



# Hope-Hill Happenings

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## CALENDAR

### Month of October

- Wed, Oct 9**
  - PTA Meeting (Virtual)
- Oct 14-18**
  - Fall Break ( No School)
- Mon, Oct 14**
  - Teacher Professional Learning Day
- Wed, Oct 23**
  - Go Team Meeting (Virtual)
- Wed, Oct 25**
  - Fall Festival
  - Coffee Chat with the Principal
- Tues, Oct 29**
  - Picture Day ( Do Not Wear Green)
- Wed, Oct 30- Nov 8**
  - Scholastic Book Fair
- Thurs, Oct 31**
  - Book Character Day



## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Greetings HHES Community,

As we welcome October, I want to take a moment to reflect on the wonderful progress our students and staff are making this school year. Thank you for your continued support and engagement in our school community!

### Important Announcements:

#### 1. Recess Sports Update:

Due to an increase in reported injuries during recess, we have made the decision to restrict football and soccer during this time. We encourage students to participate in alternative non-contact activities to ensure a safe and enjoyable recess for everyone.

#### 2. Fall Festival:

We are excited to announce our upcoming Fall Festival on October 25th. Join us for an evening of fun, trick or treat, and community spirit!

#### 3. Safety Drills:

This month, we will conduct our regular safety drills. These drills help ensure that our students are prepared in case of an emergency. We encourage parents to discuss the importance of safety with their children.

#### 4. Academic Highlights:

Our students have been hard at work! For STEAM, students have been working on their class project-based learning (PBL) activities. We are so proud of their efforts and achievements!

#### Reminders:

- Please ensure that your child is dressed appropriately for the changing weather.
- Please don't park on Irwin or Boulevard, you can get ticketed.

As always, thank you for your support and involvement in our school community. Please feel free to reach out if you have any questions or concerns.

Warm regards,  
Keisha Knight

## COUNSELOR'S CORNER

### SOCIAL-EMOTIONAL LEARNING (SEL)

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#### Month of October

#### Red Ribbon Week October 28th - 31st

- October 9th – District-wide Anti-Bullying Awareness Day Activities – All will be asked to wear ORANGE
- Hispanic Heritage Month September 15th - October 15th
- The administration team from Howard Middle School will visit with our 5th graders on October 24th.
- Ebenezer Baptist Church Youth Leadership Development Program
  - October 5th. Title of Session: Personal Success
  - October 19th. Title of Session: ACE Flight School

SEL Book of the month of October is **I'm From**

By Gary R. Gray and Oge Mora

Theme: Diversity and Acceptance

We show appreciation for diverse perspective and experiences.





Have you received your child's MAP scores? Are you looking for resources and strategies to help improve your child's reading abilities? Check out this e-book from NWEA! It is filled with easy to implement activities to do at home.



**SCAN ME**

- Check out these Fun Dates during the Month of October
- The Month of October: National Cookbook Month
  - October 1: National Poetry Day
  - October 5 Bookshop Day
  - October 16: National Dictionary Day
  - October 31: Books for Treats Day

We are moving into Informational Writing!



The genre of the month for October is **nonfiction**. Reading nonfiction books can be important for a variety of reasons, including:

- Building Knowledge**- Nonfiction books can help readers learn about a wide range of topics and expand their knowledge.
- Developing critical thinking skills**- Nonfiction books can help readers develop critical thinking and information-gathering skills.

**The Science of the Season : Nonfiction Books About Autumn**

- Fall Leaves
- Animals in the Fall
- Fall Harvests
- Awesome Autumn
- Fall Weather Fun
- Fall Pumpkins
- Fall Animal Fun



The Scholastic Book Fair will be held on **Wednesday, Oct 30- November 8**  
Scan QR code below:



District Initiative:  
Read 20 minutes daily  
Log minutes into Mybackpack and click on Beanstack application



Happy October! As we enjoy the beauty of fall, we have a wonderful opportunity to incorporate math into everyday activities. This month, we're excited to share fun ways to engage your child in math during nature walks, running errands, and car rides.

**Math in Nature Walks**

Nature walks are a fantastic way to explore math concepts outside the classroom. Here are some ideas:

**Counting:** Count the number of different types of leaves, flowers, or trees you see. Challenge your child to find a specific number of items, like 10 leaves or 5 acorns.

**Measuring:** Bring a tape measure or a ruler and measure the height of different trees or the length of a path. Discuss the differences and compare measurements.

**Patterns:** Look for patterns in nature, such as the arrangement of petals on flowers or the stripes on a bee. Ask your child to create their own patterns with natural materials like stones or sticks.

**Math While Running Errands**

Everyday errands provide great opportunities to practice math skills:

**Hopping Lists:** Involve your child in creating a shopping list. Ask them to categorize items by type (fruits, vegetables, etc.) and count how many items you need.

**Estimating Costs:** As you shop, have your child estimate the total cost of items in your cart. Discuss strategies for rounding and making quick calculations.

**Comparing Prices:** Teach your child to compare prices of similar items. Ask questions like, "Which is a better deal?" or "How much do we save by choosing this option?"



Our September has been an exciting month. Students have been busy completing engineering design challenges in the STEAM Lab. We also won a STEM Lab from the Ripken Foundation. The lab will include robots, 3D printers, and building blocks. We are expected to receive the new equipment in October.

Our annual One Fair is fast approaching. Students in grades 3rd-5th are required to participate in the One Fair. Students will choose between a science fair, social studies fair, or technology fair project. The project will be due on November 13th. More information regarding the fair requirements will be provided.

We look forward to seeing which students will advance to the district fairs!

