

OWL OBSERVER NEWS- January 15th, 2021

Important Dates to Remember

- January 18th - Schools Closed, Martin Luther King , Jr. Day
- January 19th - TVMS Rising 6th Grade Orientation 6:30pm - 8:00pm
- **January 20th - Material Pick-up! Grades K-2, 11:00 am - 1:00 pm**
- January 22nd - DLES Spirit Day- Wear sunglasses to class!
- January 25th - Ledo Pizza Fundraiser!
- January 28th - End of the second quarter
- January 29th - School Closed for Students
- February 3rd - MAP Testing - Grades 1-5 Reading 9:00 - 11:00
- February 5th- Report Cards Issued
- February 10th - MAP Testing - Grades 1 -5 Math 9:00 - 11:00

A Message from Administration:

Dear Families,

On Wednesday, January 13th The Council of Elders of the Black Community of Howard County (TCOE) in partnership with the Howard County Public School System (HCPSS) hosted an annual Celebration of Academic Achievement to acknowledge and honor students of African and African-American heritage across the county. Many of our DLES students received this special honor. We are so proud of them! Students who received this award include:

Akosua A.	Priscilla D.	Esohe N.
Oluwadamilola A.	Amen D.	Chibueze N.
Toluwa David A.	Akassi E.	George O.
Karen A.	Christian G.	Lauren R.
Jacob A.	Simone G.	Andre S.
Amelia A.	Christopher G-B.	Duncan S.
Joel A.	Preston J.	Jordyn T.
Damarah B.	Blake J.	Dallas T.
Blaire B.	Feeneeti K.	Samuella T.
Naariyah C.	Tori K.	Kimberly U.
Prince D.	Akelmia M-K.	Naomi W.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Mrs. Balter and Mrs. Madden

Material Pick-up Day- January 20th

We have some additional instructional items for students to use during instruction for grades **K - 2**. We have scheduled a third distribution day for **Wednesday, January 20th** from **11:00 am - 1:00 pm** in the bus loop. Please remember to wear a mask and stay in your car.

- **Kindergarten:** White board, white board marker, packet of papers to be used during groups.
- **1st Grade:** White board, white board marker, sight words, pencils, base 10 blocks, BAR books, two writing journals, Spelling sound chart, Double Ten Frame/Place Value Table in plastic sleeve
- **2nd Grade:** Stylus pens, white board, white board marker, Spelling Sound chart (Colored copies), base 10 blocks, pencils, Science supply bag (rock, paper, popsicle stick), journal

Calling All Fifth Graders! Middle School Orientation Meeting:

Welcome to the TVMS Family!

**Please save the date for our
Middle School Orientation!**

Information will be provided about Thomas Viaduct, middle school scheduling, and programming for the 2021-2022 school year.

Tuesday, January 19, 2021

6:30 p.m.

www.tvms.hcpss.org

Middle School Orientation will be held virtually via Google Meet using the code: TVMSOrientation

Towson University Tutors Program

COE TUTors

We understand the impact the shift to virtual learning has had on all students, but in particular our underserved student populations. Therefore, the TU College of Education has established the COE TUTors program.

COE TUTors is a **free** online tutoring program for K-12 students in Maryland. The tutors are teacher candidates at Towson University. With support and guidance from faculty members, they will **design lessons** for each tutoring session based on students' needs and will provide families with **feedback on student progress**.



The program will offer:

- tutoring in specific content areas (math, reading, writing)
- additional support for students with exceptionalities
- English language support



Tutoring sessions will occur **weekly** and last **30-60 minutes**.



All tutoring sessions will occur via [Zoom](#). You can learn more about the policies for tutoring sessions on the [COE TUTors site](#).

Interested families can apply for the spring semester starting on **January 18**. The application form will be posted on the [COE TUTors site](#).

COE TUTors

Entendemos que la transición al aprendizaje virtual impacta a todos los estudiantes, pero especialmente a aquellos de grupos desatendidos. Por eso, la Escuela de Educación de la Universidad Towson estableció el programa COE TUTors.

