PAXON HOLLOW MIDDLE SCHOOL

PEEK OF THE WEEK

WEEK OF NOVEMBER 15, 2026

WEEK AT A GLANCE

DAY	CYCLE	EVENTS
Monday, November 16	C	PTO Meeting – Rescheduled, 6:30 PM
Tuesday, November 17	D	
Wednesday, November 18	E	Advisory
Thursday, November 19	F	
Friday, November 20	A	

PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES — NOVEMBER 23 & 24

Our parent-teacher conferences are approaching, and we value active, ongoing communication between families and teachers. We encourage families to stay connected through email, phone calls, and Schoology throughout the year. Your child's team may also request a conference when beneficial.

Monday, November 23: 1:00–3:00 PM
Tuesday, November 24: 1:00–3:00 PM and 4:00–7:00 PM

To schedule a conference with one or more teachers, visit www.timetosignup.com/phmsconference/. Registration opened November 12 at 8:00 AM and closes Thursday, November 19 at 12:00 PM.

For assistance, contact Mrs. Fernandez at KFernandez@mnsd.org. Thank you for your partnership in supporting your child's success.

FUTURE CITY MATERIALS WISHLIST

From Mrs. Disharoon and the 8th Grade Future Cities Team: As part of our Future City competition project, our team is gathering recycled materials and essential tools. We are prioritizing sustainable, repurposed items to keep our project eco-friendly, alongside a few purchased tools to ensure structural integrity and precision.

Please review our Materials Wishlist and add your name and the item you plan to purchase so the team can track contributions. Thank you for supporting our project!

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TIGER NEWS & REMINDERS

IMPORTANT NOVEMBER DATES

Monday, November 16: Rescheduled PTO Meeting in the PHMS Library at 6:30 PM.
Monday, November 23: Half day; parent-teacher conferences. PHMS dismissal at 11:30 AM.
Tuesday, November 24: Half day; parent-teacher conferences. PHMS dismissal at 11:30 AM.
Wednesday, November 25: Turkey Trot and Talent Show. Dismissal at 11:30 AM.

COOKIE DOUGH ORDERS HAVE ARRIVED

Thank you to all families who supported this year's Cookie Dough Fundraiser! Orders arrived Monday, November 9, and families had an opportunity to pick them up that afternoon. If you have not collected your order, please contact the school to arrange pickup. Remaining orders are being stored in our freezer.

Important: Report any missing or incorrect items by Monday, November 16. We cannot request replacements or make changes after this deadline.

COMMUNITY COLLECTIONS

Candy Care: Donate leftover or unwanted Halloween candy in the collection boxes labeled "Candy Care" in the PHMS front lobby through Friday, November 20. The Candy Care flyer is included in this newsletter.

Harvest Food Drive: Nonperishable food donations support a local food bank and families in our PHMS community. Suggested donations: Grade 6 – canned foods; Grade 7 – dry foods; Grade 8 – peanut butter, jelly, condiments, and other pantry items.

27TH ANNUAL TURKEY TROT — NOVEMBER 25

Students wishing to participate in the Turkey Trot must submit a signed permission slip and a nonperishable food donation to Mrs. Casertano in the Guidance Office by Friday, November 20. The original flyer and printable permission slip are included at the end of this newsletter.

Thank you for supporting our students and community!

DISTRICT & COMMUNITY NEWS

MARPLE NEWTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT — EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Marple Newtown School District is hiring Special Education Assistants. This tenth-month, 184-day position pays $22,216 and includes a premium full benefits package and retirement plan. Learn about qualifications and apply through district employment or the online application portal.

The district is also hiring bus drivers. Fully qualified CDL drivers earn $32.06/hour. Paid CDL training starts at $20.69/hour, increasing to $32.06/hour once credentials are completed. Benefits include personal days, sick days, holidays, and PSERS retirement participation.

MARPLE NEWTOWN HIGH SCHOOL

Mini-THON: Thank you to elementary families who attended the first Special Person's Mini-THON dance. Families enjoyed dancing together and raised approximately $4,000 for Four Diamonds to support the fight against childhood cancer.

MN Drama — A Christmas Carol: The holiday season comes to life Thursday night as MN Drama presents Patrick Barlow's adaptation of Charles Dickens' beloved classic. Join Scrooge and three unforgettable spirits for a heartwarming story of kindness and generosity. Purchase tickets here. MNHS Drama will also host a Vendor Fair Saturday, 10:00 AM–2:00 PM.

