



# Dragon Tales

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Hello DMS CommUnity!

## **From the Principal's Desk,**

Parents see message below regarding the county's withdrawal (w) date from high credit bearing courses...

For students taking Algebra I, Geometry, or another advanced math course and students taking a World Language course for credit, Howard County Public School System Policy 8020: High School Grading and Reporting governs procedures related to students who withdraw from courses or change levels of a course. Any student who withdraws from any course more than seven school days after the published first quarter interim report will receive a W (withdrawal) on the report card and permanent report card. No credit shall be received by students who withdraw. If a student withdraws from a course and transfers to a different course more than one week after the first published first quarter interim report, no credit will be awarded. A W code will be assigned. For the 2018-2019 school year, the W date is October 23, 2018.

## **From the DMS PTA**

### **Movie Night**

Join us this evening, Friday, October 12, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. for Movie Night sponsored by the DMS PTA. Tonight's movie is "Big Hero 6" (PG), located on the front lawn of DMS. Bring your blankets, enjoy some popcorn, hot dogs, hot chocolate and snacks. We hope to see you there!

### **Box Top Blitz**

Week of October 15

Bring in as many box tops to the front office - First/Last Name & Grade

### **Fall Social**

Friday, October 26

2:30 - 4:30 PM

\$7 + permission slips will be collected during lunch shift by parent volunteers

A list of students attending event will be given to period 7 teachers on the day of event

Teacher chaperones needed for event

### **PTA Restaurant Night**

Pie 5 in Ellicott City

Tuesday, November 6

5:00 - 9:00 PM

## **2018 Winter Clothing Drive**

HCPSS Pupil Personnel Workers (PPWs), in cooperation with PTA Council of Howard County and other community organizations, are supporting the annual coat drive to provide students in our own school community (and their families) who are in need of winter coats, gloves, hats, scarves, etc.

The DMS SGA, in conjunction with the DMS PTA, is participating in this outreach project. We are asking students of each grade level to bring in clothing items to donate for this great cause. Donation boxes, by grade, have been placed in Time Square for students to deposit the clothing items. The grade that donates the most clothes, gloves, hats, scarves, etc...will earn extra recess on Halloween. The clothing drive start now and will continue through October 30, 2018

### **From the Physical Education Department:**

It's time to announce our Physical Education Stars for the month of September. P.E. Stars are students who show great effort and a great attitude in P.E. every day.

- **6th Grade:** Eve Baldwin, Amari Riggs, Rian Taylor, Ali Vigderhouse, Delaney Snodgrass, and Ian Lander
- **7th Grade:** Anushka Agarwal, Andrew Cho, Samantha Richards, Jay Yarlott, Tobie Lewis, and Masha Khalimovsky
- **8th Grade:** Vedant Patel, Axel Aguilar Borjas, Elijah Strong, Mats dePlate, Olivia Morse, and Nicholas Shidle

### **Attendance Reminders**

Parents, this is a reminder that all lawful absences from school must be accompanied by an emailed or written note to Jill Hack in Student Services. See [HCPSS Attendance Policy 9010](#) for details. In accordance with the [HCPSS Grading and Reporting Policy 8010](#), a student may make up and receive recorded grade(s) for work missed due to a lawful absence. Students returning from lawful absences will have an equal number of days to complete make up work. However, if your child has an unlawful absence from school, he/she may make up work but it will not receive a recorded grade.

### **Upcoming Dates**

- **October 12, 2018:** DMS PTA sponsors Movie Night "Big Hero 6" at 6:30 p.m. front lawn of DMS
- **October 15-17, 2018:** Fall MAP Testing (Reading)
- **October 19, 2018:** School Closed Professional Development Day
- **October 26, 2018:** DMS PTA sponsors Fall Social
- **November 5, 2018:** End of Marking Period
- **November 6, 2018:** General Election Day – School Closed
- **November 7, 2018:** Professional Work Day – School closed for students

## **Community News:**

### **Calling All Future Vikings – Mt. Hebron Homecoming Events**

We would love to invite our future Vikings to participate in our Homecoming parade on Saturday, October 13, 2018. Please invite any/all students. We have our pancake breakfast as well in the morning that starts at 8:00 am in our cafeteria. I'd love for you all to attend.

Students attending the parade will meet at the Resurrection Church parking lot between 10:15-10:30 am on Saturday, October 13, 2018. Look for the two "Future Vikings" trucks that will be decorated with the names of the various elementary and middle schools. SGA members will be on hand to assist future Vikings. They will be giving out signs and helping students get onto the trucks. The parade will arrive at Mt. Hebron at approximately 11:45 am.

### **Northfield Celebrates 50 Years!**

The Northfield Elementary Community will be celebrating their 50th anniversary on Thursday October 18th. They will have a ceremony to honor former staff during the school day. Northfield Elementary Community is also inviting families and former students to come back that afternoon from 3:30-4:30 to help them celebrate. See attached flyer for details [Northfield's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Open House](#).

For other Community News visit our website [www.dms.hcpss.org](http://www.dms.hcpss.org)