COE TUTors es un programa **gratuito** de tutorías en línea para estudiantes de grados K-12 de Maryland. Los tutores son estudiantes de educación en la Universidad Towson. Con el apoyo y guía de profesores, **diseñarán lecciones** para cada sesión de tutoría en base a las necesidades de los alumnos y **brindarán comentarios** a las familias acerca del progreso de su estudiante.



El programa ofrecerá:

- Tutorías en áreas de contenido específicas (matemáticas, lectura, escritura)
- Apoyo adicional para estudiantes con necesidades especiales
- Apoyo para fortalecer el idioma inglés



Las tutorías tendrán lugar **semanalmente** y durarán **30-60 minutos**.



Todas las sesiones de tutoría se desarrollarán vía [Zoom](#). Se puede obtener más información sobre las tutorías en el sitio de [COE TUTors](#).

Las familias interesadas pueden solicitar admisión para el semestre de primavera a partir del **18 de enero**. El formulario de solicitud será publicado en el sitio de [COE TUTors](#).

Counselor Corner

Save the date for Counselor Chat & Chew Lunch Bunches! This will give students the opportunity to have a special lunch bunch with their grade level peers. We look forward to seeing everyone there!

- January 25
 - 11:30-12 RECC/K- **Code:** DLESKLunch
 - 12-12:30-1st Grade **Code:** DLES1Lunch

- January 27
 - 11-11:30-Grade 2 **Code:** DLES2Lunch
 - 11:30-12-Grade 3 **Code:** DLES3Lunch
 - 12-12:30-Grade 4 **Code:** DLES4Lunch
 - 12:30-1- Grade 5 **Code:** DLES5Lunch

Healthy Tips from the Health Room

Looking for ways access to exercise videos, yoga, coloring pages, or mindfulness techniques that are family friendly? Check out <https://calmingroom.scusd.edu/home>. A great one stop shopping resource!

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 or alicia_fleischer@hcpss.org for health room assistance.

2019-2020 Yearbooks - **ONLY 30 LEFT!!**

Ducketts Lane Elementary still has 2019-2020 Yearbooks available. If you attended Ducketts Lane Elementary last school year and would like to purchase a Yearbook, the cost is \$10.00. Please make the check made payable to Ducketts Lane Elementary School. To purchase a Yearbook please bring your check to the front vestibule at DLES, call the school at 410-313-5050 to let them know you are there, and a staff member will bring you a yearbook. Please come to DLES between 9:00 am - 3:00 pm. We have a limited number of Yearbooks for sale.

PTA News

New PTA Website **EXCITING NEWS!!!** The PTA has a new website! Check us out at <http://dlespta.org>. There, you can see what we're up to for 2020-2021, sign up for our **BRAND NEW** newsletter, and stay connected!

Pasta Fundraiser Our PTA is excited to announce a new fundraiser! Shop FUN PASTA's amazing collection of (you guessed it!) FUN pasta now through April 1st and help support our school!
<https://bit.ly/dlesptafunpasta>
To register as a seller please use join code TDCCZJ.

More Than Karate! This program, typically offered by our business partner - Okinawan Karate Dojo - after school at Ducketts Lane...is **back again for another session ON-LINE on the ZOOM platform!** It is the perfect way to keep **YOU** and **YOUR CHILD(REN)** engaged in exercise and character development during this season of recovery! **Registration is OPEN until Jan 26th. The 10-class sessions begin Wed Jan 27th...or Mon Feb 1st. Do a 20-class session for the BEST VALUE...beginning Jan 27th.** Fun and Structured...enjoy this awesome introduction to the benefits of martial arts training! All classes will be **held on-line via ZOOM!** Classes on Mondays 4-4:45 or classes on Wednesdays from 3:30-4:15pm. Kids and Adults can participate in up to 2 classes each week!! So convenient for your family! All classes are led by adult Instructors from THE OKINAWAN KARATE DOJO, students will gain improved focus, more respect, and sound self-defense skills! This is **available for KIDS and ADULTS!** More information and registration is available at: www.OKDKarate.com; call: 443-574-8999; or email: morethankarate@gmail.com. For details on their 2021 Virtual Assistance program and year-round FITNESS NINJA CAMP Services, go to - okdafterschool.com or okdkarate.com.

We are here to help!

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