

OWL OBSERVER NEWS- March 12, 2021

Important Dates to Remember

- March 15th - Hybrid Pre-K, K, 1st & 2nd grade begins
- March 15th - Prek Registration begins
- March 24th - Ledo Pizza Night
- March 29th - Hybrid 3rd, 4th and 5th grade begins

A Message from Administration

Dear Families,

Our new schedule began on March 1st for **ALL** students. Our teachers will be teaching students in-person and students who are virtual at the same time. Please be patient with us as we transition the students in the building to each subject. There may be a little lag in starting some of the Google Meets when teachers need to pick up students from other class areas.

Just a reminder, students will come back in the following phases:

March 15 – Hybrid students in grades PK, K, 1, 2

March 29 – Hybrid students in grades 3, 4, 5

Have a wonderful weekend.

Mrs. Balter and Mrs. Madden

Free Food Distribution

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 March 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, March 13, 2021

Saturday, March 20, 2021

Saturday, March 27, 2021

For more information please click on the link below:

[March CC Food Distribution English Flyer.pdf](#)

[March CC Food Distribution Spanish Flyer.pdf](#)

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 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.

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 with any questions.

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 (school nurse) or alicia_fleischer@hcpss.org (health assistant) for health room assistance or call 410-313-1739.

Talk With Me

Talk With Me: For parents and caregivers of children ages infant - 2 and expectant parents. Registration required.

A community partner with the Howard County Public School System, *Talk With Me • Howard County* uses the power of early interactions to build foundations for early learning. Powerful brain-building occurs in children during simple back and forth interactions from the earliest moments of life. Understand how to integrate these interactions into your daily routines.

English Flyer click [HERE](#) Spanish Flyer click [HERE](#)

Please register here:

<https://howardcounty.librarycalendar.com/events/talk-me-howard-county-online-0>

Suicide Prevention and Substance Abuse

The Council of Elders Community Academy



Saturday, March 13, 2021 • 9 – 10:30 a.m.

Social and Emotional health is a critical component of a student's success.

Join us as we discuss suicide prevention, substance abuse and mental health awareness within the Howard County community.

Representatives from HCPSS Central Office and other partner organizations will provide education on risk factors, warning signs, protective factors, and community resources. This session is for families of students at elementary, middle or high and will be held virtually.

Please register to receive additional details.

To register for this virtual session
please go to:
<https://tinyurl.com/4t3u353c>

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2019-2020 Yearbooks- ONLY 25 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

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 and they'll set you up!"

DLES PTA Info DLES PTA information can be found on the DLES PTA Website at <http://dlespta.org>. There, you can see what we're up to for 2020-2021, sign up for our newsletter, to join the PTA and to stay connected!

We are here to help!

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