



## Kind Kid Sock Drive

Poff, Central, and Wyland's Kindness Clubs are collecting new socks of all sizes (men, women, children, and toddler/infant) to help fill an immediate need at local homeless shelters. Socks will be collected in the front lobby or can be ordered through the Kind Kid Amazon wish list. See Poff Flyers for details.

The Kind Kids are also sponsoring a **CRAZY SOCK DAY on Friday, January 28** to inspire Team Poff to participate in the Sock Drive.



## Book Fair Save The Date

Please mark your calendars! Students will shop at the next Scholastic Book Fair the week of January 31st. A sign up genius for book fair volunteers is at the following link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409094DAAAF29ABFD0-winter2>

## No Name Calling Week

Next week, our School Counselors will lead us in honoring No Name Calling Week with different activities that encourage kindness and acceptance of everyone. Students are encouraged to join in Spirit Week as one way to celebrate the week.

Monday- Wear White for peace

Tuesday - Wear Red for courage

Wednesday - Wear Hampton colors to unite in kindness

Thursday - Wear Green to grow into better people

Friday - Wear Yellow or Gold for the Golden Rule

## Poff School and Community Flyers

*Accessed via the Poff Flyers link on the webpage.*

Kindergarten Registration  
Mindfulness Club  
Daffodil Days  
Kind Kid Sock Drive/Crazy Sock Day  
No Name Calling Week  
Hampton High School Blood Drive  
Guest Substitute Training  
Soccer, Baseball & Girls Lacrosse Registration

## COVID-19 Vaccinations for Children

Now that children have the opportunity to be vaccinated against COVID-19, if your child is identified as a close contact, the school nurse will ask if they are fully vaccinated. Close contacts who are fully vaccinated are not required to quarantine, but do need to be closely monitored for symptoms.

If your child is vaccinated and you would like to provide documentation to the school nurse, you may do so by sending in a copy of the completed vaccination card.

## 2022-2023 Kindergarten Registration

Registration for kindergarteners and new first graders for the 2022-2023 school year will take place **online** via the District [website](#). Families are encouraged to register as soon as possible, and to complete the process by February 4, 2022.

- Incoming kindergarten students must be 5 years old on or before August 15, 2022.
- Incoming first grade students must be 6 years old on or before August 15, 2022.

### **Registration Documents:**

- Proof of Age - birth certificate, baptismal record, or other proof of birth
- Two Proofs of Residency - closing papers, lease agreement, rent receipt, or completed residency form **AND** utility bill, cable bill, or paid wage tax receipt
- Proof of immunizations
- Guardianship papers or custody agreements, if applicable





# Poff Papers

1/20/22

## After School Pick Up Procedures

Whenever there is a change in your child's after school routine please notify the teacher in writing with a note.

Changes to after school transportation that occur after the school day has started should be made via phone call to the main office. Please do not make requests for pickup changes after 3:10pm, as this does not provide enough time to communicate the change to the student.

**Car Riders:** Dismissal is from 3:30-3:45. Please do not enter the pick up line before 3:27, when dismissal announcements begin. All families received a numbered card on the first day of school. Place this card in your passenger side window before getting in the pick up line. Enter the back parking lot and follow the curb next to the school building. Continue driving past door #8, following the curb and pulling all the way forward to the end of the parking lot so that the school is on your right and your car is facing the fence. A Poff staff member will dismiss students from the building once your number has been identified. Please remain in your vehicle and pull away as soon as your child is safely inside. Stay in line. Do not pull around other vehicles. Continue to follow the curb back to the fence, turning left and exiting out of the lot onto Haberlein Road.

**Walkers:** A Poff faculty member will walk students across the street to the intersection of Marie and Haberlein where an adult should be waiting to pick up the student.



## Daffodil Days

Please join Team Poff as we support the American Cancer Society in their annual Daffodil Days fundraiser. Orders are due by February 16<sup>th</sup>. Details and order forms can be found in Poff Flyers.

