



Dragon Tales

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Principal: Ms. Roberson

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From the Principal's Desk

Happy New Year and Welcome Back! I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday filled with lots of rest and relaxation. Each new year begins with tons of hope and possibility, remember, we are imperfect people seeking perfection in an imperfect world. Our growth is based on our willingness to take risk. In 2019, I am encouraging our students to feel comfortable stepping outside of their comfort zone. In the words of Neil Gaiman, "I hope that in this year to come, you make mistakes. Because if you are making mistakes, then you are making new things, trying new things, learning, living, pushing yourself, changing yourself, changing your world. You're doing things you've never done before, and more importantly, you're doing something." With that said, don't be discouraged when you make a mistake...mistakes are the key to our growth.

Antoinette Roberson
Principal

8th Grade Parent/Guardian(s)

We are entering an exciting time of the school year when 8th graders begin the process of registering for high school courses. On Monday, January 7th, your student will bring home an envelope containing a list of courses they have been recommended for in 9th grade, as well as information on the registration process. The registration window opens that day and students will have almost two weeks to choose their courses. Below are helpful dates and links to assist you through this process.

If you have any questions or need help with registration, please contact Tiffany Madison at tiffany_madison@hcpss.org or at 410-313-2834.

High School Registration Window:

January 7 - 18, 2019

How to register for high school classes online:

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

High School Orientation Nights:

Mt. Hebron High School - January 3, 2019 @ 6:30

Centennial High School - January 8, 2019 @ 7:00

[Wilde Lake High School - January 8, 2019 @ 7:00 \(students are encouraged to attend\)](#)

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/>

Tiffany Madison
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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)

From the Physical Education Department

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

- **6th Grade Basketball** will start on **Tuesday, January 8th** and is open to all 6th grade students. Permission slips for the 6th grade basketball intramural can be found in the gym in the folders next to the locker room doors.
- **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/>

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.

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 Message

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

- Sharing the Student Voice on changes to the HCPSS Grading and Homework Policy and the Dress Code Policy in addition to 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 1/9 7-8:30 at the Homewood School 10914 Clarksville Pike Ellicott City, MD 21042

For more information please contact cindy_drummond@hcpss.org

From HC Drug Free

Free Parenting Classes for Parents of 9-14 Year Olds: HC DrugFree and the Howard County State's Attorney's Office will once again partner to provide free evidence-based parenting classes for parents of 9-14 year olds. [This 4-week series will be held from 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Tuesdays, March 5, 12, 19 and 26 in the Elkridge Library.](#) Parents are expected to attend all 4 sessions. Visit HC DrugFree's website calendar at <http://www.hcdrugfree.org/events> for more information and to register. If you have questions, email Admin@hcdrugfree.org or call 443-325-0040.

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