

Dragon Tales

February 7, 2020

Shelter in Place

Due to a tornado warning this morning, Dunloggin Middle School, along with all other HCPSS schools, sheltered in place from approximately 7:45 a.m. until 8:10 a.m. at which time the tornado warning was lifted. All students were safe and accounted for during the shelter in place.

DMS Celebrates – African American History Month

During the month of February, DMS will honor African Americans that helped shape this country through their knowledge, professional contributions, advocacy, and arts and culture.

Winter MAP Testing

The winter administration of MAP testing will begin on Wednesday, February 5, 2020. All students in grades 6, 7, and 8, will take the MAP ELA test.

MATH: February 10, 11, 12

Please note the following students **WILL NOT** take MAP this year:

- **Algebra 1**: 7th & 8th grade
- **Geometry**: 8th Grade
- **English GT**: 8th Grade

If you have any questions about MAP Testing, please contact [Debra O'Byrne@hcpss.org](mailto:Debra_O'Byrne@hcpss.org).

DMS Scheduling Information Night

The DMS Scheduling Information was a success. I want to thank all the parents that came out for this event. They had the opportunity to learn more about our pilot programs (Performance Arts, General Music, Visual Arts, Project Lead the Way, World Language and Inquiry and Innovations). A huge thank you to our pilot program teachers (Mr. Murdock, Ms. Satterfield, Ms. Sherrow and Mr. Guest), and counselors (Ms. Peppers and Ms. Madison) for sharing their expertise with the students and parents present for the event.

Outdoor Education – Parent Information Night

We would like to invite all 6th grade parents to an important Outdoor Education Meeting on February 10, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. in the cafeteria.

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!

From the Physical Education Department

Volleyball Intramurals for all students will start on Thursday, February 6th. New permission slips with all the correct dates are in the gym. Volleyball Intramurals will run from 2:30-4:00PM on select days. There are NO BUSES at that time so students must be picked up or be able to walk/bike home. Students should turn in a signed permission slip to a Physical Education teacher.

Volleyball Dates: February 6, 11, 13, and 18.

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 an arrangement 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 - 2/20, 2/27, 3/5, 3/12, 3/19, 3/26.

LOCATION: DMS Gym

Upcoming Events

- **February 10:** ODE Parent Information Meeting @ 6:00 pm in cafeteria
- **February 10:** PTA Meeting @ 7:00 pm in the media center
- **February 17:** School Closed – Presidents' Day

Summer School Information in Multiple Languages

Please see fliers for details:

[Summer School Preview 2020 - Spanish.pdf](#),

[Summer School Preview 2020 - Korean.pdf](#),

[Summer School Preview 2020 - English.pdf](#),

[Summer School Preview 2020 - Chinese.pdf](#)

Community Messages:

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

Summer Student Leadership and Volunteer Opportunities

Please join us for the next Howard County Association of Student Councils (HCASC) meeting on **February 12, 2020** from **7:00 pm-8:30 pm** at the Homewood School. HCASC serves as a way for students to gain the skills they need to work alongside parents, teachers, and administrators to shape their school communities. HCASC (Howard County Association of Student Councils) **welcomes ALL students** to our meetings: those involved in Student Council and those interested in learning how to **share their student voice to**

strengthen their school communities through extracurricular clubs, sports, and the arts.

HCASC **Welcomes All Middle and High School Students** to attend HCASC Meetings the second Wednesday evening of each month at the Homewood School, 10914 Clarksville Pike, Ellicott City, MD 21042.

Middle and High School students who attend will...

- Work with student leaders from across HCPSS
- Meet with the Student Member of the Board of Education
- Gain leadership skills
- Turn ideas into actions
- Learn about leadership and community service opportunities
- Practice civic engagement and serve as an informed citizens

Next Meeting: Wednesday February 12, 2020 from 7:00 pm-8:30 pm at the Homewood School. For more information please contact cindy_drummond@hcpss.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:

February 12, March 11, April 15, May 13, June 10, 2020. All are held at Wilde Lake Middle School from 7-9:00pm.

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