

## Dragon Tales

March 18, 2021

### DMS Welcomes Back Our 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Students

The DMS faculty and staff are excited to welcome our 6<sup>th</sup> grade students and families on Monday, March 29, and Thursday, April 1. We have truly missed our students and can't wait to see their smiling faces when they return. With that said, we want to invite 6<sup>th</sup> grade students and families to our Parent Orientation Night, see details below.

### Parent Orientation Night - 6<sup>th</sup> Grade (In-Person Students) ONLY!

Please join us on **Thursday, March 25** from **6:00 pm** to **7:00 pm** for Parent Orientation Night. Parents/guardians will receive an overview of the DMS expectations for student return and will learn what to expect on the first day. This will be an informative session for students and parents outlining the expectations for in-person learning. Please use your student's HCPSS credentials to enter the Google Meet.

**Meeting Code:** DMS-ParentInfoNight

**Time:** 6:00 – 7:00pm

### Transition to Hybrid Instruction Schedule

**Group A** students will attend on **Monday/Tuesday** and your first day in person will be:

- **Monday, March 29:** Grade 6
- **Monday, April 12:** Grades 7-8

**Group B** students' will attend on **Thursday/Friday** and your first day in person will be:

- **Thursday, April 1:** Grade 6
- **Thursday, April 15:** Grades 7-8

### Health Room Updates

Parents/guardians, please remember to perform a symptom check daily, prior to your child's departure from home. Please reference the [Health Room Updates](#) Google doc for details.

### From Ms. Han – Our Voice Submissions

Time is running out to submit an original literary work or photograph for the Howard County Middle School literary magazine, *Our Voice*.

If your child would like to submit a poem, short story, or photograph, please make sure to have it completed and uploaded by this Monday, March 22.

The form to submit original work can be found in the [DMS Student Resources Canvas page announcement](#) as well as just the [entry form here](#).

Thank you,  
Ms. Han

## Community Messages

### FALL FIELD HOCKEY at WILDE LAKE!

If you are an 8th-grade girl interested in athletics this fall at WILDE LAKE HIGH SCHOOL, consider trying out for field hockey. Please contact Mrs. Stefan ([nancy\\_stefan@hcpss.org](mailto:nancy_stefan@hcpss.org)) for any information. Don't worry if you've never played before...we can teach you how! What a great way to join a fall sport as a freshman!

**College and Career Opportunity Webinar:** The Black Student Achievement Program will host a College and Career Opportunity Webinar – Virtually Expanding Your Horizons featuring Jumpstart on Wednesday, March 24 from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. for students and their parents in grades 8 through 12. For registration information, view the [flyer](#). For questions, contact [Ashley\\_Armstead@hcpss.org](mailto:Ashley_Armstead@hcpss.org).

### Girls on the Run Heart & Sole

Registration is now open for the 8-week season, which will begin the week of March 21. The end-of-season 5K weekend is scheduled for May 22-23, 2021. Dunloggin MS Area Team will be offering an in-person team, which will meet on **Wednesdays and Fridays from 3-4:15 pm**. In-person teams will adhere to enhanced health and safety policies and will meet outdoors with the ability to transition to virtual meetings in the event of bad weather or COVID-related meeting restrictions. Registration is \$150 and includes a program shirt, water bottle, 5K registration, and finisher's medal, as well as a cinch sack with all necessary program materials. **Financial assistance is available** - for more information contact Susan Michel at 443-864-8593 or [susan.michel@girlsontherun.org](mailto:susan.michel@girlsontherun.org). For more details and to register, visit [gotrcentralmd.org](http://gotrcentralmd.org). Teams are limited to 15 girls and registration is first-come, first-served."

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## Upcoming Events

- **March 25:** 6<sup>th</sup> Grade (In-Person) Parent Orientation Night @ 6:00 pm
- **March 29:** Hybrid Students in 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Return
- **April 1:** Hybrid Students in 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Return
- **April 2 – April 6:** Spring Break
- **April 12:** Hybrid Student in 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Return
- **April 14:** Schools close 3 hours early, End of 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter
- **April 15:** Hybrid Student in 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Return
- **April 22:** Report cards issued

### ***New HCPSS Community News and Programs Site***

*In response to community requests for resources, HCPSS' new [Community News and Programs \(Links to an external site\)](#) website makes it easy for families to find educational and recreational resources, events, and after-school programs beyond the school day by non-profit organizations.*

*Community organizations requesting their announcements be shared in school newsletters should visit [community-programs.hcpss.org](http://community-programs.hcpss.org) for more information. Questions should be directed to the Public Information Office at [publicinfo@hcpss.org](mailto:publicinfo@hcpss.org).*

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