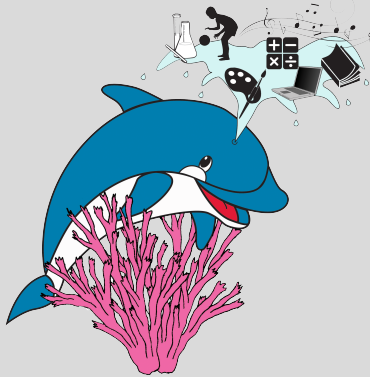


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Weekly Wave

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.

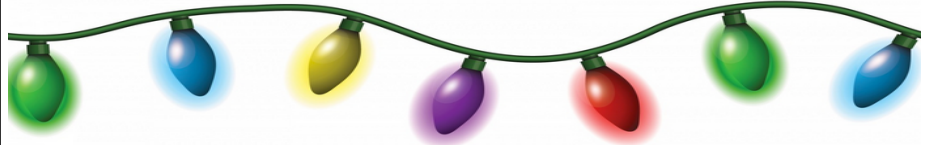
Wednesday, December 21

Interim Progress Reports Issued

December 26 – December 30

Schools Closed – Winter Break

Corals of Creativity



Tis the Season for many updates ~

As December comes to an end...and a school full of young children anxiously await the arrival of their winter break, we would like to inform you of some special activities that are happening next week.

Tomorrow, Friday, December 16th, we will have FORMAL and/or FANCY day. We'd love to see the children dressed in bow ties, dress pants, neckties, princess dresses, long gowns, holiday outfits, etc. Whatever it takes for your child to feel formal/fancy...we'd love for them to dress up with our staff tomorrow!

Next week, we'd like to invite all children to participate in the following spirit days:

Monday: Holiday/winter themed shirts

Tuesday: Winter hats, holiday hats or holiday headbands

Wednesday: Crazy socks or holiday socks

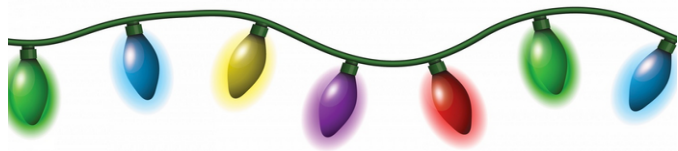
Thursday: Ugly sweaters

Friday: PJ Day...This is an annual tradition.....

On Friday, we will also have our school-wide sing-a-long. This is an activity for Dayton Oaks students only. This event is not open to parents because of our fire-code restrictions. If your child will be leaving early on Friday, December 23rd, please sign your child out before 2:15 if possible. This will help with an easier dismissal process.

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Middle School Parent Information Night

As part of the ES to MS transition, all middle schools will be holding Parent Information Nights for 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 Parent Information Night is January 25, 2017, at 6:30 p.m.

Student Headphones

Students have been utilizing technology more in daily instruction, which sometimes requires use of headphones. We'd like for you to consider purchasing a set of headphones for your child's individual use, which we will package and after each use, your child will keep the headphones at school to use during Language Arts, testing, or any other time they need the headphones. Students will not be allowed to bring headphones from home.

To ensure that the headphones are compatible with all our devices, students will be required to use the headphones that are purchased through the school. If you chose not to purchase a set of headphones through the school, we will continue to provide headphones to your child but they will be shared among other students who have not purchased their own set.

Again, we are trying to be proactive against the spread of lice as well as other easily spread viruses. You may send in a cash, or a check made payable to DOES with a note stating your child's name and teacher. You may also pay online at <http://osp.osmsinc.com/howardmd/default.aspx>. The cost of the headphones is \$5.02.

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.

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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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.

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!

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.