

OWL OBSERVER NEWS- May 28th, 2021

Important Dates to Remember

- May 31st - Memorial Day, schools closed
- June 9th - RECC End of Year Virtual Celebration, 9:30 - 10:00am morning classes and 11:30 - 12:00pm afternoon classes
- June 10th, 11th, 14th, and 15th - 3 hour early dismissal for all elementary students (12:40pm)
- June 15th - Fifth Grade Moving-On Celebration, 9:30-11:30am
- June 15th - Last day of school for students

A Message from Administration

Dear Families,

This time of year can be very busy for families and schedules often change. With these changes at home and various activities at school, as well, students sometimes forget the importance of completing classwork and doing their DLES best throughout the day. Your help in providing home reminders of the value of a strong finish would be greatly appreciated. Working together we can help all of our students end their year in a positive way.

Please let the front office know if you are moving over the summer. We want to set your child up for success at their new school and will need mailing information to send to your child's new school. Please call 410-313-5050 with your new address and school name.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Mrs. Balter and Mrs. Madden

Free Food Distribution

The Catholic Community of Ascension and St. Augustine 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 May beginning at 9:00 am and ending at 10:30 am, 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, May 29, 2021

Distribución de Comida, Gratis

La Comunidad Católica de Ascensión y St. Agustín, asociado con Lancaster Foods, ha recibido una beca del Departamento de Agricultura de los Estados Unidos (USDA) para distribuir cajas de comida las cuales contienen 30.5 libras de frutas, verduras, lácteos, y carnes frescas. **Las cajas serán**

distribuidas los sábados en mayo empezando a las 9:00 am y terminando a las 10:30 am, o antes si se termine la comida. La distribución sería ubicado en Ducketts Lane Elementary School, 6501 Ducketts Lane, Elkridge, MD 21075, en las siguientes fechas:

sábado, 29 de Mayo de 2021

Cada vehículo o peatón será eligible recibir **dos** caja de comida, y es obligatorio que todos participantes usen mascarilla de cara durante él recoge. **No hay ninguna restricción de ingreso o documentación.** En confianza, usted pueda venir cada semana que está disponible el programa para recibir comida.

¿Preguntas?

Favor de comunicarse con: ccastafooddistribution4@gmail.com .

Este programa no está patrocinado o aprobado por el Sistema Público de Escuelas del Condado de Howard.

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.

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)

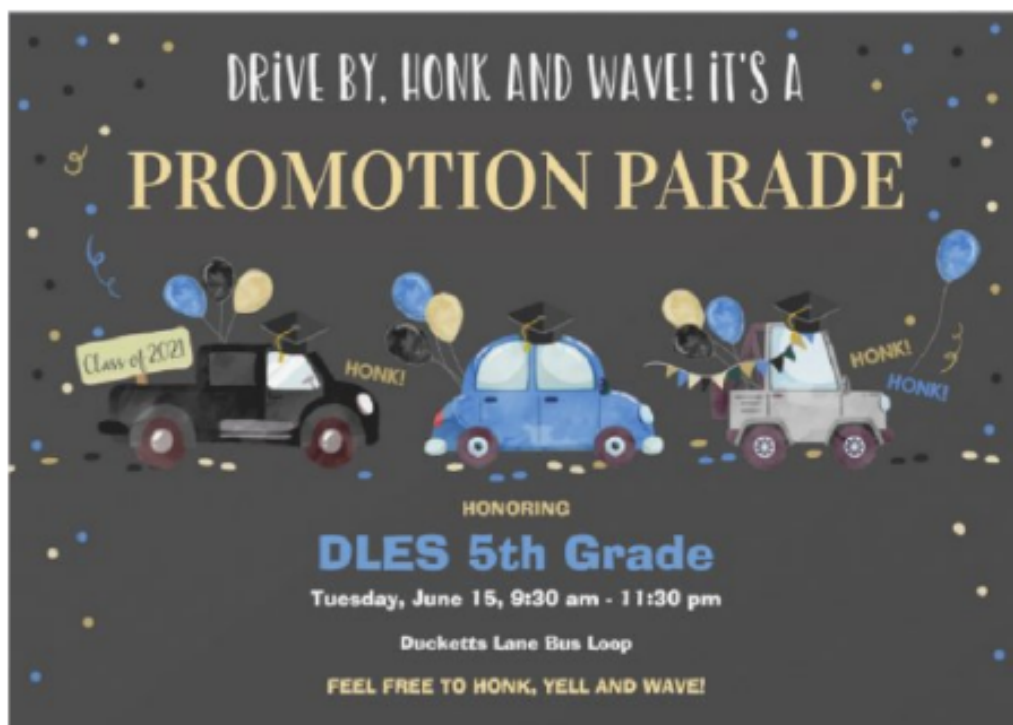
Learning Together Program (LTP) [Flyer](#) (Chinese)

