

# OWL OBSERVER NEWS- November 20th, 2020

## Important Dates to Remember

- November 23rd- Parent Conferences, schools close 3 hrs early
- November 24th- Parent Conferences, schools close 3 hrs early
- November 25th- Parent Conferences- schools closed for students
- November 26th and 27th- Schools Closed
- December 2nd- Ledo Pizza fundraiser, 4:00pm-8:00pm
- December 4th- Crazy Hair Day!

## A 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 login to meet with their teacher 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 and supporting students during virtual learning. We are thankful for the teachers, assistants, secretaries, nurses, food service workers and therapists who really care about student achievement and have the best interests of our students at heart.

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

Have a wonderful weekend.

Mrs. Balter and Mrs. Madden

## Conference Week Tips:

### How to Schedule a Virtual Parent Conference

- Conference scheduling will open on **Nov. 13th.** and closes **Nov. 19th.**
- Parents of students in **RECC, kindergarten- 5th grade** will schedule with your child's **ELA (Language Arts)** teacher.
- [Click here for directions](#) to schedule your conference.

### Dates and Times for Virtual Parent Conferences

- Monday, Nov. 23rd 8:15-8:45 am, 12:30-7:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, Nov. 24th 8:15-8:45 am, 12:30-7:00 p.m.
- Please note that not all teachers may be available for all dates and times.

### Logging onto Google Meet for your Conference

- You will use your child's HCPSS credentials to join the conference.
- To prevent “overlap” of conferences, teachers will be using Google Meet room joining security features. You may have to wait to be admitted into the Google Meet room.

- **Google Meet Codes:** You will see the meeting code for your conference in Synergy when you sign up for a conference. You will receive a reminder email with the room code from the Synergy system a few days before your conference.

**Related Arts Office Hours:** During the week of November 23rd, Related Arts teachers will not hold parent-teacher conferences however, they will have open office hours to answer questions about Google Meet, Canvas, and assignments. Please feel free to jump in a session. We are here to answer your questions. (You will need to use your child’s HCPSS credentials to join the conference.)

Open Office Hours	Art	Music	PE	Tech	Media
Monday, November 23rd	Mrs. Mellendick 1:00-2:00 5:00-6:00 <b>Code: DLESArt</b>	Mrs. McCoy 1:00-2:00 5:00-6:00 <b>Code: DLESMusic</b>	Mr. Abramson 1:00-2:00 5:00-6:00 <b>Code: DLESPE</b>	Mrs. Melvin 1:00-2:00 5:00-6:00 <b>Code: DLESTech</b>	Mrs. McAfee 2:00-3:00 6:00-7:00 <b>Code: DLESMedia</b>
	Ms. Morningstar 2:00-3:00 6:00-7:00 <b>Code: DLESArt</b>	Ms. Mellott 2:00-3:00 <b>Code: DLESMusic</b>	Ms. Borth 2:00-3:00 6:00-7:00 <b>Code: DLESPE</b>		
		Mrs. McKay 2:00-3:00 6:00-7:00 <b>Code: DLESInstrumental</b>			
Tuesday, November 24th	Mrs. Mellendick 1:00-2:00 5:00-6:00 <b>Code: DLESArt</b>	Mrs. McCoy 1:00-2:00 5:00-6:00 <b>Code: DLESMusic</b>	Mr. Abramson 2:00-3:00 6:00-7:00 <b>Code: DLESPE</b>	Mrs. Melvin 2:00-3:00 6:00-7:00 <b>Code: DLESTech</b>	Mrs. McAfee 1:00-2:00 5:00-6:00 <b>Code: DLESMedia</b>
		Ms. Mellott 2:00-3:00 <b>Code: DLESInstrumental</b>	Ms. Borth 1:00-2:00 5:00-6:00 <b>Code: DLESPE</b>		
		Mrs. McKay 3:00-4:00 5:00-6:00 <b>Code: DLESInstrumental</b>			

## 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](mailto:Danielle_w_Tobin@hcpss.org).

## Healthy Tips from the Health Room:

Sleep is essential to staying healthy and necessary for your student to always be ready to learn. Did you know that school aged children need 9-11 hours of sleep each night? Remember to turn off screens 30-60 minutes before bedtime to ensure a good night sleep.

Upcoming COVID-19 Community Testing Saturday, November 21st at Howard Community College [click here](#).

## 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.

## DLES Fundraiser Restaurant Night- December 2nd!



# RAISING FUNDS TASTES GREAT!

Join us at Ledo Pizza for a  
**FUNDRAISER** to support  
**Ducketts Lane Elementary School**

**Ledo Pizza:** LEDO PIZZA ELKRIDGE  
7190 TROY HILL DRIVE  
ELKRIDGE MD 21075

**When:** WEDNESDAY DECEMBER  
2ND 3:30-7:30 PM

**Online Code: 306-159-855**

(Please enter the code into the Promotion Code area at Checkout  
for the organization to receive Credit)

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Bring in this flyer, show it on your phone,  
enter the code for online orders, or just mention  
you are here to support this fundrasier and **20%**  
the proceeds will be donated to the organization.

*Ledo* PIZZA. **ORDER.LEDOPIZZA.COM**

## Food Distribution

It's the holiday season and here's a good reason.....to smile! Another food and supply give away is taking place this Saturday, November 21, 2020 starting at 11:00 a.m. in Long Reach Village Center. It's a pull up and pick up while supplies last, so you'll want to get there early!

## PTA News

**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 Fundraiser** The PTA is holding a winter gift card drive fundraiser 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 (drop off info coming soon) and the PTA will take care of the rest! You can sign up here: <http://bit.ly/DLESGiftCardDrive> More details coming soon!

## We are here to help!

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