

DUCKETTS LANE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
OWL OBSERVER
November 10, 2016

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Nov 14-18 American Education Week
Nov 14- Chick Fil A Night 5:00pm-9:00pm Arundel Mills location
Nov 15- Report cards issued to students
Nov 15- Online shopping opens at Scholastic.com/fair
Nov 16- Fall picture retakes
Nov 18- Yearbook cover art entries due
Nov 21- School closes at 12:20pm- Parent/Teacher conferences
Nov 21- Joe Corbi Fundraiser- Pick up orders from 1:00pm-4:00pm
Nov 21/22- Book Fair in 5th Grade Team (Room A215) 1:00pm-7:30pm
Nov 22- School closes at 12:20pm- Parent/Teacher conferences
Nov 23- School closed full day for Parent/Teacher conferences
Nov 24/25- School closed for Thanksgiving holiday
Nov 28/29/30- Book Fair Wish List orders accepted
Nov 30/Dec 1- CogAT Testing Grades 3 & 5
Dec 5- Last day to order online for the Book Fair

MESSAGE FROM ADMINISTRATION

Dear Families,

Please mark your calendar: American Education Week is November 14th-18th. We hope you will be able to visit the school during this week and see us in action. While we are encouraging our visitors to come on Monday, parents are welcome to come another day if Monday is not possible. Teachers work hard to plan instruction for each subject that follows the curriculum and supports the individual learning needs of students. Thank you for respecting the classroom by turning cell phones to vibrate and carrying on conversations with others outside of the classroom.

The Book Fair is coming! Our annual Scholastic Book Fair will be operating at the end of November. In addition to daytime hours, the book fair will be open during our evening conference nights for your shopping pleasure. Many families take advantage of this opportunity to make holiday gift purchases. All proceeds support our school!

What: Scholastic Book Fair

When: November 21-30

Where: Fifth grade team, Mr. West's room (A215)

Books can be purchased at school during our conference hours (1:00pm-7:30pm) on Monday, Nov. 21st and Tuesday, Nov. 22nd. Many volunteers are needed to help support our effort. Please call the school if you have time to offer!

Have a safe weekend with your family. Enjoy the sunshine and cool weather.
Mrs. Balter, Mr. Anderson, and Mr. Norfolk

CHICK FIL A FUNDRAISER

Please join us for Family Night at Chick Fil A November 14, 2016 beginning at 5:00 PM. The Chick Fil A Restaurant that we've partnered with is located at 7055 Arundel Mills Circle, Hanover, MD 21076. A portion of the evening's sales will be contributed back to DLES to support our students during the 2016 - 2017 school year. Receipts must be collected at the store from the in-store purchases as well as drive-through purchases between the hours of 5:00 PM and 9:00 PM. There will be black boxes to place your receipt in at the ordering counter and you can give the receipt to the drive-through clerk by specifying it is for Ducketts Lane. We hope to see you there!

YEARBOOK COVER CONTEST

The Rules: DRAW a picture of our mascot, the OWL!

All entries must include:

Our school name: Ducketts Lane Elementary

School year: 2016–2017

Please use ONLY markers or colored pencils to color **BOLD** and **BRIGHT** to complete your cover entry (no crayons)!
Be CREATIVE!

Due: Friday, November 18, 2016

Your art could be our next cover!

Turn in artwork to your classroom teacher!

PTA NEWS

Volunteers Needed!

All hands on deck! We are looking for volunteers to help during the Scholastic Book Fair beginning November 21, and during our Penguin Patch Holiday Shoppe for students on the evening of December 15. Please visit

www.dlespta.weebly.com/volunteer or contact Deb Kaiser at

Kaiser.deb@gmail.com to sign up.

Ways and Means

There's still time for Square 1 Art and Yankee Candle orders, just in time for the holidays or for your own enjoyment! You can continue to order online through our the Square 1 website ([Square 1 Art | It Starts With the Art!](#)) through **November 18th**. Please contact Jaime Auvil at jmg8533@yahoo.com if you need your child's art ID. Yankee Candle can be ordered online through January 2017; please visit the DLES PTA website for more details (<http://dlespta.weebly.com/fundraising.html>). Thank you for your continued support!!

