

# OWL OBSERVER NEWS- April 30th, 2021

## Important Dates to Remember

- May 10th - Ledo Pizza Fundraiser!! 4:00pm - 8:00pm
- May 13th - Schools closed
- May 31st - Memorial Day, schools closed

## A Message from Administration

Dear Families,

We will be administering the spring MAP assessments in May. Please see the detailed information below and assist us with ensuring your child is on-line on these days.

Grades 2-5 will administer MAP on the following dates:

- May 19th @ 9:20am - Math
- May 26th @ 9:20am - Reading

Grade 1 will administer MAP on the following dates:

- May 25th @ 12:30pm - Reading
- May 27th @ 12:30pm - Math

Second grade will have materials pick-up on Wednesdays, April 28th for **virtual ONLY students** from 12:00 pm -1:00 pm. Students in groups A, B and E will get their materials IN PERSON.

Materials include:

- Ruler
- Measuring tape
- Clock
- Colored Counters
- Dry erase markers

Please contact Mrs. DiCarlo ([katherine\\_dicarlo@hcpss.org](mailto:katherine_dicarlo@hcpss.org)) with any questions about grade 2 materials.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Mrs. Balter and Mrs. Madden

## Free Food Distribution

The Catholic Community of Ascension and St. Augustine has partnered with Lancaster Foods, and we have received a grant from the US Department of Agriculture to distribute boxes of food that contain 30.5 pounds of fresh fruit, vegetables, dairy, and meat. The boxes will be distributed on Saturdays in April beginning at 10:00 am and ending at noon, or earlier if the food is gone. The distribution will

take place at Ducketts Lane Elementary School, 6501 Ducketts Lane, Elkridge, MD 21075, on the following dates:

Saturday, April 24, 2021

Questions?

Please contact [ccastafooddistribution4@gmail.com](mailto:ccastafooddistribution4@gmail.com).

This program is neither sponsored nor endorsed by the Howard County Public School System.

Distribución de Comida, Gratis

La Comunidad Católica de Ascensión y St. Agustín, asociado con Lancaster Foods, ha recibido una beca del Departamento de Agricultura de los Estados Unidos (USDA) para distribuir cajas de comida las cuales contienen 30.5 libras de frutas, verduras, lácteos, y carnes frescas. Las cajas serán distribuidas los sábados en abril empezando a las 10:00 am y terminando a mediodía, o antes si termine la comida. La distribución sería ubicado en Ducketts Lane Elementary School, 6501 Ducketts Lane, Elkridge, MD 21075, en las siguientes fechas:

sábado, 24 de abril de 2021

¿Preguntas?

Favor de comunicarse con: [ccastafooddistribution4@gmail.com](mailto:ccastafooddistribution4@gmail.com) .

Este programa no está patrocinado o aprobado por el Sistema Público de Escuelas del Condado de Howard.

## Kindergarten Registration

Children must be 5 years old by September 1, 2021. Registration will take place on-line.

Please make certain you are on the screen for 21-22 if registering for the next school year.

Step 1: Register Online Here: <https://www.hcpss.org/enroll/>

It is recommended that you work on a laptop or desktop to complete registration. Cell phone registration is not recommended.

Step 2: Complete registration online by providing the documents listed below. The registration process is easier if you upload them during online registration. Otherwise, you will be asked to submit them via email as pdfs. Iphone users can scan documents through your notes app. (Images must be clear.)

The following documents are needed for registration:

- Child's evidence of birth and Parental Relationship (ie: birth certificate, baptismal certificate)
- An authorized record of immunizations
- Proof of residency in the form of a signed lease or deed including signature pages
- Current utility bill
- Photo ID of enrolling parent/guardian
- Proof of custody (if applicable)

Please contact Carmen Lynette, DLES Registrar, at 410-313-5050 or [carmen\\_lynette@hcpss.org](mailto:carmen_lynette@hcpss.org) with any questions.

## Learning Together Program – Prekindergarten

The Ducketts Lane Elementary School Regional Early Childhood Center (RECC) prekindergarten programs are preparing for classes for the upcoming 2021-22 school year. These classes include children with and without disabilities. The focus of the program is to help all children develop communication, literacy, math, problem solving, motor, and social skills. Parents of children who will be 3 by September 1st or who are already 4 may learn more about the program by reviewing the [Learning Together Program \(LTP\) Flyer \(English\)](#) or reviewing the [Learning Together Program Parent Handbook](#).

