

**Welcome to  
Laurel Woods  
Elementary School  
Back to School Night**





**VISION:** Every student and staff member embraces diversity and possesses the skills, knowledge and confidence to positively influence the larger community.

**MISSION:** HCPSS ensures academic success and social-emotional well-being for each student in an inclusive and nurturing environment that closes opportunity gaps.



More information: [www.hcpss.org/scta](http://www.hcpss.org/scta)

# School and System News and Information



## Email

School news, HCPSS News,  
emergency notices



## Text

Urgent / emergency  
notices only



## HCPSS website

[www.hcpss.org](http://www.hcpss.org)

System-wide news and  
information resource



## School website

[lwes.hcpss.org](http://lwes.hcpss.org)

School news, calendar, sports  
and clubs, staff directory; more



LWES Twitter: [@hcpss\\_lwes](https://twitter.com/hcpss_lwes)

# School Closings/Delays



[www.HCPSS.org](http://www.HCPSS.org)



@hcpss



HCPSS News



HoCoSchools



HCPSS TV

Verizon 42  
Comcast 72



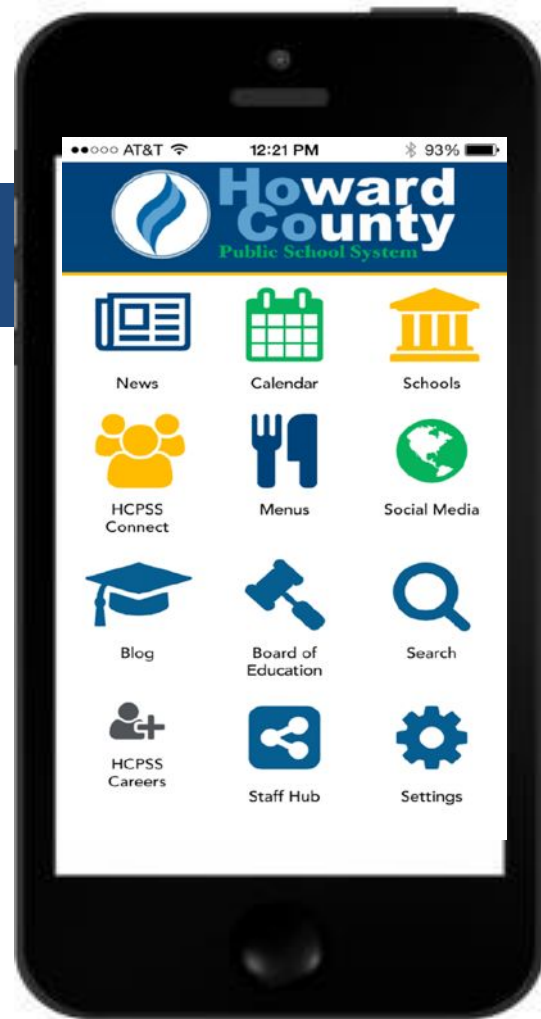
Hotline

410-313-6666

# HCPSS Mobile App

Free download on App Store:

- iPhone
- iPad
- Android





**Synergy Student  
Information System**

**Canvas  
Learning System**

**Family File**

**[www.hcpss.org/connect](http://www.hcpss.org/connect)**

# HCPSS Connect: How to Get Help

## Login Assistance:

Contact the school office



## Guides and Resources:

[www.hcpss.org/connect](http://www.hcpss.org/connect)



# LWES Communication

## Daily Communication

- Agenda Book (Grades 2 - 5)
- Daily Folder (white folder)  
*(Notes to/from the teacher or front office )*
- Friday Folder (yellow folder) - Please empty each Monday.
- Interim Reports
- Report Cards
- Student Work

## Parent Conferences

- Held in the November and February

## Online Communication

- **Laurel Woods Website:** [/wes.hcpss.org](http://wes.hcpss.org)
- Parents are automatically signed up for email alerts, and only need to opt in for text messaging once.
- Text the word “YES” to 67587 from the cell phone number on file in HCPSS Connect when you completed your family file.
- **Twitter @hcpss\_lwes**
- **HCPSS Connect** <http://www.hcpss.org/connect/>
- Download the **HCPSS and Canvas Parent Apps.**



