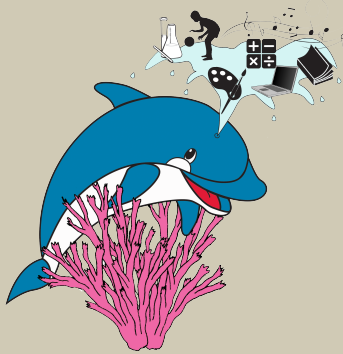


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Weekly Wave

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, October 28

Halloween Parade, 2:00 PM

Saturday, October 29

Harvest Moon Festival
11:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Monday, October 31

Schools Closed
Professional Learning Day

Friday, November 4

End of Marking Period

Monday, November 7

Schools Closed
Professional Work Day

Tuesday, November 8

Schools Closed
General Election Day

Corals of Creativity

What do teachers really do on a Professional Development day?

From a parent's point of view, Professional Development days for teachers may mean having to arrange for childcare or taking a day off from work. So, what do teachers really do on these PD days, anyway?

During a regular school day, teachers are providing quality instruction to your children based on their individual needs. They spend time observing how your child best acquires new information, how he/she interacts with peers, and takes note of which skills may require more practice or follow-up instruction. Teachers use their time away from students to respond to emails from parents and colleagues, return phone calls, meet with parents, prepare materials for instruction, attend meetings, grade papers and assessments, enter data, complete interims and report cards, plan for instruction, eat lunch, and use the restroom. It is challenging, to say the least, to complete all of these professional responsibilities within the time available in the regular work week.

Professional Development days allow teachers time to work with their colleagues to plan collaboratively and share best practices. In addition, when there are new initiatives that need to be shared from central office, administrators can spend time with the staff as a whole to communicate information and address any questions or concerns brought up by staff members. These days allow teachers and administrators the gift of time to learn about and build proficiency with new programs being utilized. Teachers are available to discuss concerns about specific children with each other and consult with related service providers and specialists who can add their expertise in support of students. On some PD days, teachers are asked to attend trainings or meetings at locations outside of the building that are specifically tailored to their grade level or subject area.

Hopefully, this glimpse into what teachers are really doing during a professional development day has helped to explain the need for having a student-free day from time to time. At DOES, we will continue to work hard to be prepared to meet the needs of your children on each day that they walk through our doors, ready and eager to learn!

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Dayton Oaks' Book Fair

The DOES Media Center is sponsoring a Scholastic Book Fair from Thursday, November 17, 2016, through Tuesday, November 22, 2016. The Book Fair hours are 8:45 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. on Thursday and Friday; 8:45 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. on Monday; and 8:45 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday.

We will feature an online Scholastic Book Fair from November 17, 2016, through December 02, 2016. Visit our Book Fair homepage for additional information on our in-school and online Book Fairs and to directly access online shopping at <http://www.scholastic.com/bf/daytonoakselementaryschool1>.

Please consider volunteering to help at the Book Fair! We need volunteers on November 16 for setting up the Book Fair, and on November 17-22 for filling student orders, helping shoppers at the fair, cashiering, restocking, and straightening books/displays. If you would like to help, please sign up on SignUpGenius at <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0848aaaae23a4f94-does2>.

Thank you for your support and we look forward to seeing you at the Fair!



Barnes and Noble Night

On November 2, 2016, from 5-8 pm, Dayton Oaks will be holding a fundraising night at the Barnes and Noble in Ellicott City to help earn money for the language arts committee. Music will be provided by Ms. Hammer and Ms. Sutton. The school will receive money from Barnes and Noble on any item you purchase in store (not including memberships) even at their café. If you can't make it that evening, our in-store sale runs through 11/7 – just remember to present one of our vouchers that will be sent home in Thursday folders on 10/27. You can also shop online from 11/2-11/12 using the code 12003703.

Harvest Moon Festival

The Harvest Moon Festival is being held on Saturday, October 29, 11 a.m – 1 p.m. This event was rescheduled from October 21. Attractions include door prizes, carnival games, pumpkin bowling, crafts and a pumpkin patch! Be sure to coordinate those outfits for professional family photographs staged in front of the fall-themed photo booth! Costumes are optional. If you are interested in volunteering to help out at this event, please contact Stephanie Rojas at: harvestmoonfestival@daytonoakspta.org.

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.