



PTA News Splash February 2, 2024

### Important Dates:

- February 6 - Virtual PTA Board Meeting
- February 22 - Black History Month program, 6:30pm in the Cafetorium

### Black History Month Activities

The PTA invites all Dayton Oaks staff, students and families to help us celebrate Black History Month with these activities:

**BLACK HISTORY MONTH 2024:**  
*African Americans and the Arts*

*Happy Black History Month! We are so excited to share with you a month-long of events for DOES staff and students! We encourage all DOES families to get involved with the activities below. This year, we will be highlighting African Americans and the Arts.*

**BLACK HISTORY BINGO**

- Students will receive a Bingo card full of Black History activities.
- Students should complete 3 activities in a row to win a prize.
- Students must return COMPLETED bingo to the bingo drop off in the front lobby by **Monday, February 26.**

**DAILY MORNING ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Students will hear about the contribution of Blacks to the Arts during morning announcements.

**BLACK HISTORY EVENING PROGRAM**

- JOIN US: **Thursday, Feb 22, 6:30PM** in the Cafetorium.
- Enjoy a Black History Month program with presentations, interactive activities, and snacks for the entire family.

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## Next PTA Meeting Wed, Feb 6, at 7pm & Volunteers Needed!

Join <http://tinyurl.com/doesPTAmeetFeb> for the next PTA [meeting](#) Wed, Feb 6 at 7pm.

The PTA needs volunteers for several committees:

- Co-Chair(s) needed for **After School Programs** and **Gifts of Gratitude** program
  - contact: [president@daytonoakspta.org](mailto:president@daytonoakspta.org)
- Volunteers to help with **Black History Month Committee** (*prize distribution & program night*)
  - contact: [blackhistorymonth@daytonoakspta.org](mailto:blackhistorymonth@daytonoakspta.org)

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## Memory Book

Do you have photos you would like to submit to the Memory Book team?

The Memory Book is an amazing keepsake that highlights all students, staff, and fun school-sponsored events throughout the school year. We are collecting pictures from the **chorus and band concert** and the **PTA dance**.

Please send your pictures to [memorybook@daytonoakspta.org](mailto:memorybook@daytonoakspta.org)

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## Food on the 15th

Join us in feeding those less fortunate!



Drop non-perishables in the bins outside of the front office all year long



Help us sort and bag food



Help us deliver bags of food



Choose one or all three! Students of all ages are welcome to assist us in bringing joys to those who need our help.

To volunteer, please sign up [here](#).

For questions, please reach out to [foodonthe15th@daytonoakspta.org](mailto:foodonthe15th@daytonoakspta.org)

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## Get ready for DOES Culture Festival 2024

We cordially invite you and your family to attend the annual PTA-sponsored DOES Culture Festival! Come enjoy unique and exciting musical performances, savor the tastes and smells of international cuisine, and learn more about world cultures as you come out to support your fellow classmates.

DOES Culture Festival will take place on **Saturday, April 27, 2024**, from 2:00 pm - 4:30pm.

- Sign-up to **host a booth and/or performance** by April 20, 2024 [here](#).
- Contribute to the **Cultural Recipe Book** with your favorite recipe, craft, or fable by April 13, 2024 [here](#).

Contact Amani Dadzie, Sweta Thaker or Rachelle Pierre-Mathieu and the Culture Festival Team to volunteer and with questions: [culturenight@daytonoakspta.org](mailto:culturenight@daytonoakspta.org)

***Help make sure YOUR culture is represented!***

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President | 2nd VP, Fundraising | PTACHC Delegates

### WHO WANTS TO LEARN ABOUT BEING A PTA OFFICER?

Nomination starts in spring

Talk 1-on-1

Shadow an officer

Serve on a committee

EMAIL PRESIDENT@DAYTONOAKSPTA.ORG TO FIND OUT MORE!

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## Special Education Citizens Advisory Committee

There is an upcoming SECAC virtual meeting on **Tuesday, February 6th** from 7-9pm regarding extended school year services.

Anyone involved in Special Education in the county is invited to participate in our meetings including parents/caregivers, students, educators, community partners, service providers and school administrators. The Zoom meeting link is <https://lnkd.in/eM7r-6HB>.

For more information visit <https://howardcountysecac.com>

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## Get Your DOES Spiritwear!

Stay warm on your snow days by shopping the [DOES Spiritwear Store!](#)

Check out the below sales that run until February 8! There are so many items and designs to choose from, all shipped directly to your home!

<https://www.daytonoaksspiritwear.com!>



*NOTE: The PTA does not endorse, warrant or recommend any of these products. The PTA will receive a percentage of every sale that will help to fund PTA- sponsored activities. If you decide to purchase any products, we thank you.*

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## Join the PTA today!

There is no requirement to attend meetings or volunteer, but your membership funds help support our amazing line up events each school year! This includes the upcoming bingo and movie nights, as well as staff appreciation events.

- Join using this link → <https://tinyurl.com/joindoespta2>
- Unsure about your CURRENT membership status? Find instructions [here](#).

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## Howard County School Budget Cuts

There are many reductions to the School Budget which impact our elementary students.

While we've heard about the music program being cut for 3rd graders, some other areas targeted are:

- \$4M cut to special education
- 20 positions cut from the Elementary School Gifted & Talented programs

And more reductions summarized on page 21 in the budget [here](#).

We encourage you to email Calvin Ball, the Superintendent and the BOE asking them NOT to cut the budgets for those items. We recommend separate emails for each issue/proposed cut.

Send to: [cball@howardcountymd.gov](mailto:cball@howardcountymd.gov), [boe@hcpss.org](mailto:boe@hcpss.org), [councilmail@howardcountymd.gov](mailto:councilmail@howardcountymd.gov), [bill\\_barnes@hcpss.org](mailto:bill_barnes@hcpss.org)

The next public hearing will be Thursday, Feb 15 at 7pm. If you wish to testify, call 410-313-7194 or 410-313-1584 up to 3 weeks prior.

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## 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](http://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 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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