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# The 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.*

*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.*



## IMPORTANT DATES

**Thursday, October 12**  
Interim Progress Reports Issued

**Wednesday, October 18**  
DolFun Run

**Friday, October 20**  
Schools Closed – Professional  
Work Day

## On Deck with the Administrators

Dear Dayton Oaks families,

Well, Mother Nature is keeping us all on our toes. The mornings have a chill in the air, while days are getting up into the 70s. I'm sure it won't be long before we have to pull our winter coats out. With the changing weather comes the reminder that Fall is here, and learning is well under way. We value your support of our school. One way you can get involved is through volunteering. Whether you are helping directly in a classroom, preparing materials for teachers at school, or cutting out leaves for a project at home, we can always use your help. As a reminder, in order to volunteer, parents must complete the volunteer training found on the Dayton Oaks' website. Please let your child's teacher know you wish to help out. We would love to see you around the building.



We are sure you have heard about our upcoming DolFun Run. This is a great way for families to support the many initiatives at Dayton Oaks, including cultural arts programs, our artist-in-residence program, staff appreciation, and family-fun events. The DolFun Run is scheduled for Wednesday, October 18<sup>th</sup>. We kicked off this event on Monday with a visit from Dani the Dolphin. This fitness-driven fundraising event is a great way to focus our students on School Spirit, Teamwork, Attitude, Respect and Support. Parents can register their child by visiting: [www.thegetmovingcrew.com](http://www.thegetmovingcrew.com). More information will be forthcoming about this wonderful school event.

Thank you to all the families who updated their family file information. We have almost everyone's current and updated emergency information, which is critical for field trip participation and in the event of an emergency. Dayton Oaks' families rock!

Lastly, this year Dayton Oaks is starting a new initiative, called *Candy for the Courageous*. During the 3 days immediately after Halloween, families will have the opportunity to send in Halloween candy, which will be sent via the USO to military service men and women overseas. This is just a small way we can let them know we are thinking of them, and that we appreciate all they do. Stay tuned for more information!

Have a wonderful weekend!

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## Howard County G/T Program Parent Academy

HCPSS families interested in the Gifted and Talented (G/T) Program are invited to come learn about the advanced-level offerings available through the G/T education program and how their students can become involved. The Parent Academy will be held on Wednesday, October 11, 2017, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. at Howard High School, 8700 Old Annapolis Road, Ellicott City.

The evening will begin with an overview of G/T Education Program offerings at the elementary, middle, and high school levels. These overviews will be presented by both G/T staff and Howard County students.

Following the general session, parents and community members will have an opportunity to meet by school level for a question and answer session. For more information, please email [hcpssgtac@gmail.com](mailto:hcpssgtac@gmail.com) or [alyson\\_tommins@hcpss.org](mailto:alyson_tommins@hcpss.org) or call 410-313-6800.

## Music Notes

Congratulations to the following students who successfully auditioned and were accepted to be members of the Howard County Children's Chorus: **Elise Grigsby, Jonathan Mackrell, Ryan McLemore and Gracie Weible.** We're very proud of you and look forward to seeing you perform with 4th and 5th graders from other elementary schools in Howard County.

## Counselor's Corner

Every October, schools and organizations across the country celebrate National Bullying Prevention Month. Our goal will be to encourage our school community to work together to be inclusive to children of all ages. We have Chosen the theme **Bullying Hurts! Choose Kindness!**

Please talk to your child about the importance of being kind to everyone, as well as letting an adult know if they need help.

Beginning next week, we will show each other we care by completing Random Acts of Kindness. Students and staff will pay it forward by showing out-of-the-ordinary ways to be kind to one another.

Wednesday, October 25 is Unity Day! Everyone is encouraged to wear orange, showing that we stand together against bullying and are united for kindness, acceptance and inclusion.

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

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

For more school information, please visit our website at: <http://does.hcpss.org> and our PTA's website at <http://www.daytonoakspta.org/>

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