

**HIGH POINT  
ELEMENTARY  
SCHOOL**

**7789 Edgewood Avenue  
Pasadena, MD 21122**

**Office Hours 7:00-3:00**

# High Point Highlights

December 2023

## Principal's Message

We hope that all High Point families had an enjoyable Thanksgiving break! Now that we are back in the full swing of the second marking period, please continue to reinforce positive school routines with your child. This includes daily practice on iReady "My Path" for homework as well as reviewing our school rules of being Respectful, Responsible, and Ready for Learning. This includes in the classroom, on the playground, at lunch and on the school bus.

As we approach the mid-point of the marking period, be sure to monitor your child's progress by visiting the ParentPortal. All families with children in Kindergarten through fifth grade can access graded assignments in real-time. Any family needing support with the ParentPortal or creating an account should call the office for assistance.

Our spirit day countdown to Winter Break begins on Tuesday, December 5 with

our Unity Day. The spirit day calendar was linked to the same email as this newsletter.

Our next Positive Behavior Intervention and Supports (PBIS) Celebration will take place at the end of the month. Each class is working to meet their goal so they can participate in "Minute-to-Win-It" activities with their class.

Students in grades 3-5 should bring Chromebooks fully charged to school each day along with headphones. Students that lost chargers are responsible for the replacement cost or can purchase a new one [online](#). With winter weather beginning to move in, students in grades 3-5 should be in the habit of taking their Chromebooks home each day should the need arise for a virtual instruction day.

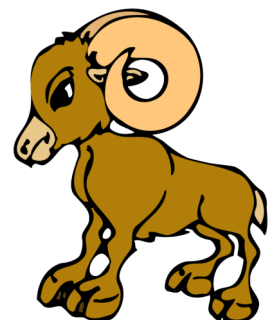
*Arrival/Dismissal reminders:*  
Doors to the building open at 7:40 AM and close promptly at 8:00 AM. Students arriving after 8:00 will be marked as

tardy and need to be signed-in at the office by a parent or guardian. All car riders should only utilize the actual car loop each morning. Our staff will try to assist with all students exiting vehicles so parents can stay in the car. Please do not drop-off in the parking lot as there is no cross-walk which poses a major safety concern. Thank you for keeping the handicap spaces available for those individuals that require them. As an additional reminder, during dismissal, please keep the area clear around the main entrance. Parents/guardians should refrain from crowding this area so that all students can exit the building in a safe and orderly manner. Families that walk up to the building should consider using one of the alternate exits (playground doors or Central Ave. doors) to assist with this routine.

The teachers and staff of HPES all wish you a happy and safe winter holiday season!

Best,

*Mr. Wojtala,  
Principal*



# High Point Elementary School

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Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
<b>4</b> HPES Book Fair	<b>5</b> HPES Book Fair <b>Unity Day—Wear Orange</b> 2-Hour Early Dismissal <b>Family Evening Book Fair 4:30-7:00</b>	<b>6</b> HPES Book Fair	<b>7</b> HPES Book Fair	<b>8</b> HPES Book Fair
<b>11</b> PTA Craft/VIP Night and Holiday Shop at 6:30 PM	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 5th Grade Field Trip Drownproofing (Dingman & Holmes/Parkash)	<b>14</b> 5th Grade Field Trip Drownproofing (Whipp & Cappellini) PTA Holiday Movie Night and Holiday Shop at 6:30 PM	<b>15</b> 5th Grade Field Trip Drownproofing (Ferrell)
<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> Winter Concert at 6:30 PM	<b>22</b> PBIS Class Incentive Day "Minute to Win It"
<b>25</b> Schools Closed	<b>26</b> Winter Break	<b>27</b> Schools Closed	<b>28</b> Winter Break	<b>29</b> Schools Closed
<b>Jan. 1</b> Schools Closed—Happy New Year!	<b>Jan. 2</b>	<b>Jan. 3</b> 5th Grade Chorus Field Trip	<b>Jan. 4</b>	<b>Jan. 5</b>