

DUCKETTS LANE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
OWL OBSERVER
November 23, 2016

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Nov 24/25- School closed for Thanksgiving holiday
Nov 28/29/30- Book Fair Wish List orders accepted
Nov 30 to Dec 2- CogAT Testing Grade 3
Dec 5 to Dec 7- CogAT Testing Grade 5
Dec 5- Last day to order online for the Book Fair
Dec 9- PTA Reflections Contest entries deadline
Dec 15- PTA Penguin Patch Holiday Shoppe 6:30pm-8:30pm

MESSAGE FROM ADMINISTRATION

Dear Families,

As we reflect on the many things for which we are thankful, we want to take this opportunity to share just a few of them with you: We are thankful for our students who come to school every day ready to learn – they give us all a daily reminder of what is important and why we are here. We are thankful for the support of the parents in creating an outstanding partnership for our students. We are thankful for the teachers, paraeducators, bus drivers, secretaries, nurses, lunchroom monitors, support staff, and therapists who really care about student achievement and have the best interests of our students at heart. We are also thankful for our volunteers who enthusiastically contribute so much to our school.

We wish each and every DLES family a wonderful Thanksgiving filled with happiness and good food.

Have a happy Thanksgiving!

Mrs. Balter, Mr. Anderson, and Mr. Norfolk

PTA NEWS

Please take a moment to check out our updated website! From our new Penguin Patch Holiday Shoppe and Cultural Arts pages, to additions to our After School programming, it's chock full of useful information! www.dlespta.weebly.com. And don't forget to 'Like' us on Facebook and follow us on Twitter (@dlespta).

Reflections Contest

This year's Reflection program theme is, What Is Your Story? Tell your story through dance, a short film, a poem or story, an original song, a photo or visual work of art. Fill out the PTA Reflections Entry Form and return with your original creation by Friday, December 9th.

Penguin Patch Holiday Shoppe

New this year! Your child will cherish the opportunity to go shopping on his/her own (with the guidance of one of our volunteers, of course) for each member of the family! Join us on **December 15th, anytime between 6:30pm and 8:30pm**, drop off your child at the cafeteria and head off to view Reflections art entries while they shop! Keep your eyes open for the flyer along with a money envelope for your child. Sign up to volunteer to help during shopping hours at <http://signup.com/go/sxP3Mz>.

Ways and Means

You may also continue ordering from Yankee Candle online through January 2017.

ART NEWS

Congratulations Hafsa Durrani and Joanna Kim as their artwork is on display at the Walters Art Gallery! Can you imagine your art hanging with famous master artworks! The title of the exhibit is "Honoring The Process" and showcases the teacher's art problem and the student's response. We are so proud of these two artists. The show runs November 15-27th. Check out more art news at <http://dlesart.weebly.com>.

RECOGNIZING STRENGTHS AT DLES

At DLES we are always striving to recognize the **STRENGTHS** of all our students. Each quarter, grade level teams will be having an awards ceremony! Our first ceremonies took place during the week of November 14th. Two awards will be given in each homeroom class; one to a student who promotes hope by displaying their strengths and one to a student who shows outstanding respectful, responsible, and ready behavior. One award per grade will be given for each of the Related Arts classes, and World Language. We look forward to continuing to celebrate what is **STRONG** here at DLES!

HEALTH ROOM

Thank you to all the wonderful volunteers who helped make the flu shot clinic such a success. They helped over 200 students safely navigate to and from the clinic and helped calm, sooth, and entertain the kids while they waited. Each one of the volunteers earned their **SUPER HERO** badges! Thank you for your service!

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.

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.