

September 4



News from the Hill!

Hello Jaguar Families!

After two weeks, I can say that I love Jeffers Hill. The students are awesome. I love giving them high fives and talking about all things reading, math, WWE, video games, sports and being kind to each other. I love talking to the families and greeting them at arrival and dismissal. I am so happy to be here and happy to do the hard work with teachers and students and engage our community. Have a great weekend and we will see you on Tuesday!

Events in September

September 7

- Labor Day: Schools and Offices Closed

September 9

Back to School Night

- GT: 5:30PM to 6:00PM
- All: 6:00PM to 8:00PM

September 16

- Fall Student Picture Day (Check your Student(s) Friday folder)

- PTA Meeting: 6:00PM via (The link will be shared closer to first PTA meeting)

September 21

- Yom Kippur: Schools and Offices Closed

September 30

- Schools close 3 hours early (12:15pm): NO half-day Pre-k/RECC-Staff Professional Workday

MAP Testing Begins Next Week

MAP Growth tests measure your child's learning level and academic progress. The test adapts to your child in real time, asking more challenging questions when they answer correctly, and easier ones when they answer incorrectly. This gives teachers a precise picture of what your child knows and what they are ready to learn next, helping educators tailor instruction to meet their specific needs.

Parents will receive a Family Report following each testing period, which highlights overall academic achievement and tracks progress compared to peers nationwide.

MAP Dates

Grade	Subject	Date
1st Grade	Math	9/15
2nd Grade	Math	9/16

3rd Grade	Math	9/15
4th Grade	ELA	9/16
4th Grade	Math	9/17
5th Grade	ELA	9/22

- *HCPSS Seeks Advisory Committee Members by Sept. 11:*
 - *HCPSS is seeking community members to serve on curriculum advisory committees, which provide a forum to share ideas and support continuous academic excellence. Interested stakeholders should submit an online interest form by September 11. Please [click here](#) for more information and to submit your application.*

Free Food and Fresh Produce!

There will be a free food and fresh produce distribution from 12-2 on Monday, September 28th. Sponsored by The Salvation Army, it will be held at 3267 Pine Orchard Lane, Ellicott City, MD, 21042. There is a drive-through option and attendees should bring an ID.

[September Food Distribution - Spanish.pdf](#)

[September Food Distribution - English.pdf](#)

Student Drop-Off Table

Something new this year is our Student Drop-Off Table. This table will be used for any forgotten items such as lunch boxes, water bottles, instruments, and more. If you need to drop something off for your student, simply grab a sticky note and pen, and label the item with your student's name, teacher, and/or grad

e. We will make sure it gets to them!



For students who arrive after the late bell, parents/guardians will need to sign them in. Please come into the school and use our Sign-In/Sign-Out Table to sign in your student.

As a reminder, please bring your photo ID when signing out your student. Thank you for helping us keep our arrival procedures safe and organized!



9/8 Red Day

9/9 Orange Day

9/10 Yellow Day

9/11 Green Day

News from the PTA!

Don't forget about the 2nd Annual Color Fun Run on October 2nd. Register now!

https://app.99pledges.com/fund/jhescolorfunrun2026?home_v2=true



Complete Your Emergency Information in Family File! We need your updated emergency contact information!

- HCPSS utilizes Family File for families to complete emergency information. Parents/guardians can now [complete Family File](#) by logging in to HCPSS Connect, selecting Online Registration/Family File at the top right of the page, and then selecting Family File Verification. Parents/guardians must verify and/or update information for each child, each school year. Add the number of families that have completed their files.

Meals Applications

- Many HCPSS families are eligible to participate in the Free and Reduced Price Meals (FARMs) program, which provides children with a wide range of benefits including free or discounted college tuition, testing and application fees, academic and athletic program fees, and many others in addition to free or discounted meals. Applications for free and reduced-price meals for the 2026–2027 school year are now available through the new LINQ Connect website. We encourage all families who believe they may qualify to complete this important application. Families are urged to check their eligibility and complete

a FARMS application as soon as possible. Families must submit a new application every school year.

[Apply online here](#)

Clothing for Cash

Clothing for Cash recycling program helps Jeffers raise money! We are paid for each pound of clothing that enters the bin! The bin takes clothing, shoes, and other textiles.



Have a great weekend!