

Good Morning HCS Families–

Thank you for all you did last week to show the HCS teachers and staff how much you appreciate them! Thank you also to the PTO for the treats they provided all week. Everyone enjoyed the breakfast from Dunkin', a nacho bar, Iced Coffee bar, chair massages and candy bar! We all love doing what we do because of our amazing students and families! I also wanted to let you know how touched I was by what you all did for Principals' Day on Monday. It was such a complete surprise and so well done.

Happy Mother's Day to all of the Mothers, Step-Mothers, Grandmothers, Guardians, and other Motherly figures that are in the lives of HCS students! Enjoy your day!

This is a friendly reminder that student dismissal at 1:00 pm this Friday, May 13th.

Have a great rest of the weekend!

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CALENDAR

- **Monday, May 9 - BOE Meeting, Har-Bur Media Center**
 - **Monday, May 9 - Grade 4 Camp Chase Permission Slips Due**
 - **Tuesday, May 10 - Friday, May 20- School Store Returns (see flyer below)**
 - **Tuesday, May 10 - PTO Meeting, 7pm, HCS Library**
 - **Wednesday, May 11 – National School Nurse Day**
 - **Friday, May 13 – 1:00 pm dismissal for students, teacher professional development**
 - **Friday, May 13 - Kindergarten Field Trip Permission slips due**
 - **Saturday, May 14 - Husky Hustle**
 - **Thursday, May 26 – HCS Art Show, 5:00-7:00 pm**
 - **Friday, May 27 - Spirit Day- wear your spirit wear or blue & white**
 - **Friday, June 3 – HCS Field Day**
 - **Thursday, June 9 – Moving Up Ceremony for Fourth Graders**
 - **Friday, June 10- 1:00 pm Dismissal**
 - **Monday, June 13- 1:00 pm Dismissal, Last Day of School**
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Smarter Balanced Assessments will be administered in grades 3 & 4:

9	10	11	12	13
Grade 4- Math	Grade 4 - Math	Grade 3 - Math	Grade 3 - Math	1:00 Dismissal No Testing
16	17	18	19	20
Grade 3- English Language Arts	Grade 3- English Language Arts	Grade 4- English Language Arts	Grade 4- English Language Arts	Grade 4 - Math Performance Task

ATTENTION Grade 4 Families: The 4th grade students are looking forward to all the end-of-the-year celebrations we have planned for them. If you are able to donate an item or even some of your time, to help make these events even better for the kiddos, please click on the following link to sign up. Thank You in advance!

Link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0e4ea8a62ba2fcc43-4thgrade>

The HCS PTO is excited to present a whole slate of enrichment opportunities for our students this week!

The **1st grade** students will enjoy a field trip to The Children's Museum on Wednesday, May 11th, 2022. The Children's Museum in West Hartford, Connecticut offers hands-on fun with science and nature. Children will engage in their interactive labs, multi-sensory exhibits and demonstrations and participate in a program called "Animal Adaptions & Habitats". Students will depart on the buses from HCS in the morning and return at 1:40pm. Some notes:

- **Snack/Lunch** - Students will eat lunch when they return to school at 1:40pm, so they may bring a snack to 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 child with \$** - We will not have time to visit the gift shop on this field trip.
- Contact your child's teacher if you have any questions.

The **2nd grade** students are bound for the White Memorial Conservation Center in Litchfield for a field trip on Wednesday, May 11th. Students will explore the museum, take a guided hike on the grounds, and learn more about our current science unit with the program "Seeds, Please!"

A few reminders:

- Please pack a bag lunch (no glass bottles.)
- Dress appropriately for the trip and wear sturdy, close-toed shoes as they will hike in the woods.
- We recommend that you apply sunscreen and bug spray before they leave home.
- Classes will not visit the gift shop, so please do not send money with your student.

And our **PreK students** will welcome White Memorial Conservation Center to our school on Friday, May 13th for a fun, interactive program all about ANIMALS! Our youngest scholars will learn all about animal classification – what makes an animal a mammal or a reptile or amphibian? They will even get a chance to meet some fuzzy, furry, scaly friends in person.

We would like to thank our amazing HCS families for supporting fundraising efforts like the Husky Hustle that make our enrichment programs and field trips possible. You make HCS great!

HCS CLIMATE SURVEY

Families - if you have not filled out this survey yet, we hope that at least one member of each family can take a few minutes to respond. Your input is important and is used to set goals for improvement.

This survey is conducted each year to assess perceptions of school climate, including feelings about safety, relationships, learning, the environment, and communication within the school.

The link you should use is: <https://surveys.panoramaed.com/region10ct/login>

Please enter this code which is specific for HCS: **7926156715**

The survey will close on Tuesday, May 17th.

Thank you for participating and providing feedback!

AUTISM WALK: The Region 10 schools are joining forces and building a R10 United team for the Autism Walk at the North Haven Fairgrounds on Sunday, May 22nd at 9:00 am. Please contact Mrs. Green (greena@region10ct.org) for more information about how you can support the team or participate in the walk! You can also register for the walk or make a donation here: [click here](#)

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

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