



PTA News Splash March 15, 2024

Important Dates:

- **March 15 - Family Bingo Night**
- **April 3 - PTA Virtual Board Meeting**
- **April 9 -sMILE Trackers begins**
- **April 27 - Culture Festival**

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!

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

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 school-sponsored events throughout the school year. The memory book committee is currently collecting pictures from these recent school events:

- Strings Concert**
- Band Concert**
- Chorus Concert**
- Black History Month**
- Academic Night**
- Family Fit Night**
- Lego League**
- PTA Sponsored Dance**

Please send your pictures to memorybook@daytonoakspta.org

Sending in your pictures helps to ensure we are showcasing all of our amazing Dayton Oaks Students!

sMILE Trackers

sMILE Trackers is BACK!!! Lace up those running shoes and join us on the track during your child's recess this spring!!! The sMILE Trackers spring session will run on **Tuesdays, April 9th - May 21st** (weather dependent).

This program is entirely volunteer run, so your help is needed to make it happen for students. Please [sign up here](#) to volunteer.

If you have any questions or think you might like to help run this program in the future, please email smiletrackers@daytonoakspta.org. Thank you, and we look forward to seeing you on the track!!!

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!](#)

Check out the DOES Spiritwear Store

Did you know there are tons of cool designs in the [DOES Spiritwear Store](https://www.daytonoaksspiritwear.com)! Proudly show off your DOES spirit and shop the site, 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.

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](#).

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 fgmspta.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/>

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/>.

Two brand new themes for iCook and iSTEAM this Spring!

iCook: Spicing Things Up: Our chefs-in-training will learn how the addition of spices and herbs can transform food and provide added nutritional benefits too. Grades K-4, [register here](#).

iSTEAM: Color Lab: Our young scientists will get to experiment with creativity and outside of the box thinking while learning about science. Grades K-4, [register here](#).

Check out the full list of **Spring 2024 Before & After School** classes through Howard County Recreation & Parks at Dayton Oaks [here](#) and register [here](#).

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 1-3 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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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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