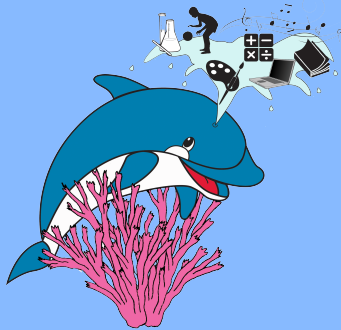


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# Weekly Wave

*The Dayton Oaks School community will provide a safe, nurturing environment that fosters individual potential through academic excellence, appreciation of diversity, and commitment to college and career readiness and life-long learning.*



## IMPORTANT DATES

**Thursday, January 26**

End of the Marking Period

**Friday, January 27**

Schools Closed  
Professional Work Day

**Friday, February 3**

Report Cards Issued  
In-School Snow Day – Wear your favorite hat and scarf!

**Monday, February 13**

Vision and Hearing Screening

**Monday, February 20**

Schools Closed  
President's Day

**Tuesday, February 21**

Schools Closed  
Professional Learning Day

## Corals of Creativity

The Council of Elders of the Black Community in partnership with the Howard County Public Schools Black Student Achievement Program will be honoring 3,920 total students at their 19th annual Celebration of Achievement to acknowledge students of African and African American heritage who have excelled academically. Dayton Oaks was proud to recognize the following students on Wednesday evening at Glenelg High School for stellar achievement on last year's PARCC testing.

Paul Abili  
Oludara Asante  
Aniya Cotton  
Khalid Mumuney  
David Odubanjo  
Jasmine Owens  
Konnor Stewart

Chelan Armony  
Brielle Brade  
Karlie Harris  
Sapphira Myers  
Sarah Ogunmefun  
Taylor Shane  
Sean Studdard

Congratulations to these fourteen students for showing great character and dedicating themselves to learning. For more information about the Council of Elders and the Celebration of Excellence, please refer to the following link:

<http://www.baltimoresun.com/news/maryland/howard/columbia/ph-ho-cf-council-elders-0128-20160128-story.html>

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## Book Fair Success!

The book fair was a huge success, thanks to your support! We earned about \$3,500 profit to be used for author/illustrator Henry Cole's recent visit and new books for the Media Center. This would not have been possible without you. We thank you from the bottom of our hearts and so do the students at DOES.

A big dolphin thank you to all our book fair volunteers and DOES staff that assisted with the smooth setup and running of our fair. We couldn't have done it without you!

## Vision and Hearing Screening

Vision and hearing screening has been scheduled for February 13, 2017. Screening will be for kindergarten, first grade and students new to the state. If your child wears glasses, please make sure they bring their glasses to school on screening day. Re-screening will be held on February 28, 2017.

The health assistant is in need of volunteers for the vision and hearing screening, which will begin at 9:00 a.m. If you are available to assist, please contact Kim Watts, Health Assistant, at [kim\\_watts@hcpss.org](mailto:kim_watts@hcpss.org) or 410-313-1575.

## Young Authors' Contest

Congratulations to all of the students who participated in the 2016 – 2017 Young Authors' Contest. We are so proud of you. The following DOES students were winners in the contest:

Grade	Category	Student	Title
2	Poem	Zachary Pan	The Ocean is Dangerous
2	Short Story	Harley Rosen	Day in the Life of a Housecat
3	Poem	Tyler Sowry	White
3	Short Story	Samara Winrose	The Miracle Diary
4	Poem	Jonathan Mackrell	The Universe
4	Short Story	Max Deluliis	Batter (Never Give) Up!
5	Poem	Sarah Mudd	Fall
5	Short Story	Isabel Sowry	A Home for Dusty

## Spelling Bee

Congratulations to the 4th and 5th grade students who completed in the 11th annual Dayton Oaks Spelling Bee. A special congratulations to the winner, Bodhi Amarasekera, and the runner up, Sarah Ogunmefun. Bodhi and Sarah will go on to represent Dayton Oaks at the countywide Spelling Bee on March 17, 2017, at Reservoir High School. Great job to all of the spellers and keep reading!

## How Girls Code

The next session of How Girls Code will be opening soon! This program is open to girls in Grades 3-5. The spring session will be on Thursdays and will start at the end of February and continue into April. We will be offering the Tynker course this time around. We welcome both new and returning students. Look for more information to come home in Thursday Folders in the next couple of weeks. We are excited for another great session!

## Middle School Parent Information Night

As part of the ES to MS transition, all middle schools will be holding Information Nights for parents of incoming 6th grade students. These meetings will include general information about the school as well as the 6th grade program of study. A portion of the presentation will be dedicated to the G/T program and 6th grade world language instruction at middle schools that have world language in 6th grade. Folly Quarter's Parent Information Night is January 24, 2017, at 6:30 p.m. Lime Kiln's Gifted and Talented Program Parent Orientation is January 25, 2017, at 6:30 p.m. and the rising 6<sup>th</sup> grade Parent Orientation is at 7:00 p.m.

Your child's Thursday folder was sent home today. Please review for important academic information and general school notes and return on/before Monday. Thank you.

Please visit the **Community News and Programs page** (<http://www.hcpss.org/community-news-and-programs/>) on the HCPSS website for announcements of upcoming events and programs sponsored by non-profit organizations.

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**School Hours: 9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.**  
**Office Hours: 8:15 a.m. – 4:15 p.m.**

*Every student is engaged and inspired in a rigorous and empowering environment, in order to develop a love of learning, discover strengths, and excel in all endeavors.*