

# OWL OBSERVER NEWS- January 29, 2021

## Important Dates to Remember

- 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
- February 10th - Parent Teacher Conferences
- February 11th - Half Day of School for Students
- February 11th - Parent Teacher Conferences
- February 12th - No School for Students

## A Message from Administration

Dear Families,

Black History Month is an annual celebration of achievements by Black Americans and a time for recognizing the central role of African Americans in U.S. history. At Ducketts Lane Elementary School we are excited to celebrate Black History Month. Each morning students are announcing Black History and Black Lives Matter facts to our entire school body. Additionally, our teachers have been implementing engaging activities to supplement our curriculum throughout the month of February.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Mrs. Balter and Mrs. Madden

## Counselor Corner

It was great to see so many students in every grade participate in the Counselor Chat and Chew this week! We will continue to plan other opportunities for lunch bunches throughout the rest of the school year, so continue to check in the Owl Observer and Canvas.

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

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.

## Parent Teacher Conferences

Parent Teacher Conferences will take place on Wednesday, February 10, 2021 and Thursday, February 11, 2021. Conferences will be with your student's **Math Teacher**.

The HCPSS Connect/Family File account is used to schedule the conferences. You may sign up for conferences starting today. You can log on to HCPSS Connect at <http://www.hcpss.org/connect> to access Synergy Conference Management. Please note, the conference system works best when using a personal computer, not a mobile device or tablet. You need to log in with your Parent/Guardian information, not the student information to schedule a conference. You can then choose your desired conference time from each teacher's availability. All conferences are virtual. When signing up for your conference please make note of the Google Meet code. You will also receive a reminder email two days before your conference with the Google Meet code.

For assistance with scheduling your conferences, please click [SYN073 Parent Conference Parent-7.pdf](#) for detailed instructions.

The conference window for scheduling conferences will close on Friday, February 5 at 10:00pm. **There is a limited number of conference times so please sign up early.**

If you have any questions please email Julie Forman, Teacher's Secretary, at [julie\\_forman@hcpss.org](mailto:julie_forman@hcpss.org) for assistance.

## 2019-2020 Yearbooks- ONLY 26 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

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/7dmAE5JVrVgVLV7B8>

The poster features a vibrant background of colorful paint splatters in shades of blue, red, yellow, and green. At the top, a white banner with a blue border contains the text "DLES PTA Virtual Paint Party" in a blue serif font. Below this, a white rectangular box with a grey border contains event details: "Wednesday, February 24, 2021" and "2-4 PM" in bold black text, followed by "Virtual Paint Party. All Supplies Included." in a smaller font. A "COST:" section lists "Paint Kit: \$20 per kit (Includes event access & paint supplies. \$5 discount for second kit)" and "Access ONLY Pass: \$5 (One pass per family. Includes event access ONLY. Supplies not included)". At the bottom of this box, it says "Order you paint kit OR Access ONLY pass at: https://forms.gle/7dmAE5JVrVgVLV7B8". To the right of the text box is an illustration of a wooden easel with a white sign that says "PAINT PORTRAIT". The easel holds a painting of a blue owl perched on a branch against a full moon in a blue sky with white stars. The easel's base is labeled "DLES PTA". At the bottom of the poster, a white box with a grey border contains the contact information: "For questions about this event please contact Natasha Boston, DLES PTA at nsbevents.info@gmail.com".

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**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>

## We are here to help!

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