



Dragon Tales

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From the Principal's Desk,

Parent Conference Window

Parents the conference window will close on Sunday, November 11th at 12:00 noon.

If you haven't already done so, please schedule your parent conferences, the deadline is quickly approaching.

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/QcMwklgkls>

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

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, please RSVP with Ms. Stallworth at Lillian_Stallworth@hcpss.org by November 12, 2018.

The lunch menu includes spaghetti, garlic bread, salad and cobbler. It's not too late to RSVP but you must submit your request by Monday to Ms. Stallworth.

From the Department of Special Education

Ed Camp

November 12th @ LRHS-DSE Ed Camp Style (special ed. questions answered etc.) Parents and guardians of students with IEPs: What are you interested in hearing about regarding special education and related services in HCPSS? We'll start the evening by collaboratively generating topics of interest among families.

Click link to see flyer: [Special Education Ed Camp Flyer](#)

Ins and Outs Parent Session

November 29th: **Ins and Outs Parent Session** - What parents of children with disabilities want to know about the coming IN and the going OUT of middle and high school! Designed for middle school parents that are interested in learning more about high school. This session will be held at Harper's Choice Middle School on November 29 from 6:30pm- 8:30pm.

Click link to see flyer: [Ins and Outs Parent Session](#)

Hearing and Vision:

On November 28, 2018, the Howard County Health Department will be at Dunloggin to conduct vision and hearing screenings for all 8th grade students and all students new to the state of Maryland. Your child will receive these screenings unless you object in writing. If your child has glasses please make sure that he or she wears them on screening day. We are looking for volunteers the morning of the screening from 7:40 – 11 (any amount of time is appreciated). If you are available to help, please call the health room at 410-313-2836.

Parent Information Sessions: Programmatic Options to Reduce Enrollment at CHS and HHS

HCPSS Staff will be hosting a series of parent information sessions on the programmatic options available to reduce enrollment at Centennial and Howard High Schools. These family sessions will share information on the opportunity to participate in Project Lead The Way Biomedical Science, Computer Science, or Aerospace Engineering at Marriotts Ridge; student reassignment, shuttles to HCC, and career development options. Each information night will cover the same content, and parents of rising 9th - 12th graders are encouraged to attend whichever event best fits their schedule.

Family Night Schedule (7-8:30pm)

Date	High School
Monday, November 26th	Centennial High School
Tuesday, November 27th	Howard High School
Tuesday, December 4th	Marriotts Ridge High School

Please note, all opportunities to participate in these programmatic options are contingent on interest and capacity.

DMS Drama Club:

Come out and support the students of DMS Drama Club next Thursday and Friday, November 15-16, for their production of "The Murder Mystery at the Murder Mystery"!

Doors open at 6:30 p.m., show at 7:00 p.m. Tickets will be available at lunch through Wednesday, November 14 for \$8. Tickets will be available at the door for \$10. Check out our awesome basket raffle and get an early start on your holiday shopping!

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.

Upcoming Dates

- **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 14, 2018:** 1st Quarter Report Cards Issued
- **November 15-16, 2018:** Fall Production “*The Murder Mystery at the Murder Mystery*” 5:00-9:00 pm
- **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:

The BBMS PTA is partnering with HC Drug Free for an important information night about Vaping, JUULing, and other easily accessible drugs in our county.

We have attached a flyer, and are asking all middle schools and high schools in our community to encourage students to attend and email out this information to all parents.

Possibly get health and PE teachers on board for maybe extra credit for attending the event??

We are happy to have a sign in- to collect names of those attending, and we can email the staff to let them know the student attended.

Up in Smoke: Vaping, JUULing, and other drugs in Howard County

Hosted by HC Drug Free & BBMS PTA

Date: Wednesday, November 14th

Time: 7 pm

Where: Bonnie Branch Middle School, cafeteria

Community message

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