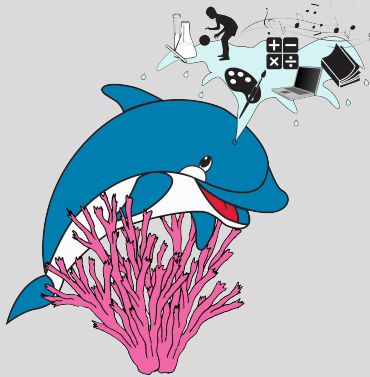


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Weekly Wave

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

Friday, December 16

Fancy/Formal Day

Wear your favorite celebration attire

Tuesday, December 20

Orchestra Concert

9:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, December 21

Interim Progress Reports Issued

December 26 – December 30

Schools Closed – Winter Break

Corals of Creativity

Thank you to the Boy Scout's of Pack 761, their families, Mrs. Wijetunge, and the Master Watershed Stewards for their efforts to make Dayton Oaks a Green School! Over the weekend, the troop painted storm drains around the school grounds. This will serve as a reminder that all litter and water run-off will drain into the Patuxent River. Mrs. Wijetunge was instrumental in the planning and execution of the storm drain project, which included writing permits and getting approval from the county. Be on the lookout for their work and remember, "Only rain down the drain!" If you see litter in the parking lot, please help our school and environment by picking it up!



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Barnes and Noble Night Fundraiser

Thank you to all who supported our Barnes and Noble fundraiser in November through purchasing books or volunteering. We raised \$423.03 this year for our language arts committee. On these chilly days ahead, sit back and enjoy a good book!

News from the Health Room

Please be reminded of the health room policy regarding throat lozenges. Cough drops/lozenges must be non-medicated pectin-based (ie Halls Breezers) with written permission from a parent as to the amount and frequency the lozenges can be administered. A written order from the student's physician will be required in order for the health room to administer any menthol-based lozenges.

We would also like to extend our thanks to all of the parents who volunteered with last week's Flu Shot Clinic. Your assistance was greatly appreciated.



Cold Weather Has Hit Dayton Oaks

Now that cold weather is upon us, we want to encourage parents to remind their children to bring a coat, hat, and gloves to school each day. Each elementary school provides daily recess, preferably outdoors, to promote children with physical activity throughout the day. The decision to go out, or stay in for recess, is made at school on a daily basis, according to the weather on each individual recess shift. An 11:00 recess block may not be held outside because of the temperature, however, our 1:30 shift may go outside because things have warmed or cleared up outside.

When deciding on indoor or outdoor recess, the following are considered: temperature, wind chill, age of students, length of time outdoors, condition of the playground, falling precipitation (more than a sprinkle or mist).

Generally, it is assumed that students will be outside for recess when the temperature combined with the wind chill is not less than 25 degrees Fahrenheit.

If conditions should preclude a full recess time, even a five-minute break can revitalize children and prepare them for more sitting and academic learning. Children are expected to wear warm clothing to protect them during cold weather when participating in recess or outside activities.

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.