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# HCPSS Strategic Call to Action

## *Learning and Leading with Equity*

**VISION:** Every student and staff member embraces diversity and possesses the skills, knowledge and confidence to positively influence the larger community.

**MISSION:** HCPSS ensures academic success and social-emotional well-being for each student in an inclusive and nurturing environment that closes opportunity gaps.





**Synergy Student  
Information System**

**Canvas  
Learning System**

**Family File**

**[www.hcpss.org/connect](http://www.hcpss.org/connect)**

# School and System News and Information



## Email

Northfield News,  
Grade level updates,  
HCPSS News,  
emergency notices



## Text

Urgent / emergency  
notices only



## HCPSS website

[www.hcpss.org](http://www.hcpss.org)

System-wide news and  
information resource



## School website

[nes.hcpss.org](http://nes.hcpss.org)

One-stop source: school news,  
events, calendar, staff  
directory, and more

# School Closings/Delays



[www.HCPSS.org](http://www.HCPSS.org)



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HCPSS News



HoCoSchools



HCPSS TV

Verizon 42  
Comcast 72



Hotline

410-313-6666

# Social Media

Northfield Twitter: [@hcpss\\_nes](https://twitter.com/hcpss_nes)

Northfield Facebook:

[www.facebook.com/northfield-elementary-school](https://www.facebook.com/northfield-elementary-school)

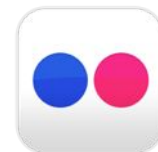
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HCPSS Instagram: [instagram.com/hocoschools](https://instagram.com/hocoschools)

HCPSS Flickr: [flickr.com/photos/hcpss](https://flickr.com/photos/hcpss)

Superintendent Twitter: <https://twitter.com/mjmsuper>





# Stay up to date on all important events and news from Northfield! Download the HCPSS Mobile App Today!

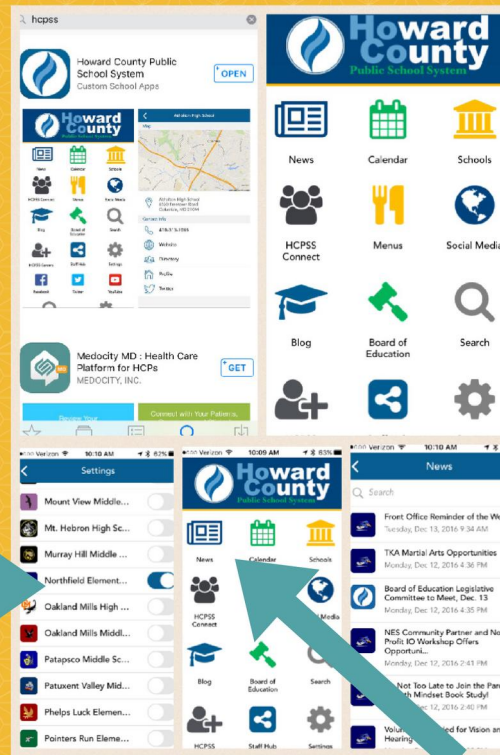
**Step 1:** Search  
"HCPSS" in the  
app store on  
your mobile  
device and  
download the  
app.

**Step 3:** Click  
on Northfield  
Elementary  
and any other  
schools for  
which you'd  
like to receive  
news and  
calendar  
updates.

**Step 4:** Go  
back to the  
main app  
screen by  
clicking the  
left arrow on  
the "Settings"  
screen.

**Step 2:** Open  
the app. Click  
on "Settings".

**Step 5:** Click on  
"News" to read  
all updates  
posted to the  
HCPSS and NES  
websites, as well  
as any other  
schools that you  
follow. Click on  
"Calendar" to  
see all important  
events and  
dates.  
Remember to  
look for the  
Roadrunner!



