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# DUNLOGGIN MIDDLE SCHOOL

DMS WELCOME BACK NEWSLETTER



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## WELCOME BACK!

### Dunloggin Middle School Families and CommUnity

In the next couple of weeks, we will be opening our doors to welcome the students and staff. The administrative team, secretaries, and custodial staff have been working hard to ensure everything is in place for the first day of school. Ms. O'Byrne and I are personally excited to be starting our second year as the administrative team at DMS. We spent the summer reflecting and identifying ways in which we can better serve our students, parents and staff. In the coming year, you can expect a strategic focus on student voice, social-emotional learning, student engagement/discourse, and questioning. We will continue to place emphasis on cultivating a learning environment where students feel *valued, supported* and *nurtured* at DMS.

# PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE CONTINUES

## Important Information for the First Day

Our skilled and devoted staff are already planning and preparing for the students' return. They are committed and dedicated to ensuring the success of each student. As we gear up for another productive and promising school year, here are a few reminders...

The first day of school is Tuesday, September 3, 2019. School hours are from 7:37 a.m. to 2:21 p.m. each day. The doors will open for students at 7:30 a.m. Students arriving for breakfast will be allowed to enter the building at 7:15 a.m.

When the students arrive, they will report to their assigned class to receive their schedule (see alpha listing by grade to find your student's assigned class). The first two days will be filled with engagement activities designed to help your student get to know their teachers. We want to start the year cultivating a learning environment where your student feels *welcomed, nurtured* and *inspired* to learn.



In preparation for your student's return, parents, get a head start on updating your information in Family File.

**Log into <https://www.hcpss.org/connect/>**

This information must be verified or updated annually even if you do not have changes. Be sure to transition through each screen and click submit at the end, in order for your Family File to be considered complete. Parents new to HCPSS will receive a welcome email with instructions on how to activate your account.

### Bus Schedule

Our bus stop locator is now updated. Users can locate bus stops by entering their street number and name in the search field. Click the link to find bus stop locations and schedules! Bus Stop Locator: <http://www.infofinder.com/ifi/?cid=HCP2IOASIJVW>.

Please check out our website:

<http://dms.hcpss.org> for important information and updates, as well as to sign-up for School Messenger emails. Enjoy the remaining days of summer! See you soon!

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# SCHOOL UPDATES

## DMS Welcomes Our New Staff

We are excited to welcome the following new staff members to the DMS family. Please give a warm welcome to...**Julie Davis**, Special Education ITL, **Rachel Brewer**, ALS Teacher, **Melissa Faulisi**, Health, **Joan Stralka**, Health, **Aminah Raysor**, World Language, **Rachel Holtzman**, Math, **June Johnson-Parrish**, Health Assistant, **Karen Ashton**, School Psychologist and **Catherine Chapman**, Pupil Personnel Worker.

DMS would also like to congratulate **Molly Moraff**, our new ELA ITL. We wish you well in your new position.

## 2019-2020 School Year Calendars

Reminder! There will be no printed 2019-2020 calendars. Staff, students and families may add our online calendar to their own mobile/online calendar by:

1. Going to <https://www.hcpss.org/calendar/>
2. Scrolling down to Subscribing to a Calendar
3. Right-clicking on the calendar you wish to subscribe to
4. Selecting Copy Link Location/Address/Shortcut
5. Adding to your calendar of choice (See your calendar for specifics on adding a new calendar)

You also may view and/or download printable PDFs of the full calendar and/or important dates only.

Updates to the PDFs will be noted on the HCPSS calendar page.

PLEASE NOTE! The calendar is subject to change. The online calendar reflects the most recent version.

## Upcoming Events

- **August 29** - 6th Grade and New Student Orientation from 1:00 - 2:15 p.m.
- **September 3** - School Begins for Students
- **September 12** - Canvas Parent Information Night from 5:00 - 6:00 p.m. in the Media Center
- **September 12** - Back to School Night from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
- **September 27** - DMS Claire's Holiday Fundraiser Kickoff

## Car Pool Line Procedures

**Parents: for your student's safety and the safety of our staff, please follow the following procedures for morning dropoff.**

- Once buses have arrived, students must be dropped off at the stop sign
- Cars in the carpool line may let students exit the vehicle in advance of reaching the actual stop sign
- All students are asked to exit the vehicle on the side closest to the sidewalk to avoid being hit by oncoming traffic
- Parents needing to park and enter the building should park on the paved parking area before the stop sign (to your right)
- If your child is traveling to school with a project, large instrument, etc. please arrive early or later for their drop off- and lastly, if there is a substitute driver, please tell that person about procedures

Together, we can make this a safe, helpful beginning to everyone's day.

# DMS PTA

## Welcomes Our New Students, Parents and Staff

DMS PTA welcomes you to the 2019-2020 school year. PTA is the oldest and largest child advocacy association in America. Our motto is "Every Child. One Voice."

DMS PTA members work with Principal Antoinette Roberson, teachers and staff to provide high quality school enrichment programs. Programs like the Shakespeare Residency for eighth graders, BioEYES for seventh graders and author visits for sixth graders are available due only to the financial support of PTA and school families. PTA also hosts school social events like Fun Day in June. In addition, we are committed to providing informative health and wellness programs on important topics such as social media, bullying, and study skills. Please support PTA. Why join PTA? Children do better when parents are engaged in their learning. And, you will:

- Learn what is happening at DMS.
- Meet other parents and teachers and share ideas, concerns and experiences.
- Share your skills for a great cause for your child and all the children in the DMS community.
- Advocate for change and fundraise for high quality academic programs.
- Show your child the importance you place on education.
- Become a member at [www.dunloginmspta.org/join.html](http://www.dunloginmspta.org/join.html)

Our website and social media accounts will have up-to-date information.

Find us at [dunloginmspta.org](http://dunloginmspta.org), [www.facebook.com/dunloginmspta](http://www.facebook.com/dunloginmspta), @DunloginMSPTA on Twitter and @dunloginmspta on Instagram. If you have questions, please email me at [leadership@dunloginmspta.org](mailto:leadership@dunloginmspta.org). We have an exciting year planned.

We hope you will join and support us as we invest in DMS students, families and staff.

Lynn Bolenbaugh  
DMS PTA President

### PTA Officers 2019-2020

Lynn Bolenbaugh - President  
Beth Miller - Vice President  
Sandra te Plate - 2nd Vice President  
Donna Culy - Secretary  
Marie Mickiewicz - Treasurer

