



Dragon Tales

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Hello DMS CommUnity!

DMS Partners with Coastal Conservation

Dunloggin Middle School has partnered with Coastal Conservation Association Maryland (CCA Maryland) to educate students about the importance of habitat creation and restoration to improve the environment in the Chesapeake and Coastal Bays. The partnership was formalized with an official partnership signing on Friday, September 14, at the Sheraton Columbia Waterside Restaurant in Columbia, Maryland.

The DMS Family would like to congratulate Science Teacher, Daniel Blue, for establishing this partnership with CCA Maryland. We appreciate all he has done to educate our students on the importance of habitat creation and environmental restoration in our community.

Last Day to Update Family File

Today, is the last day to complete Family File updates online. Completing Family File allows us to have the most accurate information on record for your child. It is important this information is updated and/or verified for each child you have in HCPSS. To update your Family File today, log into [HCPSS Connect](#), select the Family File tab, and then click on Family File.

Intramurals Are Coming!

Athletic Intramurals will be starting soon for both 6th & 7th Grade students. What are intramurals, you ask? Intramurals are afterschool programs that students of certain grade levels can sign up for and participate in fun activities.

The first two athletic intramurals are 7th Grade Indoor Soccer and 6th Grade Indoor Soccer.

7th Grade Indoor Soccer will start next Tuesday September 25th. All 7th grade students are invited to pick up a permission form from the gym to attend the 7th grade indoor soccer intramural.

6th Grade Indoor Soccer will begin on Monday October 1st. All 6th grade students are invited to pick up a permission slip from the gym to attend the 6th grade indoor soccer intramural.

The DMS First Lego League (FLL) is looking for new members to join our team!

FLL is an after-school intramural which meets on **Tuesdays** and/or **Thursdays** from the end of September through January from **2:30 - 4:00 PM** in the **media center**.

FLL provides students an opportunity to experience real-world engineering challenges by building LEGO-based robots to complete tasks on a thematic playing surface. Students will: design, build, test and program robots using LEGO MINDSTORMS® technology, apply real-world math and science concepts, research challenges facing today's scientists all while learning critical thinking, team-building, and presentation skills. Competitions will be held on Saturdays.

See Mrs. Girma or Ms. Han for an application. Application are due back by **Thursday, September 27, 2018**.

Announcement for our International Families

International Parent Leadership Program

We are pleased to inform you about the International Parent Leadership Program (IPLP) hosted by the Office of International Student and Family Services. This program provides a unique leadership development opportunity to international parents who may have educational background outside the U.S. by delivering pertinent information about our school system and share ways for our parents to get involved in the school community. Please note the information about IPLP published on the HCPSS News at the following link:

<https://news.hcpss.org/news-posts/2018/08/international-parent-leadership-program-applications-due-october-3-2018/>

All applications are due by Wednesday, October 3, 2018. For questions, please call the Office of International Student and Family Services at 410-313-1293.

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 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 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

- **September 28, 2018:** Picture Day
- **October 1-3, 2018:** Fall MAP Testing (Reading)
- **October 3, 2018:** School Closed 3 hours early – Professional Development
- **October 5, 2018:** Flu Shot Clinic at DMS
- **October 9, 2018:** Interim Progress Reports Distributed to Students
- **October 9-11, 2018:** Fall MAP Testing (Math)

Community News:

Howard County Parents/Guardians of 9-14 Year Olds: Attend a FREE evidence-based program for parents/guardians of 9 to 14 year olds to gain skills and knowledge to reduce the risk that their children will use drugs. This is a 4-week program on Tuesday evenings from October 9 to October 30 at the Elkridge Branch of the Howard County Library from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. Parents will receive a workbook so hurry to register at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/GGCOct2018> or contact HC Drug Free at Admin@hcdrugfree.org or 443-325-0040 for more information. Program presented by HC Drug Free and the Howard County State's Attorney's Office in partnership with the Health Department. See attached flyer: [Guiding Good Choices](#).

For other Community News visit our website www.dms.hcpss.org