



The Week @ Wyland

August 25, 2022

Dr. Laurie Tocci

Collaboration

The new school year has begun and I have goals for this new year! Family engagement and collaboration are at the top of the goal list.

Families who are integrally engaged with the school are able to collaborate with teachers to support their students. Without this high level of collaboration, students can fall through the cracks, practice poor learning habits, and feel disengaged with school.

During my opening faculty meeting, we discussed the ways the teachers communicate with you. It is my hope that you feel a strong connection with Wyland Elementary and join "Team Wyland" as we move through this school year together.

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Student Behavior Expectations

The Hampton Township School District has a K-5 Code of Conduct designed to help teach young children responsible behavior. Please review this document with your child(ren). The document can be found [here](#).

Please check your student's backpack for the Student Behavior Expectations *Parent Acknowledgement* to be signed by the parent after reviewing the document.

Thank you!

Important Dates

Tuesday, August 30:

Let's Get Acquainted - Grades K, 1, 2
6:00-7:00 PM (Parents/Guardians only)

Thursday, September 1:

Let's Get Acquainted - Grades 3, 4, 5
6:00-7:00 PM (Parents/Guardians only)

Future Dates:

Sept. 5	No School - Labor Day!
Sept. 7	PTO Meeting (7:00pm)
Sept. 13	Student Photo Day
Sept. 16	Early Dismissal (1:45 pm)
Sept. 23	Talbot Tailgate

Class/Morning Meeting

While many of the elementary homeroom teachers have always held a regular classroom meeting to welcome students, discuss the day's agenda etc., we are using this school year to work together and across buildings to learn about and share strategies and fun games and to follow a similar structure in an age-appropriate way in all K-5 classrooms.

Holding a Morning/Class Meeting is a great way to build community, set a positive tone, increase excitement about learning, and improve academic and social skills. Be sure to ask your child about their class meetings this year!

Important Transportation Information and AM Drop-Off and PM Pick-Up Procedures

We will assume your child will be riding their district-assigned transportation home at the end of the day unless we are otherwise notified. If your student will not be riding their assigned bus after school, please let the office know.

Bus Riders

Transportation information, including bus stops and times, will be available on the Infinite Campus Parent Portal by August 19.

Car Riders

AM Drop-Off: If you will be driving your child to school in the morning, please enter through the Lawrence Avenue entrance. Drive down the hill, circle around the island along the sidewalk, and stop. An adult will be there to direct your child as they exit the car. Remain in your vehicle. Once your child is out of the car and safely on the sidewalk, please continue to circle around the island and exit the same way you came in. *Please stay in line and do not pull around other vehicles. Be alert and yield the right of way to oncoming school buses.*

Note: If you arrive with your child after 8:45 am, you must park your car in one of the "Visitor" parking spaces in front of the school and accompany your child to the office to sign him or her in.

PM Pick-Up:

All Family vehicles must approach from the Ferguson Road end of Wyland Avenue.

On the first day of school, each family will receive a vehicle sign with the student name(s). This sign must be displayed in the front window of the vehicle. Students will be dismissed by Wyland staff to their family vehicle as the cars line up along the sidewalk. Please stay in line, remain in your vehicle, and follow the direction of the Wyland staff at the pick up area. **It is important that everyone adheres to these procedures.**

Buses and Vans will approach from the Mount Royal Blvd. direction.

Walkers

Students who are walked to school in the morning may be dropped off at the flagpole with the Wyland staff member or at the main front doors. At dismissal, the walkers will meet their family at the flagpole to be escorted home.



Weekly Flyers:

- Wyland Walk the Block!
- Odyssey of the Mind
- Talbot Tailgate

Label Your Student's Items!

Penny
Loafer

Every year we have an incredible number of lost and found items that are never claimed. A few times a year we put out an alert advising that unclaimed items will be donated if not claimed. To avoid losing things, we ask that you please label your student's coats, sweatshirts, water bottles etc. We want to make sure everyone goes home with what they wore or brought in! Thank you!



Thank you Wyland PTO!

The Wyland PTO "Sunshine" committee provided a delicious breakfast on our first clerical day before the start of school. We are very grateful for this kindness. It was much enjoyed by all!

Infinite Campus Parent Portal

Please visit your Parent portal to make sure your information is accurate in our system, and update it as necessary. If you have set up your Portal, but forget your username or password, please contact Lisa Riddell:

lisa.riddell@ht-sd.org or 412-492-6340.



Elementary School Meal Prices:

Breakfast: \$1.25

Lunch: \$2.50



For more information about HTSD Food Services, click [here](#).

Parent-Teacher Conferences

Parent-Teacher Conferences will be held on the afternoon of November 10 and the morning of November 11. The homeroom teachers will send out a Sign-up Genius to schedule a conference.

Important Information for Parents

Attendance/Absences

When a student is absent, parents/guardians should call (412) 486-6000 by 9:15 AM to report the reason for absence. An automated call will be sent for all absent students, even those whose parents/guardians have reported the absence. Upon returning to school, the student must bring a written excuse stating the reason for absence or a medical excuse signed by a physician.

