

## Dragon Tales

October 1, 2021

### 6<sup>th</sup> Grade - MS Outdoor Education

The MS Outdoor Education program will continue in the 2021-22 school year. Although it will look a little different, students will still have an opportunity to participate in an outdoor experience that includes a team building component. HCPSS has put together a [MS Outdoor Education FAQ](#) for students and families that answers some of your pressing questions. More information on MS Outdoor Education is forthcoming.

### DMS Flu Clinic – October 22, 2021

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Flu vaccinations are coming to your child's school. They will be given at NO CHARGE TO YOU. Now, more than ever, it is important to protect your family through vaccinations.

If you would like your child to be vaccinated, please register **BEFORE Friday, October 8:**

**Fill out the consent form online at:**

<https://tinyurl.com/HoCPSSFlu2021>

1. Type your child's school name in **Search by Name** then press the blue **Search** button.
2. Click on the **Sign Up for Flu Vaccinations** button for your child's school.

**OR**

**Fill out a paper consent form:**

1. Read the Vaccine Information Statement (VIS) and talk to your health care provider or the school nurse about any questions you have. VIS: <https://tinyurl.com/FluVIS2021-E>
2. Fill out every section of the attached Consent Form.
3. Use your insurance card to fill out your insurance information accurately. Your insurance company will be billed. **There is no co-pay or deductible.** You will NOT be charged by us or your insurance company.

Influenza, also known as the flu, is a serious illness that affects people of all ages. One of the best ways to prevent the flu is through vaccinations. We are pleased to join with the Maryland Partnership for Prevention (MPP) to offer flu vaccinations at our school.

You may give permission for your child to be vaccinated using (1) an online form at <https://tinyurl.com/HoCPSSFlu2021> or (2) the hard copy form attached to this message.

We urge you to protect your family from the flu. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends that everyone ages 6 months and older get a flu shot. Please visit [www.cdc.gov/flu/index.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/flu/index.htm) for more information about the flu vaccine.

Thank you!

[2021 Howard Co Consent Form – English](#)  
[2021 Howard Co Consent Form – Spanish](#)  
[Flu Vaccine Communication in Spanish](#)

### **Interpreter Request for November Conferences**

If you need interpreting service in your home language for November parent/teacher conferences, please contact Mr. Sung Kim at [sung\\_kim@hcpss.org](mailto:sung_kim@hcpss.org) with your child's name, school, grade, and the language you need. Please send your request by Friday, October 15, 2021.

### **DMS Intramurals/Co-Curricular 2021**

DMS Intramurals and Co-Curricular programs are coming. See [flyer](#) for details on intramural offerings for the fall. More information is forthcoming.

### **DMS Spirit Days – Quarter 1**

Come on Dragons! Show your school spirit. Be sure to participate in the quarter 1 spirit days.

- **October 6:** Workout Wednesday (walk/bike to school)
- **October 14:** Sports Day
- **October 22:** Pink Day (breast cancer awareness)
- **October 29:** Dress for Success (picture day)
- **November 3:** PJ Day

### **HCPSS STARTALK Chinese Language After-School Program (Virtual):**

This [shareable document](#) provides information regarding the free Fall 2021 HCPSS STARTALK Chinese Language After-School Program (virtual) for current HCPSS Grade 7 and Grade 8 students. Parents/Guardians may complete enrollment requests via HCPSS Connect between Monday, September 27, 2021 at 8:00 am and Saturday, October 2, 2021 at 8:00 am.

### **Upcoming Events**

- **October 15:** School Closed to Students – Professional Work Day
- **October 22:** Flu Clinic @ DMS
- **October 29:** Lifetouch Picture Day Correction!

Please visit the [Community News and Programs](#) page on the HCPSS website for announcements of upcoming events and programs sponsored by non-profit organizations.

Please check the school website [dms.hcpss.org](http://dms.hcpss.org) for updates and information.