Bricks4Kidz is returning, with a new after-school session beginning on November 10th! Flyers and registration forms will be coming home in your students' Thursday folders next week.

5th GRADE JOE CORBI'S FUNDRAISER

Delivery/Pick Up: Monday, November 21st 1:00-4:00pm

Thank you to all who ordered! It was our best sale ever! Be sure to come and pick up your order because we do not have freezer space to store it for you.

5th GRADE BAKE SALE

The 5th grade team and students are hosting a Fall Bake Sale during Parent Teacher Conferences. This fundraiser is made possible by donations provided by the staff and community. Whether you have a 5th Grader, would like to support the 5th grade team, or just like to bake, we need your help! If you are willing to donate cookies, muffins, pies, cakes, bottled water, or other baked goods/sweet treats, please complete the flyer and return it to your child's homeroom teacher by November 11. Please send your items to school the morning of your selected day, packaged as follows:

- Cookies: 3 large or 5 small per package
- Muffins/cupcakes: 1 large or 2 small per package
- Bars/brownies: 2 large or 3 small per package
- Pies, breads and cakes may be left whole

Remember to label packages with the item name, list of ingredients, and the name of the family who baked the item.

If you have any questions, please contact Justine Sillers at justine_sillers@hcpss.org or 410-313-5050.

THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

We are having our third annual Thanksgiving Food Drive for families in need! Please bring in items between Monday, November 1st-and Friday, November 18th. There will be boxes in each grade level to place the items. The grade that brings in the most items will be rewarded with extra recess!

K/1st: Canned goods/non-perishables (peanut butter, jelly, cereal, rice, pasta, etc.)

2nd/3rd: Toiletries (Shampoo, soap, toothbrush, toothpaste, laundry detergent, etc.)

4th/5th: Cold weather items (Gloves, mittens, scarves, hats, warm socks, etc.)

FIELD TRIPS

For safety reasons, HCPSS Connect Family File emergency information must be updated in order for your child to attend a field trip. If you need assistance, please contact the Front Office.

4th GRADE STEM LESSON

During the week of Dec. 19-23, 2016 the fourth grade students will be participating in a STEM lesson (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) where they will be creating a homemade toy from reused and recycled materials.

We need your help to gather **reused** and **recycled** materials from around your house (DO NOT BUY ANYTHING!). Below are examples of items that we will be collecting and storing in the classroom for the upcoming STEM Lesson. You may send any items with your child to school.

REUSED and RECYCLED materials include items that are readily available are not newly purchased for the purpose of this lesson. If you bring in empty food containers or bottles, please clean them out first!

MATERIALS:

- Boxes
- Empty food boxes
- Cardboard
- Egg cartons
- Milk cartons
- Drink bottles
- Fabric scraps
- Straws craft sticks
- Pipe cleaners
- Thread
- Fabric scraps
- String
- Paper clips
- Paper tubes (paper towel, toilet paper, etc.)

FREE Adult ESOL Classes

Monday nights (October 10th-June 5th) from 7:00-9:00pm

Children ages 3-12 are encouraged to attend. Children will have a homework club and will work on literacy skills.

SHOE RECYCLING!

It's that time again! DLES PTA, along with the assistance of the Girls On The Run team, is hosting a shoe drive fundraiser. Please bring in all of the shoes your family wore over the summer and have either outgrown or are now out of style. There are collection bins at the front entrance of DLES. All shoes and all sizes are acceptable. DLES PTA earns 50 cents per pound. The G.O.T. R. team advertises and packs up the shoes as their service project. We thank you kindly for your support!

COMMUNITY NEWS AND PROGRAMS

Please visit the Community News and Programs page at

<http://www.hcpss.org/community-news-and-programs/> for announcements of

upcoming events and programs sponsored by non-profit organizations.