



# Dragon Tales

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## Hello DMS Community!

### From the Principal's Desk

The school year is off to a fantastic start. Your child has been engaged in some wonderful learning experiences. During classroom visits, I have had the opportunity to observe students testing the velocity of cars speeding down a ramp, participating in virtual geography tours, and developing/posing questions in the target language. It is evident the teachers are working to build positive learning communities that are student-centered, connected, and provide multiple pathways to instruction.

In preparation of 1<sup>st</sup> quarter interim reports, I am asking parents to continue to engage your child in an ongoing dialogue about their academic success. Ask them how their day was and what they learned. Take time to view your child's Canvas page to see the types of assignments they have been given in the 1<sup>st</sup> five weeks of school. Be sure to check their grades on those assignments and reach out to their teacher(s) to see how you can support their success at home. Additionally, on the [HCPSS](#) website, under the [Academics](#) tab, you can access parent links for each content area that provides assistance.

### MSDE School Climate Survey

Dunloggin Middle School will be administering a state mandated school climate survey during the week of October 29, 2018 during Social Studies classes. The purpose of the survey is to gain valuable information about the quality and character of the school learning environment to help school administrators and teachers support student learning.

All students are expected to participate in the 20-30 minute computer based survey, which will be conducted during regular classroom time. The responses your child provides will be combined with the responses from other students in the school, and will be reported out for our school and the overall district. Your child's individual responses will remain confidential, and will not be reported to the school or district.

### Intramural

#### It's Not too Late...You can still sign your child up for 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Soccer Intramural

- 6th Grade Soccer Intramural start Monday, October 1st from 2:30-3:45 p.m. All 6th grade students should turn in a signed permission slip to a Physical Education teacher to participate. The 6th Grade Soccer Intramural will run on Monday and Wednesday throughout the month of October.

## Announcement for our International Families

### Interpreter Request for November Conferences

If you need interpreting service in your home language for November parent/teacher conferences, please contact Mr. Sung Kim at [sung\\_kim@hcpss.org](mailto:sung_kim@hcpss.org) with your child's name, school, grade, and the language you need. **All requests must be received by Friday, 10/12/2018.**

### 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 9, 2018:** Interim Progress Reports Distributed to Students
- **October 8-10, 2018:** Fall MAP Testing (Math)
- **October 15-17, 2018:** Fall MAP Testing (Reading)
- **October 19, 2018:** School Closed Professional Development Day

### Community News:

#### HCASC Meeting

Please join us at the upcoming HCASC meeting on Wednesday, October 10, 2018.

In addition to sharing leadership skills and service opportunities, Ms. Kathy Hanks, Board Administrator, and our Student Member of the Board, Ambika Siddabathula will lead our October meeting and teach students how to provide feedback on HCPSS policy, present testimony, and participate in public forum when they have ideas they want the members of the Board of Education and Superintendent to hear.

#### Leadership and Service Opportunity for All Middle and High School students interested in

- Sharing the Student Voice on HCPSS Policy and Community Issues
- Gaining Leadership Skills
- Practicing Community Service
- Working with student leaders from across HCPSS

Please attend Howard County Association of Student Councils (HCASC) meetings throughout the year on the second Wednesday evening of each month. **Next Meeting Wednesday 10/10 7-8:30 at the Board of Education** 10910 Clarksville Pike, Ellicott City, MD 21042.

For more information please contact [cindy\\_drummond@hcpss.org](mailto:cindy_drummond@hcpss.org)

## **Calling All Future Vikings – Mt. Hebron Homecoming Events**

We would love to invite our future Vikings to participate in our Homecoming parade on Saturday, October 13, 2018. Please invite any/all students. We have our pancake breakfast as well in the morning that starts at 8:00 am in our cafeteria. I'd love for you all to attend.

Students attending the parade will meet at the Resurrection Church parking lot between 10:15-10:30 am on Saturday, October 13, 2018. Look for the two "Future Vikings" trucks that will be decorated with the names of the various elementary and middle schools. SGA members will be on hand to assist future Vikings. They will be giving out signs and helping students get onto the trucks. The parade will arrive at Mt. Hebron at approximately 11:45 am.

## **Northfield Celebrates 50 Years!**

The Northfield Elementary Community will be celebrating their 50th anniversary on Thursday October 18th. They will have a ceremony to honor former staff during the school day. Northfield Elementary Community is also inviting families and former students to come back that afternoon from 3:30-4:30 to help them celebrate. See attached flyer for details [Northfield's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Open House](#).

For other Community News visit our website [www.dms.hcpss.org](http://www.dms.hcpss.org)