



Dragon Tales

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Hello DMS CommUnity!

Back to School Night

Last night we welcomed hundreds of parents to the school for our Back to School event. Our DMS Band students, under the direction of Mrs. Patricia Henderson, performed for our parents as they arrived. The parents were excited and impressed with their talent. It was a great way to kick off the evening. Parents also had an opportunity to get assistance with Canvas, HCPSS Connect and Family File. As of today, 64% of our families have updated their Family File. Remember, parents "**We Are In It, To Win It**," let's increase that percentage to 100%, DMS wants to be the first middle school to reach the target. Log into [HCPSS Connect](#) and update your Family File today!

Special thanks to our PTA for your ongoing support, Miller Library, Ms. Girma, Mrs. Henderson and the band students, Mr. Rajala and the SGA, and the entire DMS staff for making this a wonderful event.

Emergency Operation Update

Today, September 14, 2018 during second period all students and staff at Dunloggin Middle School participated in a lockdown drill. The objective of this drill was to train students and school staff in lockdown procedures and stress the importance of securing doors and school safety. The exercise lasted approximately 10 minutes and all students and staff did a great job participating in our lockdown drill. Please talk to your children about the drill that was conducted at Dunloggin Middle School today. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the administration.

Parents, you can also find more detailed information about the HCPSS [Emergency Response Plan](#) and the proactive actions used in times of emergencies on the HCPSS website. It is our goal to ensure DMS is a safe and healthy learning environment for all students and staff.

Lunch/Meals

Parents, letters were mailed home yesterday to families with overdue lunch account balances, some were a continuation from last school year. You can send in payment to the cafeteria manager, Mikhled Alabbadi, at the school or reload funds to your child's lunch account through www.myschoolbucks.com.

If you believe you may qualify for Free or Reduced Price Meals benefits, you can apply online at www.myschoolapps.com or submit a paper application which is available at the school in Student Services office. Parents applying for Free or Reduced Price Meals are still responsible for payment of all school meals and accumulated charges until approval is granted.

PARCC REPORTS COMING HOME TODAY

All students will be bringing home their spring Math and ELA PARCC reports today. Please take time to review both reports. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. O'Byrne, Testing Coordinator/Assistant Principal.

News from the Health Room:

The Flu Shot Clinic at Dunloggin Middle School will be held on Friday October 5, 2018. Consent forms will be coming home with your child today with detailed information about the clinic, or you may access the forms with the following links (English and Spanish):

[Howard County ENGLISH Consent Letter](#)

[Howard County SPANISH Consent Letter](#)

If you want your child to receive the flu vaccine, fill out the hard copy and return it to the health room OR complete the online consent. Do NOT fill out both.

If you are able to volunteer the morning of the clinic from 7:45-10:00, please contact Amy Wilson at 410-313-2836 or amy_wilson@hcpss.org. Thank you and please reach out if you have any questions.

Upcoming Dates

- **September 17, 2018:** DMS PTA Meeting in the Media Center 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.
- **September 19, 2018:** Schools and offices closed
- **September 28, 2018:** Picture Day
- **October 1, 2018:** Fall MAP Testing Begins
- **October 5, 2018:** Flu Shot Clinic at DMS

Community News:

Howard County Parents/Guardians of 9-14 Year Olds: Attend a FREE evidence-based program for parents/guardians of 9 to 14 year olds to gain skills and knowledge to reduce the risk that their children will use drugs. This is a 4-week program on Tuesday evenings from October 9 to October 30 at the Elkridge Branch of the Howard County Library from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. Parents will receive a workbook so hurry to register at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/GGCOct2018> or contact HC Drug Free at Admin@hcdrugfree.org or 443-325-0040 for more information. Program presented by HC Drug Free and the Howard County State's Attorney's Office in partnership with the Health Department. See attached flyer: [Guiding Good Choices](#).

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