

Important Dates to Remember

- September 10th- Family File Support 8:30-10:30am in the cafeteria
- September 13th- Back to School Night, 6:00pm GT, 6:30pm-8:00pm Grades 3-5
- September 14th- Back to School Night, 6:30pm-8:00pm, Grade 1-2
- September 16th- School Closed
- September 17th- DLES/Blue Spirit Day
- October 15th- Schools Closed
- October 20- Band/ Orchestra BTSN

Dear Families,

A big thank you to all our students for coming to school excited to be here and ready to learn. Hearing their voices and seeing everyone laughing and smiling again warms all of our hearts. Thank you to our parents and guardians who did their part by showing patience with carpooling in the morning and afternoon and for adhering to our expectations for a smooth opening. And finally, I have to say a big thank you to the teachers and staff at DLES!

All families are reminded to [perform COVID-19 health checks](#) each day before sending students to school. Students may not come to school if they exhibit symptoms associated with COVID-19 or any communicable disease. Please keep your child home and call the health room if you have any questions. Thank you!

Band and Strings Instrumental Back to School Night

Monday, Sept. 20

VIRTUAL Back to Music Night

7:00pm

Google Meet Code: DLESmusic

Families of students participating in Band, Orchestra or Chorus this school year should plan to attend ***Back to School Night for Music*** and meet Mrs. McKay, Mrs. McCoy and Mr. Wagner. You will hear more details about the music program, class schedule and how to help at home. Join the Google Meet using your student's HCPSS login credentials.

Technology Update

Computers with any kind of problems must be returned to the school by Monday, September 13, 2021. If a computer with a problem is returned after Monday, September 13, 2021, parents/guardians will be charged fees by HCPSS.

Las computadoras que tengan algún tipo de problemas deberán ser regresadas a la escuela a más tardar el día lunes 13 de septiembre del 2021. En caso de que la computadora sea regresada después del 13 de septiembre del 2021 los padres de familia y/o tutores legales tendrán que pagar un cargo o tarifa.

Counselor Corner - Please take a few minutes to check out the [Elementary School Counselor Newsletter - Issue 1](#). 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.

Gifted and Talented Corner - Welcome to our returning and new families. Mr. West, Mrs. Schmitt and Mrs. Roussillon, G/T Resource Teachers, are looking forward to a great school year with your children! Did you know that all children at DLES can be involved in the Gifted and Talented Education Program? To find out how, please join us on Wednesday, September 13th at 6:00 pm in the DLES cafeteria for a brief G/T Parent Information Night. ALL parents are invited and encouraged to attend. This session is especially valuable for families new to HCPSS or the DLES community. We hope to see you there; however, if you are unable to attend, the presentation slides will be available on the DLES website. In the meantime, please visit <http://www.hcpss.org/academics/gifted-and-talented/> for information about the Gifted and Talented Education Program. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Mr. West at gavin_west@hcpss.org or sherri_schmitt@hcpss.org or jennifer_roussillon@hcpss.org or call (410) 313-5050.

Community News

Girls on the Run Registration is Open: Girls on the Run® inspires girls in grades 3-5 to be joyful, healthy, and confident by using running to teach valuable social-emotional and life skills such as managing emotions, resolving conflict, and setting personal goals. Teams of 15-20 girls meet twice weekly after school for 9 weeks. Each season concludes with the girls and their running buddies completing a non-competitive 5k fun run. The Fall season will start the week of September 20, with the season-ending site-based 5k. **DLES GOTR will be held this fall on Mondays and Wednesdays.** Program registration fee is \$165 and includes 5k registration and finisher's medal, water bottle, t-shirt, a cinch sack, journal,

grown-up guide, and all program materials. *Generous financial assistance is available and no girl is turned away.* DLES coaches this year are Mrs. Karen Rinehart, Ms. Amanda Gates, and Ms. Ryann Plokin. Please visit www.gotrcentralmd.org to register. Call 443-583-7740 or e-mail info@gotrcentralmd.org.

Okinawan Karate Dojo - School's Out Ninja Day Camps! HCPSS will be closed **Sept 7 & 16, 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.

Space is Limited. Questions? Call: 443 574 8999 or Email: info@okinawankaratedojo.com.

Howard County Recreation and Parks

Fall 2021 After-School Classes at

Ducketts Lane Elementary

Register early, programs fill quickly!



Chess

Chess Club After School with Silver Knights Chess
 Learn how to play chess from highly rated professional chess instructors, who have reached many state and national championships! There is even a gift between lessons and play. Lessons range from learning the rules to advanced tournament strategies. Open to all levels. Play time is structured to pair against opponents of similar skill. All chess supplies provided.
 Info: Scott Corning, 410-313-4627 or scorning@howardcountymd.gov
 Grades: K-5 - Classes: 2
 RP3321301 Ducketts Lane ES Oct 13 3:25-4:25pm F \$155

