Dragon Tales

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Hello DMS CommUnity!

I hope you had a wonderful week! Last weekend, several of our students represented DMS in the County History Day competition at Reservoir High School. The students were very prepared and did a great job. As well, this week both our Orchestra and Band participated in their adjudications. The students performed wonderfully. The dedication that our students demonstrate to both of these programs is unparalleled! Our choral students will have their adjudication on April 10th; I hope to see you there!

Today I had the chance to attend the Middle School County Debate at the John's Hopkins Applied Physics Lab. Our students were prepared, professional, well mannered, and thoughtful. I am so proud of how well they represented DMS! The DMS community has been taking part in a fundraiser for Casey Cares. Casey Cares provides uplifting programs for families with critically ill children in the Mid-Atlantic Region. It is so uplifting to see how generous community we have. It makes me proud to be a dragon!

Have a great weekend! Dr. Jeffrey Fink DMS Principal Inspire...Empower...Prepare...

FROM THE PHYSICAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

7 grade basketball intramurals will start next Tuesday, March 24. Any 7 grade student who would like to stay afterschool should turn in a signed permission form. Permission forms can be found in the gym, the front office, or on the Physical Education TeacherWeb page.

READ ACROSS AMERICA

Don't forget to bring in your donations to Casey Cares as part of our celebration of Read Across America month.

Turn in new books for kids in grades K through 8 and new pajamas in infant and teen sizes to your 5 period teacher. The class with the largest overall total at the end of the month will get an amazing surprise and your teacher will get a gift card. We will also be collecting cash during lunch periods.

COLLEGE AND CAREER READINESS

Sixth International Parent Education Seminar

March 23, 2015 @ 6:00 PM, Jim Rouse Theatre, Wilde Lake High School, 5460 Trumpeter Road Columbia, MD 21044 Questions?

Call 410-313-1293 Keynote: Lisa Boarman Coordinator of School Counseling and Related Services

ATTENDANCE INFORMATION FOR PARENTS AND STUDENTS

Absence: Please send an email to jill_hack@hcpss.org or send a note in with your student upon their return stating their First and Last Name, reason for absence, date(s) absent, a phone number for any questions and parent name/signature. ALL ABSENCE NOTES MUST BE RECEIVED WITHIN 2 SCHOOL DAYS OF THE STUDENT'S RETURN to be excused. (HCPSS policy 9010)

Students will not be given a pass. All information is entered into Aspen for teachers, students, and parents to view.

Only students tardy to school will receive a pass to class.

STAFF OF THE MONTH NOMNATIONS

Staff, students and the community are encouraged to nominate Dunloggin staff that they would like to recognize for their dedication to the students and community. The staff of the month nominations provide an opportunity for students, parents and staff to express their appreciation of all that the Dunloggin staff does on a daily basis to provide a nurturing and academic rich experience that will develop our students into the college and career individuals that they aspire to become.

Please feel free to complete the following form and send it in to school with your student. In addition, nominations will be collected every month, and you are invited to complete a form as often as you would like.

ATTENDANCE NOTIFICATIONS

You can now receive e-mail notifications from the ASPEN Family Portal when your child is marked absent. First, log into your family portal account (the login id and password are the same as the emergency card system) using the attached link http://hcpss.me/fp/. Click on the top tab labeled "family". Next click on the side tab labeled "notification". Check the box under the label "subscribe" next to attendance. Please note that e-mail notifications are not sent out until 11:00.

CENTENNIAL HS - Strutting with the Staff

PLEASE support the Centennial Dance Crew as they compete against other high school staff teams this Saturday night, March 21! The show is 6pm at Glenelg High School. Tickets are only \$5...please email rebecca clark@hcpss.org if interested!

Each school has been asked to sell 85 tickets in advance, and we're hoping to have

a large group of CHS fans to support our dancers!

The CHS Dance Crew:

Claire Hafets, Kevin Dorsey, Susan Helmrath, Jenn McKechnie, Page Barnes, Cheryl Beall, Theo Brown, Brandon Barrett, Jessica Hammers, Karen Reynolds, Erin Fisher, Robin Fleegal, Kathryn Carlsen & David Matchim, Coach: Rebecca Clark

Upcoming Events

<u>March</u>

3/27 - End of Quarter (3 hour early dismissal)3/27 - Quarterly Reward Day3/30 - 4/6 Spring Break

April

4/9 - Shakespeare Festival 4/7 - 4/10: Outdoors Ed 4/13 - Orchestra Field Trip 4/14 - Report Cards Issued 4/14 - 4/15: MSA Science 4/17- AFI Film Festival