



MILWAUKEE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

# HONEY CREEK CONTINUOUS PROGRESS SCHOOL

## Gopher Tales – February 2019

Gitanjali Chawla, Principal  
From the Desk of the Principal...



**What You Can Do at Home to Help Your Child Succeed at School...** *A positive attitude about school is the most important gift you can give your child.* Be careful not to pass on negative attitudes about school that may be a part of your own past experience. Giving children the idea that school is too difficult, that teachers are unfair, or that school isn't important will discourage them from doing well. Instead, talk about your friends from school, your favorite teachers or your best subject. Talk to your child about the future and plans for high school, technical school or college. Tell your child that you wish them success in school. For more thoughts from our principal check the Principal's Message under the "Staff" tab on the Honey Creek Website:

[\(http://www5.milwaukee.k12.wi.us/school/honeycreek/\)](http://www5.milwaukee.k12.wi.us/school/honeycreek/)

**Honey Creek's Gopher Tales is only available in electronic form on our website. We are trying to do our part in reducing paper waste. Remember to check it out under the Parent tab then click on Newsletter.**



### UPCOMING EVENTS



- Saturday, February 2
  - Kindergarten Enrollment Fair – Milwaukee High School of the Arts – 9:00-12:00pm
  - Basketball Game – HC1 vs HC2 – 12:00pm
- Thursday, February 7
  - Adaptive Athletics North Division – Rms 105/110
- Friday, February 8
  - SEC Meeting – 7:05 am
- Saturday, February 9
  - Basketball Games - AAL vs HC2 – 9:00am  
HC1 vs MSIS2 – 10:00am
- Tuesday, February 12
  - AR Shopping – 12:30 pm
  - PAC Meeting – 5:30 pm
- Saturday, February 16
  - Basketball Game - HC1 vs Fernwood White – 11:00am
- Monday, February 18
  - NO SCHOOL for students – Mid Semester Break**
- Saturday, February 23
  - Basketball Games - HC1 vs. BV Montessori 1 - 10:00am  
Fernwood Red vs. HC2 - 11:00am
- Tuesday, February 26
  - AR Root Beer Float Party – 1:00 pm



### SUBSCRIBE TO OUR WEBSITE

If you are not receiving automatic updates when news is posted on the Honey Creek website, please go to the school website home page (<http://www5.milwaukee.k12.wi.us/school/honeycreek/>) go to the bottom right corner and enter your email address and click on "Subscribe". You should then receive a confirmation email. If you do not see an email be sure to check your spam folder. It is important that everyone utilizes this form of communication. Remember to check out the monthly "Recipes for Success" and "Reading & Math Connections" (under the Parent>Newsletter Tab on our website). These are excellent tools for parents. They contain practical activities to help your child succeed in school.



### VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to Pat Mueller for being chosen as Volunteer of the Month! Mrs. Mueller has been a parent/volunteer since 1991. Her daughter Lindsay graduated from Honey Creek in 1996, but Pat continued to volunteer. She is a dedicated volunteer in the Accelerated Reading Program; recording student points at the monthly AR shopping. She also assists at all the AR events; Sundae Party, Rootbeer Float Party, and Picnics. We want to take this opportunity to recognize her outstanding contribution to our school. Without the assistance of volunteers, our efforts to serve the students would not be as effective. Thank you to all who take time to volunteer. Anyone interested in volunteering, please call Josie Lopez, our Parent Coordinator at 604-7921.



### LOST AND FOUND

Parents please check the lost and found at Honey Creek for anything your child may have lost; gloves, boots, jackets etc.



### PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

Wednesday March 6, 2019  
3:30-7:15 PM  
Tuesday March 12, 2019  
3:30-7:15 PM

Watch your child's red folder for further information.



### GIRLS RUNNING GROUP

Attention 3rd - 5th grade girls! Are you interested in

distance running? Stay tuned for information coming soon about a girls running group starting in early March. Ms. Hagan and Ms. Parker will be training the girls for the Cream City 5K on April 27th. Hope to see you there!





