

DMS DRAGON TALES

February 28, 2020

Message from the School Nurse

Recently there has been an increase in our school in the number of students who are ill. In order to keep our students as healthy as possible, we ask that you assist us by keeping children home from school when they are ill. This will greatly help the spread of illness in the school.

Students who have a fever greater than 100 degrees should remain at home until their temperature is normal for 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medications (Tylenol or Ibuprofen).

Students with symptoms of acute illness such as vomiting and diarrhea should also remain home until they are free from symptoms for 24 hours.

Hand washing is known to decrease the spread of infection. Please encourage your children to wash their hands frequently.

First Lego League

Team name: Innovation Ambassadors

Veena Ponnada, Archana Ponnada, Aditi Kashyap, Hansika Chennaamsetty, Ananya Vijay, Greeshma Tarimala, Jen Tai.

Innovation Ambassadors won 3rd Place for Robot Design out of 74 teams that participated in the Maryland State Championship FIRST LEGO League at UMBC on Sunday Feb 23, 2020.

They also received high marks for their research on Inclusive Playgrounds.

Physical Education Notes

Congratulations to our Physical Education Stars of the Month. P.E. Stars are students who show great effort and a great attitude each day in physical education class.

6th Grade: Finn Davis, Harper Koenig, Sarena DeLessio, Brian Toth, Margot Jeeter

7th Grade: Reese Wysocki, James Shidle, Natalie Munoz, Bryan Putnam, James Jordana, Hibah Mehreen

8th Grade: Ella McCann, Allie Self, Ryan Lee, Grace Shen, Nicole Cavey, Daniela Castro Luna

Intramurals: Due to calendar conflicts, the intramural schedule published in the beginning of the year is being revised. Basketball intramurals will be pushed back and will not start till March/April.

Attendance Reminder: Absences from School

If your student will be absent from school, please email jill_hack@hcpss.org with the name of your student, reason for absence, and date(s) of absence. You will receive a reply letting you know your electronic note has been received. Unfortunately, we cannot accept phone calls for absences. If you have any questions regarding your student's attendance, please send an email to the same address as above.

Attendance policy information:

<https://www.hcpss.org/policies/9000/9010-attendance/>

Thank you for helping to keep your student's attendance accurate.

SAVE THE DATE!

DMS will be hosting a Maker Faire on Saturday May 30, 2020 from 9:00am - 1:00pm. Our Maker Faire will be a community event where students and their families will be welcome to move from activity to activity in an open-house format. We will have approximately 20 different activities planned for classrooms along with some do-it-yourself creative activities in the hallways.

DMS staff, parents, PTA, A+ Partners, HCPL Hi Tech instructors, and community volunteers will head the activities.

We hope you can join us for a fun-filled, educational day!

DMS CRICKET INTRAMURAL

We are happy to provide our students an opportunity to learn about the game of cricket through the DMS Cricket Intramural. To participate, all students are required to turn in the permission slip signed by their parent. Students can pick up the [permission slip](#) from the front office or the gym and turn it into Mr. Kim. Please note

that there are NO BUSES for this after-school program. Students and parents must make arrangements for their own transportation and students must be picked up immediately after the activity at 4:00 PM.

DATE & TIME: Thursdays 2:30-4:00 PM - 3/5, 3/12, 3/19, 3/26.

LOCATION: DMS Gym

Upcoming Events

- **March 2:** 7th grade Symphonic Band Assessment - MHHS
- **March 3:** 8th grade Wind Ensemble Assessment - MHHS
- **March 4:** 6th grade Concert Band Adjudication - MHHS – performance at 6:15pm
- **March 4:** 8th Grade Field Trip – WLHS Production of Guys and Dolls
- **March 4:** 6th grade - Ji-li Jang
- **March 16-20:** Bio-Eyes (Schedule change needed March 16 and 17)
- **March 24 & 25:** MISA - 8th Grade

Community Messages:

Centennial High School – Introduction to Athletics Fall Season

Save the Date!

Centennial High School will host its annual [Introduction to Athletics](#), Fall Season Program for Parents of Incoming 9th Grade Students on Monday, June 1st,

beginning at 6:00 p.m. in the CHS Auditorium. See attached flier for details.

[Introduction to Athletics](#)

HC Drug Free Update

Free Parenting Classes: HC Drug Free and the State's Attorney's Office will offer another series of parenting classes for parents of children age 9-14. This is an evidence-based, interactive prevention program that provides parents with the skills and knowledge to reduce the risk that their children will use drugs. Class dates: March 10, 17, 24 and 31 from 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Oakland Mills Middle School. **Flier attached.** Hurry to register

at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/March2020oms>

Drive-Thru Medication and Sharps (Needles, Syringes & EpiPens) Collection:

HC Drug Free next drive-thru medication and sharps (needles, syringes and EpiPens) collection will be held on Saturday, April 25 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Wilde Lake Village Center parking lot. Bring all unwanted and expired over-the-counter and prescription medication. Free. Open to the public. No need to get out of your vehicle. Student and adult volunteers welcome. Community service hours available. Medication guarded and transported by the Howard County Police and the Drug Enforcement Administration.

Journey 2020 – Howard County Middle School Girls

Journey 2020 for Howard County Middle School Girls (rising 7th, 8th & 9th grade students) will be held July 12-July 18, 2020 at Washington College! Applications are due May 15, 2020; Journey applications and scholarship applications can be found at mlw.org. Financial assistance is made available by the [Women's Giving Circle of Howard County](#).

A week at Journey includes:

- workshops on topics such as empowerment and motivation, decision making, communication, self-awareness, goal setting, group dynamics, and conflict resolution
- group projects that challenge girls to apply new skills and exceed their own expectations
- team-building activities that strengthen interpersonal skills and build lasting memories
- One-on-one mentoring with members of a dedicated and highly trained staff.

Contact information for Maryland Leadership Workshops:

301-444-8623; office@mlw.org; mlw.org

CA Summer Camp Information

See flier for details: [CA Camps Making Memories 2020](#)

SECAC MEETING

Wilde Lake Middle
School
10481 Cross Fox Lane
Columbia, MD 21044 (in the cafeteria)

Anyone involved in Special Education in Howard County is invited to attend and participate in our meetings, including parents, students, caregivers, educators, community partners, service providers and school administrators. We welcome

your contribution and meaningful input. For more information, contact SECACChair@gmail.com or visit www.howardcountysecac.com.

Other meetings this school year will be:

March 11, April 15, May 13, June 10, 2020. All are held at Wilde Lake Middle School from 7:00-9:00pm.

Community News and Programs

DMS parents and community members interested in having information in the form of an announcement or flyer published in the school newsletter or Community News 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

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