



Dragon Tales

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Principal: Ms. Roberson

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From the Principal's Desk

Dear Parents,

It has come to my attention, that several 6th graders are playing a game "Debit and Credit." This game, "Debit and Credit" is where students walk up to someone from behind and smack them on the back of the neck. Once a student is smacked, they typically retaliate by hitting the person that smacked them on the back of the neck. This can result in a back and forth between students. This game is not appropriate and has resulted in some students getting hurt and others upset. Hitting of any kind is unacceptable and is a violation of the HCPSS Student Code of Conduct. Parents, please talk to your student(s) about appropriate conduct in school. Remind them to be respectful and courteous to their fellow student by following school rules and policies that contribute to a positive school climate.

Thank You,

Antoinette Roberson, Principal

Great Things Happening at DMS!

Dunloggin math students have been hard at work, feverishly memorizing the digits of Pi for our first annual Pi Bee competition. Pi, the ratio of a circle's circumference to its diameter, is an irrational number which never repeats and never ends.

On March 14, 2019, students participated in The DMS Pi Bee in math classes across the school. The DMS Math Team would like to congratulate our winners at each grade level:

- 6th grade: Veronica Patel, who memorized 88 digits
- 7th grade: Jiya Patel, who memorized 455 digits
- 8th grade: Emily Kang, who memorized 405 digits

BioEYES at DMS: Tons of excitement in our science classes this week!

All of our 7th grade students participated in the BioEYES program this week in their science classrooms as part of the genetics unit. **We participate in this program each year with the very generous support of our PTA.** This is a K-12 education program from the Carnegie Institution for Science in which students learn about Mendelian genetics by studying zebrafish. On Monday, each group of 3 or 4 students set up a mating tank and observed their 2 adult zebrafish. The following day, they began observations of their offspring (embryos) using stereo microscopes, and they continued these observations all week. Today, most of the embryos hatched out through the chorion (egg shell) and are now larvae swimming around in the water. Our students had a chance to observe the heart beating in at least one larva, and they also observed blood circulating through the body. (These babies are optically clear.)

Some of the classes did not yet have larvae in their own petri dishes, so these classes observed their embryos under the classroom compound microscopes at 100 and 430 total magnification. Way cool to watch the heart beat at this magnification. Some of these students were even lucky enough to watch an embryo hatch.

It has been a very exciting week in our science classes. All of our students shared in the same great experience, yet the curriculum was differentiated for all academic levels of learning. This program is one example of how our teachers differentiate the subject material to meet the needs of all our students. Next week, our students will be analyzing all of their data to determine how the offspring inherited their color (wildtype or albino) from the parents.

MISA – 8th Grade Only

Parents, 8th grade students will be taking the Maryland Integrated Science Assessment, MISA test on Monday, March 18, 2019 and Tuesday, March 19, 2019, during periods 1, 2, and 3. MISA, is the Maryland Integrated Science Assessment, which all students in grades 5, 8 and 11 must take. We encourage students to be in attendance on both test days to avoid being pulled for make-up. Information on MISA testing was sent home last month, in addition, their science teacher reviewed this information in class.

Leadership and Service Opportunity:

All Middle and High School Students are welcome to attend the HCASC Meeting on March 13 7:00-8:30 at the Homewood School 10914 Clarksville Pike Ellicott City, MD 21042. We invite students to:

- Participate in the 2019-20 Student Member of the Board of Education Candidate Forum where finalists Allison Alston of Reservoir High School and Hannah Whitkin of Long Reach High School will encourage students to ask them questions and learn more about how to share their voices with BOE members and HCPSS leaders.
- Practice civic engagement and serve as an informed voter in the general election 4/24
- Gain Leadership Skills
- Practice Community Service
- Work with student leaders from across HCPSS

For more information, please contact cindy_drummond@hcpss.org.

Dunloggin Middle School STEM Fair

Saturday, March 16 (9 a.m. - 1 p.m.)

Dunloggin Middle School PTA is hosting a FREE STEM fair for children, families and teachers in celebration of Pi Day. Come and celebrate with us. No registration is required. Learn about computer coding, cryptology, science and do hands-on activities with STEM field exhibitors and speakers. See speaker and exhibitor lists below. Invite your friends and family to this wonderful event.

Holy Crepes food truck will be at the STEM event from 9 a.m.- 1 p.m. so you can grab a bite to eat.

Volunteers are needed to assist with the event. Time slots are available in one hour shifts. Help out for an hour and then enjoy the fair. Please sign-up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0e4eacae2fa1ff2-stem1>

Thanks for your help!

Culture Night at Dunloggin Middle School

DMS Culture Night
Thursday, April 11, 2019 at 6:00 PM

DMS Culture Night is coming! Celebrate all of the diverse cultures represented by the DMS community. Enjoy great food, games, performances, and a fashion show. Bring the whole family to represent your culture and learn about the culture of others.

Share your culture with the DMS Community!

