



Dragon Tales

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Principal: Ms. Roberson

November 2, 2018

From the Principal's Desk,

Dear Dunloggin Middle School community,

Providing a safe and healthy learning environment is our top priority at Dunloggin Middle School. Beginning in September 2018, Howard County Public School System (HCPSS) began [testing all schools](#) for the presence of lead in school drinking water. The lead testing of drinking water outlets complies with a recent state regulation requiring testing in all Maryland schools, and complements the school system's Indoor Environmental Quality (IEQ) program that proactively maintains proper indoor environments.

While science has not established a safe level of lead exposure, the EPA recommends water outlets be taken out of service if the lead level exceeds 20 parts per billion (ppb). During a recent water sample collection on October 27, 2018 at our school, two (2) sinks had a level of lead which exceeds the minimum threshold of 20 ppb.

When a water outlet exceeds this level, the outlet is closed immediately, and remedial actions are planned. Appropriate remedial actions can include evaluating the cause, and replacing the necessary fixture or plumbing. Students and staff will see the water outlet shut down while this work is completed. Please note that the outlet(s) impacted is/are a sink faucet and not a water fountain. As always, we encourage students and staff to use water fountains, not faucets, for drinking water.

Please find the attached notice for more details. [Test results](#) can also be found on the HCPSS website, and a link to results will be added to our school website. I will send a follow up notification via email after all remedial actions are complete. Click attached link for fixture location [DMS Floor Plan](#).

For more information, contact [Christopher Madden](#), Certified Industrial Hygienist/IEQ Manager, in the HCPSS Office of the Environment. As always, please also do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Best regards,

Antoinette Roberson

Parent Conference Window

Conferences will open to all parents on Friday, November 2nd at 12:00 noon.

The window will close on Sunday, November 11th at 12:00 noon.

Parents are allowed ONLY 3 ACADEMIC core class teachers per student. Anyone scheduling more than 3 core class teachers will be contacted and asked to remove excess appointments from their conference schedule. This ensure other parents have the chance to sign up for a conference. Parents may add any number of related arts and/or language conferences to their schedule as needed. Here is a link to a brief video (2 minutes) that can assist you with scheduling your conferences. Here is the link: <https://youtu.be/QcMwkklgkls>

(Parents who need assistance **AFTER THE WINDOW TO SCHEDULE ONLINE HAS CLOSED** may contact Jill Hack @ 410-313-2834 or jill_hack@hcpss.org).

From the Sixth-Grade Team:

6th Grade Parents:

Newseum Field Trip Monday, November 5, 2018

All information was shared with students this week. They were also told the name of their chaperone.

ABSOLUTELY NO FOOD, DRINK, GUM allowed in Newseum!

BAGGED LUNCH NEEDED - Lunch will be left on bus to eat when returning to school

(If your child needs a bagged lunch provided, please let a Ms. Han know.)

Drawstring Bags Allowed - ALL BAGS will be checked at entrance. (No backpacks)

Cell Phones allowed - HOWEVER, cell phone is the responsibility of the student.

NO PICTURES or VIDEO of students

Gift Shop Time IS Allowed. They can bring money. Money is the responsibility of the student.

Next Day Admission - Students and chaperones who attended the field trip will get free admission to the Newseum the very next day, Tuesday, November 6. Anyone else who goes will need to pay.

DAY of Field Trip:

Students will NOT go to Period 1. Students will report to the cafeteria!

Tables will be labeled with PERIOD 3 teachers' names.

Students will board buses with chaperones and stay with them at all times.

American Education Week

November 12, 2018 – November 16, 2018

On Wednesday, November 14, 2018 we are welcoming all parents/guardians to DMS for **Bring Your Parent to School Day**, for American Education Week. Parents will have an opportunity to visit their student(s) classes and experience their daily routine. On that day, Ms. Stephens and her FACS students will be preparing lunch for parents to purchase during 6, 7, and 8 grade lunches. Parents remaining at the school through lunch are asked to dine in the fabulous FACS room on that day. If you are interested in purchasing lunch the cost is \$7.00 and please RSVP with Ms. Stallworth at Lillian_Stallworth@hcpss.org by November 9, 2018. Information regarding the menu will be published through eNew on Monday.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR NOVEMBER 12 - 20

The Scholastic Book Fair will be held in the Media Center from November 12 through November 20. Once again, we will have an exciting selection of books, posters and other items. Students will have an opportunity to visit the Book Fair and purchase books during ELA class. To give the entire family a chance to visit the Book Fair, we will also be open during evening conference times on November 19 and 20 from 5:00 to 8:00 PM.

You can also visit our Book Fair Website at <http://www.scholastic.com/bf/dunloggin>. You can take a look at the books available at the fair and also order online from November 7 through November 20.

Thank you for encouraging your child to read. We appreciate your support and look forward to seeing you and your children at the Book Fair.

From the Physical Education Department:

[The annual DMS Turkey Trot will be on Friday November 9th, 2018.](#) The Turkey Trot is a 1 Mile Run/Jog/Walk that all students will complete as part of our Physical Education curriculum. Please have your student wear tennis shoes and dress for this outdoor event. We are looking forward to this fun filled event. Parents are welcome to participate with their child. A schedule of the Turkey Trot events will be published soon.

Cooler Weather: As the temperature starts to change, we encourage all of students to bring clothing that will keep them comfortable during P.E. class. Students are allowed to wear long sleeves, jackets, or sweatshirts over their P.E. uniform shirt and can also wear clothing to cover their legs.

Clean Uniforms: Please encourage your child to bring their uniform home to wash from time to time. We want all of our students to be prepared with their uniform but also encourage everyone to have a clean uniform.

- PTA Meeting

Upcoming Dates

- **November 5, 2018:** End of Marking Period
- **November 6, 2018:** General Election Day – School Closed
- **November 6, 2018:** PTA Restaurant at Pie Five
- **November 7, 2018:** Professional Work Day – School closed for students
- **November 8, 2018:** Picture Retake Day
- **November 12, 2018:** PTA Meeting 7:00 – 9:00 pm
- **November 12-20, 2018:** Book Fair
- **November 12-16, 2018:** American Education Week
- **November 14, 2018:** Bring Your Parent to School Day
- **November 19, 2018:** Schools close 3 hours early (Parent/Teacher Conference)
- **November 20, 2018:** Schools close 3 hours early (Parent/Teacher Conference)
- **November 21, 2018:** Schools closed for students (Parent/Teacher Conference)
- **November 22-23, 2018:** Thanksgiving Holiday (Schools closed for students)

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