

Dunloggin Middle School

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**Build
the
Dragon Within!**

<u><i>Rise and Shine!</i></u>	<u><i>Mission</i></u>	<u><i>Upcoming Events</i></u>
<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Student Return on September 4</i></p> <p>The doors to the building will open at 7:30 a.m.; students arriving for breakfast will have access to the cafeteria at 7:15 a.m.</p> <p>Students will report to their assigned class (by alpha, by grade) to receive their schedule.</p> <p>For more information see "What to expect on the first day?" see page 4 of the newsletter.</p>	<p>The Dunloggin Middle School Mission is to create an environment in which students, staff, and community are dedicated to fostering a <i>diverse, engaging, rigorous, and nurturing</i> global learning community that promotes success. DMS empowers all individuals to maximize their potential, take ownership of their learning, and develop an academic and civic foundation for success throughout life.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u><i>Vision</i></u></p> <p>The Dunloggin Middle School Vision is to <i>inspire, empower, and prepare</i> students to be successful in all life endeavors in a global community.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • August 23: GT Testing 9:00 -10:30 a.m. • August 30: 6th Grade and New Student Orientation 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. • September 3: Labor Day • September 4: 1st Day of School • September 13: Back to School Night 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. • September 25: Picture Day

DMS News

Welcome Back!

It's hard to believe the summer is almost over and we are preparing for the opening of another school year. The administrative team, secretaries, and custodial staff have been working diligently to ensure everything is in place for the first day students arrive. As your newly appointed principal, I am so delighted to be a part of this amazing learning commUnity. I am looking forward to building positive relationships with our awesome students and their families. I welcome and value your positive energy and dedication to excellence in education.

This year, marks the beginning of a new chapter at DMS. This chapter will be filled with great opportunities for our students. Our continued focus will be on ensuring our students are **engaged** in a **rigorous** nurturing learning environment where they are successful. Our goal is to "**Build the Dragon Within**" which aligns to our school vision to **Inspire, Empower, and Prepare** our students to be successful in all life endeavors in a global commUnity.

Our skilled and devoted staff are already planning and preparing for the students return. Many of the staff have been busy this summer, engaged in professional learning opportunities, curriculum writings, school improvement planning, and other exciting educational experiences. Their hard work and dedication speaks to their passion for our students, as we gear up for a productive and promising 2018-2019 school year.

The success achieved at DMS is attributed to our school commUnity; each member of has a vested interest our students' success. Together, we are indeed a joyous and caring commUnity with the common goals of nurturing responsible, caring students and promoting high-level learning. Let's continue to cultivate a learning environment where our students are **Inspired, Empowered and Prepared...together let's Build the Dragon Within!**

In the last remaining days of summer, continue to rest, relax and enjoy your summer break. I looking forward to seeing everyone when you return.

Warm Regards,

Antoinette Roberson, Principal
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DMS Welcomes Our New Staff Members



We have a lot of new faces joining the DMS family this year, including your administrative team. Let's give a warm welcome to the following new staff: **Shannon O'Connor**, ELA, **Emily Schelz**, Reading Specialist, **Andrea Katkow**, Science, **Victoria Delpo**, World Language, **Brook Leahy**, in Art and **Susan Caldwell**, Speech Language Pathologist.

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Thank You!

We would like to give a special thanks to our fabulous custodial team, who spent the entire summer making sure all of the rooms were thoroughly cleaned and in order for our return. When you return be sure to thank our custodians for their hard work.

- Laura Ciccone – President
- Beth Miller – 1st Vice President
- Lynn Bdenbaugh – 2nd Vice President
- Melissa Verga – Secretary
- Maria Mickiewicz – Treasurer
- Emily Yuan – PTACHC Delegate
- Christina Sovereign – PTACHC Delegate

The PTA's goal in the 2018-19 school year is to increase membership and funding to support schoolwide initiatives. Visit their website for more information

<http://dmspta.weebly.com/>

DMS PTA Board Members 2018-2019



Gifted Talented Testing

Dunloggin will be holding its G/T testing for the 2018-2019 school year on **Thursday, August 23rd** at **9:00 AM**. Testing will be over by 10:30 AM. This testing session is available to any student who is new to the county as well as those students who have not taken the G/T eligibility test within one calendar year.

If you are interested in having your child tested for G/T level courses, please e-mail Ms. Han at lois_han@hcpss.org with your child's legal name, the school attended last year, and his/her grade for this school year by **Tuesday, August 21st**. An e-mail confirming that your request was received will be sent. In the email, you will receive more information about the test and results.

If your child is unable to attend this testing session, another testing session will be held within the first month of school.

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What to expect on the first day!

The staff are excited and anxiously awaiting our Dragons on the first day of school. When they arrive, your child will report to their assigned class to receive their schedule (see attached alpha listing by grade to find your child's assigned class). The first two days will be filled with engagement activities designed to help your child get to know their teachers. We want to start the year cultivating a learning environment where your child feels **welcomed, nurtured** and **inspired** to learn.

In preparation of your child's return, parents, get a head start on updating your information in Family File. Log into <https://www.hcpss.org/connect/> to update today. This information must be updated annually even if you do not have any changes to your information. You will still need to click through each screen and click submit at the end in order for your Family File to be considered complete. We'd like Dunloggin to be the first middle school to have 100% of the Family File information to be fully updated, so visit [HCPSS Connect](https://www.hcpss.org/connect/) today and click submit on the final screen!

If you are a parent new to HCPSS, you will soon receive a welcome email with instructions to activate your account.

Get your child's bus route and time by clicking on the Bus Locator link at the bottom of our website: dms.hcpss.org.

Please check our website for important information and updates as well as School Messenger emails. Enjoy the remaining days of summer! See you soon!

