

OWL OBSERVER NEWS- December 4th, 2020

Important Dates to Remember

- December 4th- Crazy Hair Day!
- December 7th- Inclusion Week, wear blue to “Light it up blue” for Autism Awareness
- December 8th- We are unique! Dress to show what makes you unique
- December 8th- **¡Si, Se Puede-Una Noche Para Padres!, 6:00pm-7:30pm**
- December 9th - PreK/RECC Materials Pickup 11:00 - 1:00
- December 10th - Be a hero for inclusion! Dress up like someone you admire or a superhero
- December 11th - Unity Day! Wear DLES colors or school spiritwear
- December 15th - Tacky sweater Tuesday, wear a tacky sweater to class
- December 17th - Holiday Headwear Day or wear your favorite holiday color to class
- December 18th - Jingle Bell Dance Party during morning SEL
- December 21st - Winter wishes for my teacher
- December 22rd - Pajama Day!
- December 24th-31st - Winter Break- schools closed

A Message from Administration:

Dear Families,

Many families find their calendars quite full in December. This can mean changes in homework and bedtime routines for some students. In addition, students often begin to get excited in anticipation of the winter break. Thanks for those “little things” you can do to help your child maintain their focus this month. Your reminders and your actions give the message that school and learning are a priority at all times of the year. Again – many thanks for your help.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Mrs. Balter and Mrs. Madden

Inclusion Week



- **Monday, December 7th**

Let's "LIGHT IT UP BLUE" for Autism Awareness.

- **Tuesday, December 8th**

We are UNIQUE! Dress to show what makes you unique.

- **Thursday, December 10th**

Be a HERO for inclusion. Dress up as someone you look up to or a superhero you admire.

- **Friday, December 11th**

Unity Day! We are all INCLUDED in the DLES community!

Let's wear our DLES colors/spirit wear to show how we are one!



¡Si, se puede! - Noche para padres

¿Quisiera ayudar a su niño/a a tener una rutina y organizarse para la escuela? ¡Acompáñenos para saber como preparar a su niño/a para el éxito académico!

¿Tienes preguntas sobre el aprendizaje en casa?

Acompáñenos el día martes, 8 de diciembre a las 6:00 de la tarde.

Use este código en Google Meet: DLESSpanish

PreK/Recc

The PreK & RECC Team will be having a materials pick up on Wednesday, 12/09 from 11 - 1 pm. Please come to the bus loop to pick up additional supplies.

Counselor Corner

We want to provide families with another resource. The [HCPSS Elementary School Counseling Connection Newsletter](#) 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. Please feel free to reach out to your School Counselor for any support or questions you and your family may, Danielle_w_Tobin@hcpss.org.

Healthy Tips from the Health Room

Did you know that ONE 12 oz can of soda can provide up to 13 teaspoons of sugar? Limiting the consumption of sugary drinks can really make a difference and can help us stay *healthy*!

Upcoming COVID-19 Community Testing:

Howard County Fairgrounds
2210 Fairgrounds Road, West Friendship 21794
Saturday, Dec. 5, 2020 | Noon – 4 p.m.
[click here](#) for more details

The health room has added more info and resources for the DLES community, check it out on the website or click [DLES health](#)

Contact diann_rocha@hcpss.org or alicia_fleischer@hcpss.org for health room assistance.

2019-2020 Yearbooks

Ducketts Lane Elementary still has 2019-2020 Yearbooks available. If you attended Ducketts Lane Elementary last school year and would like to purchase a Yearbook, the cost is \$10.00. Please make the check made payable to Ducketts Lane Elementary School. To purchase a Yearbook please bring your check to the front vestibule at DLES, call the school at 410-313-5050 to let them know you are there, and a staff member will bring you a yearbook. Please come to DLES between 9:00 am - 3:00 pm. We have a limited number of Yearbooks for sale.

PTA News

New PTA Website **EXCITING NEWS!!!** The PTA has a new website! Check us out at <http://dlespta.org>. There, you can see what we're up to for 2020-2021, sign up for our **BRAND NEW** newsletter, and stay connected!

Join the PTA Sign up for PTA today! Please consider joining the DLES PTA, when you become a member you are supporting students and teachers at DLES as well as the nation. Each voice makes the PTA louder when advocating for what they need. Please go to **Ducketts Lane PTA** on facebook or use the following link (you will need to type the link into the search bar, we are having technical issues with clicking the link <https://forms.gle/zCbcPMoHTrYVNnsb8>

Winter Gift Card Drive The PTA is holding a winter gift card drive to show the teachers how much we appreciate their hard work during this unusual school year! How can you help? We are asking for \$10 gift card donations that will be raffled off to the teachers. Simply drop off the gift cards at DLES between 11:00 am-12:15 pm on Friday, December 4th and Friday, December 11th and the PTA will take care of the rest! You can sign up here: <http://bit.ly/DLESGiftCardDrive> More details coming soon!

Community News

OKDKarate **During the Day!!** The solution for virtual schooling assistance for your kids! Now Enrolling for 2021! The Okinawan Karate Dojo, is a fully-licensed ChildCare Center by the Maryland State Department of Education. Voted as the #1 Martial Arts School and (one of) The Best ChildCare Facilities in Howard County, they are excited to provide your kids (kindergarten thru 8th grade) a healthy, safe, and enriching environment where they can receive virtual schooling assistance, spend time with peers, stay physically active, AND have fun! Most important, the dojo's COVID-cautious practices and reviews from

current parents who use this service are - EXCELLENT!! Program hours are 8 am to 4 pm, Monday through Friday. After Care is available from 4 to 6 pm. Partial week and partial day options are available...see the attached flier or contact them for details. In order to keep group sizes small, enrollment is limited. Secure your child's spot NOW! Email: info@okinawankaratedojo.com Call: 443 574 8999 Website: OKDKarate.com



Your Solution for
Virtual Schooling Assistance
& Enriching Daily
Activities!

