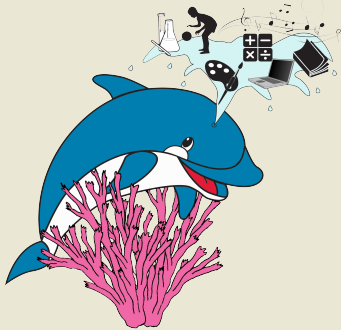


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Weekly Wave

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

Wednesday, March 8

Interim Progress Reports Issued

March 9 and 10

Parent Teacher Conferences
Schools Close 3 Hours Early

Thursday, March 16

Culture Night & Reading Night
6 – 8 PM

Friday, March 17

St. Patrick's Day
Wear Green

Friday, March 24

JA in a Day

Corals of Creativity

March is Music In Our Schools Month (MIOSM), an annual celebration which engages music educators, students, and communities from around the country in promoting the benefits of music education programs in schools.

Music In Our Schools Month began as a single statewide advocacy day and celebration in New York in 1973 and grew to become a month-long celebration of school music in 1985.

Here at Dayton Oaks, the **HALLS** will be alive with the sound of music each morning during our morning announcements. Students will be treated to musical performances by DOES staff and students; what a wonderful showcase! There will also be a school-wide Name That Tune Contest several times during March. It's going to be fun!

Patricia Hammer
Vocal/General Music Teacher
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Parent Teacher Conferences

During our upcoming 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 now log into HCPSS Connect 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.

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.

Culture Night & Reading Night

Join us on Thursday, March 16, from 6 – 8 p.m. for an evening of cultural performances, arts, crafts, games, and more from all over the world! Learn about the cultures of China, Dominican Republic, Hungary, India, Kenya Nigeria, Switzerland, and more!

See exciting performances such as Chinese folk dance, Indian folk dance, African dance, Chinese martial arts, Tae Kwon Do, Hip Hop dancing and Irish dance. Come visit the Story Corner, where your favorite teachers will read 6 books featuring different cultures!

If you have any questions, please contact our Reading Specialist, Kim Bodin at kim_bodin@hcpss.org. If you would like to add your culture to Culture Night and Reading Night, please contact Hailing Zhang at hizhc@hotmail.com.

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.

JA in a Day

On Friday, March 24, 2017, DOES will host a hands-on educational program operated by Junior Achievement of Central MD. JA in a Day is a unique, hands-on education program that provides in-class elements of community, economy, work readiness, financial literacy and entrepreneurial skills.

All students in Grades K-5 will participate. In order to make this exciting program possible, we need two volunteers for each classroom to lead activities. Classroom teachers will work along with volunteers in a supporting role. All volunteers are required to participate in one training session -- either Monday, March 3, at 9:00 a.m. or Monday, March 13, at 6:00 p.m.

Flyers about JA in a Day were sent home last week in Thursday Folders. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer, please contact Jodi Enzman, School Counselor at jodi_enzman@hcpss.org.

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 31, 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 was sent home today. Please review for important academic information and general school notes and return on/before Monday.
Thank you.