

# WAVE NEWSLETTER

## Summer Edition

### **Important Dates:**

July 31 ~ Meet & Greet at Chick-Fil-A in Clarksville, 11am - 1pm

August 6 ~ DIVE into Kindergarten (Details Below)

August 7 ~ School-Wide Popsicles on the Playground at DOES, 4 - 6pm

August 23 ~ New Student Orientation/Open House (Details Below)

September 10 & 11 ~ Back-to-School Nights (Details Below)

### **On Deck with your Administrators**

Dear Dayton Oaks Families:

We hope that you are enjoying your summer break! Preparation for the upcoming school year is well underway, and we are busy planning for the start to the new school year. Please see below for a few updates that will be helpful in your planning. Stay safe and cool!

[School Supply Lists](#)

[HCPSS School Year Calendar \(SY 24-25\)](#)

### **DOES Meet and Greets**

Please see dates below for the opportunity to join Ms. Williams-McKinney and Ms. Lorch for some fun summertime meet and greets! We look forward to seeing you there!

Wednesday, July 31st, 11am -1pm at Chick-Fil-A in Clarksville

Wednesday, August 7th, 4 - 6pm, school-wide Popsicles on the Playground at DOES

### **DIVE Into Kindergarten**

Dear Kindergarten Families,

It was so nice getting to see so many of you on July 16th at our first DIVE into Kindergarten sessions of the summer! We enjoyed getting to spend some time with your children and are looking forward to partnering with you this year.

If you didn't make it on July 16th or haven't yet signed up, please consider doing so for our final sessions of DIVE into Kindergarten on August 6th. Here you will find the [sign up](#). It is a wonderful opportunity for us to get to know your students a little better and for them to know us.

Please don't hesitate to reach out to me with any questions or concerns prior to the start of school. My email is [abigayle\\_betts@hcpss.org](mailto:abigayle_betts@hcpss.org). Have a wonderful rest of your summer and try to stay cool!

Abbey Betts

Kindergarten Instructional Team Leader

## **New Start Times for SY 2024-2025**

Effective Monday, August 26 for the 2024-2025 school year, our new times will be 9:15 a.m. to 3:45 p.m.

- 9:00 a.m. ~ Students may enter the building
- 9:15 a.m. ~ Instructional Day begins
- 3:45 p.m. ~ Dismissal begins

## **2024 - 2025 Open House and Back-to-School Dates/Times**

<b><u>Activity</u></b>	<b><u>Date</u></b>	<b><u>Time</u></b>	<b><u>Location(s)</u></b>
AM RECC Orientation	Friday, August 23, 2024	11:00-11:45 a.m.	RECC Classrooms
PM RECC Orientation	Friday, August 23, 2024	1:00-1:45 p.m.	RECC Classrooms
New Student/ Kindergarten Orientation	Friday, August 23, 2024	1:00-1:45 p.m.	Concurrent Sessions Kindergarten - Cafeteria New Student - Media Center
Open House (Grades 1-5)	Friday, August 23, 2024	2:00-2:45 p.m.	Grade Level Classrooms
Back to School Night (RECC/Pre-K, GT, Grades 1 and 2)	Tuesday, September 10, 2024	6:00-7:00 p.m.	6:00 p.m. Grade 1 - Media 6:00 p.m. Grade 2 - Cafe 7:00 p.m. PRECC/PreK - Media 7:00 p.m. GT - Cafe
Back to School Night (Kindergarten, Grades 3, 4, 5)	Wednesday, September 11, 2024	6:00-7:00 p.m.	6:00 p.m. Grade 4 - Media 6:00 p.m. Grade 5 - Cafe 7:00 p.m. Kindergarten - Media 7:00 p.m. Grade 3 - Cafe

## **Employment Opportunities at DOES**

Are you looking for a job where you can give back, pay it forward, or are you just interested in working with the most fantastic group of children? Great news! Dayton Oaks is currently seeking the positions below:

These include:

- Permanent Daily Sub - Full Time
- Permanent Daily Sub - Special Ed (Maternity Leave Coverage August-October)
- Lunch & Recess Monitor
- Temporary Employee (RECC program)
- Temporary Employee (Special Ed)

<https://www.hcpss.org/employment/substitute-positions/>

If you are interested in hearing more or interviewing for any of these positions please reach out to our front office staff to schedule an interview with our Assistant Principal, Ms. Shari Lorch at 410-313-1571.

### **On the Road to Kindergarten**

The Howard County Public Library System's *On the Road to Kindergarten* mobile library will be hosting public site visits in July and August. Visit [hclibrary.org/ork](http://hclibrary.org/ork) for more information.

📎 [ORK Combined Flyer \(English\\_Spanish\) \(1\).pdf](#)

### **2024-2025 Kindergarten Registration**

**Do you have a relative, friend or neighbor that has a child who will be 5 years old by September 1, 2024? Tell them it's time to register for kindergarten!**

Click [HERE](#) to begin the enrollment process online, after which a member of our front office team will contact you to complete the registration process. If you have any questions, please contact us at 410-313-1571.

### **HCPSS Pre-K Program**

The HCPSS Pre-K program is accepting [applications](#) for the 2024-2025 school year with expanded eligibility criteria. Families of children aged four or five by September 1, 2024, may apply. The HCPSS Pre-K program is free to families; [many locations](#) are full-day. Families can submit a completed application to [hcpss\\_pk@hcpss.org](mailto:hcpss_pk@hcpss.org) or their local elementary school. For an application, information about available programs, and eligibility guidelines, visit the [HCPSS website](#) or contact Early Childhood Programs at 410-313-6836..

### **Learning Together Peer (LTP) Program**

The Dayton Oaks Elementary Regional Early Childhood Center (RECC) prekindergarten programs are making preparations for classes for the upcoming 2024-2025 school year and are accepting applications for students to participate as peers through the Learning Together Peer (LTP) Program. These classes include children with and without disabilities. The program's focus is helping all children develop communication, literacy, math, problem solving, motor, and social skills. Parents of children who will be 3 or 4 by September 1st, can pick up an application in the Dayton Oaks Elementary School's front office.

In alignment with [Maryland's Blueprint for the Future](#), a limited number of new applications for students turning 4 by September 1 will be available. The Howard County Public School System continues to offer a prekindergarten program for income eligible children who will be four years old by September 1. For additional information, visit:

<https://www.hcpss.org/schools/pre-k-programs/>

HCPSS is committed to providing instruction based on the statewide Early Learning Standards which are in alignment with Kindergarten Readiness. The fees listed in the application will be collected monthly regardless of the learning model determined by HCPSS throughout the upcoming school year (virtual, hybrid, in person, or class quarantine). If you have any additional questions, please contact Megan Battle at [Megan\\_Battle@hcpss.org](mailto:Megan_Battle@hcpss.org) or (410) 313-1571.

## **2024-2025 School Meals Information**

Click [HERE](#) to learn more about HCPSS meal information.

Pricing for school meals for 2024-25:

Breakfast (\$2.00)

Lunch (\$2.80)

Many HCPSS families are eligible to participate in the [Free and Reduced Price Meals \(FARMs\) program](#), which provides children with a wide range of benefits including free or discounted college tuition, testing and application fees, academic and athletic program fees and many others in addition to free or discounted meals. Families are urged to check their eligibility and complete a [FARMs application](#) as soon as possible. Families must submit a new application every school year.

[Details on the Free and Reduced Meals program](#), including a link to apply, are available online.

## **COMMUNITY NEWS**

Please visit the HCPSS website [Community News and Programs site](#) for upcoming events and programs sponsored by non-profit organizations.