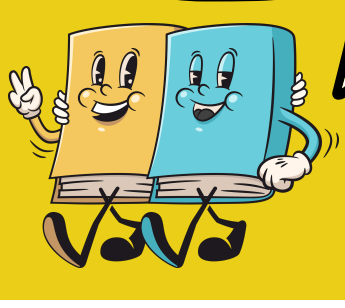
Thursday, October 8 at 7:00pm

HCL and the Amateur Astronomers Association of Pittsburgh are hosting a Star Party in the Hampton Community Park! Bring your curiosity and questions as we explore the cosmos together in this fun, educational, and free event for all ages and abilities!

## NEW & EXCITING PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

- Mahjong, card club & game night
- Genealogy, TTRPG, crafting club
- Author talks & more!

View the full calendar online



## PRACTICE BUILDS CONFIDENCE.

Families, Scout troops, caregivers, churches, clubs and organizations can prepare to help loved ones, neighbors and community members.

Through a partnership with Shaler Hampton EMS, Hampton Community Library, and Shaler North Hills Library you can now learn "HANDS-ONLY CPR" anytime using Big Red.

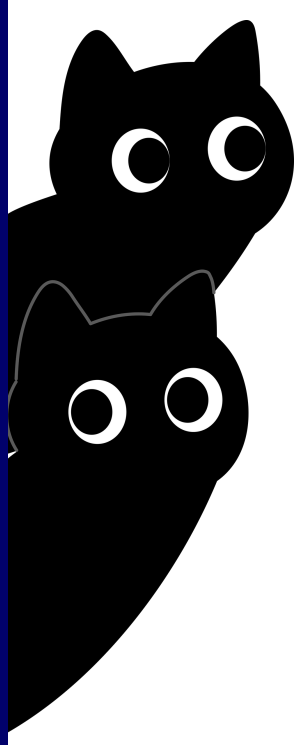
What is Hands-Only CPR? A simple, two-step method that involves calling emergency services and performing chest compressions without rescue breaths.
Call or visit the library to borrow Big Red.

## YOUR LIBRARY LOVES YOU:)

Consider donating to the library in September to maximize your impact! September is Love Your Library month and ALL donations are generously matched on a prorated basis by the Jack Buncher Foundation.

**CLICK HERE TO DONATE SECURELY ONLINE**

*Visit our website for the full calendar of events, sign up for the newsletter, browse the collection & more!*



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**The Allegheny County Library app** is in the app store:

- Search for "*Allegheny County Libraries*"
- Digital Barcode
- Manage account, holds, fines, view library hours, announcements & book recommendations

**A Library card connects you with more:**
Explore 24/7 access to the eResources library:

- Databases including **ancestry.com, creative bug, tutor.com** & more
- Language learning apps, consumer reports, newspapers
- RAD **pass**

Login to your account online to search the catalog, manage preferences, request items, pay fines & more.
No card? No problem! Register online today!

**The library is for for everyone.**

Download **Libby** app for instant access to digital content including ebooks, audiobooks & magazines

**10% OFF** Purchase by October 31

# Capture your memories in this year's

## Central Elementary School, Allison Park

# yearbook!

### Customize your 2 free pages

- Add photos from your computer, Facebook, Google Drive and more

- Answer fun memory questions to help remember the year

- The 2 custom pages are free and are printed only in your book. Want more pages? Each additional 2 pages are just $1.99.

Hardcover: **$31.68**
Softcover: **$24.88**
*Does not include sales tax, if applicable

**To purchase your yearbook, use the QR code below or:**

Must be a parent or student 13 years or older

1. Go to treering.com/validate
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# Join our Team

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# WE ARE HIRING

Metz Culinary Management is growing and we have openings for culinary and hospitality team members who share our passion for food and service at **Hampton Township School District.**

We offer permanent and substitute positions, competitive wages (wages to start at $14.42), and DAILY PAY option!

Scan the QR Code to instantly apply through chat

# WHICH SCHOOL WILL WIN THE ALLIANCE CUP?

SIGN UP AT HAMPTONALLIANCE.ORG/RACE

# JOIN US FOR THE HAEE 5K!

## Join us on October 11th!

**The HAEE 5K Run/Walk raises funds to allow HAEE to fund new, exciting, and innovative programs in the Hampton Township School District.**

**REGISTER BY SEPT. 11 TO GUARANTEE A SHIRT!**

## REGISTER HERE:

**https://www.hamptonalliance.org/race**

## SUNDAY, OCT. 11

9:00 AM

HAMPTON COMMUNITY PARK

Are you looking for something cozy to bring to football games, bonfires, or other fall and winter activities? **Support the Hampton High School Senior Class by purchasing a Hampton Talbot blanket!**

The blankets are 60" x 80" — large enough to keep you warm in the stands or keep you cozy on the couch while watching a movie or reading a book!  Funds raised will help support the Senior Class celebrations and experiences, including the Senior Dinner Dance, Senior Picnic, and Cedar Point trip.

Thank you for supporting the Hampton High School Class of 2027! 💙💛

Heather Dietz and Hannah Dunlap, Class of 2027
Co-Sponsors

Use the QR code to order:

# HAMPTON WRESTLING

## YOUTH REGISTRATION

**2 WEEK TRIAL**
★ BEGINNING ★
**11/3**

## BUILDING STRONG KIDS. ON AND OFF THE MAT.

## WHY JOIN WRESTLING?

**BUILDS CONFIDENCE & RESILIENCE**
Kids learn to push through challenges and believe in themselves.

**TEACHES DISCIPLINE & WORK ETHIC**
Wrestling builds habits that lead to success in all areas of life.

**IMPROVES FITNESS & HEALTH**
Develop strength, speed, agility, and overall athleticism.

**DEVELOPS PROBLEM SOLVING**
Wrestling is chess in motion—kids learn to think, adapt, and strategize.

**BUILDS CHARACTER & ACCOUNTABILITY**
Kids learn respect, responsibility, and the value of showing up for their teammates.

**BE PART OF A TEAM & COMMUNITY**
Wrestling creates lifelong friendships and a supportive family.

## PRACTICES FOR ALL LEVELS!

**ADVANCED & NOVICE PRACTICES**
**TO FIT THE ABILITIES OF KIDS**

Whether your child is new to the sport or has experience, we provide the right training and support to help them grow.

**SCAN HERE TO REGISTER!**

Use your phone camera to scan the QR code or go to the link to complete the registration survey.

## ★ MEET OUR COACHES ★

- WES METCALF
- ETHAN HEADLEE
- KENNY DOWNING
- AL MURRAY

**WORK HARD. BE TOUGH. HAVE FUN. ★ *IRON TALBOTS***

# HAMPTON TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT

*Community • Pride • Excellence*

# BOO FUNDRAISER

Sign up through the Google Form (scan the QR code)

**$35**

DUE BY **10/16/26**

A Hampton Comp Squad cheerleader will deliver a yard sign and boo bag as a

## Halloween Surprise!

## BOO DELIVERY DATES

THE EVENINGS OF

**10/26 • 10/27 • 10/28**

## Get BOO'd and Support the HAMPTON COMPETITIVE CHEER SQUAD!

Questions? dmmack11@gmail.com

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**8U/10U**
**10–11**

**12U/14U**
**11–12:30**

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