



Dragon Tales

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Principal: Ms. Roberson

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Hello DMS CommUnity!

From the Principal's Desk,

Testing for Lead in Drinking Water

Beginning in September 2018, HCPSS began testing schools for the presence of lead in school drinking water. The testing is being conducted to comply with a new state **regulation** requiring lead testing of drinking water outlets in all Maryland schools, and not because of any concerns with drinking water in Howard County schools. The state regulations apply to all Maryland school systems.

The testing applies only to water outlets where water is intended for consumption, including drinking fountains, cafeteria sinks, etc. Signs will be displayed on any non-drinking water outlets not subject to the water sampling, such as those in custodial sinks or science classrooms. The presence of a sign indicates only that a particular faucet has not been sampled; it does not indicate that a particular water supply is, or suspected of, lead contamination.

HCPSS will sample and analyze water from all drinking water outlets in every school during the 2018-2019 and 2019-2020 school years. Schools serviced by well water are not required by the state to be tested; however, these schools will be included in HCPSS testing.

Testing at Dunloggin will be completed this weekend and the stickers described above has been placed throughout the building. **Details** about the test process, schedule, sampling and reporting procedures and other information, and answers to **Frequently Asked Questions**, are provided on the HCPSS website.

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.

(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 Physical Education Department:

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.

DMS Intramurals

Soccer Intramurals will have a make-up date on Monday October 29th from 2:30-3:45PM.

Flag Football Intramurals will begin on Friday, November 2, 2018. Flag Football intramurals are open to students of all grades and is one of our most popular intramurals. Permissions forms can be found in the gym and should be returned to a PE teacher.

DMS Spirit Week:

Quarter one spirit week activities will begin on Monday, October 29th. Students are encouraged to participate in the fun by dressing up in festive outfits that celebrate the fall and harvest season. On Wednesday, October 31st 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...) including 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:

Fall Social, Friday, October 26, 2018 2:30 to 4:30 p.m.

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.

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 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 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 and go to the Events/Drug Take Back Day page for more information about medication disposal, email Admin@hcdrugfree.org or call 443-325-0040

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