Crafts & Fine Arts

KidzArt After School
 Enjoy a fun, unique, confidence building art experience. Our drawing based curriculum delivers engaging and educationally rich, creative classes that amaze and delight. Create a new masterpiece each week while exploring a variety of artist grade mediums every session (Prismacolor ArtCels, oil pastels, chalk pastels, charcoal, watercolor, air dry clay, metal tooling, textured paper and mixed media).
 Info: Scott Corning, 410-313-4627 or scorning@howardcountymd.gov
 Grades: K-5 - Sessions: 1 - Classes: 6
 RP3111501 Ducketts Lane ES Oct 15 3:35-4:35pm Tu \$120
 Grades: K-5 - Session: 2 - Classes: 10 - Materials included in registration
 RP3111501 Ducketts Lane ES Nov 16 3:35-4:35pm Tu \$200



Music

Learn Now Music After School
 The mission is to learn Now Music. To create a positive, musical experience for all of our students! Enjoy musical instruction and theory. Enjoy musical games, special extension curriculum based activities, musical listening excerpts, and more! You may meet an instrument for 5:20 throughout each session. Info: William Banks, 410-313-4721 or wbanks@howardcountymd.gov
 Grades: K-5 - Program Dates - Classes: 6 - \$170 + \$20 materials fee
 RP3311541 Ducketts Lane ES Oct 13 3:25-4:25pm W
 Grades: K-5 - Instrument Dates - Classes: 6 - \$170 + \$20 materials fee
 RP3311541 Ducketts Lane ES Oct 11 3:25-4:25pm W

Science & Technology

The Wonderful World of WeDo with Tech Scientific
 LEGO® Technic cultivates creativity and encourage kids to become engineers. In this class, we take it a step further as students bring LEGO® to life! Using the LEGO® WeDo software, students build things such as animals and modes of transportation, and use basic coding to get them to move. They also learn about and use different sensors to make their "programs" more complex. As students enjoy building, learn the principles of basic programming.
 Info: William Banks, 410-313-4721 or wbanks@howardcountymd.gov
 Grades: K-5 - Classes: 6
 RP3381504 Ducketts Lane ES Sep 20 3:25-4:25pm Th \$95

No class when schools are closed or have early dismissal.

What To Do When Schools Are Closed
<https://anc.apm.activecommunities.com/howardcounty/>
 Sep 7, 16 - Oct 15 - Nov 4, 24 - Dec 23, 24, 31



Sports

After-School Basketball
 All classes held on outdoor basketball courts except for Meadowbrook Athletic Complex. School's open and it's time for some hoop! Boys and girls, learn and develop fundamental skills of dribbling, passing, shooting and defense and through activities. It is the perfect place to start or complement your league play. Info: Curtis L. Gary, 410-313-4705 or cgar@howardcountymd.gov
 8:30am - Classes: 6
 RP4811512 Ducketts Lane ES Sep 27 3:30-4:30pm W \$55

Registrations: 410-313-7775, www.howardcountymd.gov/netwp or 7120 Oakland Mills Road, Columbia, MD 21046
 Financial Aid: Limited financial assistance available for Howard County residents that qualify. Information: 410-313-7775.
 Refund Policy: www.howardcountymd.gov/recreation-parks/programs

Food Pantry



MultiService Center Food Pantry

The Howard County MultiService Center
9900 Washington Blvd., Suite I, Laurel

OPEN TO SERVE THE COMMUNITY*
Mondays and Wednesdays • Noon to 4:00 p.m.
Third Saturday of Each Month
9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

To protect both clients and staff, food items are pre-packaged in "grab and go" bags. Let us know if you have any food allergies, and we will do our best to accommodate your needs.



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Office of Community Partnerships
Department of Community Resources and Services
410-313-0220 (voice/relay)
mscinfo@howardcountymd.gov
www.howardcountymd.gov/msc

* If you are in need of food and cannot get to the center during operational hours, call 410-313-0220 (voice/relay) to schedule an appointment.
The MSC Food Pantry service is only available to Howard County residents.

If you need this information in an alternate format, contact the MSC at 410-313-0220 (voice/relay) or mscinfo@howardcountymd.gov. If you need accommodations to participate, call at least one week in advance.



MultiService Center Despensa de Alimentos

The Howard County MultiService Center
9900 Washington Blvd., Suite I, Laurel

AHORA ABIERTO PARA SERVIR A LA COMUNIDAD*
Lunes y Miercoles • De 12:00 a 4:00 p.m.
Tercer sábado de cada mes
9:00 a.m. a 1:00 p.m.

Para proteger a los clientes y al personal, los alimentos son pre-empacados para "Recoger y llevar" las bolsas. Dejanos saber si tienes alergia a algun alimento para ajustarnos a tus necesidades.



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* Si necesitas alimentos y no puedes venir al Centro durante las horas operacionales llama al 410-313-0220 (voz/relay) para programar una cita.
El servicio MSC Food Pantry es solo disponible para los residentes del condado de Howard.

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Howard High School



Howard High School
Class of 2024
Fall Festival &
Children's Book Fair

FUN DAY WITH YOUR FAMILY AND OURS

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2021
12:00-4:00 PM

GAME BOOTHS/PRIZES* FOOD*LOCAL AUTHORS!!

Sponsored by HoHs Class of 2024
RAIN (Inside the gym) or **SHINE** (On the track)

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