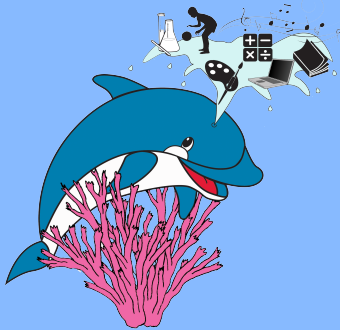


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# Weekly Wave

*The Dayton Oaks School community will provide a safe, nurturing environment that fosters individual potential through academic excellence, appreciation of diversity, and commitment to college and career readiness and life-long learning.*



## IMPORTANT DATES

**Friday, January 27**

Schools Closed  
Professional Work Day

**Friday, February 3**

Report Cards Issued  
In-School Snow Day – Wear your favorite hat and scarf!

**Monday, February 13**

Vision and Hearing Screening

**Monday, February 20**

Schools Closed  
President's Day

**Tuesday, February 21**

Schools Closed  
Professional Learning Day

## Corals of Creativity

A special thank you to the following families for decorating the school and bringing an awareness to our school community about this special Chinese Holiday: Zhang, Bai, Wang, Zhuo, Meng, Sun, Li, Ping, Zhang, and Hou.



This year, Chinese New Year - The Year of the Rooster - begins on Saturday, January 28 and lasts until February 15, 2018. The new year, also known as the Spring Festival, is marked by the Luni solar Chinese calendar, so the date changes from year to year. The festivities usually start the day before the New Year and continue until the Lantern Festival, the 15th day of the new year. Each Chinese New Year is characterized by one of 12 animals which appear in the Chinese zodiac. The Chinese zodiac is divided into 12 blocks (or houses) just like its western counterpart, but with the major difference being that each house has a time-length of one year instead of one month. This year it's the Year of the Rooster, the tenth animal in the cycle. The next Year of the Rooster will be in 2029.

For more information on the Chinese New Year go to:  
<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/0/chinese-new-year/>

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## FIT Family Night

Mark your calendars for a FREE family wellness event at Dayton Oaks. Fit2Order's FIT Family Night will be held on March 1, 2017, from 6 – 8 p.m. In the event of inclement weather, the event will be rescheduled for March 8, 2017. Stations include: kid-friendly boot camp, karate, zumba, yoga, dance party finale, parent nutritional workshop and wellness tables. A parent or guardian must accompany children to the event. A flyer and registration form will be coming home in your child's Thursday folder. To register for the event, go to [www.fit2order.com](http://www.fit2order.com). For more information, please contact Rachel Tulis at [rachel\\_tulis@hcpss.org](mailto:rachel_tulis@hcpss.org) or 410-313-1575.

## Math in Minutes

The HCPSS elementary math office has created an ongoing series of short math lessons for parents, students and staff members. The first four lessons—[Decomposition of Numbers](#), [Addition with a Numbers Chart](#), [Subtraction with a Numbers Chart](#) and [Addition on a Number Line](#)—are now available.

## Book Fair Success!

The book fair was a huge success, thanks to your support! We earned about \$3,500 profit to be used for author/illustrator Henry Cole's recent visit and new books for the Media Center. This would not have been possible without you. We thank you from the bottom of our hearts and so do the students at DOES.

A big dolphin thank you to all our book fair volunteers and DOES staff that assisted with the smooth setup and running of our fair. We couldn't have done it without you!

## Vision and Hearing Screening

Vision and hearing screening has been scheduled for February 13, 2017. Screening will be for students in kindergarten, first grade and students new to the state. If your child wears glasses, please make sure they bring their glasses to school on screening day. Re-screening will be held on February 28, 2017.

The health assistant is in need of volunteers for the vision and hearing screening, which will begin at 9:00 a.m. If you are available to assist, please contact Kim Watts, Health Assistant, at [kim\\_watts@hcpss.org](mailto:kim_watts@hcpss.org) or 410-313-1575.

## Spelling Bee

Congratulations to the 4th and 5th grade students who completed in the 11th annual Dayton Oaks Spelling Bee. A special congratulations to the winner, Bodhi Amarasekera, and the runner up, Sarah Ogunmefun. Bodhi and Sarah will go on to represent Dayton Oaks at the countywide Spelling Bee on March 17, 2017, at Reservoir High School. Great job to all of the spellers and keep reading!

## How Girls Code

The next session of How Girls Code will be opening soon! This program is open to girls in Grades 3-5. The spring session will be on Thursdays and will start at the end of February and continue into April. We will be offering the Tynker course this time around. We welcome both new and returning students. Look for more information to come home in Thursday Folders in the next couple of weeks. We are excited for another great session!

Your child's Thursday folder was sent home today. Please review for important academic information and general school notes and return on/before Monday. Thank you.

Please visit the **Community News and Programs** page (<http://www.hcpss.org/community-news-and-programs/>) on the HCPSS website for announcements of upcoming events and programs sponsored by non-profit organizations.

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**School Hours: 9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.**  
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*Every student is engaged and inspired in a rigorous and empowering environment, in order to develop a love of learning, discover strengths, and excel in all endeavors.*