


Important Dates to Remember

- 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 need your help with following the cell phone use policy during the school day. Students that bring their cell phone to school need to keep them in their backpack and remain off. If you need to contact your child, please call the front office.

Please join us for our Virtual School Success Series! You need to register in advance for this event.


School Success Series **Tuesday, October 19th 6:15-7:30pm**  Sponsored by Title I

Families of children grades 2nd-5th, please join us virtually for the first of our School Success Series

Topic: Canvas & Appropriate use of Technology at home
Join us on Google Meet to learn about the new Canvas layout & how to use technology to support instruction at home

We will contact you with the Google Meet code!

Earn a math HW pass!



Get a pair of headphones!

Questions? Contact Jennifer Roussillon at Jennifer_Roussillon@hcpss.org or (410) 313-5050

Oct. 19th Canvas & Technology-at-home RSVP Slip
Return by Thursday, Oct. 14th.

Name of adults attending virtually: _____

My child is in (please circle): 2nd 3rd 4th 5th

Please return this slip to your child's Homeroom teacher by Oct. 14th

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>

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 and 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](#).

If you are interested and available to be a Gifted and Talented Advisor Council (GTAC) Parent Representative for our school community for this academic year, please register at <https://forms.gle/9Pxkm9bvchTEwKrA8>

Parent Representative Job Description: Parent Representatives are the bridge between the GTAC and their school communities.

Primary Responsibilities:

- Sharing GTAC news with your school. For example, we will send you GTAC “Highlights” for you to share at platforms, such as PTA meetings. If a GTAC update is not currently part of your PTA meeting agenda, please contact your PTA President and request to continuously share GTAC highlights at upcoming PTA meetings;
- Promoting GTAC-sponsored events at your school, like our Parent Academies and the Educator Recognition Event. GTAC will continuously share news/events and flyers to post in your PTA e-mailings and/or school display; and
- Supporting your GT Resource Teacher(s). Occasionally checking in with them to see if/how you can provide any help or assistance with routine activities and/or with special events.

Additional Responsibilities (optional):

- Attend the Steering Committee Meetings in effort to obtain news firsthand and/or actively participate by volunteering to serve on the Steering Committee, and/or advocate for the GT Program with the Board of Education.

Our next virtual GTAC Steering Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, January 20th, 7-8:00 p.m. Once you are registered as a Parent Representative, you will be placed on our email list and provided with additional information closer to the meeting. If you are unable to attend, a highlights summary will be sent following the meeting.

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.**

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