



# Dragon Tales

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Hello DMS CommUnity!

## From the Principal's Desk,

Parents see message below regarding the county's withdrawal (w) date from high school credit bearing courses...

For students taking Algebra I, Geometry, or another advanced math course and students taking a World Language course for credit, Howard County Public School System Policy 8020: High School Grading and Reporting governs procedures related to students who withdraw from courses or change levels of a course. Any student who withdraws from any course more than seven school days after the published first quarter interim report will receive a W (withdrawal) on the report card and permanent report card. No credit shall be received by students who withdraw. If a student withdraws from a course and transfers to a different course more than one week after the first published first quarter interim report, no credit will be awarded. A W code will be assigned. For the 2018-2019 school year, the W date is October 23, 2018.

## DMS PINK Out Day:

On Tuesday, October 23, 2018, DMS will go PINK in honor of Breast Cancer Awareness Month. We are asking all students and staff to wear PINK on Tuesday to honor the women and men that loss their lives or are survivors of Breast Cancer.

## DMS Spirit Week:

Quarter one spirit week activities will begin on Monday, October 29<sup>th</sup>, students are encouraged to get in on the fun, by dressing up in festive outfits that celebrate the fall and harvest season. On Wednesday, October 31<sup>st</sup> is "Costume Dress Up Day," students are reminded that all costumes must be in compliance with the HCPSS Dress Code Policy 9210. Student costumes should not cover their faces (no mask, no face paint, no hoods, etc...) include blood or weapons of any type.

## DMS Spirit Week Calendar:

### **OCTOBER**

#### **29 - Nov 2 - Q1 Spirit Week**

- Monday – Scarecrow Day (Flannel, overalls, straw hat, etc...)
- Tuesday – Black/ Orange out Day
- Wednesday – Costume Dress up Day
- Thursday – Comfy Day (PJs)
- Friday – Rainbow Day

## **From the DMS PTA:**

The **Fall Social** is just around the corner, Friday, October 26<sup>th</sup>, 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. Students don't forget to bring your permission and money to school on Tuesday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>. There will be representatives from the PTA collecting permission slips and money (\$7.00) from students. Permission slip can be accessed online from the PTA website (<http://www.dunlogginmspta.org/activities.html>) or via the direct link [Location of Permission Form](#). Payment for the Fall Social can also be paid via PayPal on the PTA website.

## **2018 Winter Clothing Drive**

HCPSS Pupil Personnel Workers (PPWs), in cooperation with PTA Council of Howard County and other community organizations, are supporting the annual coat drive to provide students in our own school community (and their families) who are in need of winter coats, gloves, hats, scarves, etc.

The DMS SGA, in conjunction with the DMS PTA, is participating in this outreach project. We are asking students of each grade level to bring in clothing items to donate for this great cause. Donation boxes, by grade, have been placed in Time Square for students to deposit the clothing items. The grade that donates the most clothes, gloves, hats, scarves, etc...will earn extra recess on Halloween. The clothing drive start now and will continue through October 30, 2018.

## **From the Physical Education Department:**

It's time to announce our Physical Education Stars for the month of September. P.E. Stars are students who show great effort and a great attitude in P.E. every day.

- **6th Grade:** Eve Baldwin, Amari Riggs, Rian Taylor, Ali Vigderhouse, Delaney Snodgrass, and Ian Lander
- **7th Grade:** Anushka Agarwal, Andrew Cho, Samantha Richards, Jay Yarlott, Tobie Lewis, and Masha Khalimovsky
- **8th Grade:** Vedant Patel, Axel Aguilar Borjas, Elijah Strong, Mats dePlate, Olivia Morse, and Nicholas Shidle

## **Attendance Reminders**

Parents, this is a reminder that all lawful absences from school must be accompanied by an emailed or written note to Jill Hack in Student Services. See [HCPSS Attendance Policy 9010](#) for details. In accordance with the [HCPSS Grading and Reporting Policy 8010](#), a student may make up and receive recorded grade(s) for work missed due to a lawful absence. Students returning from lawful absences will have an equal number of days to complete make up work. However, if your child has an unlawful absence from school, he/she may make up work but it will not receive a recorded grade.

## Upcoming Dates

- **October 26, 2018:** DMS PTA sponsors Fall Social
- **October 29-Nov 2, 2018:** DMS Spirit Week
- **November 5, 2018:** End of Marking Period
- **November 6, 2018:** General Election Day – School Closed
- **November 7, 2018:** Professional Work Day – School closed for students
- **November 12-20, 2018:** Book Fair
- **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:

### HC DrugFree:

**Community Service Hours Available:** HC DrugFree will provide community service hours for students volunteering at their Saturday, October 27 drive-thru medication and sharps collection between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. in the Wilde Lake Village Center parking lot. Be sure to email [Admin@hcdrugfree.org](mailto:Admin@hcdrugfree.org) for more information and sign in/out at the volunteer table. Adults, students, groups, teams, clubs, etc. all welcome!

**Student Substance-Free Pledge:** Parents/guardians may access a printable Student Pledge created by Howard County teens. Good discussion tool for adults and students. Visit <http://www.hcdrugfree.org/for-parents-1/>. If you have questions, email [Admin@hcdrugfree.org](mailto:Admin@hcdrugfree.org) or call 443-325-0040.

**Drive-thru EpiPen, Medication and More Collection:** Howard County's next convenient drive-thru over-the-counter and prescription medication and "sharps" (needles, syringes and EpiPens) collection will be held on **Saturday, October 27** between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. in the Wilde Lake Village Center parking lot near the Swim Center and UPS Store. HC DrugFree and the Howard County Police urge you to clean out your unwanted or expired over-the-counter and prescription medication and sharps. Please visit HC DrugFree's website at [www.hcdrugfree.org](http://www.hcdrugfree.org) and go to the Events/Drug Take Back Day page for more information about medication disposal, email [Admin@hcdrugfree.org](mailto:Admin@hcdrugfree.org) or call 443-325-0040

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