# Interactive School Menus



- Food descriptions
- Nutrition and allergens
- Carb counts
- Pre-payment links
- Menus
- Breakfast and lunch

• <http://hcpss.nutrislice.com>

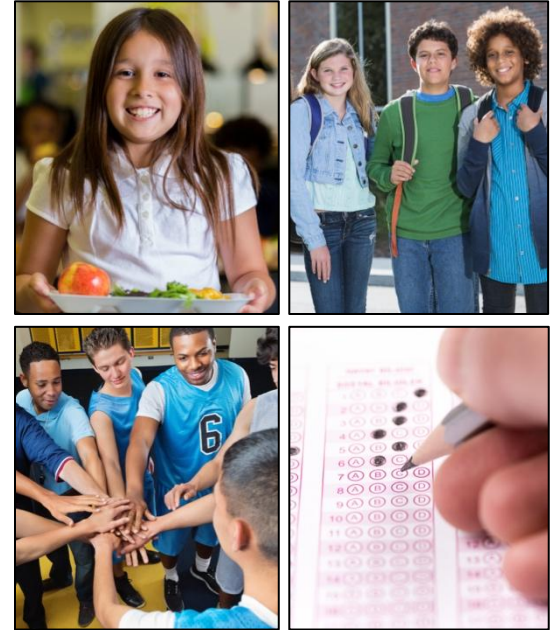
• Mobile App Available



# Free and Reduced-Price Meals (FARMs)

Qualifying families can receive:

- Free and discounted school breakfast and lunch
- HCC tuition
- SAT, ACT and AP exam fees
- Camps, sports and child care



**Learn more and apply online: [www.hcpss.org/farms/](http://www.hcpss.org/farms/)**

# Arrival and Dismissal Information

## Arrival

- 8:25-8:40 a.m.
- Students arriving after 8:40, need to be signed in by a parent.
- Students should not arrive sooner than 8:25 due to supervision.
- Car loop is in the Dunloggin parking lot. Stay in the loop!! Students will exit cars along the NES curb.

## Dismissal

- 3:10-3:20 p.m.
- Car riders, bikers, and walkers dismiss out of the side door
- Pick-up information cards should be displayed.
- Parking is allowed in the auxiliary lot.
- Bus riders dismiss out of the main door.
- Safety checks for Kindergarteners in place for beginning of school year

# Emergency Preparedness

## Required Drills

All drills will be announced.

- 5 Evacuation drills
- 2 Reverse evacuation drills
- **2 Active assailant drills**
  - new for this school year, information will be extensively communicated to parents
- 2 Severe weather drills
- 1 Shelter in place drill
- 1 Lockdown drill
- 1 Duck, cover, hold drill



<http://nes.hcpss.org/news/2018/03/safety-and-security-nes>

Message posted March 2018



# Testing

- Kindergarten Readiness Assessment (KRA)
- Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) Testing
- Cognitive Abilities Test – CogAT
- Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC)
- Maryland Integrated Science Assessment (MISA)

# What Your Child Will Learn Guides





# Homework Guidelines

- K-2: No more than 20 minutes of homework per night.
- 3-5: No more than 30-50 minutes.
- Most important activity is nightly reading!
- We value your family time and encourage students to get outside, play a game with their family, engage in an arts and craft activity, etc.

# Social Emotional Learning

***How*** we teach matters as much as  
***what*** we teach.

Fostering caring relationships and building inclusive and safe environments are foundational practices for both the student and adult learning communities.

Classroom learning experiences should be built around students constructing knowledge and engaging in action.

Honoring and building on students' intrinsic motivation leads to engagement and achievement.

The social and academic curricula are interdependent and integrated.

# Mental Health and Student Supports

School Counselor: Christi Bello, [christi\\_bello@hcpss.org](mailto:christi_bello@hcpss.org)

