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From the Principal's Desk

Support During the Government Shutdown

Dear families,

The ongoing shutdown of the federal government has caused financial hardship for too many of our friends and neighbors. Additionally, we know that students are experiencing anxiety and fear for their family's financial situation. I wanted to let you know of a few supports that are in place to help at this time.

Howard County families who have lost pay due to the shutdown may immediately apply for the Free and Reduced-Priced Meals (FARMs) program and the HCPSS Food and Nutrition Office will determine their eligibility status within 24-48 hours. Families that would not ordinarily qualify for the FARMs program could be eligible for the remainder of the school year because of the current loss of income.

Families that are adversely impacted, including those who do not receive FARMs assistance, will have the remainder of the school year to pay off any meal balances incurred during the government shutdown.

Additionally, many students may be suffering fear or anxiety about their family's current financial situation. Student Services staff at each school are prepared and available to assist students at any time during the school day. Additionally, numerous resources for families are identified on the HCPSS website, and other supports are available through the Howard County Department of Community Resources and Services.

Sincerely,

Antoinette Roberson
Principal

Spelling Bee Winners

Congratulations to our school-wide spelling bee winner, Vedant Patel and our second-place runner-up, Hitesh Bhetalam. Thank you so much to all our participants and everyone who came out last night to support them!

8th Grade Parent/Guardian(s)

Parents this is a reminder, course registration for high school is due in HCPSS Connect no later than Friday, January 18, 2019. In order to select courses, you will need to log-in under your child's account and follow the directions provided in the high school registration video. See link below.

How to register for high school classes online:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AK3LQ7IRY8c&feature=youtu.be>

Catalog of Approved High School Courses 2019-2020:

<https://www.hcpss.org/f/academics/hs-catalog-2019-20.pdf>

Career Academy Information:

<https://www.hcpss.org/academies/>

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Incoming 6th Grade Parent Orientation

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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**)*

Middle School Pilot Program: Elective Course Selections 2019/2020

Last week, all rising 7th and 8th graders received the Middle School Pilot Program letter and registration form to select their elective course offerings for the 2019/2020 scheduling year. This registration form must be returned by Monday, January 14, 2019 in order for your child to have the elective program of their choice. Please remind your child to return the registration form to their period six teacher on Monday. Students who fail to return their registration form will be registered for an elective based on availability of space.

If your child has misplaced their [Middle School Pilot Letter/Registration Form](#), please click the link.

From the Physical Education Department

INTRAMURALS: To start the New Year there will be two afterschool athletic Intramurals in January.

- **Volleyball**, for students of all grades, will begin on **Tuesday, January 22nd**.

UNIFORMS: All students were encouraged to take their P.E. uniform home over winter break to be cleaned, now it's time for them to return to school. All students should be changing into a P.E. shirt with their name on it, wearing athletic shorts or pants, and sneakers each day they have P.E. class.

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/>

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

2019 Lunar New Year is Coming!

Dunloggin Middle School is collecting display items for the Lunar New Year window display. If you want to contribute to the window display or are interested in helping please contact Emily Yuan (eyuan1@gmail.com) before 01/14.

Upcoming Dates

- **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 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 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

