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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.

Winter Break



IMPORTANT DATES

December 26 – December 30
Schools Closed – Winter Break

Monday, January 2
Schools Reopen

Thursday, January 12
Winter Concert
9:30 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

Monday, January 16
Schools Closed
Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Thursday, January 26
End of the Marking Period

Friday, January 27
Schools Closed
Professional Work Day

Corals of Creativity

Dear Dayton Oaks Parents,

Each school within the Howard County Public School System has an Indoor Environmental Quality (IEQ) Team. The purpose of this team is to conduct formal walkthroughs of the building to determine if there are any areas of need or concern. This team works with the systemic Environmental Management Team to conduct the review using a standard checklist that is provided to schools.

We had our first semester Indoor Environment Quality walkthrough on Tuesday, December 20, 2016. The team consisted of school-based staff, a parent representative, and staff from building services and custodial services departments. This team walked through the entire building and checked on various items like cleanliness, condensation, flooring, storage, temperature, electrical equipment, water leakage/damage, and lighting, to name a few. A complete list of items covered can be found on our website, under the 'About' tab.

During the walkthrough, three rooms within the building were identified as having potential "suspicious concern" due to observable discoloration on ceiling tiles. Listed below is a summary of findings:

- Classroom - Discoloration/suspicious concern on ceiling tile
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The Dayton Oaks custodial team was notified and responded to these concerns. Together with the HCPSS IEQ Coordinator, the custodial team conducted a more thorough analysis of the discoloration/suspicious concern and replaced the tiles immediately. In addition, HCPSS Building Services was notified of the concern. As part of our continued desire to have an environmentally friendly and safe school, each staff member will complete a classroom/area checklist quarterly. Any concerns identified will be posted on our website.

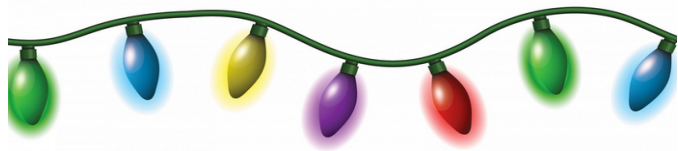
Throughout the year, we will continue to monitor our school and update our website with environmental information. If you have any questions about these findings, please contact me. Please feel welcome to visit our DOES website at <http://does.hcpss.org/> for periodic updates.

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Henry Cole, Author, Visits DOES

DOES will host author and illustrator Henry Cole for our students on Friday, January 13, 2017. Henry Cole, born in 1955 near Purcellville, Virginia, most often uses a cartoon-like style with vivid colors and primarily works in acrylics and colored pencils. Cole has collaborated with many authors as well as celebrities such as Julie Andrews and Harvey Fierstein. The Sissy Duckling (2002), written by Fierstein, was a Lambda Literary Award Finalist in 2002^[3] Some of Cole's most famous works are Moosestache (1999) written by Margie Palatini, Moosletoe (2000) written by Margie Palatini, Big Chickens (2008) written by Leslie Helakoski, and Honk! The Story of a Prima Swanerina (2000) written by Pamela Duncan Edwards, which has recently been made into an animated video by Disney.

While DOES is not selling his books in advance, students may bring in a book that they have purchased on their own and he will sign it. Amazon features many of Henry Cole's books if parents wish to order one.

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.

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.