# Interactive School Menus



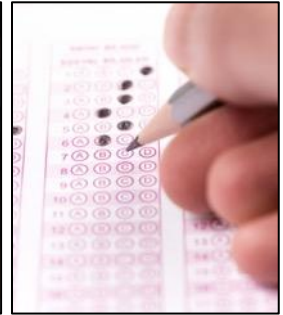
- Food descriptions
- Nutrition and allergens
- Carb counts
- Pre-payment links
- Menus
- Breakfast and lunch

- <http://hcpss.nutrislice.com>
- free iPhone or IOS app
- HCPSS Mobile App

# Free and Reduced-Price Meals (FARMs)

Qualifying families can receive free or reduced-cost:

- School meals
- Health insurance
- HCC tuition
- SAT, ACT and AP exam fees
- Camps, sports, child care
- Many other benefits



Learn more and apply:  
[www.hcpss.org/farms](http://www.hcpss.org/farms)

# Mental Health and Student Supports

School Counselor: Susan Wilmes

School Psychologist: Andrea Cohn

BSAP Liaison: Tiffani Peguese

Hispanic Liaison: Belen Bhatti

Pupil Personnel Worker: Monique Finch

More information:

[www.hcpss.org/supports/mental-health-wellness](http://www.hcpss.org/supports/mental-health-wellness)

# Title I Schools



- School-wide enhanced programs, services and enrichment
- Available to all students in our school
- Family involvement for all families

# Boundary Review Process

Potentially impacting any HCPSS school

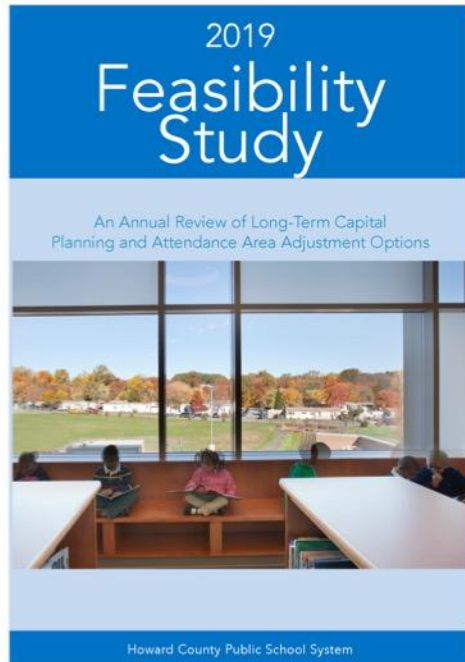
- 2020-2021 school year

Upcoming public input opportunities:

- Online: through August 1
- Board public hearings: September

**Full information:**

**[www.hcpss.org/school-planning/boundary-review](http://www.hcpss.org/school-planning/boundary-review)**



# Elementary Report Card: Changes for 2019-20

## Learning Behaviors

Student demonstrates...

- Interpersonal skills
- Responsibility
- Perseverance
- Collaboration
- Initiative

## Reporting

For each learning behavior...

- 1 - Meets expectations
- 2 - Making progress towards expectations
- 3 - Limited / no progress towards expectation

# Assessments for Our Students

- **Measures of Academic Progress (MAP)**
  - Grades 1-2: fall, winter and spring
  - Grades 3-5: fall and winter
- **CogAT (Cognitive Abilities Test)**
  - Grades 3 - 5: December
  - Informs GT placements
- **Maryland Integrated Science Assessment (MISA)**
  - Grade 5
  - Aligned to HCPSS science curriculum and Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS)
- **MCAP Assessment**
  - Grades 3 - 5: Spring
  - Math and English Language Arts

# What Your Child Will Learn Guides



On Canvas via  
HCPSS Connect  
[www.hcpss.org/connect](http://www.hcpss.org/connect)

