

## Important Dates to Remember

- October 1st- Hoot Club!- Wear DLES shirt today!
- October 15th- Schools Closed
- October 19th- School Success Series Workshop for Families!! 6:15-7:30 (Canvas/ Appropriate use of technology)
- October 19th - Flu Vaccine Clinic for students at DLES
- October 29th- Join the fall spirit and wear *Orange, Black, and Purple Day!*
- November 3rd- End of the marking period

Dear Families,

We currently have 73% of our Family File updates completed! We need 100%! If you haven't updated your child's emergency info. Please see the section below and update it ASAP! Thank you!

### **Free and Reduced Meals Information:**

Each year, families are required to complete the Free and Reduced Meals application. Information can be found at the link below:

<https://www.hcpss.org/food-services/farms/#opportunities>

### **Volunteer Training**

HCPSS has posted updated volunteer training and information for all schools. Volunteers need to complete three easy steps for training. [HERE](#)

Thank you for supporting your children and DLES staff. Together we can make a difference!

Mrs. Balter and Mr. Robinson

### **Health Room News**

Per health services guidelines, any student who is exhibiting the following symptoms will need a negative PCR COVID test prior to returning to school.

- *fever of 100.4 or higher*
- *sore throat, cough*
- *difficulty breathing*
- *diarrhea or vomiting*
- *new onset of severe headache (especially with fever)*
- *new loss of taste or smell*

If you do get a PCR test, please forward the results to [diann\\_rocha@hcpss.org](mailto:diann_rocha@hcpss.org) and [alicia\\_fleischer@hcpss.org](mailto:alicia_fleischer@hcpss.org) and indicate your name and reason for the test.

*As always: your student should be fever free for 24 hours (without the use of medication such as Tylenol or Motrin) and free of vomiting/ diarrhea for 24 hours prior to returning to school.*

If you are having symptoms and are getting a COVID test, please let your teacher know so attendance can be marked accordingly, and the absence will be excused.

Please note: If one household member (IE sibling) is having symptoms and getting tested for COVID, all unvaccinated members of the household must stay home from school until the PCR test has been confirmed negative and attendance will not be counted against them.

Thank you for your attention and adherence to the guidelines during this time as we work hard to ensure the health and safety of the DLES community.

Testing sites: <https://www.howardcountymd.gov/covid-19-testing>

## **Flu Clinic**

DLES will have a Flu Vaccination Clinic on October 19th for our students. An additional email will be sent to families with information.

## **GT News**

Howard County GT Program Parent Academy, October 13 and 14, 2021

HCPSS families interested in the Gifted and Talented (GT) Program are invited to come learn about the advanced-level offerings available and how their students can become involved. The evening will begin with an overview of GT Education Program offerings followed by a question and answer session with Central Office GT Education Program staff. Elementary and Secondary programs will be covered on separate days. Families may attend one or both nights. Registration is required for these events.

*Elementary Focus: Wednesday, October 13, 7 – 8:00 p.m., being held virtually via Microsoft Teams*

*Secondary Focus: Thursday, October 14, 7-8:00 p.m., being held virtually via Microsoft Teams*

For more information and to register, please visit the [HCPSS GT Program Parent Academy announcement](#).

## PTA News

The DLES PTA needs you! If you haven't already joined, it's not too late. You can become a member today by visiting our [website](#) or [facebook page](#)

## Community News

**Okinawan Karate Dojo - School's Out Ninja Day Camps! HCPSS will be closed, Oct 15, Nov 4, and Dec 23. Make sure to reserve your child's spot with our business partner - The Okinawan Karate Dojo! The OKD's "School's Out Ninja Day Camp" has you covered from 9 AM to 4 PM...or...8 AM to 6 PM (with available before/after care)! OKD's year-round camps are action-packed, tons of fun, and will keep your kids happy, entertained, challenged and moving all day! Not only that, they are **licensed as a Child Care Provider by the state of Maryland**. The staff is highly trained and certified to give your child a safe, enriching, AWESOME, COVID-safe camp experience! Voted #1 Martial Arts School in HoCo and one of the best ChildCare Providers in 2021, this will be OKD's 22nd annual camp season! Find additional information about the camp, online registration, and OKD's COVID safety policy at: [OKDkarate.com](http://OKDkarate.com). Space is Limited. Questions? Call: 443 574 8999 or Email: [info@okinawankaratedojo.com](mailto:info@okinawankaratedojo.com).**