

Good Morning HCS Families,

This is conference week and Book Fair week! Report cards will be sent home tomorrow. Our teachers are looking forward to sharing the progress that your child(ren) have made. Please note that we will dismiss at 1:00pm on Friday, March 25th (ONLY for elementary schools due to home/school conferences.)

The office needs your help! If your child is staying after school for an activity or if you need to pick up your child from school, please send a note with your child to hand in.

Burlington & Harwinton Lions Club will once again be offering a pediatric eye screening to all HCS students. The screening is free of charge, in conjunction with the Lions Kidsight USA Program which is administered by the Connecticut Lions Eye Research Foundation. If you do **not** want your child to participate, there is an opt out form attached to the informational letter that can be found by clicking this link: [Kidsight Lion Club eye screening HCS 2022.pdf](#) (A double-sided paper copy will be sent home in backpacks tomorrow.)

Thank you very much for all the donations that were sent in for the Student Council project! We will be purchasing gift cards for the healthcare heroes at Charlotte Hungerford Hospital.

We appreciate our PTO who sponsored our grade 4 field trip this past Thursday. The students had a great time at the CT Science Center! Thank you!

### **REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!**

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 is **now open through April 1st**. You will use this link to register: <https://www.bases.edadvance.org/>

## GOT EGGS?\_

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:

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[hedrickc@region10ct.org](mailto:hedrickc@region10ct.org)

Thanks so much!

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-Electronics)

**Request to Change Bus Pick-ups and Drop Off:** We are unable to accommodate requests from students to take other students' buses home. Bus routes and stops are developed taking into consideration safety and efficiency. To this end, the Board of Education may accommodate **one** permanent Monday through Friday pick-up and drop-off schedule for each child per school year provided it is along established bus routes. In the event a permanent change to a pick-up and drop-off schedule is needed during a school year, **a written request must be submitted to the school principal at least three weeks in advance of such change.**

Have a great rest of the weekend!

Bob

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## **Messages from our PTO:**

The HCS Spring book fair starts in just 2 days!!! Flyers have been sent home with your child's fair visit date. Scholastic no longer provides bags so please send in a reusable bag for your child to safely bring their new books in.

NEW this Spring! Returning are evening book fair hours! Tuesday, March 22nd and Thursday, March 24th from 4-7pm parents and students can come and shop at the fair in the library. Our school mascot Sparky will be at the book fair on 3/22 at 5 pm for "Story time with Sparky". Stop by and listen to a new story with Sparky and have your picture taken!

eWallet-If interested in prepaying for your child's book fair visit, please visit the link below and click on eWallet.

<https://bookfairs.scholastic.com/bookfairs/cptoolkit/homepage.do?method=homepage&url=harwintonconsolelemschool>

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS! There are still several volunteers slots available for the book fair- especially the Tuesday slot from 11-1 and the evening hours with 0 volunteers! We can't have classes come if there aren't any volunteers to help them so please consider donating an hour or so of your time to help at a favorite school event. Click the link below to sign up.

<https://signup.com/go/cYDmqAU>

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## **CALENDAR**

**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**

**Spirit Day – wear your spirit wear or blue & white!**

**April 11-15 – No School, Spring Break**

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

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## 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 \(region10ct.org\)](https://region10ct.org)

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## 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](mailto: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](mailto:HCS.Nurse@Region10ct.org)

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

Contact Information for HCS Staff: [http://harwinton.region10ct.org/staff\\_email\\_and\\_webpages](http://harwinton.region10ct.org/staff_email_and_webpages)

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**FLYERS:**

## HCS PTO

- Gresczyk Farms -



### *Mother's Day Hanging Basket Sale*

**\$25 per plant**



10.5" Petunia & Million Bells (full sun)

11.0" New Guinea Impatiens (partial sun)



**Orders due by April 29<sup>th</sup>**

Flowers will be delivered to HCS on May 5<sup>th</sup>

*All proceeds support the updates to the outdoor Pavilion*





## 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!



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