

## **Dragon Tales**

December 17, 2021

Dear DMS Families,

Today, we investigated two social media post found on Instagram referencing the threats made on Tik Tok shared with the community on December 16. Both Instagram posts made non-specific threats to the school. For details on the investigation please click the links below.

[Community Message – Social Media Post](#)  
[Message from Ms. Roberson](#)

I want to express my sincere gratitude to our students and families for swiftly reporting the posts. Let's continue to partner together to keep our students safe. We encourage your students to report any information that poses a risk to anyone's physical or emotional safety. The safety of our students, staff, and community is our highest priority.

Thank you,  
Antoinette Roberson, Principal

## **Hearing and Vision Screening**

On January 6, 2022, the Howard County Health Department will be at Dunloggin to conduct vision and hearing screenings for all eighth-grade students and those students new to the state of Maryland. If your child wears glasses please make sure that he or she wears them on screening day. Please contact the health room if you have any questions, mary\_ [van\\_lanen@hcpss.org](mailto:van_lanen@hcpss.org) & [amy\\_wilson@hcpss.org](mailto:amy_wilson@hcpss.org) or 410-313-2836.

For detail on the vision and hearing screening, please click the link to the [Information Letter for Vision and Hearing Screening](#).

## **Federal Impact Aid**

Parents/guardians who work on a federal property in Maryland and/or are a member of a uniformed service can qualify to receive additional federal funding by [completing an Impact Aid form](#) by Dec. 31. Impact Aid supplements the HCPSS operating budget to enhance the teaching and learning that takes place in Howard County classrooms.

## **DO YOU HAVE WHAT IT TAKES TO SPARC?**

SPARC is a mentoring program for middle school girls that focuses on academics, behavior and social/emotional well-being. We meet once a week and have FUN together while learning what it takes to maneuver through the highs and lows of middle school. Transportation is not provided at this time, however, please inquire about carpooling opportunities.

For questions or more information, please email Ms. McGowan directly at [erica\\_mcgowan@hcpss.org](mailto:erica_mcgowan@hcpss.org)

If interested, please fill out the following application **with** your daughter by Jan 10th. <https://forms.gle/dNioswRVRiaRvf5K8>

### **DMSabsence@hcpss.org**

Parents/guardians- when sending an email about attendance for your student, please include the following to ensure your student will be marked excused if applicable:

First and Last Name of Student

Grade

Date (s) absent

REASON for absence. If no reason is given, your student will not be excused.

All attendance emails are to be sent to [dmsabsence@hcpss.org](mailto:dmsabsence@hcpss.org)

### **Upcoming Events**

- **December 23:** Winter Break Begins
- **January 3:** Students Return from Winter Break
- **January 17:** MLK Day
- **January 19:** Students Dismissed 3 hrs. Early
- **January 20:** New Student/Parent Orientation (Virtual)

### **Community Announcements**

#### **Mount Hebron Dance Placement Auditions- UPDATE!**

The MTH dance auditions will now be virtual, meaning that incoming 9th grade students and current MTH students who are not in the dance program will audition via video submission. All videos must be submitted by Friday, January 7th.

Please visit [hebrondance.com](http://hebrondance.com) and click on the "Audition" page for more information. Contact [jennifer\\_dipietro@hcpss.org](mailto:jennifer_dipietro@hcpss.org) with any questions.

#### **Calling all students, staff, and families! Mount Hebron's annual Canned Food Drive is underway.**

The High School is running this drive until December 22nd. They are collecting cans, money, and other canned food donations which go towards feeding those who struggle during the harsh

winter months. Their goal is to help support our community, to ultimately collect over 75,000 cans county-wide! Dunloggin will be collecting cans in a designated box, which will be collected weekly until the 20th!

The collection is being conducted by classes assigned to various regions of Howard County. For more information about the canned food drive, please email Jasmine Sonpar at [jasmiesonpar@gmail.com](mailto:jasmiesonpar@gmail.com), and to learn more about neighborhood collection please email Mr. Tittsworth at [Michael\\_Tittsworth@hcpss.org](mailto:Michael_Tittsworth@hcpss.org).

**The OSP link for digital donations:**

<https://osp.osmsinc.com/HowardMD/BVModules/ProductTemplates/Bvc2013/Product.aspx?productid=DA010-VAR47>

Feel free to write "DMS" or "Leadership Period 3" in the description box for the transaction to attribute the donations towards our class's efforts!