School Hours for 2022-2023:

Regular School Day (Doors will open at 8:15 AM)

- Grades 1-5: 8:45 AM -3:30 PM
- AM Kindergarten: 8:45 AM -11:25 AM
- PM Kindergarten: 12:50 PM - 3:30 PM

Note: Students will be marked Tardy after 8:55 AM

Early Dismissal Days:

- Grades 1-5: 8:45 AM -1:45 PM
- AM Kindergarten: 8:45 AM - 10:45 AM
- PM Kindergarten: 11:45 AM - 1:45 PM

2-Hour Delay Days:

- Grades 1-5: 10:45 AM - 3:30 PM
- AM Kindergarten: 10:45 AM - 12:40 PM
- PM Kindergarten: 1:30 PM - 3:30 PM

School Closures:

September 5, 2022
October 10, 2022
November 4, 2022
November 11, 2022
November 24, 25, 28, 2022
December 22, 2022 - January 2, 2023
January 16, 2023
February 17, 2023
February 20, 2023
March 17, 2023
April 6, 7, 10, 2023
May 29, 2023

Early Dismissal Dates: Students are dismissed at 1:45 PM on these dates:

Friday, September 16, 2022

Friday, October 7, 2022

Wednesday, November 23, 2022

Wednesday, December 21, 2022

Friday, January 13, 2023

Thursday, February 16, 2023

Thursday, March 16, 2023

Wednesday, April 5, 2023

Friday, May 12, 2023

Note: If there is a 2-hour delay on an early dismissal day, the early dismissal is canceled and students will follow the 2-hour delay schedule

Additional Early Dismissal Dates and Times:

- Thursday, **November 10: 12:45 PM** Dismissal for Parent/Teacher Conferences (Kindergarten on Nov. 10: AM (8:45-10:30); PM (11:15-12:45))
- Thursday, **June 8: 11:45 AM** Dismissal
- Friday, **June 9: 11:45 AM** Dismissal (Last day of school)

FAMILY Resources

Parent Information Source	Location
Handbook for Families with Elementary Children	HERE
School Calendar	Summer 2022 Mailed Home
The Week@Wyland	https://hwe.ht-sd.org/about/week-at-wyland <i>Under Featured Information</i>
District Website	http://www.ht-sd.org
PTO Email/Newsletter	wyland.pto@gmail.com
Wyland PTO Handbook	here
Student Take-Home Folders	In Backpacks
Infinite Campus (Student Management System)	Parent Portal: Links Icon on District Website (www.ht-sd.org) OR https://ht-sd.infinitecampus.org/campus/portal/hampton_township.jsp
Wyland Facebook Account	www.facebook.com/laurie.tocci.3
Twitter	@WylandElementa1
Wyland PTO Facebook Page	To protect the privacy of Wyland families, the Wyland PTO Facebook page is private, but any Wyland parent/guardian is invited to join. Contact the Wyland PTO to learn how. (President.WylandPTO@gmail.com)



Wyland Elementary School
2284 Wyland Avenue
412-492-6345

FAMILY Resources (cont'd.)

(Direct link to the District Website's *Parent Resource* page: [Here](#))

COVID-19

- [Exposure and Positive Case Reporting Forms](#)

Wyland Forms and Information

- [Official Note to Wyland](#)
- [Birthday Celebrations/Classroom Parties](#)
- [Educational Travel Form - Elementary](#)
- [2022-2023 Wyland School Supply List](#)
- [Week@Wyland](#)

Parent Teacher Organizations

- [Wyland Elementary](#)

District News

- [District Weather](#)
- [District News](#)

Handbooks and Program of Studies

- [Elementary Student Behavior Expectations](#)
- [Handbook for Families With Elementary Children](#)

Cafeteria and Food Services

- [Food Services \(General Information and Resources\)](#)
- [Menus \(Breakfast and Lunch\)](#)
- [Online Payments](#) (PayForIt.Net)

District Calendar

- [2022-2023 District Calendar](#)

Technology

- [Digital Learning](#)
- [Student One2One Device Insurance and Registration](#)
- [Technology Help Desk](#)

General District Information

- [Delays, Closings, and Emergency Information](#)
- [Infinite Campus Portal](#)
- [Registering my child to attend school](#)

Facilities

- [Facilities Overview](#)
- [Facility Use Application](#)

Wyland Elementary PTO



Thank you!
Without the support of our volunteers our events would not be possible. Thank you to all that donated their time and/or supplies for our recent events.



Welcome Event



Teacher Breakfast



Wyland Elementary PTO

PTO Updates...

As children enter the music classroom this year they will be delighted to see something new to the room, ukuleles! The wall of ukuleles was made possible by all of the PTO members and their fundraising efforts. This addition makes Wyland the only school in the district to offer this instrument!

"As an educator the ukuleles are a nice supplement and allows an introduction to all parts of music, a stringed option which Wyland has never had before"

-Ms. Magdic, Wyland Music Teacher



PTO At a Glance...

September 7.....*First* PTO Meeting, 7pm
September 19-23.....Breakfast with Buddies
September 23.....Talbot Tailgate
October 6.....PTO Meeting, 7pm
October 17-21.....Breakfast with Buddies
October 28.....Halloween Parties (classrooms)
November 7-11.....Book Fair
November 18.....Talent Show



Wyland's Walk^{the} Block



Friday, August 26

10am

What is this?

