

Mark your calendar- upcoming important dates!

- Thurs, Feb 27th- Black History Month Event
- **Wed, Mar 12th- PTA Meeting *NEW DATE***
- Fri, Mar 21st- Bingo Night
- Wed, Apr 2nd- PTA Meeting
- Sat, Apr 26th- Culture Festival

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

Black History Month

In lieu of our traditional program, the Black History Committee invites all to enjoy an activity night on **Thursday, February 27th, 6:30pm-8pm** in the school Cafeteria. This night will be filled with games, coloring, and learning activities all based on the theme of famous African American laborers. Of course, we'll also have prizes and snacks!

Email blackhistorymonth@daytonoakspta.org for more information.

To volunteer, please sign up here:

[https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C094FA5A82CAAFDC34-55215590-black#/#/](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C094FA5A82CAAFDC34-55215590-black#/)

DOES Family Bingo Night

Friday, March 21st, 2025 - SAVE the DATE!

Did someone say BINGO? Save the date on your calendars - DOES Family Bingo Night will be on Friday, March 21st from 6:30pm to 8pm in the Cafetorium.

We will have dabbers, bingo sheets, and some AWESOME prizes ready for our Dayton Oaks families! All you need to bring is YOU!

There is a limit to the number of people that we can accommodate in the cafetorium-- hence the BINGO RSVP Link will be sent out to PTA members **Monday, March 3rd** at 7pm before the entire DOES community is given access Thursday, March 6th.

Given the limited space, we'd ask our families to be mindful and RSVP for current DOES student(s), parents, and their sibling(s) only. Bring grandparents, friends, cousins, neighbors to our Culture Fest in April instead!

It's not too late to become a member and get early access to the Bingo RSVP - [Join today!](#)

Unsure about your CURRENT membership status? Find instructions [here](#).

DOES Culture Festival 2025- Registration now open!

We cordially invite you and your family to participate in the annual PTA-sponsored DOES Culture Festival on **Saturday, April 26, 2025, from 2:00 pm - 4:30 pm.**

Join us for an exciting and enchanting afternoon highlighting many diverse cultures at DOES. You can participate in multiple ways:

1. Sign up to host an info/food booth and/or organize a performance here:
<https://bit.ly/DOESCultureFest25>
2. Contribute your favorite recipe, craft, or fable to the Cultural Recipe Book here:
<https://bit.ly/DOESRecipes25>

Contact: Amani Dadzie, Milly Maliro or Tina Zhu, the Culture Festival Team at:
culturefestival@daytonoakspta.org

Please help us to make sure YOUR culture is represented!

DOES Culture Festival- CALLING ALL BOLLYWOOD DANCERS!

Ms. Rishanka Jones is putting together the following performance for the Culture Festival and is seeking participation from other parents/students:

Dance Form: Bollywood Dance (2-3 minutes)

Age Group: suggesting 5-9 but could be older as well

Contact Information: Rishanka Jones, 646-939-8035, rishankajones@gmail.com

Note: If interested, please do not fill out the Culture Fest registration form; just reach out directly to Rishanka!

Memory Book

The memory book committee is looking for *clear quality* pictures from events happening at our school.

- Family Fit Night
- 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

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.

Community Feedback on HCPSS Budget

Superintendent Barnes and HCPSS need your feedback on budget planning!

HCPSS encourages and invites community engagement.

Please take the survey here to offer input on HCPSS capital budget:

<https://forms.gle/gWjxqkYNUYWRUV247>

Check out HCPSS Budget resources online:

Budget Overview: www.hcpss.org/about-us/budgets/

Monthly Budget reports: www.hcpss.org/about-us/financial-reports/

Cinderella at Glenelg High School

Come see the magical musical Cinderella at Glenelg High School!

Performances are:

March 6 at 7pm

March 7 at 7pm

March 8 at 2pm & 7pm

March 9 at 2pm

All tickets are \$10 and can be purchased online, in the GHS front office, or at the door.

We are anticipating sell-out shows. So, get your tickets in advance!

Online ticket purchase link- <https://tinyurl.com/2neerbzs>

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!) -->

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1xL6_tBVZ2JJ-E2wBiAvYIF9A92ZfE4-G/view?usp=share_link

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