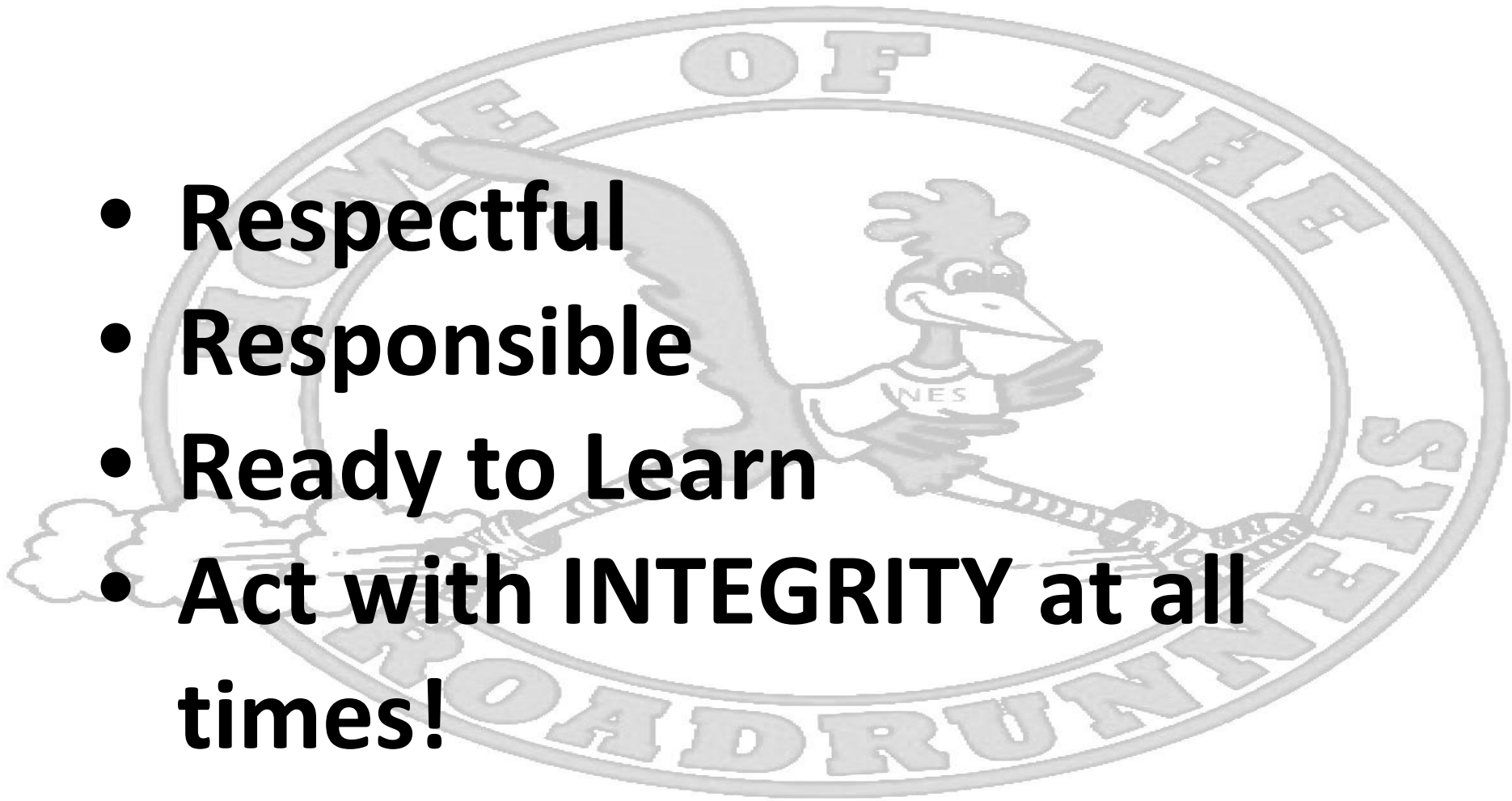
School Psychologist: Kaitlyn Stone, [kaitlyn\\_stone@hcpss.org](mailto:kaitlyn_stone@hcpss.org)

Pupil Personnel Worker: Heather Graham,  
[heather\\_graham@hcpss.org](mailto:heather_graham@hcpss.org)

More information: Search for “mental health” on [www.hcpss.org](http://www.hcpss.org)

# PBIS

- **Respectful**
- **Responsible**
- **Ready to Learn**
- **Act with INTEGRITY at all times!**



# PBIS

- Rubies
- 1,2,3 Magic
- Restorative Practices
  - Circles
  - Consequences are learning opportunities
  - Relationships



# Growth Mindset - **YET**

Teach your children  
that strength doesn't  
come from what  
you CAN do. It  
comes from  
overcoming  
the things you  
once thought  
you COULDN'T.



*Yet* is a hopeful  
word that means  
“at a future time.”  
It is powerful  
implications for  
because it is the  
antidote for the  
fixed view of “I  
can’t.”

# Growth Mindset - **FAILURE**

“Do not judge  
me by my  
successes,  
judge me by  
how many  
times I fell  
down and got  
back up  
again.”

-Nelson Mandela



Failure is important!

We want students to know that taking good risks while learning is good and that failures are opportunities to learn and grow.

Look up famous failures with your child at home.

