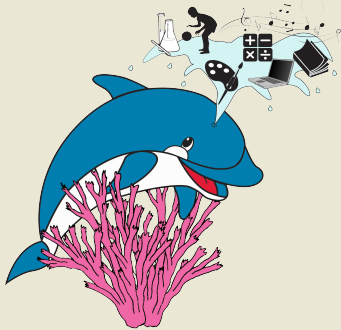


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# Weekly Wave

*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

**March 9**

Interim Progress Reports  
Issued

**March 9 and 10**

Parent Teacher Conferences  
Schools Close 3 Hours Early

**Thursday, March 16**

Culture Night & Reading Night  
6 – 8 PM

**Friday, March 17**

St. Patrick's Day  
Wear Green

**Friday, March 24**

JA in a Day

## Corals of Creativity

We are anxiously anticipating our winter parent-teacher conferences that will be held this week. We are expanding our student-led conferences to include all students in grades 2-5. Kindergarten and first grade will still have parent-teacher conferences, but without students present. During student-led conferences, students facilitate the conference between themselves, their teachers, and their parents. Students are looking forward to joining their parents along with their math teachers in order to share their academic progress.

During your child's conference, they will share his or her educational goals and various work samples. Together, your child, their teacher, and you, the parent, will determine what each can do to help the student move closer to achieving the identified educational goals. Student-led conferencing engages parents and allows students to be involved in the decision-making for their very own educational journey.

As a reminder, parent-teacher conferences will be held this week, on March 9 and 10, 2017. If you have not scheduled an appointment, the window for scheduling has closed. If you would like to schedule a conference, you will need to contact your child's teacher after March 20<sup>th</sup>. They will not be able to schedule any appointments until that date.

Please remember to bring your child with you to your scheduled conference if they are in Grades 2-5. Our teachers are looking forward to seeing you and discussing your child's progress.

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## Culture Night & Reading Night

Join us on Thursday, March 16, from 6 – 8 p.m. for an evening of cultural performances, arts, crafts, games, and more from all over the world! Learn about the cultures of China, Dominican Republic, Hungary, India, Kenya, Nigeria, Switzerland, and more!

See exciting performances such as Chinese folk dance, Indian folk dance, African dance, Chinese martial arts, Tae Kwon Do, Hip Hop dancing and Irish dance. Come visit the Story Corner, where your favorite teachers will read 6 books featuring different cultures!

If you have any questions, please contact our Reading Specialist, Kim Bodin at [kim\\_bodin@hcpss.org](mailto:kim_bodin@hcpss.org). If you would like to add your culture to Culture Night and Reading Night, please contact Hailing Zhang at [hizhc@hotmail.com](mailto:hizhc@hotmail.com).

## Music In Our Schools Month

March is Music In Our Schools Month (MIOSM), an annual celebration that engages music educators, students, and communities from around the country in promoting the benefits of music education programs in schools.

Music In Our Schools Month began as a single statewide advocacy day and celebration in New York in 1973 and grew to become a month-long celebration of school music in 1985.

Here at Dayton Oaks, the “halls” will be alive with the sound of music each morning during our morning announcements. Students will be treated to musical performances by DOES staff and students; what a wonderful showcase! There will also be a school-wide Name That Tune Contest several times during March. We are looking forward to a fun filled musical month!



## Waste Free Wednesdays

The Dayton Oaks Green Team would like to announce Waste Free Wednesdays. When packing your student’s lunch, please try to reduce waste and pack using reusable containers. Our goal is to reduce trash during the lunch shifts. We will continue the Waste Free Wednesday campaign throughout the remainder of the school year. Thank you for your support.

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.*

## JA in a Day

On Friday, March 24, 2017, DOES will host a hands-on educational program operated by Junior Achievement of Central MD. JA in a Day is a unique, hands-on education program that provides in-class elements of community, economy, work readiness, financial literacy and entrepreneurial skills.

All students in Grades K-5 will participate. In order to make this exciting program possible, we need two volunteers for each classroom to lead activities. Classroom teachers will work along with volunteers in a supporting role. All volunteers are required to participate in a training session on Monday, March 13, at 6:00 p.m.

Flyers about JA in a Day were sent home in Thursday Folders. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer, please contact Jodi Enzman, School Counselor at [jodi\\_enzman@hcpss.org](mailto:jodi_enzman@hcpss.org).

## Learning Together Peer Program

The Dayton Oaks Regional Early Childhood Center (RECC) toddler and preschool programs will be accepting applications for classes for the 2017/2018 school year. These classes include children with and without disabilities. The program’s focus is to help all children develop communication, literacy, math, problem solving, motor, and social skills. Parents of children who will be **3 by September 1** or 4 years of age may contact the school office for an application package.

All applications must be returned by Friday March 31, 2017. A limited number of openings are available for children without disabilities. Children are selected based upon screening information given on the application form and the “Ages and Stages Questionnaire,” as well as observations of the child’s participation in a playgroup. If necessary, a lottery process is conducted.

If you have any questions, please contact Alicia Phippen or Megan Battle at (410) 313-1581.

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