

## **Mark your calendar- upcoming important dates!**

- Thurs, Jan 30th - Family Fit Night
- Wed, Feb 12th- PTA Meeting
- Thurs, Feb 27th- Black History Month Event

Get in on the fun and volunteer for upcoming events! [Sign up here.](#)

## **Family Fit Night**

Join us for a night of fun & fitness for the entire family!

Dayton Oaks Family Fitness Night is on Thursday, January 30, 2025, from 6 - 8 p.m.

Come dressed in comfortable exercise clothing and sneakers (parents & children). Stations will include kid-friendly fitness, martial arts, zumba, yoga, obstacle course, wellness & vendor tables, and a dance party finale. FREE Snacks, Giveaways, & Raffles!

A parent/guardian must accompany children to this event.

Register here: [Family Fitness Night Registration.](#)

If you have any questions, please email: [familyfitness@daytonoakspta.org](mailto:familyfitness@daytonoakspta.org)

## **Staff Appreciation**

We're looking for K-Cup and breakfast snacks for the monthly "Grab - N - Go's".

Donation ideas can be found on our [Amazon Wish List.](#)

Stay up-to-date on current Staff Appreciation Committee happenings & needs by contacting Michelle Reuster [staffappreciation@daytonoakspta.org](mailto:staffappreciation@daytonoakspta.org).

## **After School Programs**

This Winter, keep your Dayton Oaks Students active and engaged in several after school activities on site at Dayton Oaks right after school, sponsored by Dayton Oaks ES PTA and Howard County Rec & Parks.

PTA offerings can be found [here.](#)

Howard Co Rec & Parks offerings can be found [here](#) and you can register [here.](#)

## **Memory Book**

The memory book committee is looking for clear quality pictures from our PTA sponsored dance and Academic Night, as well as Fall/Winter clubs like Girls on the Run, Lego League, Boy Scouts or Girl Scouts.

Please ensure only DOES students are in the pictures.

Pictures can be sent to: [Memorybook@daytonoakspta.org](mailto:Memorybook@daytonoakspta.org)

### **DOES Spirit Wear**

Get some post-holiday shopping done at the DOES Spirit Wear store! Shop now and show off your dolphin pride in style! <https://spirithero.com/collections/dayton-1>

### **Food on the 15th**

Dayton Oaks Elementary PTA - Food on the 15th is collecting canned and/or non-perishable items all-year long and serving our local Howard County residents! Consider giving what you already have in your pantry and/or picking up a few items during your next grocery trip! Items can be dropped off anytime during school hours or the beginning/end of the school day, in the bins - located in the front lobby labeled "Food on the 15th". Thank you for your continuous donations!

If you have any questions, please contact [foodonthe15th@daytonoakspta.org](mailto:foodonthe15th@daytonoakspta.org).

Ideas of items that you may donate (100% optional)

- Single serve container(s) (box, can, or bottle) of 100% juice
- Single serve canned, instant or shelf stable soup, stew, or casserole
- Canned meat or fish (tuna, ham, chicken) Individual serving of shelf
- Stable Milk or a can of evaporated milk
- Single serve cups or cans of fruits and vegetables
- Single serve cups of ready to eat pudding
- Single serve box of cold cereal or Single serve packet of instant hot cereal (oatmeal, cream of wheat)
- Single serve, sealed packet of dried fruits (apricots, prunes, etc.)
- Single serve packets or a small jar of peanut butter
- Single serve, sealed packets of crackers, cheese crackers, granola bars and/or snack bars
- You may also choose to add a treat or surprise like hot chocolate packets, individually wrapped tea bags or coffee and/or individually wrapped packs of cookies.

### **Reflections**

Congratulations to all the students who participated in this year's Reflections program "Accepting Imperfections" - the biggest turnout so far, with 30 entries! We had submissions for almost all the categories, in music composition, literature, dance choreography, photography and visual arts.

Thank you to all the judges who helped with the important and difficult task to decide who passed to the next level: Mrs. Lisa Nardi, Mrs. Melodie Taylor, Mrs. Valarie Graham, Mrs. Laura

Hahn and Mrs. Liz Mulligan. The theme led to many great ideas, and I am happy to announce the students who are moving forward to the next phase, the county one:

Primary division:

Dance: Joy Arpasi, Keara Harriot and Lilian Solomon

Literature: Lara Palos Suciu

Music: Adrian Solomon

Photography: Keara Harriot

Visual Arts: Adrian Wang, Keara Harriot and Oliver Wang

Intermediate division:

Dance: Paisley Arpasi and Kamden Harriot

Literature: Clarabelle Vucina, Lia Palos Suciu and Abhrav Purva V Adimoolam

Music: Paisley Arpasi and Kamden Harriot

Photography: Jessica Lawson and Grace Bedard

Visual Arts: Amy Marquart, Lia Palos Suciu and Caroline Stowers

Congratulations to you all! There will be a celebration to honor all who participated on January 24th at 6:30pm, so please save the date!

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- SPREAD THE WORD about Box Tops! Word of mouth or you can also use the "Invite Friends" feature in the app to ask friends and family to help support our school.

More info here (including Spanish & Chinese!) -->

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