



Dragon Tales

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December 21, 2018

Holiday Message from the Principal

I would like to take this moment to express how grateful I am to be a part of the DMS family and community. Over the past five months, I have worked with the most amazing staff and students. Staff that are committed to ensuring our students are receiving a quality education each day. They value the importance of educating the whole child, being willing to make decisions that may be hard in the present, but will have a positive and lasting influence in the future for all. Having the support of our parents has been a vital part of our school's success. I thank you for entrusting us with your precious gift(s). Your wonderful, talented, inquisitive, optimistic and resilient children fill me with joy each and every day I walk into DMS. I am blessed to have them in my life!

In a few weeks, we will be saying goodbye to 2018 and welcome in another new year. The new year will bring new learning experiences, potential challenges, but most importantly new opportunities to grow. In the coming year, I challenge our students to "turn their hearts into self-reflection, healing and then action" (Mykee Fowlin). Acknowledge the existence of another and look for the good in our fellow human beings without being asked initiate acts of kindness! As we depart for winter break, remember these words as they are true for all. It is our continued focus in 2019, to create an equitable, inclusive and safe learning environment for ALL.

Enjoy the upcoming holidays and your time with your family and friends. It is my fervent wish of PEACE, JOY, HOPE and HAPPINESS during this Holiday Season and throughout the New Year.

Antoinette Roberson
Principal

Winter Break Meals

Winter Break Meals Program Will Serve Howard County Children, December 27-28, 2018

The Howard County Public School System is collaborating with the Howard County Department of Community Resources and Services, the Howard County Library System and the Community Action Council of Howard County to provide nutrition for children in need during the winter school break. Free meals will be offered at two Howard County locations on Thursday, December 27 and Friday, December 28.

Lunches will be served from 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. on both days at the following locations:

- The Bain 50+ Center – 5470 Ruth Keeton Way, Columbia
- Howard County Library System East Columbia Branch – 6600 Cradlerock Way, Columbia

"The number of Howard County families that qualify for the Free and Reduced-Meals Program is rising each year," said HCPSS Superintendent Michael Martirano. "Hunger doesn't take a vacation, so it was imperative that we replicate our summer meals program to serve our children during their winter break."

All children under 18 years of age will receive a free meal. There are no application requirements or cost to families.

<https://news.hcpss.org/news-posts/2018/12/winter-break-meals-program-will-serve-howard-county-children/>

FARMS

The Free and Reduced Meals program is so much more than just a food assistance program. We are committed to ensuring each and every one of our students has every possible avenue of support so that they can thrive; please think about applying for this program to see your family qualifies!

Superintendent Dr. Martirano and County Executive Calvin Ball have teamed up to create a really informative

video about the benefits of the FARMS program. Please take a look if you have any questions at all:

<https://youtu.be/7rjjoExppt8>

The application for Free and Reduced Meals can be found below:

<https://www.hcpss.org/food-services/farms/>

Incoming 6th Grade Parent Orientation

Dunloggin Middle School

6th Grade Parent Orientation

Wednesday, January 16, 2019 at 6:00 pm at Dunloggin MS

Incoming 6th Grade Parent GT Orientation

Wednesday, January 16, 2019 at 7:pm at Dunloggin MS

*(snow date for both programs **January 23, 2019**)*

NO PLACE FOR HATE:

DMS, in collaboration with HCPSS, is a “**No Place For Hate**” school, which is a program designed to promote respect, and honor the diversity within our community. As a “**No Place For Hate**” school, DMS staff and students have made a commitment to creating a community of kindness through building an equitable, inclusive and safe learning environment. We want this **CommUnity** to extend outside the school building. DMS is establishing a **BEE Inclusive** committee under “**No Place For Hate**” that will comprise of students, parents, staff and community members. If you would like to be a part of this committee, please contact Ms. Debra O’Byrne, Assistant Principal at Debra_O’Byrne@hcpss.org.

Parents of 8th Grade Students: HS Registration

High School Parent Information Nights:

Here are the Parent Information Nights for our high school feeders:

Mt. Hebron HS - January 3, 2019 @ 6:30pm

[Wilde Lake HS - January 8, 2019 @ 7pm \(students are encouraged to attend\)](#)

Centennial HS - January 8, 2019 @ 7pm

Looking for Leaders!

- Undecided about your electives for next year?
- Want to add something fun and challenging to your high school schedule?
- Would you like to join a team that will build your character and help you stand out on college and job applications?
- We'd Like to Introduce You to Army JROTC!
- It's Not Your Average High School Course!

Guidance for Out of District Students Interested in Army JROTC at Howard HS

December 3, 2018 is the opening date for students who do not have the JROTC program offered at their geographically designated school and are interested in enrolling in the program for the 2019-2020 school year. Those interested should contact LTC (Ret) Marshall at Howard High School, 410-313-2878 (patricia_marshall@hcpss.org) to arrange an interview. January 11, 2019 is the last day we will accept interview requests. An interview is not a guarantee of acceptance in the program. Interviews at Howard High School will be conducted during Dec 2018 and Jan 2019. www.hcpss.org/jrotc/

Guidance for In District Students Interested in Army JROTC at Howard HS

If residing in the Howard High School district next school year the student can simply put JROTC down as an elective on their high school schedule for school year 2019-2020, no interview required for students in this category.

DMS Talent Show - Volunteers Needed

[The Dunloggin Middle School Talent Show is scheduled for Friday, Jan 25th 2019 at 7pm.](#) Volunteers will be needed to assist Ms. Satterfield in the running of the talent show. This signup lists some of the activities she may need help with for the show. We will add additional activities as they become available.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0E4EACAE2FA1FF2-dmstalent>

If you have any questions, please contact Beth at dunlogginptavp1@gmail.com

Upcoming Dates

- **January 1, 2019:** New Year's Day
- **January 14, 2019:** PTA Meeting @ 7:00 p.m. Media Ctr.
- **January 16, 2019:** 6th Grade Orientation @ 6:00 p.m. DMS cafeteria
- **January 16, 2019:** 6th Grade Parent GT Orientation @ 7:00 pm. DMS cafeteria
- **January 21, 2019:** School Closed MLK Day
- **January 25, 2019:** Talent Show @ 7:00 p.m.
- **January 28, 2019:** Students Dismissed 3 Hours Early – Professional Work Day
- **January 31, 2019 – February 2, 2019:** All State Band Festival @ MMEA Convention
- **February 5, 2019:** School Closed for Students – Professional Learning Day
- **February 6, 2019:** Report Cards Issued
- **February 18, 2019:** Schools Closed – President's Day

Community Message:

DMS parents and community members interested in having information, in the form of an announcement or flyer, published in the school newsletter or Community New Feed must submit a request through the Public Information Office for approval, at publicinfo@hcpss.org.

Announcements may not be disseminated through students or schools without prior approval from the Public Information Office.

For other Community News visit our website www.dms.hcpss.org