

Dear HCS Families,

It's time to spring forward! Daylight savings time began at 2:00 a.m. local time this morning. Don't forget to set your clocks ahead!

This Friday, March 18th there is no school for students due to Teacher Professional Development. Please also note that we will dismiss early on March 25th (ONLY for elementary schools due to home/school conferences.)

This past week, our 4th grader students participated in the HCS Connecticut Invention Convention. After weeks of preparing for the big day, I have to tell you that the students did an AMAZING job! The high quality of the inventions blew away our community judges. A huge thank you to our supportive families and to our hard working students. Inventors shared stories of quality family bonding time while working on this project along with learning new skills such as welding, sewing, and woodworking.

Cheep! Cheep! First Grade is anxiously preparing for their science unit on the Life Cycle of A Chick. They are looking for families who are able to donate fertile hatching eggs the week of April 18th, and they are also looking for families who would like to adopt chicks at the end of the unit (subject to hatch rates and availability). If you are interested, please contact a First Grade teacher as soon as possible: pergolak@region10ct.org, evansj@region10ct.org, gionfriddoj@region10ct.org, hedrickc@region10ct.org

Student Council is having a spirit week full of theme days starting tomorrow!! (see flyer below)

HCS Student Council is collecting donations for their kindness project through Thursday, 3/17. All donations collected will be put towards purchasing Dunkin' Donut gift cards for the healthcare heroes at Charlotte Hungerford Hospital. (See details in flyer below.)

Parent conferences will be held the week of March 21st. You should have received an email from Tina Romeo on 3/3 with a link to sign up for conferences with the instructions. If you have not signed up for conferences, please use this link:

<https://pickatime.com/client?ven=11613751&event=368598> **The deadline to sign up for conferences will be 8am this Friday, 3/18.** If you have any questions, Tina can be reached at romeot@region10ct.org or by phone at (860)485-9029.

Grade 3 and Grade 4 students will need to bring in headphones to use at school. Below is one recommendation that is equipped with a microphone and perfect for educational and personal use. They are powered with an audio cord that can be plugged right into the devices for easy setup and use. If you are unable to purchase headphones, please contact me.

Sony Series Stereo Headphones - Please click "With Mic" when purchasing.

[Amazon.com: Sony MDRZX110/BLK ZX Series Stereo Headphones \(Black\): Electronics:](https://www.amazon.com/Sony-MDRZX110-BLK-ZX-Series-Stereo-Headphones-Black/dp/B000048801)

A number of families have asked if after-school care could be provided at HCS. We reached out to EdAdvance to see if they would be able to provide a program. They will offer after-school care for the 2022/2023 school year if there are enough families that register for the program during the registration window. The program would be open to students in grades K - 4. Registration will be open from March 15 to April 1. You will use this link to register: <https://www.bases.edadvance.org/>

Enjoy the rest of the weekend!

Bob

Hello HCS Families!

It's been quite a while since I have been in touch with you.

As you know, I was in an automobile accident in late August. All the metatarsal bones in my right foot were broken and displaced & my right ankle was broken as well. I am still recovering from these injuries. I'm now able to walk short distances with the support of a walker or crutch.

I'm excited to let you know that I have been cleared to be back at HCS on a limited basis! I am spending a few ½ days in the building each week. I am restricted to the office and surrounding area of the lower building. The amount of time I spend at HCS as well as the areas I can navigate will increase over the next few months.

It's great to be back! I've had the opportunity to see most of the kids – either in the hall or cafeteria. I'll see the rest of them in the coming days.

I am grateful for all the support from the HCS community over the past six months. Your notes, emails, etc. helped me to get through this challenging period.

Mr. Gauvain will continue to serve as the interim principal during this transition period.

I hope to see many of you in the coming months!

Megan Mazzei

March Madness!

Join Student Council in our March Madness Spirit week!



Monday, March 14th — March Madness Day! Wear a sports jersey!



Tuesday, March 15th — Jogging Into Spring! Wear exercise clothes!



Wednesday, March 16th — PAWStively Wild Day! Wear animal print!



Thursday, March 17th — Lucky HCS Day! Wear green for St. Patrick's Day!

HCS Student Council Second Annual Hearts for Healthcare Heroes!

When: Monday, March 7th - Thursday, March 17th

What: We are asking students and staff to donate at least \$1 to our kindness project! All of the donations will be put towards purchasing Dunkin' Donuts gift cards for the healthcare heroes at Charlotte Hungerford Hospital. Students will also create "Thank you hearts" in school to thank the incredible healthcare workers.

Please send cash donations into school by Thursday, March 17th
Thank you for your help with this project!

Two Messages from our PTO:

The HCS PTO is excited to sponsor our 4th grade field trip to the Connecticut Science Center this Thursday, March 17th, 2022. This gem right in downtown Hartford offers more than 165 hands-on exhibits that promote curiosity, learning and inquiry-based exploration for children of all ages (and adults too!) Students will depart on the buses from HCS in the morning and return at 1:45pm. Some notes:

- **Pack a snack!** Students will eat lunch when they return to school at 1:45pm, so they should bring a substantial snack for the museum. They will have the opportunity to order hot lunch that morning or can bring their lunch from home if they choose.
- **Please don't send your student with \$** - We will not have time to visit the gift shop on this field trip.
- **Masks are now optional at the Science Center**

Contact your child's teacher if you have any questions, and thanks to the families of HCS for making this great field trip possible through your generous support and fundraising efforts!