Learning Together Program (LTP) [Flyer](#) (Spanish)

Learning Together Program (LTP) [Flyer](#) (Chinese)

Learning Together Program (LTP) [Flyer](#) (Korean)

New for the 2021-2022 school year: all applications will be completed using the [Learning Together Program Online Application](#). Applications received by April 1st will be given priority.

If you have any additional questions, please contact Ms. Mary Geiser, RECC Instructional Team Leader, at (410) 313-5050 or [Mary\\_Geiser@hcpss.org](mailto:Mary_Geiser@hcpss.org).

## Counselor's Corner

Please take a few minutes to check out the [DLES April School Counseling Connection Newsletter!](#) This is a great resource for students and parents to read together. Included in the School Counseling Connection newsletter are celebrations, activities for home as well as self-care ideas. Newsletters will be created and shared bi-monthly.

## Healthy Tips from the Health Room

COVID-19 vaccines are now available to all individuals 16 and up. Visit <https://coronavirus.maryland.gov/pages/vaccine> for more details or call 1-855-MD-GOVAX (in English and Spanish)

Please check your student *each day* for any symptoms of illness prior to coming to school. Students who are ill will be sent home and expected to be picked up within an hour. If a household member has tested positive or is suspected to have COVID, the student should not come to school. Consider using the [CDC's Symptom Checker](#) as a tool to determine if CoVid-19 testing/ medical care is needed.

Please remember to send a change of clothes for your student if they are attending school in the building in case of a bathroom accident. The health room cannot provide clothing at this time.

The health room has added more info and resources for the DLES community, check it out on the website or click [DLES health](#)

Contact [diann\\_rocha@hcpss.org](mailto:diann_rocha@hcpss.org) (school nurse) or [alicia\\_fleischer@hcpss.org](mailto:alicia_fleischer@hcpss.org) (health assistant) for health room assistance or call 410-313-1739.

## Technology Support Center Update

Effective Monday, March 22nd, devices may be exchanged or returned at either of the following Technology Support Centers:

- Old Cedar Lane, Gym (door on the left side of the building; follow the signs), 5451 Beaverkill Road, Columbia (Building shares a parking lot with Harper's Choice MS)
- Old Bushy Park Elementary School, Room E2 (door to the left of the front entrance), 2690 Route 97, Glenwood (Building is between Glenwood MS and Bushy Park ES)

**Note!** Both locations are in old school buildings that are not located at the same sites as the new schools with similar names. Anyone seeking assistance should go to the addresses listed above.

**Hours of operation are M/W/F from 7:30 am - 12:30 pm and T/Th from 2:00 pm - 5:00 pm.**

Technology Support Centers are closed any day that HCPSS offices are closed.

## PTA News

**Teacher Appreciation Week** is coming up May 3-7 and your PTA is asking for donations of a treat or two. These items will be set-up in the teacher lounge for a safe grab and go treat. The link below is a sign-up list of items to bring in starting now until Monday May 3rd. Thank you always for your support.

Sign-Up: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0A4CA4AD2DA5FF2-teacher2>



## Teacher Appreciation Week

Hi DLES Family! May 3-7 is Teacher Appreciation Week and your PTA has put a list of items to donate to help show our teachers much love and appreciation. Please sign up to bring in a treat or two starting today until Monday May 3rd. Items brought in should be labeled TAW and can be dropped off in the front lobby of the school. While still in a Pandemic please look for items that are single/snack sized and individually wrapped and packaged. Thank you so much for your support and please email Jamie Armstrong ([jlee.armstrong@icloud.com](mailto:jlee.armstrong@icloud.com)).

	<a href="http://www.signupgenius.com">www.signupgenius.com</a>
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**Spiritwear** - We know Spiritwear is more than just t-shirts and sweatshirts. It's a connection, when students need it most. Spiritwear gets kids excited about our school, it gets them feeling connected to their friends, and it gets them feeling grounded in the community.

Please join us in spreading excitement about what this school year has to offer and order your Spiritwear online today!

