

# OWL OBSERVER NEWS- March 26, 2021

## Important Dates to Remember

- March 29th - Hybrid 3rd, 4th and 5th grade begins
- April 1st - DLES Spiritwear Day!
- April 2nd - 6th- Schools and offices closed, Spring Break
- April 14th - End of the marking period, schools close 3 hours early

## A Message from Administration

Dear Families,

We are looking forward to welcoming back our 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade hybrid students starting on Monday, March 29th. Please remember to bring your fully charger computer, mask, and water bottle to school each day. 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.

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

## 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 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](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).

## 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.

## 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.

## Counselor's Corner

Please take a few minutes to check out the [DLES March 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.

## 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, Gymnasium (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.

## HCPSS Summer Programs

The first online enrollment for Howard County Summer Programs window opened on March 15th at 6:00 PM and will remain open through Monday, March 29th at 6:00 PM.

NOTE: Completing an enrollment request through the Synergy Parent Portal on HCPSS Connect does not promise enrollment in the program.

You will be notified if you are enrolled in the program or placed on a waitlist.

For questions and assistance, please visit the [HCPSS Summer Programs Website](#) and the [HCPSS News Post](#). The most up-to-date information will be shared there. In addition, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact our BSAP Liaison, Lezlie Hatcher.



### **HCPSS Summer Programs Registration Begins on March 15th**

Online enrollment requests for currently enrolled HCPSS students **will open at 6:00 p.m., Monday, March 15** for the following programs:

- BSAP Summer Institute
- Gifted and Talented Summer Institutes for Talent Development
- Innovative Pathways High School (Math and Science only)
- STARTALK Chinese Language Summer Camp.

Please refer to the [Summer Programs web page](#) to find up-to-date course information and enrollment directions.

## **Community News**

### **Lasagna Love**

# Lasagna Love

WHETHER YOU NEED HELP,  
OR WANT TO HELP,  
WE'VE MADE IT EASY.

## Get Help...



## ... or Give Help



[WWW.LASAGNALOVE.ORG](http://WWW.LASAGNALOVE.ORG)

Message from Deb Kaiser: Hi everyone! I, and a whole group of awesome other people, am making and delivering home-cooked lasagnas for families who are struggling as a result of the pandemic. Lost income, lost childcare, or impacted by COVID in another way? Whatever the situation, we want to help! It's a free meal, neighbors helping neighbors, no strings attached.

If you would like a hand with dinner one night in the coming weeks sign up here. Feel free to share the link with others: [www.lasagnalove.org/request](http://www.lasagnalove.org/request)

Want to help? We're always looking for new cooks to make a meal for families! You can bake and deliver just one time, once a month, or make multiple lasagnas a week. You can sign up here: <https://www.lasagnalove.org>

# Lasagna Love

SI QUIERES AYUDAR O  
RECIBIR AYUDA,  
LO HACEMOS FACIL.

## Recibir ayuda...



## ... o ayudar.



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Mensaje de Deb Kaiser: ¡Hola a todos!. Yo, en colaboración con otro grupo de personas extraordinarias estamos haciendo y llevando a casa lasagnas preparadas en casa a familias que lo necesiten como consecuencia de la pandemia.

Ha perdido ingresos, ha perdido el servicio de guardería o se ha visto afectado por El COVID de otra forma?. Cualquiera que sea su situación, ¡queremos ayudarles!. Es una comida sin costo, solo vecinos ayudando a sus vecinos.

Si quisiera recibir una cena en las próximas semanas, entre a [www.lasagnalove.org/request](http://www.lasagnalove.org/request). Comparta este enlace con otras personas.

Quisiera colaborar? Siempre estamos buscando nuevos ayudantes de cocina para preparar una cena para las familias. Puede hornear y hacer entregas a domicilio solo una vez, una vez al mes, o hacer varias lasagnas a la semana.

Puede entrar aquí para ayudar: <https://www.lasagnalove.org>

# Maryland Food Bank

**MARYLAND FOOD BANK**  
UNTIL HUNGER ENDS.

HOWARD COMMUNITY COLLEGE

# FREE FOOD GIVE-AWAY

BROUGHT TO YOU BY THE HEALTH SCIENCES DIVISION  
PUBLIC HEALTH PROGRAM

THURSDAY, APRIL 1<sup>ST</sup>  
AND  
FRIDAY, APRIL 30<sup>TH</sup> 11AM- 2PM

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Jueves 1 DE ABRIL  
Y  
Viernes 30 DE ABRIL 11AM- 2PM

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NO SE REQUIERE ELEGIBILIDAD.

LITTLE PATUXENT PARKWAY ENTRANCE TO CAMPUS

## 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](mailto: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!

- Principal, Mrs. Balter Heidi\_Balter@hcpss.org
- Assistant Principal, Mrs. Madden Courtney\_Madden@hcpss.org
- Principal's Secretary, Mrs. Grove Carol\_Grove@hcpss.org
- Registration Support, Secretary Ms. Lynette Carmen\_Lynette@hcpss.org
- Attendance, Synergy and Family File Support, Secretary Mrs. Forman Julie\_Forman@hcpss.org
- Counselor, Mrs. Tobin [Danielle\\_w\\_Tobin@hcpss.org](mailto:Danielle_w_Tobin@hcpss.org)