

Dragon Tales

January 31, 2020

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.

Lunar New Year

DMS wants to thank Ms. Yuan and the other parents for creating a wonderful Lunar New Year display for our school. This provided our students and staff with a rich cultural experience.

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.

ELA: February 3, 5, 6, 7

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

DMS will be hosting a Scheduling Information Night for all rising 6th and 7th graders, new or redistricted to Dunloggin Middle. The event will take place on Thursday, February 6, 2020 from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. in the cafeteria. Parents and students new to DMS will have an opportunity to learn more about our pilot programs (performance arts, general music, visual arts, Project Lead the Way, world language and Inquiry and Innovations), the online course registration process, and elective course offerings. Additionally, counselors and teachers (elective pilot program) will be available to answer questions.

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.

A Day/B Day Calendar Remains the Same

Schools will be closed on February 4th for the 7th Congressional District special primary election. This will **not** change our A Day/B Day calendar. Click [HERE](#) for a link to the HCPSS A Day/B Day rotation calendar.

Report Card Distribution

Students will receive their 2nd quarter report on Monday, February 3, 2020.

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 they 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 3:** 2nd Quarter Report Cards Issued
- **February 3, 5-7:** MAP ELA Testing
- **February 4:** School Closed to Students – Election Day
- **February 6:** DMS Scheduling Information Night @ 6:00 pm in cafeteria
- **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 President's Day

Summer School Information in Multiple Languages

Please see fliers for details:

<https://www.hcpss.org/summer-programs/>

Community Messages:

Dance Auditions- Mount Hebron High School

The Mount Hebron Dance Dept. is holding auditions for placement into the dance program on February 3rd and 5th (students must attend both days to be considered). Click here for more information: [MHHS Audition Form.docx](#)

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