



# Central Scoop

From the Desk of Dr. Amy Kern:

January 20, 2022

- ❖ **Absences and Schoolwork:** Please call the Attendance Line 412-486-6000 by 9:15 am, listen to the directions for reporting a student absence and leave a voicemail message. Please include the following information: child's name, teacher's name, reason for absence. *Note: you will still receive an automated attendance call.*

If your student has been absent for more than 2 days you may request homework. Please indicate whether you want to pick it up or sent home and to whom it should be given.

**For Quarantine Situations:** When students have been told by a doctor or the school nurse that they must quarantine, families should email the classroom teacher notifying them of the situation. The classroom teacher will then communicate directly with the family regarding the schedule for virtual instruction and classroom assignments.

- ❖ **Outdoor Recess:** Whenever possible, the children have an opportunity for an outside recess following lunch (for approximately twenty-five minutes). *It is important for them to be dressed **warmly** – jackets, hats, gloves, boots, etc.*

Your attention to these concerns will be appreciated.



- ❖ **Lost and Found:** Please encourage your children to take a look at the table in the Lobby containing the Lost and Found items. There are many winter coats as well as hats, gloves, mittens, and miscellaneous items with no names.

- ❖ **Kids Heart Challenge:** During Valentine's week we are partnering with the American Heart Association to raise awareness and funds to help those in need. Watch for information coming home from Mr. Holler and come join in the fun!



## ❖ News from the School Counselor:

### ○ Let's celebrate No-Name Calling Week!

No Name-Calling Week is a week organized to end name-calling and bullying in schools and is celebrated January 24-28. **No Name-Calling Week** encourages EVERYONE to add kindness into our every action. Please see the No Name-Calling Flyer for ideas of how to participate!

- **Kids Care Club Sock Drive** - Did you know that socks are the most requested items at homeless shelters? Please support Kids Care Club, Poff, and Wyland Elementary Schools' Kindness Clubs as we collect socks for tri-state area homeless shelters. New in-package socks can be dropped off and placed in Central's big basket located in the lobby area (until February 4) or ordered through this Amazon wish list.



[https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/144ODNENK4AF3?ref=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/144ODNENK4AF3?ref=wl_share)

We are working in conjunction with a local charitable organization, Socks With A Mission Pittsburgh, founded by an amazing young student. You can read Audrey's story at <https://www.sockswithamission.org/>

Note: the Amazon wish list contains socks in multiple packs, but single pairs of new socks purchased from any local store will be greatly appreciated. There is an immediate need for socks of all sizes: men, women, children, and infant/toddler.

Thank you for helping us **#bethekindkid!**

- **Kids Care Club** - Join Kids Care Club on Friday, January 28 for **Crazy Sock Day**. Let's wear crazy socks to remind us to donate to the Kids Care Club Socks With a Mission Drive. See the attached flyer and wear your craziest socks!
- Update regarding #bethekindkid merchandise. We received the following email from the printing company.

"Good afternoon. I am emailing to update you on the #bethekindkid order that you placed with us back in November. Unfortunately, due to an error in our online order system, these orders were archived before they could be processed, decorated, and shipped. However, we have resolved the issue and will be shipping these orders to the school in the next 10-14 days so that they may be distributed at that time. We sincerely appreciate your patience and apologize for this unfortunate error."

## ❖ Central Elementary 2022-2023 Kindergarten & Grade 1 Registration:

- It's Time to Register for Kindergarten! Families with children who will be five years old by August 15, 2022 are encouraged to register for kindergarten today. Kindergarten registration will be completed online this year. Please see [this link](https://www.ht-sd.org/about/register-your-child) to help determine which elementary school your child will attend. Please complete registrations by February 4, if at all possible. All of the information you need can be found on the District's Kindergarten Registration webpage: <https://www.ht-sd.org/about/register-your-child>.



- Grade 1-5 Registration – New to Hampton for 2022-2023: Families with children who will be six years or older by August 15, 2022 and plan to attend Hampton in 2022-2023 are encouraged to register today. Please see [this link](#) to help determine which elementary school your child will attend. All other information for registration is available on the District's New Student Enrollment page: <https://www.ht-sd.org/about/register-your-child>.

❖ **Spring Guest Substitute Teacher Training:** Great schools need great teachers. If you are thinking about a career in education, returning to the workforce, or looking to work with children, the Hampton Township School District invites you to apply to the Guest Substitute Teacher program. A bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university is required; experience working in schools or with children is preferred. Schedules are flexible based on your availability.

Interested applicants should follow these steps:

- 1. Complete a short online Guest Substitute Teacher application on the Careers page of our website ([www.ht-sd.org](http://www.ht-sd.org)) by January 25, 2022.
- 2. Attend an Information Session on January 26, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. in the Hampton Middle School Library. Additional details and information about the Guest Substitute Teacher Program will be provided at that time.
- 3. Selected candidates will be invited to a free one-day training program on Wednesday, February 2, 2022 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Guest Substitute Teachers will be paid \$100 per day for the first 30 days of substitute work, and \$120 per day for each day afterwards.

For additional information, please contact Dr. Rebecca Cunningham at (412) 492-6305 or email [cunningham@ht-sd.org](mailto:cunningham@ht-sd.org).



## **IMPORTANT DATES**

### **No Name-Calling Week**



January 20 .....	Kids Care Club Gr. 3-5 (3:30 - 4:30 pm)
.....	Basketball Club - Gr. 4-5 (3:30 - 4:30 pm)
January 21 .....	End of 2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter
January 24 .....	<b>Wear White</b>
.....	Mindfulness Club for Kids (Gr. 2-5) - @ Poff (3:45 - 4:45 pm)
.....	School Board Special Meeting (if needed) – HMS Library (7:00 pm)
January 25 .....	<b>Wear Red</b>
January 26 .....	<b>Wear Hampton Colors</b>
January 27 .....	<b>Wear Green</b>
.....	Growing Together Club Gr. 3-5 - Cafeteria (3:30 - 4:30 pm)
January 28 .....	<b>Wear Yellow or Gold</b>
.....	<b>Crazy Sock Day</b>

## **UPCOMING DATES**

January 26 .....Hampton High School Blood Drive  
February 3.....100<sup>th</sup> Day of School  
February 4.....Report Cards available on Infinite Campus  
Jan. – February 4.....Kindergarten and New Grade 1 Registration  
February 5-11.....Kids Heart Challenge  
February 11.....Valentine’s Day Parties  
February 17.....Early Dismissal @ 1:30 PM  
February 18.....No School – Teacher Professional Development Day  
February 21.....No School – President’s Day

## **SCHOOL & COMMUNITY FLYERS**

### **School Flyers**

- + No Name Calling Week
- + Registration Information
- + Science Club
- + Common Sense Media
- + PBS Kids Writer’s Contest
- + Mindfulness Club for Kids (at Poff) flyer

### **Community Flyers**

- + Guest Substitute Information
- + HHS Blood Drive
- + Hampton Girls Youth Lacrosse
- + Hampton Soccer Club
- + HAA Spring Registration