A tradition for Wyland students to walk around the block on their second day of school.

Are we able to watch the Parade?

You may line the streets in a safe manner to watch the kids go by but may not join the parade.

This event will not take place if it's raining and will not be rescheduled.

There is no pressure to attend this event and not required of families.

Fun Fact ...

Some families have chalked the streets with their students' names prior to the parade.



ATTENTION CREATIVE THINKERS!

Hampton Township Odyssey of the Mind Association
wants you to join:



Why Odyssey of the Mind is Good for Students . . .

Odyssey of the Mind provides an opportunity for students to learn creative problem-solving methods while having fun in the process. By tapping into creativity, and through encouraging imaginative paths to problem-solving, students learn skills that will provide them with the ability to solve problems -- great and small -- for a lifetime. Odyssey of the Mind teaches students how to think divergently by providing open-ended problems that appeal to a wide range of interests. Students learn how to identify challenges and think creatively to solve those problems. They are free to express their ideas and suggestions without fear of criticism. The creative problem-solving process rewards thinking "outside of the box."

In Odyssey of the Mind . . .

- Students develop team-building skills by working in groups of as many as seven students per team.
- Students learn to examine problems and to identify the real challenge without limiting the possible solutions and their potential success.
- The creative thinking process is nurtured and developed as a problem-solving tool.
- Students of all types will find something that will appeal to them.

Who Can Participate . . .

All students in kindergarten through 12th Grade are invited to join Odyssey of the Mind! Teams will be formed for grades K-2, 3-5, 6-8 and 9-12. Sign-up online here:

<https://htsdodysseyofthemind.weebly.com/student-sign-up.html>

To Learn More . . .

- Read the letter below for more information from Dr. Bennett, Hampton Township Odyssey of the Mind Coordinator
- Visit the Odyssey of the Mind website at www.odysseyofthemind.com
- See your enrichment coordinator
- Join us for a kick-off event at **HMS Auditorium at 6:30 PM on Wednesday, September 7** to solve spontaneous problems together as a family!



Dear HTSD Families,

Hampton Township Odyssey of the Mind would like to invite interested students to register to participate in an [Odyssey of the Mind](#) team-based problem-solving activity. Odyssey of the Mind teams work together to creatively solve spontaneous verbal and hands-on challenges as well as a team-selected long-term problem that they will solve over the course of several months (until the regional tournament in early March 2023). Participants learn team-building skills and develop their own talents and creative thinking skills to present a unique solution to a posed problem. Teams of up to 7 students will be organized by grade (K-2, 3-5, 6-8 and 9-12) and meetings will be scheduled based on the coaches' availability. The time commitment is September through early March (or through May if teams advance to states and worlds), with one- to two-hour meetings at least two times a month (times to be set by the coaches),

For teams participating in person, the Regional Tournament date is TBD March 2023 (usually the first Saturday in March) and teams who advance may have possible trips to the State Tournament and Worlds Tournament in April and May respectively. For students who prefer a virtual setting, Odyssey of the Mind offers a virtual tournament, date TBD. The tournament schedule will be posted on www.wpaodyssey.org. You are encouraged to look at the Odyssey of the Mind website for more valuable information (www.odysseyofthemind.com) and look over this year's problem synopses with your child to decide if this is something they might want to participate in. K-2 students have the option of participating in the Primary Division problem, which is a non-competitive division that does their performance at the regional tournament without advancing to the state or world tournaments.

We can have as many teams as we have parent volunteer coaches. Parents who volunteer to coach will be guaranteed their child's spot on a team. After that, if we do not have enough coaches per student ratio, a lottery will be held to determine the remaining team members. Because Odyssey of the Mind usually has a coaches' training scheduled for the first Saturday in November, we need to form teams and begin meeting as soon as possible. I will hold a brief coaches' training for new and returning district coaches before team meetings begin in the last couple of weeks of September.

Please fill out the sign-up form online by Thursday, September 15 to sign up to participate this year. No money is due at sign-up. The Hampton Township Odyssey of the Mind Association works hard each year to make sure any Hampton student who wants to participate in the program may do so with little to no cost, thanks in a large part due to corporate sponsorships, individual contributions, community fundraisers, and PTO support. There may be travel costs for families of teams advancing to state or world tournaments.

If you have any questions about the program, please contact us at HTSDOotM@gmail.com or visit our website. Here is the sign-up form link <https://htsdodysseyofthemind.weebly.com/student-sign-up.html>.

Thank you,
Mary Lynne Bennett, HTSD OotM Coordinator

Annual Homecoming **Talbot Tailgate**

Friday, September 23, 2022



Order your shirt now!

Deadline for Orders is September 5, 2022

Order form is on the Hampton Website under Athletics

**Hampton Middle School - Back Parking Lot
3:30 until 7:00**

Food Music Games Fun for All

Mascot Contest

Free Shuttle Bus Service

**Hampton High School Parking Lot
Beginning at 3:30 pm**