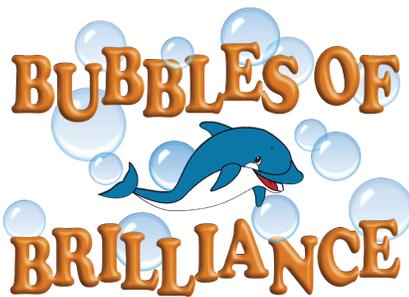


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The Wave

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, September 21

Schools Closed – Rosh Hashanah

Friday, September 22

Schools Closed – Professional Learning Day

Tuesday, October 3

School Picture Day

Thursday, October 12

Interim Progress Reports Issued

Friday, October 20

Schools Closed – Professional Work Day

On Deck with the Administrators

Dear Dayton Oaks families,

The school year is well underway, and it was wonderful to see everyone at our ice cream social last Friday, as well as Back-to-School nights this week. Thank you all for kicking off a wonderful school year. At this time of the school year, it is always exciting to see students transitioning into reading groups and math activities, as they begin their journey of instructional growth and learning. With Fall right around the corner, it also reminds us of football season, leaves changing and fun Fall activities. Please stay connected to our school community for all the latest news, via our Dayton Oaks website.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind families of the importance of safety, when dropping off and picking up your child. Our staff is committed to making sure dismissals and arrivals are safe for everyone involved, and we need your help. First, please use the HCPSS buses. This will cut down on the amount of traffic, and the risk of an accident. If you need to drop your child off, please avoid parking and walking your child into the building, unless you have an appointment. This will reduce pedestrians walking across the car loop. Thank you for helping us make arrival and dismissal safe for everyone.

I am hopeful that you have had the opportunity to review the PBIS brochure included in the last edition of The Wave, with your child. As I have walked around the building, it is so exciting to see students and teams grounded in common behavioral expectations, as the work collaboratively to move "Dani the Dolphin." As a reminder, please review and reinforce the school-wide expectations; Being dependable, Being involved and Organized, Being very respectful, and Putting forth your best effort. When home and school reinforces common messages, the outcome can be very powerful.

I hope you have a wonderful extended weekend. Our teachers will be engaged in professional learning on Friday. We look forward to seeing all our Dayton Oaks students on Monday.

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<How Girls Code> offers instructional programs specifically designed to engage and expose elementary girls grades 3 - 5 to computer science. Visit www.HowGirlsCode.com for more information and registration.

Foundations of Computer Science introduces computer science concepts in an interactive, exciting environment. Girls will experience hands-on lessons, hear guest speakers, and be introduced to basic programming skills.

School: Dayton Oaks Elementary School

Dates: Mondays, October 2nd - November 27th
(No class on 11/20 due to conferences)

Time: 3:30 – 5:00 p.m.

Instructors: Mrs. Sonya Billey and Mrs. Monica Chuppetta

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 hcpssqtac@gmail.com or 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

There are many new students to DOES this year, and those who have been here for several years have been rearranged, again, into different homerooms. During September, I seem to hear, "I have none of my friends in my class this year!"; "No one in my homeroom likes me!" As we move towards our third week of school, I thought it might be nice to focus on the topic of friendship skills. Teaching positive peer interactions are as important as academic and athletic skills. Below is a list of the 10 Friendship Skills Every Kid Needs to Know, taken from Sunshine Parenting. If you want more information and additional resources, click the link below for the full article.

<http://sunshine-parenting.com/2015/10/16/10-friendship-skills-every-kid-needs/>

10 Friendship Skills Every Kid Needs to Know:

Find the right "tribe" - The ability to distinguish who might be a good friend is one of the most important social skills.

Smile - Simple body language can contribute to others naturally perceiving your child as friendly and approachable.

Ask questions - Train your child to ask peers questions.

Invite/Join - For friendships to begin, someone has to take action.

Share - If done well, this skill enhances friendships

Be happy for friends' victories - Research has proven this skill can enhance all relationships.

Developing coping strategies for difficult emotions - Lack of self-regulation has been proven to be a social repellent to kids.

Resolve conflicts and solve problems without running to an adult right away - Practicing responses to unkind comments, teasing, and being left out builds resilience.

Empathize - Taking another's perspective may be a difficult concept to grasp, but very important in the social world.

Practice kindness - The Random Acts of Kindness Foundation has great ideas!

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.

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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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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.