Dojo During the Day

SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR DETAILS

- K - 8th grade
- School/Study Time
- Karate
- Health Lessons
- Arts & Crafts
- Outside Play

- ★ School Age Day Program
- ★ COVID-19 Health & Safety Measures
- ★ Virtual Schooling Assistance & MORE!!

Our clean and airy facility with TWO spacious levels, and our qualified caring staff will ensure that your child has the time, space, and assistance to complete their school work each day.

Free time will be filled with karate lessons, outside play, and games and challenges. We provide a structured environment, interaction among peers, lots of physical activity, and FUN!! Join us at the Dojo During the Day!

Sensei Stanley Crump: 6th degree blackbelt, direct student of Grand Master Kiyohide Shinjo.

Experienced staff & instructors, certified in Child Care, CPR, & First Aid



OKD is a Fully-licensed Childcare Provider



Find out more or register online TODAY!

Please visit: OKDKarate.com, contact via email at OkinawanKarateDojo@gmail.com, or give us a call at 443-574-8999. We look forward to meeting you!

OKDKarate.com
4900 Waterloo Rd,
Ellicott City, MD 21043

Sample Schedule in Accordance with HCPSS

Elementary School		Middle School	
8:00 - 8:15	Drop Off	8:00 - 8:15	Drop Off
8:15 - 8:45	Snack/Breakfast	8:15 - 8:45	Snack/Breakfast
8:45 - 9:00	Virtual School Set Up/Login	8:45 - 9:00	Virtual School Set Up/Login
9:00 - 10:15	Virtual School	9:00 - 11:30	Virtual School
10:15 - 10:45	Outside Play	11:30 - 12:15	Lunch/Asynchronous Schoolwork
10:45 - 11:45	Karate	12:15 - 1:00	Karate
11:45 - 12:30	Lunch/Asynchronous Schoolwork	1:00 - 1:10	Virtual School Login
12:30 - 12:45	Virtual School Login	1:10 - 2:55	Virtual School
12:45 - 2:40	Virtual School	2:55 - 3:05	Snack
2:40 - 2:50	Snack	3:05 - 3:20	Outside Play
2:50 - 3:20	Outside Play	3:20 - 3:50	More Than Karate Games
3:20 - 3:50	More Than Karate Games	3:50 - 4:00	Pick Up
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OKD Fitness Ninja Programs

- After School Program with Transportation
- Summer Camp
- Spring Break Camp
- School's Out Camps
- **NEW!** Dojo During the Day



KARATE INSTRUCTION INCLUDED!

Experienced Black Belt Instructors - Traditional Karate Curriculum

DETAILS & PRICE:

- Hours: 8 am to 4 pm, Mon - Fri
- After care available, 4 - 6 pm
- Non-Members: \$199 registration, \$289/week, sibling \$199/week
- OKD Members: *Special Offer Only available until Aug 24th!* \$99 registration, \$259/week, sibling \$99/week
- After Care: \$25/day, \$100/week

Save 5% when you pay monthly!
Save 10% when you pay for the full semester! (Sept 8 to Jan 28)*

*Conditions apply. Ask for details.

Contact us for partial week or partial day options!

DAILY HEALTH PRECAUTIONS:

- Frequent cleaning and sanitization
- Daily health screenings and temperature checks
- Everyone wears a mask; Physical distancing
- Doors open, when and where possible
- High-volume air purifiers clean the air 24/7
- Plenty of outdoor time!



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Find out more and hold your space NOW at OKDkarate.com. Our programs do SELL OUT!!!

Kids on Campus Kids on Campus is open for registration and offering scholarships, but you'll want to move fast, as spaces do fill quickly! Please see attached flyer.



Experience Howard Community College Kids on Campus!

HCC is for kids, too!

HCC's well-known Kids on Campus program provides enrichment education for youth ages 8 to 17. Topics range from Art from Around the World, Roblox, Nature Explorers, World Languages, and SAT Prep. HCC Kids on Campus has something for every interest!

Spring Registration is now open!

In all the seasons except summer, Kids on Campus classes are held weekday evenings or weekends and are listed in the quarterly Noncredit Schedule of Classes (For summer, a separate Kids On Campus Schedule of Classes is published and summer listings can be viewed online after they are published in early February of each year.) Upcoming available courses can be found [here](#).

Financial Aid

A limited number of scholarships are available for families who need financial aid. If you believe you may be eligible for financial aid, please complete [this application](#) and submit it via email to NoncreditFinAid@howardcc.edu as soon as possible.

Virtual Learning

The health, safety, and well-being of all Kids on Campus (KOC) students, staff, and faculty continue to be our highest priorities. Due to the evolving situation with the coronavirus pandemic (COVID-19), our Kids on Campus courses are currently offered remotely.

Registration Details

Tuition must be paid in full at time of registration. Each course tuition includes a built-in \$40 registration fee. All Kids on Campus registrations must be accompanied by a signed consent form, which is included in online registration and the print version of the registration form.

For all registration options, please register using the student's name and student ID number, not the parent or guardian's. To register your student for a class, follow the "Register Now" button under the course you have chosen.

Information Session

For more information about the Kids on Campus program and financial aid, please attend the Information Session listed below.

Date: Wednesday, December 9th
Time: 6:30pm - 7:30pm
Zoom Link: <https://hccss.zoom.us/j/98975834650>



We are here to help!

- Principal, Mrs. Balter Heidi_Balter@hcpss.org
- Assistant Principal, Mrs. Madden Courtney_Madden@hcpss.org
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