# Growth Mindset - **GRIT**

Courage

Tenacity

Hard Work

Resilience

Gratitude

Integrity

Perseverance

Delayed Gratification

Persistence

Self-Control

Open Mindedness

Optimism

Empathy

(Social Intelligence)

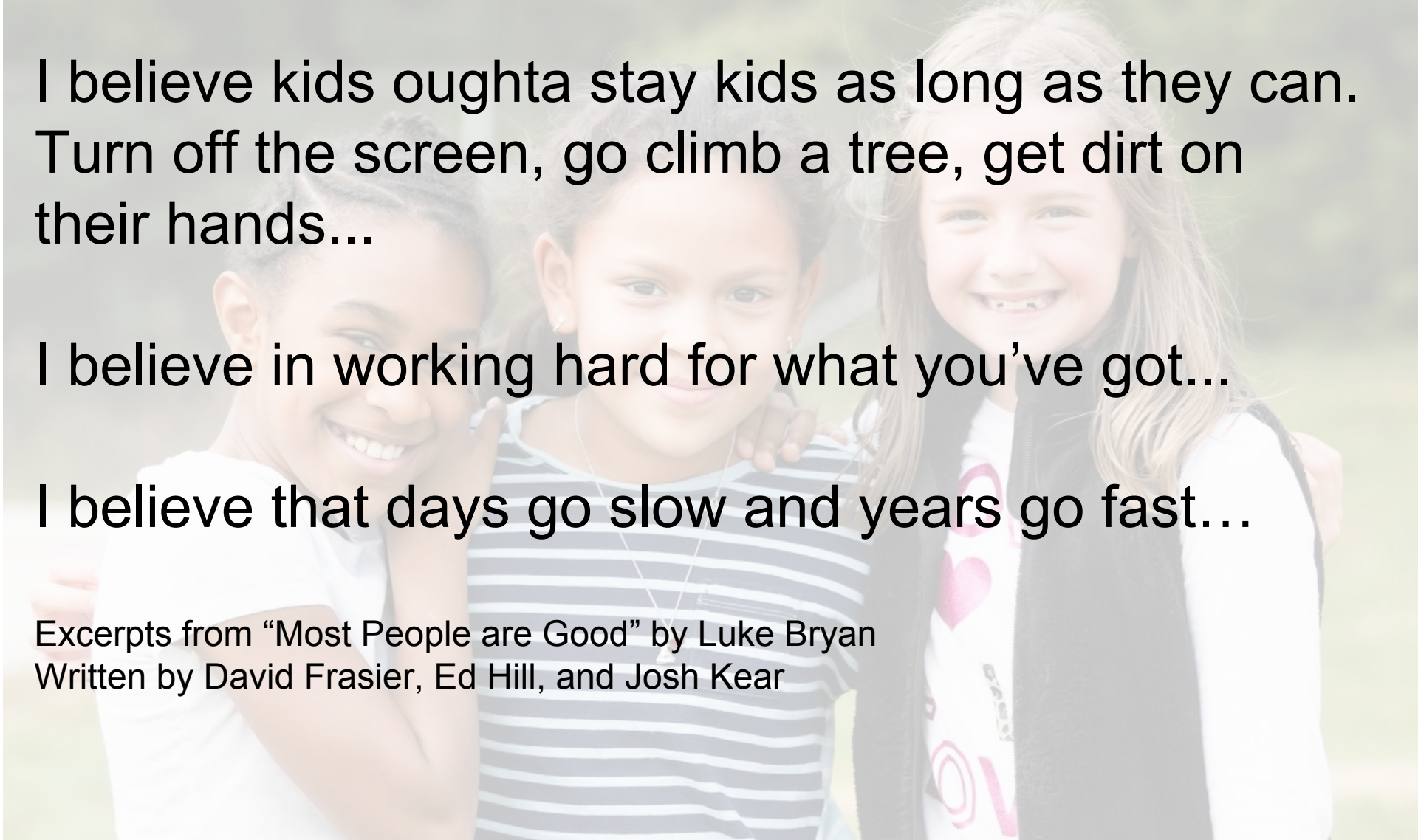
# Civility

- Policy #1000
- An environment of mutual respect and civil conduct between and among student, school system employees, parents, volunteers, and the general public is critical to the achievement of students and staff.
- Includes in person and on-line communication

# Bullying, Cyberbullying, Harassment, or Intimidation Policy

- Policy # 1060
- We will take action **REGARDLESS** of how it is reported; on-line, phone, paper
- Notify School Counselor or School Psychologist
- Grace's Law - Cyberbullying
- [Bullying versus Peer Conflict](#)
- Bully prevention (Counseling and homeroom lessons)



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