**2019/2020  
ENROLLMENT  
PROCESS/  
TOUR TIME**

The Fall School  
Selection sign-up period  
for the 2019/2020

school began in January and continues through August. Parents who wish to change their child's school can do so by completing the application online during this window. Please pass the word to anyone who might be interested. Tours of our school will be offered daily between 8:30 AM and 1:30 PM. Please call the school office to schedule one.



**THANK YOU FOR  
KEEPING US SAFE!**

National Crossing Guard Day is on February 13<sup>th</sup>. We appreciate Crossing

Guard Delores. Take a moment to thank her, she protects our children every day rain or shine!!



**GREAT ATTENDANCE**

Honey Creek's overall YTD attendance rate is 94.3%. The district goal

is 95% or higher. Our attendance percentage for January was 90.8%. Our attendance challenge continues, January leaders were: Kdg Level- Ms. Ayvazzadeh-90.6%, Primary – Ms. Hagenow – 91.3%, Intermediate – Ms. Harris – 95%. Most Improved Attendance is Ms. Ayvazzadeh. Thank you to our Honey Creek parents for making sure their children make it to school every day. A reminder for parents and guardians when your child is sick please make sure you call the attendance voicemail at 604-7900. Please include your child's name, room number and the reason they are not coming.

**MASQUERADE DANCE  
at HONEY CREEK**

Mark your calendars for our Spring Dance, Thursday, March 14<sup>th</sup> - 6:30-8:30pm, Wedgewood Cafeteria.

Come in disguise!

All children must be accompanied by an adult.



**THE WEATHER OUTSIDE MIGHT  
BE FRIGHTFUL THAT'S WHY  
SPRING IS SO DELIGHTFUL**

Winter is here... Please make sure your child is dressed appropriately for the weather; warm jacket, boots, hat, mittens and snow pants (a dry pair of socks in their backpack is also a good idea.) MPS does have an inclement weather policy. When the decision is made to cancel school due to inclement weather, the cancellations will be broadcast on all the local television stations beginning at 5:30 AM. Closings will also be broadcast on WTMJ radio 620 AM. Closings will also appear on the MPS Portal

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Each month Ms. Biesterveld sets point goals for Accelerated Reading; the AR goal for February is 75 points. We have read and taken tests for over 7000 books so far this year...we need to continue to encourage our children to read for pleasure. Our school-wide goal is to have over 50 students earn the end of the year "Lunch with the Principal". Students that read and pass tests for 8 books between January 3rd and February 22nd are invited to attend a Rootbeer Float Party in our gym on February 26th at 1:00 p.m. Students will enjoy a root beer float, music, and a raffle for prizes. Last year over 220 students attended! Continue to encourage your children to read for pleasure....It's a win...win situation for everyone!!! We need a few parent volunteers to help with the Root Beer Float Party on February 26th, 12:30-2:15. Call Pat Larsen at 546-1877 if you can assist us.



**HATS AND MITTENS  
NEEDED**

Winter is upon us...Honey Creek is in need of gently used hat and mittens to keep at school for students in need. Your help is always appreciated.

**SPECIAL  
OLYMPICS/ADAPTIVE  
ATHLETICS**



This month, the children from Rooms 110 will participate in a Special Olympics Event at North Division High School. Our athletes will compete, along with their Pen Pal friends from the Academy of Accelerated Learning, in an Adaptive Athletics Basketball Tournament. The Special Olympics events are always great team-building sessions with opportunities to share our skills with one another, and have a great time. Thank you to all of our dedicated chaperones and Mrs. Chawla for her unending support! Go, Go-phers!



**THE COLD/FLU  
SEASON IS UPON US**

The CDC (Center for Disease Control) suggests :  
Everyday preventive actions are steps that people can take to help slow the spread of germs that cause respiratory illness, like flu. These include the following personal and community actions:

- Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze. This will block the spread of droplets from your mouth or nose that could contain germs.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand rub.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth. Germs spread this way.
- Try to avoid close contact with sick people.
- If you or your child gets sick with a respiratory illness, like flu, limit contact with others as much as possible to help prevent spreading illness. Stay home (or keep your child home) for at least 24 hours after fever is gone except to seek medical care or for other necessities. Fever should be gone without the use of a fever-reducing medicine.
- If an outbreak of flu or another illness occurs, follow public health advice. This may include information about how to increase distance between people and other measures.