

# OWL OBSERVER NEWS- January 22, 2021

## Important Dates to Remember

- 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
- January 29th - Conference Schedule Window Opens 6:00 am
- February 3rd - MAP Testing - Grades 1-5 Reading 9:00 - 11:00
- February 5th - Report Cards Issued
- February 5th - Conference Schedule Window Closes 10:00 pm
- February 10th - MAP Testing - Grades 1 -5 Math 9:00 - 11:00

## A Message from Administration

Dear Families,

On Wednesday February 3rd and 10th, students in grades 1-5 will take the Measured Academic Progress (MAP) assessment. The data from the MAP assessment will help schools and teachers measure your student's academic progress. The MAP test does not affect grades and the difficulty adjusts depending on how your child responds. It is normal for students to only answer about half the questions correctly. To learn more about the MAP assessment, please visit: <https://www.nwea.org/the-map-suite/common-questions-families/>

The reading test will be offered on February 3rd from 9-11 am. The math test will be offered on February 10th from 9-11 am. If your child is unable to attend, makeup testing will be offered during asynchronous learning times. Teachers will share Google Meet information and your student's testing group as we get closer to the February dates.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Mrs. Balter and Mrs. Madden

## Fifth Grade News

# 5<sup>TH</sup> GRADE YEARBOOK COVER CONTEST

ATTENTION ALL 5<sup>TH</sup> GRADE STUDENTS! Do you enjoy drawing and sharing your artistic skills? If so, then we encourage you to enter a drawing into our Yearbook Cover Contest! It's very simple.

All you have to do is follow these few requirements:

### ALL ENTRIES MUST INCLUDE:

1. OUR SCHOOL NAME: DUCKETTS LANE ELEMENTARY
2. SCHOOL YEAR: 2020-2021
3. OUR MASCOT: THE OWL

Use your creativity to design a **colorful** cover on a solid piece of 8.5 x 11" white paper! Feel free to align your design with our current school situation, virtual learning! Make sure you use up the whole paper and don't leave too much white space! Please only use markers or colored pencils to color **BOLD** and **BRIGHT** to complete your entry (no crayons)!

## ALL ENTRIES ARE DUE BY: NEXT, THURSDAY, JANUARY 28

## 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

Please take a few minutes to check out the [DLES January 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

Did you know that school aged kids should get 60 minutes of exercise every day? Check out this website for some tips and online tools to help our kids get moving!

<https://health.gov/moveyourway#parents>

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) or [alicia\\_fleischer@hcpss.org](mailto:alicia_fleischer@hcpss.org) for health room assistance.

## 2019-2020 Yearbooks

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

Join Ducketts Lane Elementary School PTA for a virtual paint party to include live, interactive and guided instructions. Your order includes a link to access the live event and a paint kit to include all supplies needed for the event.

Already have paint supplies but would still like to participate in the event? Order the Access ONLY pass to receive a link to the live event to join in on the fun. *Supplies not included.*

Wednesday, February 24, 2021

2-4 PM

Virtual Paint Party. Supplies included.

COST:

Paint Kit: \$20 per kit (Includes event access & paint supplies. \$5 discount for second kit)

Access ONLY Pass: \$5 (One pass per family. Includes event access ONLY. *Supplies not included*)

Order you paint kit OR Access ONLY pass at: <https://forms.gle/7dmAE5JvVgVLV7B8>



**DLES PTA Virtual Paint Party**

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Virtual Paint Party. All Supplies Included.

**COST:**

Paint Kit: \$20 per kit  
(Includes event access & paint supplies.  
\$5 discount for second kit)

Access ONLY Pass: \$5  
(One pass per family. Includes event access  
ONLY. Supplies not included)

Order you paint kit OR Access ONLY pass at:  
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PAINT PORTRAIT

DLES PTA

For questions about this event please contact Natasha Boston, DLES PTA at  
[nsbevents.info@gmail.com](mailto:nsbevents.info@gmail.com)

**Black History Month** The Ducketts Lane PTA is planning a walk through exhibit this February to honor African Americans in celebration of Black History Month. We are asking students (siblings and family members welcome) to help us create the exhibit by coloring a page featuring a famous African American from history. Coloring pages can be picked up from the school inside the doors during school hours, printed from the PTA website (<https://dlespta.org/events/blackhistorymonth/>) or created by you at home. Finished pages should be dropped in the PTA box inside the school by February 1st.

Starting February 5th families are invited to walk around the outside of the school to view pages that will be displayed in the windows all month. We hope that families will enjoy learning about some important African Americans and the amazing contributions they have made to history.

**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! Check out the goodies available at <https://bit.ly/dlesptafunpasta>  
Interested in being a seller? Please e-mail the PTA at [duckettslanepta@gmail.com](mailto:duckettslanepta@gmail.com) and they'll set you up!"

**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!

**Join the PTA** Sign up for PTA today! Please consider joining the DLES PTA, when you become a member you are supporting students and teachers at DLES as well as the nation. Each voice makes the PTA louder when advocating for what they need. Please go to **Ducketts Lane PTA** on facebook or use the following link (you will need to type the link into the search bar, we are having technical issues with clicking the link <https://forms.gle/zCbcPMoHTrYVNnsb8>

**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](http://www.OKDKarate.com); call: 443-574-8999; or email: [morethankarate@gmail.com](mailto:morethankarate@gmail.com). For details on their 2021 Virtual Assistance program and year-round FITNESS NINJA CAMP Services, go to - [okdafterschool.com](http://okdafterschool.com) or [okdkarate.com](http://okdkarate.com).

## We are here to help!

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