Curriculum content  
overview for each

- Grade (PreK – 5)
- Subject area



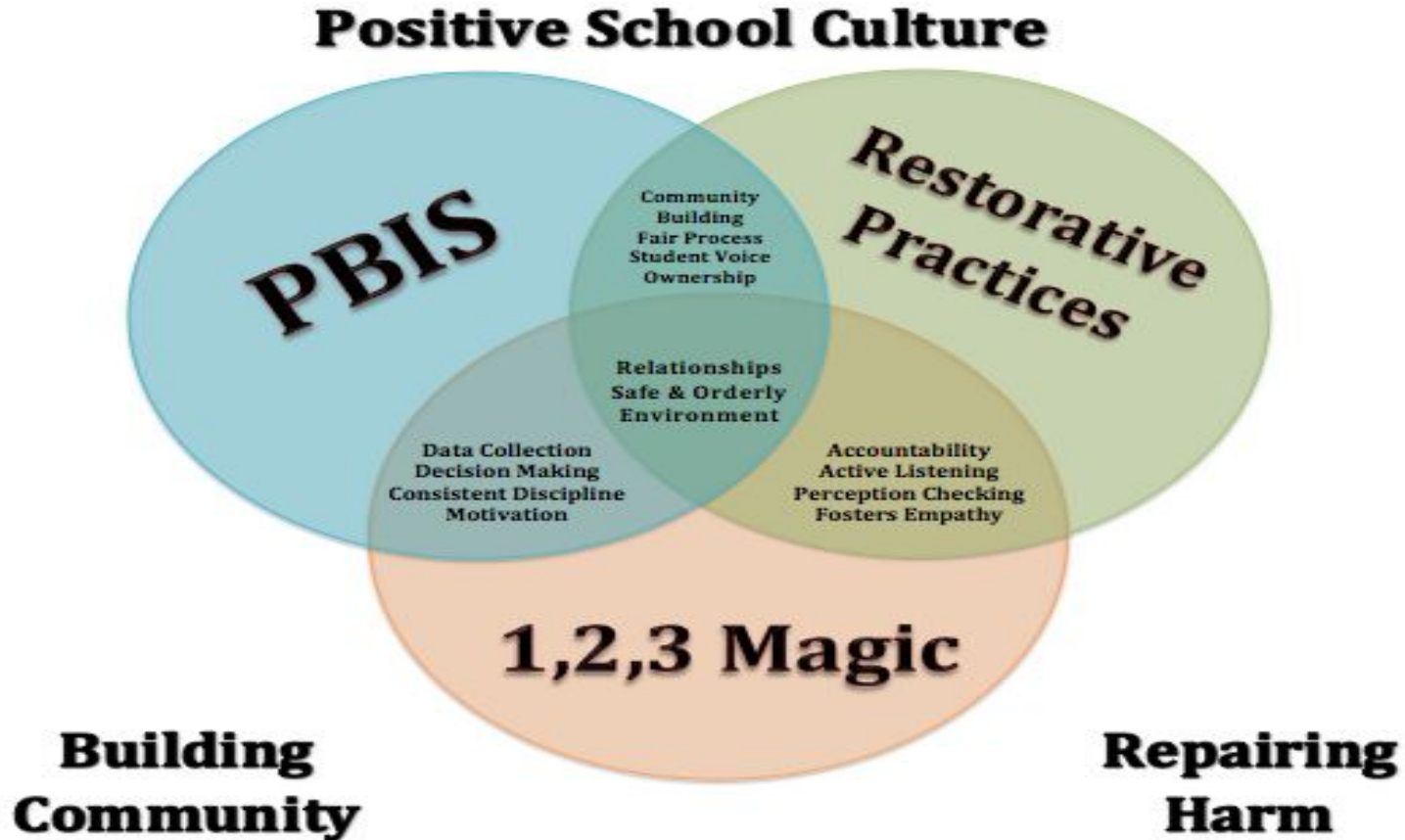
# #iPromiseHOPE

A landscape photograph of rolling hills under a cloudy sky at sunset or sunrise. The hills are covered in green grass and are bathed in the warm, golden light of the low sun. The sky is filled with soft, white clouds. The overall mood is peaceful and hopeful.