<https://dles2021.itemorder.com>

The Ducketts Lane Online Store is now open for business. And it'll be open 24 hours a day for the next two weeks! Share the link to the store with your friends. There's power in numbers, and we'd really love to see our whole Ducketts Lane community, parents & alumni included, showing off their new gear!

**DLES Spiritwear – Order online at:**

**<https://dles2021.itemorder.com>**



Please Select  
1 Size Larger  
Than You Need

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## ORDER YOUR SPIRITWEAR ONLINE TODAY!

- These Top Quality items are great for school events, field trips, and everyday use!
- Remember to include Brothers and Sisters, Moms and Dads!



ALL ORDERS MUST BE PLACED ONLINE ONLY!!!!

ORDER ONLINE AT:  
[HTTPS://DLES2021.ITEMORDER.COM](https://DLES2021.ITEMORDER.COM)

( This is your SHIRT design )

MANUFACTURER'S SIZE DESCRIPTION			
SHIRTS	Youth Small 6-8	Youth Medium 10-12	Youth Large 14-16
PANTS	Youth Small 6-8	Youth Medium 10-12	Youth Large 14-16

⚠ Because these are custom made items, we cannot accept returns or exchanges for incorrect sizes and colors ordered.

• Orders due: **FRIDAY, APRIL 30, 2021**

CAMOUFLAGE TEE	MESH SHORTS	DRI-FIT STYLE TEE	TEE SHIRT
 100% Cotton Heavy Weight Please Select 1 Size Larger Than You Need	 100% Polyester Mesh	 100% Polyester Dri-Fit Style Tee	 100% Cotton Heavy Weight
YOUTH \$20.00 ADULT \$22.00 XXL \$24.00 ITEM COLOR <b>BLUE CAMO</b>	YOUTH \$19.00 ADULT \$21.00 XXL \$23.00 ITEM COLOR <b>BLACK</b> <b>DLES</b>	YOUTH \$16.00 ADULT \$18.00 XXL \$20.00 ITEM COLOR <b>GRAY</b>	YOUTH \$11.00 ADULT \$13.00 XXL \$15.00 ITEM COLOR <b>CAROLINA BLUE</b>

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[HTTPS://DLES2021.ITEMORDER.COM](https://DLES2021.ITEMORDER.COM)

## Community News

### OKD Karate

Summer Camp?? You BET!! Every summer, our business partner - The Okinawan Karate Dojo - hosts their very popular Fitness Ninja Camps. THIS summer will be no different--Fitness Ninja Spring/Summer Camps 2021 are happening, COVID-safe and in and/or outdoor. *Voted #1 Martial Arts School in HoCo and one of the best ChildCare Providers in 2021, this will be OKD's 21st annual camp season!* These weekly camps are a great way for your kids, ages 5 to 13, to stay active, entertained and educated on health, wellness, sports, fitness, and karate this summer. As a licensed childcare provider, OKD will meet/exceed all state, local, and CDC recommendations related to COVID-19.

Dates: June 21st to August 27th, from 9am to 4pm each day. Before/After care available. Find additional information about the camp, online registration, and OKD's COVID safety policy at: [OKDkarate.com](http://OKDkarate.com). Space is Limited. Questions? Call: 443 574 8999 or Email: [info@okinawankaratedojo.com](mailto:info@okinawankaratedojo.com).

### Howard County Office of Children and Families

Parents of Young Children, check out the Howard County Office of Children and Families YouTube page. There many great videos with topics such as learning how to manage stress, understanding how children communicate, learn and explore. Videos are also available in Spanish!  
<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLRh9h7pWfmEAXhwJis98gbeLuJnALRxS8>

## We are here to help!

- Principal, Mrs. Balter Heidi\_Balter@hcpss.org
- Assistant Principal, Mrs. Madden Courtney\_Madden@hcpss.org
- Principal's Secretary, Mrs. Grove Carol\_Grove@hcpss.org
- Registration Support, Secretary Ms. Lynette Carmen\_Lynette@hcpss.org
- Attendance, Synergy and Family File Support, Secretary Mrs. Forman Julie\_Forman@hcpss.org
- Counselor, Mrs. Tobin [Danielle\\_w\\_Tobin@hcpss.org](mailto:Danielle_w_Tobin@hcpss.org)