



PTA News Splash March 1, 2024

Important Dates:

- March 6 - General Membership PTA Meeting
- March 15 - Family Bingo Night

Staff Appreciation

3.1415926...March 14th is National Pi(e) Day!

Let's have a little fun on this Mathematical day and treat the DOES teachers and staff with: ***some pie of course!***

Donate a pie to be delivered to the front office either Wednesday, March 13 or Thursday morning, March 14. **Sign Up to bring a pie [HERE](#)**

Planning for teacher appreciation week is starting! May 6-10 will be a week filled with fun for our DOES staff provided by all of us volunteers.

We will NEED help. Please contact Michelle: staffappreciation@daytonoakspta.org and indicate if you are:

1. Able to attend a virtual meeting in March (what times work for you)
2. Able to help with organizing/supporting one or more of the daily activities decided upon.
3. Able to be present at one or more days during that week (time dependent on activity decided)

General Membership PTA Meeting- March 6th!

Dayton Oaks Elementary School

PTA General Body Meeting

Wednesday, March 6, 2024
7:00pm - 8:00pm
Media Center

Agenda
<http://tinyurl.com/DoesMarchAgenda>

FREE SNACKS

COUPON
redeem for
Free Sitters in Cafeteria During PTA Meeting*

*Must Submit Request in advance:
<https://tinyurl.com/doesptasitter>

Culture Festival

SMILE Trackers

Parenting Tips
What to Expect For The First Year of Middle School

INGO Night

Wednesday March 6, 2024

7:00pm - 8:15pm

Media Center, Dayton Oaks Elementary

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INCLUDES:

- FREE Sitters! Sign up at <https://tinyurl.com/doesptasitter>
- Meet & Greet with snacks and drinks
- *Special Invited Guests* to share Middle School expectations for 5th graders!! Don't miss out!

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 our **Black History Month** events.

Please send your pictures to memorybook@daytonoakspta.org

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

Help make sure YOUR culture is represented!

Volunteers Needed for PTA Committees!

The PTA needs volunteers for several committees:

Co-Chair(s) needed for **After School Programs** and **Gifts of Gratitude** program

- contact: president@daytonoakspta.org

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

PTA OFFICERS NEEDED FOR 2024-2026 term

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!

Nominations start in **Spring 2024** so take time now to learn more about what each role entails.

A description of all PTA OFFICERS tasks is [here!](#)

Black History Month

Thank you to everyone that attended our [Black History program](#) on February 22nd, especially Dr. Boston and Mr. Nicks for such an [amazing program](#)!



After School Programs - Upcoming Programs!

Learn basic Martial Arts and understand self-discipline with **BBI Martial Arts!**

Session II begins February 26th and runs through March 18th - [register now](#).

Your brain is your super power- are you ready to use it?

Join the Chess Wizards community today for fun, friendship and some serious chess skills.

All experience levels welcome! The next session of **Chess Wizards** begins March 19th.

Register on their site- <https://www.chesswizards.com/>.

For questions on the After School Programs, email afterschoolprograms@daytonoakspta.org

After School Programs - Coaches Needed!

Super Squads Cheering is still looking for a second coach! This is a PAID position with 1 hour of training provided by the organization. Meets once a week at school right after dismissal.

DOES is trying to start a **Girls on the Run** program this spring, but we need 2 volunteer coaches. Girls in grades 3-5 are eligible to be in the program. The program will run for 1 hour and 15 minutes right after school, twice a week. The season will run from April 1 to June 3 week.

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Check out the DOES Spiritwear Store

Spring is right around the corner! Update your wardrobe and shop at the [DOES Spiritwear Store](#)! 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.

Folly Quarter - Rising 6th Graders

FQMS PTSA 2024-2025 Board Nominations - Is your student going to Folly Quarter Middle School next year? Nominations are being sought for all positions on the board. Get involved and make a difference in the future of our community. FQMS benefits greatly from parents getting involved and staying involved. Please email fqmspta.president@gmail.com if you want to find out more information or wish to be nominated for a position. Voting will take place at the May 13 meeting.

FQMS Spiritwear - Get your 5th grader some Folly gear for next year! Check out our spirit wear website for the latest deals. <https://www.follyquarterspiritwear.com/>

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](#).

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, boe@hcpss.org, councilmail@howardcountymd.gov, bill_barnes@hcpss.org

For more information on how to advocate for the HCPSS budget, the PTA Council of Howard County created a guide found [here](#) or on their website- <https://www.ptachc.org/> .

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 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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