Sign up to bring food: tinyurl.com/DMSCultureFood

Sign up to do a performance: tinyurl.com/DMSCulturePerformance

Send pictures of your family representing your culture to: heather_sherrow@hcpss.org

8th Grade Parents

The yearbook staff is in search of 8th Grade student baby pictures for the 2018-2019 yearbook. Please share on Google.Doc or email Mrs. Girma.

Upcoming Dates

- **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
- **March 18 & 19:** 8th Graders 7:45am-11:00am MISA-(Maryland Integrated Science Assessment)
- **March 18, 2019:** 6th Grade Author's Visit: Ji Li Jiang – Cultural Arts
- **March 19, 2019:** PTA Restaurant Night – White Oak Tavern
- **March 22 – 25, 2019:** Clubs/Organization Picture Day and 8th Grade Panoramic Picture

CELEBRATION!

Crossing Guard Gail Frosell has retired after 27 years of service to Howard County and the children of Dunloggin Middle. Her post may not have been visible to all of the community because she crossed the families across Gray Rock Drive (to the path behind the school). She's been a staple there for all those years and I wanted to pass it along to you and your community. We will be having a retirement presentation by our Chief, Chief Myers, on Wednesday, March 20th at 10 AM at our Southern District Police Station.

DMS always was a special place for Gail and we were hoping the community could be involved in the presentation in some fashion. Any representation (in person, a letter, card from kids, or anything with DMS) would be much appreciated by her and her family. If your child or family would like to write a note, send a card, etc. please send item to the attention of Mrs. O'Byrne in the front office by March 15, 2019. Thank you.

Mount Hebron Marketplace

The Viking Backers Booster Club is sponsoring a new community event this year, an arts & crafts festival called "MTH Marketplace." The event will take place inside Mt. Hebron on March 16, 2019 (snow date 3/23). We would love to have our students, parents and staff showcase their talents for the community!

We have 100+ spaces that are approximately 8' x 8' in the lobby, cafeteria, gym, and common areas. Spaces are \$40 on a [first-applied](#) basis, and are also open to the community at large. There is no admission fee for the public on the day of the event. Concessions will be available.

Details, general rules and the vendor application can be found on our website www.vikingbackers.org or on the event website www.mthmarketplace.weebly.com or on this [flier](#) .

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?

Get Your Tickets to The Wizard of Oz - Mt. Hebron High School - March 22-24, 28-30

Travel over the rainbow and along the yellow brick road with Dorothy, the Scarecrow, Tin Man, and Lion on a journey to Oz. A cast of 80 area students and high schoolers bring the characters to life, complete with Glinda, a wicked witch, monkeys, munchkins, and even Toto! Tickets are \$10. Performances are at 7pm on March 22, 23, and 28-30. The March 24 show is at 2pm. Order tickets at <http://bit.ly/2019HebronOz> or purchase at the door. Don't miss this magical production, which reminds us all, that there's no place like home!

Centennial High School Flag Football

The Centennial High School Football program will begin a four-week Intramural Flag Football unit after school, for all interested students in grades 7 and 8 at Burleigh Manor, Ellicott Mills and Dunloggin Middle Schools.

The four-week intramural program will be held once per week, after school, for an hour and twenty minutes at each of the three middle schools. Students only attend the sessions held at their Middle School. This program is open to all 7th and 8th grade students, regardless of where they will attend high school. This FREE opportunity will run from Tuesday, April 23 thru Thursday, May 16:

Ellicott Mills Middle School – TUESDAYS – 4/23, 4/30, 5/7, 5/14 – 3:10pm – 4:30pm

Dunloggin Middle School – WEDNESDAYS – 4/24, 5/1, 5/8, 5/15 – 2:25pm – 3:25pm

Burleigh Manor Middle School – THURSDAYS – 4/25, 5/2, 5/9, 5/16 – 2:45pm – 4:00pm

At the conclusion of the intramural program, all participants are invited to participate in a flag football tournament at the Centennial High School stadium at 9:00am on Saturday, May 18.

Use the following link to access the informational flyer and permission slip: <http://tinyurl.com/CHSFlagFootball>. Only the permission slip for child's school must be filled out and turned in. Completed permission slips can be submitted to the front office at your child's school or scanned and emailed to william_martin@hcpss.org.

This is a great opportunity for students to have fun, get some exercise, learn the game of football, and compete against their classmates and rival middle schools. We hope that everyone considers signing up!

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What Does Anxiety Look Like in Our Children?

Screening of “Angst” and Discussion Around Anxiety in Youth

Students and families are invited to a free [documentary screening and panel discussion](https://news.hcpss.org/news-posts/2019/03/attend-a-free-screening-of-angst-and-discussion-around-anxiety-in-youth-april-2-4-9-10-2019/) around anxiety in youth. <https://news.hcpss.org/news-posts/2019/03/attend-a-free-screening-of-angst-and-discussion-around-anxiety-in-youth-april-2-4-9-10-2019/>

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