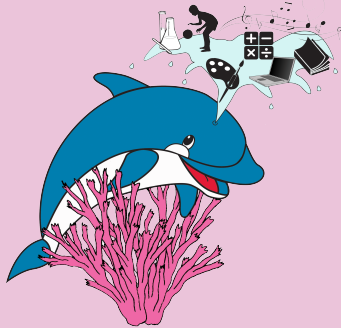


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# Weekly Wave

*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

### **Monday, February 20**

Schools Closed  
President's Day

### **Tuesday, February 21**

Schools Closed  
Professional Learning Day

### **February 27 – March 3**

Kindergarten Registration

### **Wednesday, March 1**

FIT Family Night  
6 – 8 p.m.

## Corals of Creativity

During our upcoming March parent-teacher conferences, we are going to expand our student-led conferences to include our 2nd through 5th graders. Kindergarten and first grade will still have parent-teacher conferences, but without students present. During student-led conferences, students facilitate the conference between themselves, their teachers, and their parents for the purpose of 1) reviewing educational progress, 2) setting goals, and 3) securing parent help with goals. We are excited about our conference format and know that the students are looking forward to assuming more responsibility for their academic progress.

A student-led conference provides students the opportunity to talk about their educational progress as they also listen to their teachers talk about strengths and areas of growth. During the conference, the student shares his or her educational goals and various work samples. Together, the student, teacher, and parents determine what each will do to help the student move closer to achieving the identified educational goals. Student-led conferencing engages parents and allows students to be involved in the decision-making for their very own educational journey.

During our student-led conferences, it is our hope that students will become accountable for their own learning, reflect on their work and role as a learner, and increase communication between the school, the student, and the parents.

Parent-teacher conferences will be held March 9 and 10, 2017. Parents can log into HCPSS Connect beginning Friday, February 24, 2017, at 9:00 a.m. to view and select from the time slots provided by your child's **MATH** teacher for Winter conferences. Conference scheduling will close on Friday, March 3, 2017, at 4:00 p.m. If you need assistance, a Parent Teacher Conference User Guide can be found at [www.hcpss.org](http://www.hcpss.org).

Please save these dates and remember to bring your child with you to your scheduled conference if they are in Grades 2-5. Our teachers are looking forward to seeing you and discussing your child's progress.

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## Kindergarten Registration

Kindergarten and new first grader registration will be conducted daily, February 27 - March 3, from 9:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. Additionally, evening registration will be held Wednesday, March 1, from 4 - 6 p.m. For registration, you will need to bring your child's birth certificate or passport, proof of residency (lease or deed), utility bill, current immunization records and photo identification. Should you have any questions, please contact the Dayton Oaks office staff at 410-313-1571.

Children must be 5 years old by September 1 in order to enroll in kindergarten. Every child who is 5 years old by September 1 must be enrolled in a kindergarten program this fall or have an approved waiver. Early admission to kindergarten for the 2017-2018 year is open only to children whose fifth birthday falls between September 2 and October 13, inclusive. There are no exceptions to this six-week window. Although early admission to kindergarten is rare, exceptions have been made only after a variety of items have been reviewed by certified early childhood educators. For questions about the early admission process, please contact the Office of Early Childhood Programs at 410-313-5693 or visit:

[www.hcpss.org](http://www.hcpss.org).

## 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, FIT Family Night 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.

## Learning Together Peer Program

The Dayton Oaks Regional Early Childhood Center (RECC) toddler and preschool programs will be accepting applications for classes for the 2017/2018 school year. These classes include children with and without disabilities. The program's focus is to help all children develop communication, literacy, math, problem solving, motor, and social skills. Parents of children who will be **3 by September 1** or 4 years of age may contact the school office for an application package.

All applications must be returned by Friday March 30, 2017. A limited number of openings are available for children without disabilities. Children are selected based upon screening information given on the application form and the "Ages and Stages Questionnaire," as well as observations of the child's participation in a playgroup. If necessary, a lottery process is conducted.

If you have any questions, please contact Alicia Phippen or Megan Battle at (410) 313-1581.

Your child's Thursday folder will be sent home **Friday** this week. 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.**  
**Office Hours: 8:15 a.m. – 4:15 p.m.**

*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.*