

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

Howard County Parents for School Music

Howard County Parents for School Music (HCPSM) strives to promote high quality music education programs in Howard County schools, working with music educators, students, and the community to accomplish their goals.

What can YOU do to help?

1. Send a "Thank You" letter to the Board of Education for keeping both GT programming and the 3rd grade strings program intact for the 2024-2025 school year!!! It may sound simple, but expressing gratitude truly does make an impact. Aspects of both of these programs were on the chopping block during budget cuts last year, but were reinstated, largely due to the letters received and words spoken from students and concerned parents in the community. DOES families played a big role in advocating to keep these programs in place; sending a simple note of "thanks", with a quick personal anecdote of how GT / Music programming positively affects your child/family could go a long way in keeping these programs off the chopping block in the immediate future.
2. Get involved! Learn more about "Howard County Parents For School Music" on their website: <https://hcpsm3.wixsite.com/music>
3. Sign up to receive updates and email communication from HCPSM [here](#)

If you are eager to actively get involved, please consider reaching out to Jackie DeBella via email (Jacquelyn_DeBella@hcpss.org) or cell phone (301-821-1776). She would be more than happy to talk with you about this group and the importance of the advocacy work they are doing.

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.

After School Programs- STILL TIME to Register

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.

NEW! Parents are no longer required to volunteer for one session- the PTA is covering the cost of a second adult.

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 events happening at our school.

- Band Concert
- Chorus Concert
- Field Trips
- PTA sponsored dance
- Academic Night
- Fall/Winter clubs- 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

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.

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.

Box Tops - All Digital Fundraising...but we need YOU!

Quick and easy (and free!) way to help raise some funds for DOES!

How?

- **DOWNLOAD** the Box Tops app and select our school to support. (www.BTFE.com)
- **SCAN** your receipts (paper or online) and let the app do the work!
- **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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