

# OWL OBSERVER NEWS- April 9, 2021

## Important Dates to Remember

- April 13th- ¡Si, Se Pueden-Una Noche Para Padres!, 6:00-7:30pm
- April 14th - End of the marking period, schools close 3 hours early
- May 13th - Schools closed
- May 31st - Memorial Day, schools closed

## A Message from Administration

Dear Families,

We hope everyone had an enjoyable spring break! Next Wednesday is the end of the third quarter. Please check your child's grades in Canvas and reach out to your child's teacher with questions/concerns. As always, please reach out if you need anything or have any questions!

In addition, it is essential that all families keep students home if they are having any Covid symptoms. Please call the school and ask to speak to the health room to discuss your child's symptoms and any next steps. We appreciate your assistance with this as we work to diligently ensure DLES is a safe place for students and staff.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Mrs. Balter and Mrs. Madden

## ¡Si, Se Pueden-Una Noche Para Padres!

¡Si, se puede! - Noche para padres

¿Tiene preguntas sobre el cómo apoyar a su hijo/a durante el verano?

Acompáñenos el día martes, 13 de abril a las 6:00 de la tarde.

Use este código en Google Meet: DLESSpanish

## 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 10, 2021

Saturday, April 17, 2021

Saturday, April 24, 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. We have requested over 2,000 boxes of food, but once the food is gone it is gone. You are welcome to come each week that the program is available to receive food.

### 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, 10 de abril de 20

sábado, 17 de abril de 20

sábado, 24 de abril 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. Hemos pedido más de 2,000 cajas de comida, pero cuando se acaba la comida, se acabó. En confianza, usted pueda venir cada semana que está disponible el programa para recibir comida.

### ¿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 need assistance to complete the application, please contact Early Intervention Services at [earlyinterventionservices@hcpss.org](mailto:earlyinterventionservices@hcpss.org) or at 410-313-7017.

HCPSS is committed to providing instruction based on the statewide Early Learning Standards which are in alignment with Kindergarten Readiness. The fees listed in the application will be collected monthly regardless of the learning model determined by HCPSS throughout the upcoming school year (virtual, hybrid, or in person). 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).

## Healthy Tips from the Health Room

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. Please refer to [HCPSS guidance](#) on when to stay home from school. 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. Check out this [Staying home when you are Sick](#) video.

Questions about mask wearing in school? Review the HCPSS guidelines [here](#)

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.

## 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).

## We are here to help!

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