## Daily Symptom Screening

Please monitor your child daily for signs or symptoms of COVID-19. If your child is showing any signs or symptoms, please keep them home from school. Working together, we can keep COVID out of our school and keep all of our children and staff healthy.

The District's COVID-19 Symptom Checklist can be found here: <https://bit.ly/2WB1FnB>

## Outdoor Recess

All students go outside each day the weather permits. We have outdoor recess daily as long as it is not raining and the temperature is above 20 degrees. Please be sure your child is dressed appropriately for outdoor play.

## Wear It Wednesday!

Every Wednesday is Wear it Wednesday for Team Poff!

Students are encouraged to wear their #BeTheKindKid t-shirt or Hampton Blue & Gold every Wednesday.

## Upcoming Events

January 31<sup>st</sup> - February 4<sup>th</sup>  
February 3<sup>rd</sup>  
February 11<sup>th</sup>

Book Fair  
100<sup>th</sup> DAY OF SCHOOL!  
Valentine Parties



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<https://hpe.ht-sd.org/>





## Frequently Asked Questions

**Do adults have to wear a mask in the building?** Yes, everyone must wear a mask, regardless of vaccination status. Everyone in all Hampton Township School District buildings must wear a mask at all times, this includes visitors, volunteers, and employees. Masks are not required when outside.

**How are the students socially distanced during the school day?** The current social distancing guideline for schools is 3-feet. For student desks, this is measured from the center front edge of one desk, to the center front edge of the next desk. This is the same way measurements were conducted last year. One difference from last year is that because students are masked, the CDC is no longer requiring schools to have them all sitting in rows facing the same direction. This allows desks to be grouped in triads, quads, and partners, so long as there is 3 feet of space between the students. Just like last year, we are teaching students ways to know if they are safely distanced from others when they aren't seated at a desk or in the cafeteria.

**How are students seated in the cafeteria?** Students are seated 6-feet apart in the cafeteria. Some grades will also use the studio for lunches to assure that all students have 6 feet of distance while unmasked and eating. The studio has been set up with tables and is monitored by a paraprofessional. Students eating in the studio are still able to get a hot lunch and purchase extras from the cafeteria.

**What does indoor recess look like?** Students are encouraged to play with their friends, but seated at their desks because we know that is 3 feet. When students aren't playing at their desks, we help them to make 3 feet of space on the floor, and we monitor how long they are playing together if they are having trouble keeping their distance.

**What does bus room look like?** Students are socially distanced at 3 feet in the bus room. Students are reminded throughout bus room to keep their distance. The K-2 bus room is in the cafeteria and the 3-5 bus room is in the gym. Based on bus arrival times and parent drop off patterns, most students are in bus room for less than 15 minutes before transitioning to homeroom.

**What if someone in my child's classroom is diagnosed with COVID-19?** According to the CDC, in K-12 schools, a student is considered a close contact if they were masked and within 3 feet of an infected person for more than 15 minutes. If a student is not masked, they are considered a close contact when they are within 6 feet of an infected person for more than 15 minutes. This is why we ask all students to wear a face mask at all times, why we have set our classroom spaces at 3 feet of distance between students, and why we have students sit at 6 feet when they are unmasked in the cafeteria. When a student is identified as a close contact, families will be notified by the school nurse and remote learning will be provided for the duration of the required quarantine. The school nurse will tell families when the student can return to school.

**Will Poff have to close if there are too many cases?** The District continues to work closely with the Allegheny County Health Department to monitor the situation in each school building. There is not a set number of cases that would require a school to close. In fact, this year, the ACHD is more likely to recommend that a single classroom move to remote learning, rather than an entire school building. The ACHD and the District work together to evaluate every environment and every scenario to assure that there are no indications of notable spread. If it is determined that there is notable spread, the ACHD may recommend a classroom closure of at least one day. Remote learning would be provided during any closure.