The Spring book fair is coming back to HCS during the week of March 21st! Coming home soon in your child's backpack will be a Scholastic flyer with the date and time their classroom will be visiting the fair. *Please bring a reusable bag for your child to bring their books home safely. Returning this Spring are evening book fair hours! On Tuesday, March 22nd and Thursday, March 24th, the book fair will be open from 4-7 for parents to come and shop for books for their child! No cash? No problem! You can prepay for your child's book fair trip by adding funds to their eWallet account. Click on the link below and look for eWallet and follow the steps for sign up. All your child then needs to do on their book fair day is show up!

<https://www.scholastic.com/bf/harwintonconsolelemschool>

The book fair is a volunteer favorite! It is always fun to help kids shop for their books. Please consider volunteering for a shift or two in the link below.

[Spring Book Fair!](#)

Monday, March 14-Thursday, March 17-Student Council Theme Days (see flyer below)

Thursday, March 17- Grade 4 Field Trip

Friday, March 18- No school for students, teacher professional development

Tuesday, March 22- Home/School Conferences, 4:00 – 7:00 pm

Thursday, March 24- Home/School Conferences, 4:00 – 7:00 pm

Friday, March 25- 1:00 PM Dismissal (elementary schools only)

Home/School Conferences, 1:30 – 3:30 pm

April 11-15 – Spring Break

Friday, April 29 – 1:00 pm dismissal for students, teacher professional development

2022-2023 KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Do you have a child who is turning 5 in 2022? If so, you have a future HCS kindergartener!

Please share this information with your neighbors/friends that don't currently have children at HCS. Thank you for helping us get the word out!

[Register a Student - Regional School District 10 \(region10ct.org\)](http://region10ct.org)

COVID ATTENDANCE GUIDELINES

We appreciate everyone's adherence to the guidelines below. It is essential that students do not come to school if:

They have had close contact (at least 15 minutes, within 6 feet) with a person that has tested positive for COVID-19 and are quarantining for the required number of days

They, or a member of your household, has been tested for COVID-19 because of symptoms and/or potential exposure and you are awaiting results

You screen them in the morning before school and they have any of the symptoms below:

- **fever of 100.4 or higher**
- **chills**
- **a new cough**
- **difficulty breathing**
- **a sudden loss of taste or smell**
- **shortness of breath**
- **sore throat**
- **congestion**
- **extreme fatigue**

If your family has traveled, we recommend testing upon returning. Please be vigilant and check for any symptoms daily for 14 days after travel. Even mild symptoms can be the first sign of COVID. If the traveler, family member or student, develops any symptoms, keep all family members home from school until the traveler has been tested.

In all cases, we ask that you always err on the side of caution. If your child has any signs of illness, please keep them home and contact our school nurse, hcs.nurse@region10ct.org by phone at (860) 485-9029 ext. 12103

A friendly reminder that our school nurse, Kristen Sullivan is out on maternity leave. There will be a substitute nurse covering each day. You can still leave messages for the nurse, and email if needed. If your child will be tardy or absent for any reason, please notify HCS. Please send health-related emails to HCS.Nurse@Region10ct.org

Follow the HCS PTO on Facebook! <https://www.facebook.com/HCSPTO/>

Contact Information for HCS Staff: http://harwinton.region10ct.org/staff_email_and_webpages

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6th Annual HCS Husky Hustle

Saturday, May 14th 11:30-2:30pm

The Husky Hustle is a non-competitive "fun color run" & family event. Students will have 3 weeks to raise money and collect sponsors to support them in the fun run and try to win prizes!

Games ● Food Trucks ● Prizes
Dunk Tank ● DJ ● Silent Auction

The HCS community is invited to attend this fun event! This year's goal is to raise \$30,000! More information will be sent home soon.



We are seeking corporate sponsors, silent auction items and volunteers!
Email
caitlinmakles@yahoo.com
if you'd like to learn more.



2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR REGISTRATION IS ALMOST OPEN

JOIN EDADVANCE BASES (BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL EXTENDED SERVICES) AFTER SCHOOL AT HARWINTON CONSOLIDATED



CLICK HERE

REGISTRATION IS OPEN ONLY FROM

MARCH 15 - APRIL 1

Program operation contingent on enrollment!



CONTACT EDADVANCE BASES FOR MORE INFORMATION

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BURLINGTON PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

PAINT AND PLANT

Instructor: Carolyn Mitchell from
The Brush and Pallet



For: All Ages

Date: Sunday, April 24th

Session 1: 10 am – 11:00 am

Session 2: 11 am – 12 noon

Location: Foote Road Recreation Complex
39 Foote Road, Burlington

Fee: \$16 per person **Maximum:** 20 people per session

Registration Deadline: Thursday, April 21st

Come and join us to celebrate Earth Day weekend by painting a lovely terra cotta pot and planting a beautiful succulent. Carolyn Mitchell of The Brush and Pallet will supply all the materials and instruction to create this lovely addition to your home. You will paint and seal your pot, fill it with soil, and plant a succulent of your choice to take home and enjoy! A great project for all ages.



Register at myburlingtonrec.com