

PTA News Splash - Friday, October 4, 2024

Mark your calendar- upcoming important dates!

- Wed, Oct 9th- PTA Meeting
- Thurs, Oct 17th- DoIFun Run
- Sat, Oct 26th- Fall Fest/Trunk or Treat

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

October PTA Meeting - Oct 9th @ 7pm

Join us for our 2nd PTA meeting of the year!!! October 9th @ 7pm in the DOES Media Center. Meet new faces, learn about upcoming activities & events, and get involved! Agenda items include the DoIFUN Run, Garden Planting, Fall Fest, Reflections, and the Book Fair.

There will also be an opportunity for a "Meet & Greet" with BOE members from districts 4 and 5 after our business meeting concludes to get to know the candidates and ask questions.

FREE sitters by licensed childcare providers in the cafeteria will be available during the meeting. RSVPs for childcare are not required, but greatly appreciated for planning purposes. Sign up [here](#).

We hope to see you there!!!

DoIFun Run KICKOFF!!

Help Support Our ONE and ONLY Annual Fundraiser!

<https://app.99pledges.com/fund/DOES2024>

Our 2024 -2025 school goal is: \$50,000. We need YOU to make ALL that we do possible!

Check your take-home folders for all the details (Set-up of student donation page, rewards and most importantly race times!)

No amount is too small!

Reaching our goal will help fund all our amazing [PTA sponsored activities](#) all year long:

- Family Fun Events (Fall Festival, Culture/Bingo/Movie Nights/Family Fit Night)
- Student Programs (Reflections, Artist in Residence, Field Trip Funding)
- School Support (Instructional Materials, Supportive Materials for Special Ed.)
- Staff Appreciation (Grab 'n Go breakfasts, etc)
- Community Support (coat drive, food on 15th)
- And Lots More!!

100% of donations go directly to supporting PTA activities, programs, and events.

Your ongoing backing and support are truly appreciated!

Questions? Contact Erika Dick at secondvicepresident@daytonoakspta.org

SMILE Trackers

Who: All DOES 1st-5th Graders

When: Tuesdays during Recess 10/8 -11/12

What: Be Active! Run/walk laps with friends

Why: To HAVE FUN and Be Healthy and Earn Prizes!

Students will earn a prize each week they participate and ALL students who finish 10 laps by 11/12 will be recognized and earn a reward.

Volunteers Needed: All DOES adult family members are encouraged to volunteer for one or more recesses to support our students remaining active and healthy. [Sign up here!](#)

Fall Festival - Oct 26th

Our highly anticipated Fall Festival / Trunk-or-Treat is just around the corner! Mark your calendars for Saturday, Oct 26 from 3-5pm on the Dayton Oaks blacktop, and be on the lookout for a "Trunk-or-Treat" sign-up coming your way soon!

Volunteers are needed both behind the scenes to help plan and organize, as well as on the day of the event. Please email both fallfestival@daytonoakspta.org and board@daytonoakspta.org if you would like to get involved!

DOES Garden

Dayton Oaks is getting a Pollinator Garden!



Installation is scheduled and the planting days will follow on the dates of:

- Saturday, Oct 19, from 9am-4pm
- Sunday, Oct 20, from 12-4pm

BUT we need your help! Please consider helping us by signing up here —>
<https://m.signupgenius.com/#!/showSignUp/30E0E44A9AB28A5F58-51898838-does>

Thank you and happy gardening 🌱 garden@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.

DOES Spirit Wear

New designs have been added to the DOES Spirit Wear store! Shop now and show off your dolphin pride in style! <https://spirithero.com/collections/dayton-1>

Please note that all purchases made during the flash sale will be shipped to the school and sent home with your student.

Food on the 15th

Food on the 15th is officially here! DOES will be 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 blue bins - located in the front lobby. Stay tuned for additional opportunities to help deliver! 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.

HCPSS G/T Program

HCPSS families interested in the [Gifted and Talented \(G/T\) Program](#) are invited to learn about the advanced-level offerings available and how their students can become involved. Held virtually, the information nights will begin with an overview of G/T Education Program, followed by a question and answer session with HCPSS G/T Education Program staff. Registration is required.

Join the PTA today!

A new school year means renewing your PTA membership. Please visit our [membership store page](#) to sign up for the new school year and ensure you are getting the most up to date communication on PTA events and happenings! Households joining or renewing will receive a Dayton Oaks car magnet to help show our DoIFun pride!

As a reminder, there is no requirement to attend meetings or volunteer, but membership funds help support our amazing line up events each school year! This includes the upcoming Fall Fest, Kona Ice for Field Day and PTA 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](#).

Memory Book

If you took any pictures at the **ice cream social**, please send them in!

Please ensure only DOES students are in the picture.

Send pictures to Memorybook@daytonoakspta.org

PTACHC Candidate Forum - Sunday, Oct 6

The PTA Council of Howard County is hosting a Candidate Forum for Congressional and Local Board of Education candidates on Sunday, October 6, 2024 from 10:30 – noon at the Homewood Center Cafeteria.

The forum is open to the public and attendees will have the opportunity to submit written questions as time allows. Please join us in one of the final opportunities to hear from the candidates before the general election on Tuesday, November 5, 2024

Special Education Citizens Advisory Committee (SECAC)

Stay involved in upcoming SECAC happenings- [attend a meeting](#)! Next meetings are November 12 and December 3. All meetings are 7pm to 9pm at Patuxent Valley Middle School, 9151 Vollmerhausen Rd. Savage, MD

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