

From the Desk of Dr. Amy Kern: November 19, 2026

Upcoming School Day Variations

Thanksgiving Break - Wednesday, November 25 is a **1:45 pm Early Dismissal Day** for elementary only.

Kindergarten Early Dismissal Schedule – AM: 8:45-10:45am - PM: 11:45 – 1:45pm

No School for all students Thursday, **November 26** & Friday **November 27.**

Reminder: No Scoop Nex week due to Thanksgiving Break

- **Kindergarten Puppet Show Rehearsals and Show**:

  A Reminder that PM Kindergarten is to attend in the morning during Thanksgiving week for the practice and performance of the kindergarten puppet show. **Please see schedule below:**

  Kindergarten Puppet Show Schedule:
  - Monday, Nov. 23 Kindergarten Puppet Show Practice cafeteria/stage
    All kindergarteners report in the A.M. 8:45-11:25 a.m.
  - Tuesday, Nov. 24 Kindergarten Puppet Show Practice/Dress Rehearsal cafeteria/stage
  - All kindergarteners report in the A.M. 8:45-11:25 a.m.
    School assembly for Grades 1-3 students 10:30 a.m. cafeteria/stage
  - Wednesday, Nov. 25 Kindergarten Puppet Show Parent Performance 9:30 a.m. cafeteria/stage. All kindergarteners report in the A.M. Side Lobby Doors Open at 9:15 AM.

- **Weather Issues:**
  - It is that time of year when a weather-related, early dismissal may be necessary in order to assure a safe arrival home. Because there is no YMCA After School Care in a weather-related, early dismissal situation, *please make certain that your child(ren) understand(s) what should be done if no one is at home*.

    NOTE: *If there is a 2-Hour Delay on a scheduled Early Dismissal Day, then the early dismissal day is cancelled and students will follow the 2-Hour Delay schedule.*
  - **Kindergarten Parents:** A schedule change will be in effect for Kindergarten classes on days when school must be delayed two hours because of inclement weather. The following is the Kindergarten schedule for ***any*** 2-Hour Delay:

- Morning classes will NOT be cancelled. School will be in session from 10:45 am to 12:40 pm for morning kindergartners.
- Afternoon Kindergarten classes will meet from 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm.

❖ **School Cancellations:** Our School Calendar permits two days to be canceled for inclement weather. On the third cancellation, teachers will provide online instruction for students in grades 1-5 and Kindergarten will send schoolwork in advance. Further details will be provided in the event this scenario appears likely.

❖ **Outdoor Recess:** As Cold weather sets in, we are asking for your help to ensure that your children are prepared for cold weather recess conditions. Please dress accordingly and wear warm jackets or coats, gloves, hats, etc. If you need some financial assistance with purchasing warmer gear for your child, please contact our guidance counselor, Mrs. Maley at 412-492-6328.

❖ **News from School Counselor:**

- Help for the Holidays – Central Elementary and the Kids Care Club genuinely care about our students and families. We recognize that some families may be experiencing difficult economic times. We would like to assist any Central families in need. Please call Mrs. Maley (school counselor) at 412-492-6328 or email at maley@ht-sd.org.
  NOTE: All information will be kept confidential
- Kids Care Club will be hosting its annual Candy Cane Sale from December 7–11 during all lunch periods. Please see the attached flyer for additional details.

❖ **December Concert Highlights:**

- **Grade 5 & 6 Band Winter Concert:** December 9@ 7:00 pm in HMS Auditorium
- **4th & 5th Grade Chorus & 4th grade Band Concert:** December 14 @ 7:00 pm in HMS Auditorium
- **Elementary Orchestra Winter Concert**: December 15 @ 7:00pm HMS Auditorium

❖ **From the PTO:**

- **HOLIDAY SHOP** helpers wanted! Please see flyer to sign up
- Yearbooks are available to order! Check the flyer for the link.

IMPORTANT DATES

November 23 .....Kindergarten Puppet Show Rehearsal (8:45am-11:25am)
.....Mystery Readers Club – Gr. 3-5 (3:30-4:30 pm)
November 24 .....Kindergarten Puppet Show Rehearsal (8:45am-11:25am)
.....Grade 4 Full Band Rehearsal (9:05am)
.....Grade 5 Full Band Rehearsal (2:50pm)
.....Drawing Club – Gr. 4&5 (3:30-4:30pm)
November 25 .....Kindergarten Puppet Show Performance (9:30am)
.....**Early Dismissal @ 1:45**
Nov. 26&Nov.27 .....No School – Thanksgiving Break
November 30 .....Mystery Readers Club – Gr. 3-5 (3:30-4:30 pm)
December 1.....School Store (Lunchtime)
.....Holiday STEM Club - Gr. 3&4 (3:30 – 4:30pm)
.....Lego Club Gr. 1 - (3:30-4:30pm)
.....Bedazzle Club – Gr. 4&5 (3:30-4:30pm)
December 2.....Holiday STEM Club - Gr. 3&4 (3:30 – 4:30pm)
.....Bedazzle Club – Gr. 4&5 (3:30-4:30pm)
December 3.....Spelling Bee
.....Board Game Club – Gr. 1-3 (3:30-4:30pm)
.....Holiday STEM Club - Gr. 3&4 (3:30 – 4:30pm)
.....5th Grade Band Combined Rehearsal
December 4.....Biztown Field Trip – Grade 5
.....Bedazzle Club – Gr. 4&5 (3:30-4:30pm

UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

December 8-11.....Holiday Shop Work Days & Shopping
December 9, 14, 15.....Winter Concerts

SCHOOL & COMMUNITY FLYERS

School Flyers

- Kids Care Club Candy Cane Sale
- "Wear it Wednesday" Be the Kind Kid

Community Flyers

- PTO – Holiday Shop Helpers Sign up
- PTO – Yearbook
- PTO – School Store
- Hampton Community Library
- Sports Flyers