

OWL OBSERVER NEWS- April 30th, 2021

Important Dates to Remember

- May 3rd - Wear your favorite sports team items
- May 4th - Wear DLES colors
- May 6th - Hat Day
- May 7th - Wear your team colors (RECC - Red, K - yellow, 1st - green, 2nd - white, 3rd - orange, 4th - blue, 5th - black, RA - gray)
- May 10th - Ledo Pizza Fundraiser!! 4:00pm - 8:00pm
- May 13th - Schools closed
- May 19th - Math MAP, Grades 2-5
- May 25th - Reading MAP, Grade 1
- May 26th - Reading MAP, Grades 2-5
- May 27th - Math MAP, Grade 1
- 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

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 May beginning at 9:00 am and ending at 10:30 am, 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, May 1, 2021

Saturday, May 8, 2021

Saturday, May 15, 2021

Saturday, May 22, 2021

Saturday, May 29, 2021

Each vehicle or walker will be eligible to receive two boxes of food, and all participants must wear a face mask during pickup. There are no income or documentation restrictions. You are welcome to come each week that the program is available to receive food.

Questions?

Please contact 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 mayo empezando a las 9:00 am y terminando a las 10:30 am, o antes si se termine la comida.** La distribución sería ubicado en Ducketts Lane Elementary School, 6501 Ducketts Lane, Elkridge, MD 21075, en las siguientes fechas:

sábado, 1 de Mayo de 2021

sábado, 8 de Mayo de 2021

sábado, 15 de Mayo de 2021

sábado, 22 de Mayo de 2021

sábado, 29 de Mayo de 2021

Cada vehículo o peatón será eligible recibir **dos** caja de comida, y es obligatorio que todos participantes usen mascarilla de cara durante él recoge. **No hay ninguna restricción de**

ingreso o documentación. En confianza, usted pueda venir cada semana que está disponible el programa para recibir comida.

¿Preguntas?

Favor de comunicarse con: 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.hepss.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@hepss.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.

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.

VIRTUAL CAREER DAY - We are in need of volunteers for DLES' VIRTUAL CAREER DAY on June 4th. Presenters will volunteer for a one hour session with either 3rd, 4th, or 5th Grade. The schedule will be the following:

Third Grade: 9:25-10:25

Fourth Grade: 10:30-11:30

Fifth Grade: 10:30-11:30

Please e-mail Danielle_W_Tobin@hcpss.org if you are interested or have any questions.

Healthy Tips from the Health Room

Have questions about the COVID vaccine and want to know where to go for accurate facts? Click here: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/facts.html>

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. Their household members who attend DLES will be sent home as well. 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.

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 (school nurse) or 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

Are you looking to be more involved with the PTA? This fall, the PTA Board has several positions opening! President, Vice Presidents 1&2, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary and PTACH representative are looking for new volunteers!

Please message us on FB or email duckettslaneppta@gmail.com with any questions!

Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week is May 3-7 and the DLES PTA has some surprises planned to make this week memorable for our amazing teachers and staff! We can't do it alone- we need your help for us to really knock it out of the park!

We are asking students to create Thank You notes to teachers and staff letting them know just how special and appreciated they are. You can find templates doing a Google search or head over to our website

(https://dlespta.org/events/teacher-appreciation-week/?fbclid=IwAR0gtrN3sA0pWoXHCLMTnglPYF29iggVPLSi468FsG_E0M5CNzQUPzi0m1w) and print one that we have selected. No printer? No problem! Hard copies can be found in the PTA box located between the doors at the school! Finished pages can be dropped off anytime in the PTA box inside the doors at the school OR if your student is in person they can hand deliver it next week!

The PTA is putting together breakfast, snacks, lunch and giveaways throughout the week and hoping that you can help by making a donation! Take a look at our sign up to see what we are still in need of. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0a4ca4ad2da5ff2-teacher2>

The week of May 3-7 DLES will have a Spirit Week! Students and staff are encouraged to participate!

We also wanted to remind you that we are currently running a Spirit Wear sale! The ordering is all done online and will be open until April 30th! Check out what new DLES gear we have here:

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

DLES Staff & Teacher Appreciation Spirit Week May 3-7, 2021

Monday- Wear your favorite sport's team jersey.

Tuesday- Wear DLES colors.

Thursday- Hat Day

Friday- Wear Your Team Colors

PreK- red

2nd Grade- white

5th Grade- black

Kindergarten- yellow

3rd Grade- orange

All Other Staff- gray

1st Grade- green

4th Grade- blue



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