**Hope is the magic carpet that transports us  
from the present moment into the realm of  
infinite possibilities.**

H. Jackson Brown, Jr.

# Community Building at LWES



# PBIS

- Our school-wide plan is guided by PBIS—Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports.
- Our school expected behaviors:
  - Be Respectful
  - Be Responsible
  - Be Safe
  - Show Effort
- As students demonstrate expected behaviors, they earn “clicks” on their click cards.
- Click cards are traded in weekly for prizes.
- Other Incentives - Monthly Dolphin Days, Pep Rallies, Quarterly Incentives and Drawings

		<b>Click Card</b>			
		Week			
		Teacher			
		<b>Be Responsible</b>			

# 1, 2, 3 Magic

In addition to click cards and rewards, students' behavior is managed through the use of a **1-2-3 counting system**.

- Focus on the START Behaviors and acknowledge often.
- Students who are counted to 3 without changing their behavior will receive an in-class "Take 5". There is a designated Take 5 area in each classroom.
- Teachers will communicate via the agenda book or other designated folder when students have had 1 or more "Take 5s." This communication sticker will describe the behavior concern.
- Please sign the communication sticker to indicate you have seen it and have spoken to your child about what occurred.
- Students **should not** receive additional consequences at home for time-outs earned at school. Instead use this as an opportunity to engage in conversation with your student about the choices made and how to make better choices in the future.

# Arrival and Dismissal Procedures



- PreKindergarten will enter via the cafeteria.
- Kindergarten, First and Second Grades will enter through the front of the building with designated places to stand.
- Grades 3, 4 and 5 will line up outside of designated doors.
- The carloop is located on the side of the building. Students will walk from the unloading area to the designated entrance.
- The bus loop is in the front of the building.

# The School Day

**8:40 am** Students enter, Unpack, and Eat Breakfast

**9:00 am** Content Area Instruction Begins - Tardy Bell Rings

- Language Arts Block (*2 hrs.*)
- Math (*1 hr 15 min*)
- Social Studies/Science /Health (*45 min*)
- Related Arts Each Day (*PE, Art, Media, Music, Technology*)
- *Community Circles and SEL learning (15 min)*

**3:30 pm** Afternoon Announcements

**3:35 pm** Dismissal Begins - *\*All students should be picked up by 3:45 pm.*

- 3:30 p.m. - Car Riders and After Care
- 3:33 p.m. - Bus Riders and Daycare Vans
- 3:35 p.m. - Walkers



# Attendance

- Howard County policy states: *students are expected to be in school or attending a school function each day that school is in session.*
- If absent, a note from the parent/guardian explaining the absence or tardiness of a student should be received within two days of the student's return to school.
- If attendance is a consistent problem:
  - Parents will be contacted
  - Attendance letters will be sent home and meetings scheduled
  - The Pupil Personnel Worker will get involved with families

# Volunteers

- Teachers will share opportunities for classroom volunteers and schedule parents/guests ahead of time.
- All volunteers must complete the volunteer training linked on the Laurel Woods Elementary School website. We also have training modules available before you leave today.
- Visitors must be buzzed into the building and proceed into the front office to show identification and sign in.
- Please make sure to bring a form of identification each time you visit Laurel Woods.



# Volunteers

- One-to-One work with a child
- Work with small groups in Rdg/Math
- Help students during center time
- Chaperone field trips
- Assist with special events
- Support during Recess and Lunch
- Help with Friday Folders
- Prepare instructional materials
- *GET INVOLVED WITH THE PTO!*



# PTO

PTO - Parent/Teacher Organization

Our PTO Executive Board Members are:

- Danyelle Blackwell - President
- Katy Robinson - Treasurer
- Courtney Thomas - Secretary

Always looking for help and hoping you will join! More details to come!