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 have any additional questions, please contact Ms. Mary Geiser, RECC Instructional Team Leader, at (410) 313-5050 or Mary_Geiser@hcpss.org.

5th Grade Promotion Parade



Students and families are invited to participate in a drive-thru promotion parade around the DLES bus loop at their designated time. Cars will briefly stop at 5 different stations during the parade. Students will receive their promotion certificate, class t-shirt, yearbook and a couple of other special surprises!

9:30-10:00 Mr. Gierasch & Mrs. Abramson's Homerooms
10:00-10:30 Mrs. Holdridge & Mrs. Abramson's Homerooms
10:30-11:00 Miss Proctor & Mrs. Abramson's Homerooms
11:00-11:30 Mrs. Sillers & Mrs. Abramson's Homerooms

To abide by social distancing guidelines, families should remain in their cars at all times. DLES staff will be taking pictures of each student with their teacher and pictures will be individually emailed out.

Counselor's Corner

VIRTUAL CAREER DAY - We are in need of volunteers for DLES' VIRTUAL CAREER DAY on June 4th. Presenters will volunteer for a one hour session with either 3rd, 4th, or 5th Grade. The schedule will be the following:

Third Grade: 9:25-10:25

Fourth Grade: 10:30-11:30

Fifth Grade: 10:30-11:30

Please e-mail Danielle_W_Tobin@hcpss.org if you are interested or have any questions.

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

COVID-19 vaccines are now available to all individuals **12 and up**. Visit <https://coronavirus.maryland.gov/pages/vaccine> ([Spanish site](#)) for more information or call 1-855-MD-GOVAX (in English and Spanish)

Have questions about the COVID vaccine and want to know where to go for accurate facts? Click here: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/facts.html>

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. Their household members who attend DLES will be sent home as well. 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.

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

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, Gym (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.

PTA News

Are you looking to be more involved with the PTA? This fall, the PTA Board has several positions opening! President, Vice Presidents 1&2, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary and PTACH representative are looking for new volunteers!

Please message us on FB or email duckettslanepta@gmail.com with any questions!

Community News

Monthly Essay Contest

You Write

Monthly Social Justice Essay Contest



Presented by **GIANT**

THERE WILL BE A DIFFERENT THEME EVERY MONTH.

May Theme:

What does this quote mean to you? "Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere." Martin Luther King, Jr.

1st place - \$50 gift card

- 3rd thru 5th grade stories: minimum of 100 words and maximum of 200 words.
- 6th thru 8th grade stories: minimum of 200 words and maximum of 300 words.
- 9th thru 12th grade stories: minimum of 300 words and maximum of 400 words.

•Stories are due the 31st of May by 5 p.m.

•Award ceremony will be held via Zoom and Facebook live on the American Literacy Corporation's Facebook page.

•Winners will read their essays during this time.

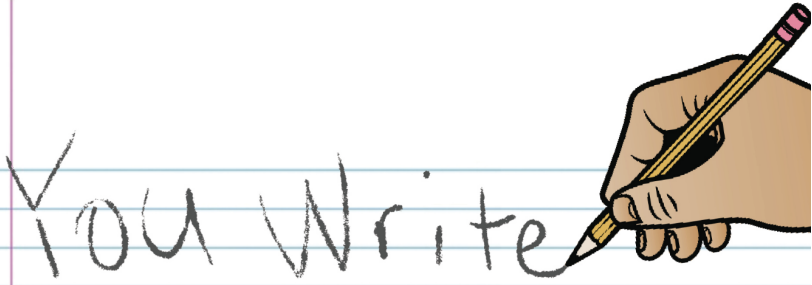
For more information and to register your essay, visit:

www.aamfund.org

or Floyd Stokes at (717) 580-5429



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www.superreader.org

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