Marching Band: Congratulations to the MN Tiger Marching Band, USBands Division IIIA Pennsylvania State Champions! The Tigers also earned Best Color Guard, Best Visual, Best Music, and Best Overall Effect.

Cross Country: Congratulations to the three girls who represented Marple Newtown at the PIAA State Championships at Big Springs High School. They finished a strong season on a challenging course, showing determination and support for one another. Congratulations to our students and staff!

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Cookie dough pickup, the rescheduled November 16 PTO meeting, Candy Care, Harvest Food Drive, and the November 25 Turkey Trot are featured in the Tiger News section of this edition.

DISTRICT & COMMUNITY NEWS — CONTINUED

ALL ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

SideKicks Breakfast Item: MNSD Food Services recently introduced SideKicks, a new breakfast item similar to a slushie. A reimbursable breakfast must include a fruit component; SideKicks are made with 100% fruit juice and meet this requirement. They are not sold à la carte or served as part of lunch.

Loomis Pajama Drive: Loomis Elementary School's 19th Annual Pajama Drive runs October 30–November 24. Donations of new pajamas, elementary picture books, and chapter books will help children in the local community. All sizes are welcome, especially children's sizes 4T–16 and adult sizes. Drop off donations at your school labeled "ATTN: Loomis" or bring them directly to Loomis during school hours.

Elementary Conferences: November 23–24 are half days for elementary students, with noon dismissal. Breakfast and lunch are not served on these half days. Elementary schools use a standardized conference scheduling system; individual schools will send families their direct registration links.

Holiday Schedule: November 25 is a half day for all staff and students. Schools are closed November 26–27, 2026.

CANDY CARE

PHMS STUDENT COUNCIL | NOVEMBER 2–20, 2026

St. Luke's Greek Orthodox Church in Broomall sponsors Candy Care, collecting leftover or unwanted Halloween candy for area homeless shelters and food banks. PHMS Student Council has participated for the past six years.

Please bring candy donations to the boxes labeled "Candy Care" in the PHMS front lobby by Friday, November 20. Thank you for helping make life a little sweeter for those in need!

INCLUDED FLYER & PERMISSION SLIP

The following page reproduces the original Harvest Food Drive and Turkey Trot letter and printable permission slip from the previous Peek of the Week.

Remember to be kind, do your best, and have a great week, Tigers!

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Over the years, candy donations have helped those in need at CAADC Shelters, St. Mark's Food Bank, City Team, Broad Street Ministries, St. John's Hospice, West Chester Food Cupboard, and Angel Food Pantry, among others.

PHMS Student Council has participated in this event for the past six years. This year's candy collection runs from **November 2 to November 20.**

Join us once again in making life a little sweeter for those in need! Bring in your leftover or unwanted Halloween candy and place donations in the **boxes in the PHMS front lobby labeled "Candy Care."**

Harvest Food Drive and Turkey Trot

Dear Parent/Guardian: October 2026



Paxon Hollow Middle School will be holding our 27th annual **TURKEY TROT on November 25th**. This **FUN RUN** will be the final celebration of our annual food drive. Students who wish to participate in this event will be asked to donate a ***non-perishable food item as an entry fee.*** **We greatly appreciate any contribution, even if your child is not participating!**



This **FUN RUN** will be outside and around the building. WE STRONGLY recommend that your child wear jogging attire: sweatpants, shirt, and sneakers. ***THE FIRST TWO STUDENTS TO CROSS THE FINISHLINE FROM EACH GRADE WILL BE AWARDED***.

This year we will be giving a portion of our harvest donations to our local food bank. We realize that there are families in our own community who can use this food bank and we are excited to be able to donate locally! In addition, we will store canned goods in our building in order to assist families in *our school community* throughout the year!

Suggestions for donations:
6th grade…….Canned foods (soups, vegetables, fruits, beans, sauce, gravy)
7th grade…… Dry foods (pastas,baking mixes, flour, taco kits, pretzels, crackers etc)
8th grade…….Peanut butter, jelly, salsa, oils, dressing, coffee, condiments

Thank you for your participation!

PLEASE RETURN THIS PERMISSION SLIP TO
Mrs. Casertano IN THE GUIDANCE OFFICE WITH DONATION IF RUNNING!

TURKEY TROT PERMISSION SLIP

NAME: _____ GRADE: _____ WIN Room: _____

___YES, I GIVE PERMISSION FOR MY CHILD TO PARTICIPATE IN THE TURKEY TROT.

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE: _____

PLEASE RETURN THIS ENTRY FORM AND FOOD DONATION NO LATER THAN

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2026