



Dragon Tales

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From Administration

Lost And Found

Happy February to all DMS families. At this time of year we have a lot of lost items like coats, gloves, lunches boxes, etc. that need to find their homes. If your child/children has lost any items please have them check our lost and found bin located in the cafeteria. All unclaimed items will be donated at the end of the month. In addition, there are several lost cell phones that have not been claimed. The student must provide a password to identify the phone. Please see Mrs. O'Byrne if you lost your cell phone.

Summer Program Registration Information

Due to the cancellation of activities on February 1, the Innovative Pathways High School Summer program (grades 9-12; formerly Comprehensive Summer School) and the Summer Institute (grades K-9) first on-site registration will now take place on Wednesday, February 6th, from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. at the Homewood Center. Online registration will now open on Wednesday, February 6th at 6:00 p.m. and will remain open through Thursday, February 22 at 6:00 p.m. Details at <https://www.hcpss.org/summer-programs/>.

G/T Class Placement for 2019-20: Students are placed in G/T content area classes based upon multiple criteria. The first step in the placement process includes the testing of all 5th grade students using the Cognitive Abilities Test (Cog AT). Those students entering HCPSS at the middle school level will be assessed using the School and College Ability Test (SCAT). In addition to those students whose scores fall within the Cog AT or SCAT eligibility ranges, students also may be recommended to participate in G/T content classes by the school's G/T Placement Committee. The committee reviews multiple data points related to a student's performance, including additional assessment scores, student work samples, Instructional Seminar and Curriculum Extension Unit participation, report card grades, and parental input.

If a student is not placed in a particular G/T class through the G/T Placement Process, a family may still enroll the student in one or more G/T classes next year by completing the Course Placement Review form. The [Course Placement Review form](#) (please complete the appropriate grade form) must be submitted to the front office by March 15 so that the staffing and scheduling processes for next year can be completed in the most accurate manner.

Restaurant Night

Hey Dragons, come show Dunloggin your love and join us for our February DMS Restaurant Night at Panera on Monday, February 11 from 6-9 p.m. DMS earns a percentage of all sales, so tell your friends and neighbors to come join too! No flyer is needed. Dine in or carry-out at 6435 Dobbin Rd, Columbia, 410-772-8632. www.delivery.panerabread.com

Blood Drive

The Scouts USA Troop 944 Blood Drive is scheduled for Thursday, February 28, from 3-8 pm at Bethany United Methodist Church (2875 Bethany Lane) in Ellicott City. You can schedule your donation of whole blood or power red by visiting www.redcrossblood.org (sponsor code: TROOP 944) or by calling 1-800-RED-CROSS. Together with our annual food drive, this community service is very important to our troop. Thank you for your support.

Special for 8th Grade

"Love Notes" are messages from any family member(s) that want to share how proud they are of their loved ones. Notes are \$10.00 per note with no more than 100 words.

Submit your notes [here](#) and pay using the [Online School Payment \(OSP\)](#) or send a check made out to Josten and drop off to Mrs. Girma.

Upcoming Dates

- MAP Reading - February 6, 7, 8
- February 8, NHD Fair
- February 11, 2019: DMS PTA Meeting
- February 11, 2019 Restaurant Night at Panera
- February 11, 2019: ODE Parent info meeting 6pm
- February 18, 2019: Schools Closed – President's Day
- MAP Math - February 19, 20, 21
- March 5, 2019 - 8th Graders (50) NAEP Testing am and pm
- March 11-12, 2019: BioEyes (schedule will change Monday/Tuesday)
- March 18, 2019 8-9am 6th Grade Author's Visit: 8:00 - 9:15 am

Wilde Lake High

February is busy in Wilde Lake High School's band department, with three free concerts to liven up the dark winter nights. On Feb. 6, steel drum bands from Wilde Lake, Howard and Centennial high schools will play island music and more to warm up the audience. The concert starts at 7 p.m. in **Howard High School's** auditorium. On Feb. 11, the award-winning Wilde Lake Jazz Ensemble plays a hot night of cool jazz, starting at 7 p.m. in the James Rouse Theatre, with special guests, the Northfield Elementary School Jazz Band. Numbers will include "Blue Skies" and "A Child is Born." And on Feb. 13, the band department is introducing a night of chamber music with percussion ensemble and marimba ensemble players, featuring music arranged by students an 80s medley and a funk song. The concert is at 7 p.m. in the James Rouse Theatre in Wilde Lake.

Mt. Hebron Nursery School

Mt. Hebron Nursery school is holding our 35th annual Spring Fair on Saturday, April 27, from 11AM-3PM. We are looking for student volunteers to run carnival-style games for young children. Attached is a flyer with the fair information. If you know of any students who need volunteer hours would you please pass this information along?

Community News

DMS parents and community members interested in having information, in the form of an announcement or flyer, published in the school newsletter or Community News 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