



From the Desk of Dr. Amy Kern:

January 19, 2023

❖ **Absences and Schoolwork:**

- Please see the linked [Attendance Policy](#) and/or the Attendance Information in the flyers. If your child has missed more than 10 days you must have a medical excuse for any further absences. Please know that attendance is reviewed at least at the end of every quarter.
- To report your child absent, 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 have it sent home and to whom it should be given.

❖ **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 23-27. **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!

- ❖ **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.




## ❖ **Central Elementary 2023-2024 Kindergarten & Grade 1 Registration:**

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- It's Time to Register for Kindergarten! Families with children who will be five years old by August 15, 2023 are encouraged to register for kindergarten today. Kindergarten registration will be completed online. All of the information you need can be found on the District's Registration webpage: <https://www.ht-sd.org/about/register-your-child>.
  - Grade 1-5 Registration – New to Hampton for 2023-2024: Families with children who will be six years or older by August 15, 2023 and plan to attend Hampton in 2023-2024 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 Registration page: <https://www.ht-sd.org/about/register-your-child>.

- ❖ **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!



## ❖ **Weather Issues:**

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- 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.

- ❖ **From the School Nurse:** Winter brings with it many viruses that circulate in our schools. Allegheny County is seeing an increase in Covid-10, RSV and Influenza. Many times, it is hard to differentiate between the different types of respiratory viruses. Please see the chart from the Mayo Clinic in the flyers.

- **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.
  - Covid-19- Students must quarantine for 5 days. After the 5-day quarantine, masks are recommended for 5 days. Please contact the school nurse.

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

- Wash their hands frequently
- 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



## IMPORTANT DATES

### No Name-Calling Week

January 19 .....Kids Care Club Gr. 3-5 (3:30 - 4:30 pm)  
 .....Coding Club Gr. 2-3 (3:30 -4:30 pm)  
 January 20 .....Last day of 1<sup>st</sup> semester  
 January 23 .....**Wear White**  
 .....Intramurals - Gr. 3-5 (3:30 - 4:30 pm)  
 January 24 .....**Wear Red**  
 .....Chess Club Gr. 3-5 (3:30 - 4:30 pm)  
 .....Intramurals - Gr. 1-2 (3:30 - 4:30 pm)  
 January 25 .....**Wear Hampton Colors**  
 .....Gr. 4 Orchestra Field Trip  
 January 26 .....**Wear Green**  
 .....Coding Club - Gr. 2-3 (3:30 - 4:30 pm)  
 .....Growing Together Club Gr. 3-5 (3:30 - 4:30 pm)  
 January 27 .....**Wear Yellow or Gold**

## UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

February 2.....**100<sup>th</sup>** Day of School  
 February 3.....Report Cards available on Infinite Campus  
 Jan. – February 3.....Kindergarten and New Grade 1 Registration  
 February 10.....Valentine's Day Parties  
 February 13-16.....Kids Heart Challenge  
 February 16.....Early Dismissal @ 1:30 PM  
 February 17.....No School – Teacher Professional Development Day  
 February 20.....No School – President's Day



## SCHOOL & COMMUNITY FLYERS

### School Flyers

- ✚ Attendance Information
- ✚ School Nurse Health Information
- ✚ No Name Calling Week
- ✚ New Student Registration for 2023-2024
- ✚ 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Baby Photos - Yearbook
- ✚ Common Sense Media

### Community Flyers

- ✚ Girls' Lacrosse – Cupid's Pajama Party
- ✚ Hampton Soccer – Spring Registration

