

## **DMS Summer Updates & Information**

August 10, 2020

Dear DMS Families,

I hope everyone is doing well, staying safe and enjoying the summer. The administration and staff are busy gearing up for the start of another new school year. We are excited to welcome our new and returning students to DMS, and we look forward to seeing you in September. More information on students' schedules will be shared in the coming week. Please check our website: [dms.hcpss.org](https://dms.hcpss.org), for the 2020-2021 School Supply List, quick links to Family File, and other pertinent information.

This week, we will host a ***Virtual Meet and Greet*** on **Thursday, August 13, 2020**, from **6:00 pm** to **7:00 pm**, for all new and redistricted families. Parents, you will have an opportunity to meet the administration, discuss the many programs and activities available at DMS, and share in our school spirit. We will reserve time at the end to address questions. We want to know how we can support our new students and their families as they transition to DMS.

### **The Google Meeting Link:**

Meeting ID

[meet.google.com/bne-waaf-apd](https://meet.google.com/bne-waaf-apd)

Phone Numbers

(US)+1 573-609-8119

PIN: 545 026 161#

### **It's Time – Update Family File**

Family File now available for the 2020-21 school year: Parents can now access and complete the Family File for the 2020-21 school year. Parents must complete the Family File every year, even during virtual learning, to ensure HCPSS has the most current information for each child. Once logged in, parents/guardians will be asked to verify, or update the following information: Student Information, Parent/Guardian Contact, Emergency Contact, Medical Information, Arrival/Dismissal Procedures (for when in-person classes resume), Photo Approval, Data Confidentiality, PTA/PTSA Directory. Update your Family File today; click on the link [HCPSS Connect](#) to complete.

### **HCPSS Chromebook Update**

Every student entering grades pre-kindergarten through 8 will be provided with a Chromebook; parents/guardians do not need to do anything to request this device. Beginning in mid-August, parents/guardians of students entering high school may request a device. All device distribution will occur in late August. Details will be communicated as soon as they are available. Any

student who borrowed a Chromebook for spring or summer learning may continue to use it during the 2020-2021 school year. We will share information about the distribution and next steps as soon as those details are available.

### **Grab and Go Meals**

Summer Meals Extended to August 28: The free [Grab-N-Go summer meals program](#) has been extended through Friday, August 28. There were several location changes effective Monday, August 3. If you have not already done so, please share this information with your community.

### **Free and Reduced Meals Program**

The coronavirus pandemic is causing a lot of hardship for many of our friends and neighbors. Many HCPSS families have been impacted financially by the pandemic, and may be eligible now to receive benefits through the Free and Reduced Price Meals (FARMs) program. Qualifying families can take advantage of a wide range of additional resources and discounts, including testing fees, tuition, internet, and more. Click here to [learn more or to apply](#). Please share this information with your community.

### **New Student Orientation and Back to School Night**

#### **New Student Orientation (Open House)**

The DMS family wants to welcome all New Dragons! Please join us on September 3, at 1:00 pm, as we host the New Student Orientation (Open House) for all students and families new to DMS. Detailed information on the New Student Orientation (Open House) and meeting link will be shared later.

#### **Back to School Night**

Mark your calendar for BTSN, September 17, at 6:00 pm. Parents will have an opportunity to meet their child's teachers, receive Canvas support and talk to the administration. More information forthcoming...stay tune!

#### **Yearbook Distribution – Big Thank You!**

Thanks to all the staff and parents that assisted with yearbook distribution. We appreciate you volunteering your time to support this effort, a special shout out to our media specialist, and the custodial team for organizing this event.

I look forward to seeing you soon! Stay safe and healthy.

Antoinette Roberson  
Principal