



Dragon Tales

Preparing students to be successful in all life endeavors.

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National Inclusive Education Week:

This week DMS celebrated “Inclusive Education Week,” the students and staff made a commitment to establishing a community of kindness through building an equitable, inclusive and safe learning environment for all. The week’s events included, students signing the “**Resolution of Respect**” banner, pledging to **BEE Kind, BEE Respectful, BEE Compassionate, BEE Inclusive and BEE a Friend!** On Thursday, students in each grade, made links with the **I will...** stem that explained how they will personally demonstrate a culture of kindness towards others. This chain of links will be hung around the walls in the cafeteria as a reminder of the pledge they took and the commitment that was made to making DMS a “**NO PLACE FOR HATE**” school.

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

Registration for the 2019-2020 school year has begun. Ms. Madison started class visits this week to review the high school registration process and graduation requirements to all 8th grade students. Next week, Wednesday, December 12, 2018, Centennial, Mount Hebron and Wilde Lake High Schools will visit DMS to review their high school course offerings, special programs and extracurricular opportunities with the students. More details will follow as we approach the online registration window.

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

DMS Talent Show:

Dunloggin will be holding a Talent Show this year on Friday, January 25 at 7:00 pm. Auditions will be held on Wednesday, December 19th from 2:30--4:00 pm. We are seeking talent of all kinds to showcase! Please contact Ms. Wetmiller (Cara_Wetmiller@hcpss.org) or Ms. Satterfield (Lindsay_Satterfield@hcpss.org) for details!

Upcoming Dates

- **December 10, 2018:** DMS PTA Meeting @ 7:00 pm in Media Center
- **December 13, 2018:** DMS Winter Choir Concert @ 5:00 pm in Cafeteria
- **December 17, 2018:** DMS Orchestra Holiday Concert @ 7:00 pm
- **December 19, 2018:** 2nd Quarter Interim Reports Issued
- **December 19, 2018:** Talent Show Audition @ 2:30 pm
- **December 23 – 31, 2018:** School Closed Winter Break

Community News:

Leadership Opportunity for Middle School Students:

Wednesday 12/12 Leadership and Service Opportunity for All Middle and High School students interested in

- Sharing the Student Voice on HCPSS Policy and Community Issues
- Gaining Leadership Skills
- Practicing Community Service
- Working with student leaders from across HCPSS

We welcome all interested students to attend Howard County Association of Student Councils (HCASC) meetings throughout the year on the second Wednesday evening of each month.

Next Meeting Wednesday 12/12 7-8:30 at the Homewood School 10914 Clarksville Pike [Ellicott City, MD 21042](#)

For more information please contact cindy_drummond@hcpss.org

From the Girl Scout Troop 203:

In support of "Give Kids a Snuggle Campaign", Girl Scout Troop 203 is collecting "new" blankets and "new" stuffed animals to donate to kids who are battling childhood cancer in the hospital. If you would like to donate, a box will be located in the front atrium labeled "Give Kids a Snuggle Campaign" from Monday December 3rd through Friday December 21st.

From the Mt. Hebron SGA:

During the holiday season, the Mount Hebron Student Government Association and Leadership classes hold an annual Canned Food Drive. During this winter's 44th annual Canned Food Drive, the school and community raise over 60,000 cans to provide a holiday dinner to those in need. The entire school community participates, and they hand-deliver the goods to the families on December 21st. On delivery day, we go to Giant Supermarket to get fresh food to include alongside the Canned Goods, and will return to school to organize the food before the students are ready to deliver to the families. Each family ends up receiving several boxes of Canned Goods, several bags of Fresh Food, various toiletries, and even Christmas presents for any kids in the family. Through the Canned Food Drive, Mount Hebron High School brings the community together for a good cause and helps serve the surrounding neighborhoods. A box will be set up at the school for students to drop in their can goods. All non-perishable foods will be accepted EXCEPT RAMAN NOODLES. Thank you for supporting Mount Hebron's Annual Food Drive!

SHREK the Musical

Your child or sibling can be a SHREK Younger Cast Member (YCM) at Atholton High School!

Auditions are Sunday, Dec. 6, 1:30-2:15 PM.

Children who are ready to be YCMs will stay until 4:15 PM

Not in high school yet but want to perform on the Atholton High school stage with high school students, a full orchestra, costumes, sound and lighting?

SHREK the Musical

This year we are inviting students, grades 3-8 to join us as part of our spring musical.

If interested, please send an email to Stephanie Gurwitz Zurier sgurwitz1@gmail.com with Shrek YCM in the subject line.

We want to meet your child on Sunday, Dec. 9, 1:30-2:15.

There's a good chance that we will invite your YCM to stay and rehearse until 4:15.

It's important for parents to read email updates because we are doing a performing arts project over the winter months. We will start and end on time, and children must be picked up on time.

Find the form you need and the details here: <https://www.atholtondrama.org/spring-musical/>

Centennial High School Wind Ensemble

Come out to the historic Mount Vernon Baltimore to hear our very own Centennial HS Wind Ensemble perform an impressive lineup of music, including guest conductor Dr. Harlan Parker and soloist Lisa Choi. [They will be celebrating their upcoming trip to Chicago with a performance at the Friedberg Concert Hall at Peabody Institute on Thursday December 13th at 7:30pm.](#) Tickets are \$10, reserve your seat soon to hear our talented high school musicians perform at this exceptional venue.

This amazing ensemble of students and their director were one of only five high school bands in the U.S.A. to be selected to attend the Midwest Clinic International Conference in Chicago, representing Maryland, Howard County and their community at this prestigious event.

Concert Information and Tickets:

<https://peabody.jhu.edu/event/tutti-prelude/>

Directions

<https://peabody.jhu.edu/visit-peabody/#car>

Parking:

<https://peabody.jhu.edu/visit-peabody/#parking>

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