

## **Dragon Tales**

May 8, 2020

Dear DMS Families,

The DMS staff would like to thank everyone for their kind words, video messages, eCards and photos for Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week. It was greatly appreciated!

### **CHAT AND CHEWS**

Dunloggin Middle School will be hosting optional “Chat and Chews” for our students to drop in and chat with friends while eating a snack, drink, etc. This is a time to catch up virtually with friends during our time away from Dunloggin. The Chat and Chews will be run by administrators and other staff members during the following times:

- **Grade 6:** Wednesday, 5/13 – 11:30 am
- **Grade 7:** Wednesday, 5/13 – 12:15 pm
- **Grade 8:** Thursday, 5/14 – 11:30 pm

We look forward to seeing your children in the “Chat and Chews” during their assigned grade level time!

Please use the following Google Doc Meet Code:

[meet.google.com/nik-cgva-knt](https://meet.google.com/nik-cgva-knt)

[Join by phone](#)

+1 812-465-2032 PIN: 988 364 420#

### **Quarter 3 Report Cards Now Available Online**

The 2019-2020 quarter three report cards will not be printed and are available now. Parents/guardians may view/download report cards for the third quarter by taking the following steps:

- \*Log in to HCPSS Connect System
- \*Select Academic Information from the left panel
- \*Select Student’s Report Cards from the middle
- \*Select 2019-2020 Q3 Report Card

If you have any problems accessing your child's report card please email your student’s counselor or administrator.

## **DMS Morning Announcements**

To bring a smile to your face, here is the first "official" DMS News announcement from our TV crew: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1pybO3ooKpU9uDJwsmeUgNRB4hfBiigj-/view?usp=sharing>

We hope to make this more representative of our whole school, so send in a photograph or video of something you would like showcased on the announcements: that would be AWESOME! You can send your photograph or video to Ms. Han, [Lois\\_Han@hcpss.org](mailto:Lois_Han@hcpss.org), share on GSuite, or complete this form: <https://forms.gle/zRYGujBZrJ9j8Nr28>

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Dunloggin Middle School

## **Reminders: Distance Learning Guidelines for Parents/Guardians**

To maintain a positive, productive learning environment and assure confidentiality for students and teachers during distance learning, all parents/guardians are asked to follow the following privacy guidelines.

- Google Meet virtual check-ins are designed for students. To prevent disruptions to the learning environment, parents/guardians should not actively participate in check-in sessions, although parents may assist their child with technology and/or remain nearby.
- Do not video record, audio record, photograph, live stream, or transmit in any other way any part of a Google Meet virtual check-in, including not posting on any social media platform.
- Any confidential or personally identifiable information related to students participating during Google Meet virtual check-ins should not be collected, discussed or shared.
- Parents should not engage with students during Google Meet virtual check-ins. If you need to speak with your child during a check-in session, first mute your child's microphone.
- If a parent/guardian has a question, please email your child's teacher.

## **Community Updates and Information**

### **Mental and Physical Health Community Resources**

Children may need additional support beyond instruction during the COVID-19 school closings. Issues related to mental health such as fear, anxiety and depression are a concern, as are issues of physical health such as child abuse. Several [community resources](#) have been added to the HCPSS website for students, parents and

community members in need of immediate assistance.

### **Calendar Clarification**

HCPSS is now scheduled to be in session on Tuesday, June 2, 2020, a day when the school system was previously scheduled to be closed. The 2019-2020 academic calendar is available online at <https://www.hcpss.org/calendar/>.

### **Standing in Solidarity**

As we continue to navigate this unprecedented time, it's important to recognize the range of emotions and responses we may have. While fear and anxiety are natural human emotions, they can bring out the best and worst in human responses. Acts of discrimination, harassment, and micro-aggression towards people of Asian background are being reported across the nation and here in our county. Kindness is powerful. This is something that transforms how we see each other and builds our capacity for compassion and empathy. We encourage our HCPSS community to strive to draw on responses that reflect compassion, empathy, and honoring dignity rather than hate, anger, and blame. Together we will be the best school community in the country, because we brought our best selves in response to this crisis.

Translated Message in Chinese, Korean and Spanish – [Standing in Solidarity](#)

See Link - [Well-Being in the Asian Community Webinar Presentation](#)

### **Important Dates**

#### **B Week**

**May 11:** Live check-ins period 4/4B (refer to teacher schedule)

**May 12:** Live check-ins periods 1/1B (morning) and 5/5A (afternoon)

**May 13:** Live check-ins periods 2/2B (morning) and 6/6A (afternoon)

**May 13:** 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Chat and Chew @ 11:30 am

**May 13:** 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Chat and Chew @ 12:15 pm

**May 14:** 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Chat and Chew @ 11:30 pm

**May 14:** Live check-ins periods 3/3B (morning) and 7/7A (afternoon)

**May 15:** Submit Assignments by 10:00 am