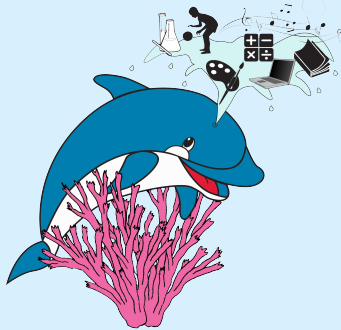


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Weekly Wave

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, March 24

JA in a Day

Career Day – Dress like you are headed to your first day on the job

Friday, March 31

Picture Day

Friday, April 7

End of Marking Period
Schools Close 3 Hours Early

April 10 – 17

Spring Break
Schools Closed

Tuesday, April 25

Report Cards Issued

Corals of Creativity

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Over the past few months, our car-pool loop has increased with the amount of riders for many reasons. Unfortunately, we have great concern that our car-loop safety is diminishing. We really need your help to implement a safe delivery of students to school each day. Here is how you can help:

Please put your children on the bus. The only students that are not assigned buses are our preschool students. Other children that occasionally should be car-riders are students with larger musical instruments on various occasions. If these two groups of students were the only ones that used the car-loop, that would be ideal.

If you decide to drive your child to school one day for a particular reason, PLEASE USE THE LOOP. Parking in a spot will seem to make things a little faster for you but in the end, this slows the car-loop down and causes an increase in unsafe maneuvering of traffic and students.

Lastly, if you decide to drive your child on a specific day, please make sure your child is ready to quickly exit the vehicle on the passenger side only. This is a "kiss and ride" car-loop. Kiss them before you pull up to the sidewalk and they can quickly exit the car! This will save time.

Ultimately, we want to get parents to work on time and children into the school on-time, and in the safest manner possible.

Thank you so much!

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Walking Club

This is a great activity to volunteer for and get to know your child's friends and classmates. You can sign up for the days that match your schedule and stay for lunch with your child.

Grades 1 – 5 will walk during their recess on March 29, April 5, 19, 26, May 3 and 10.

Kindergarten will walk on Fridays at 11 a.m. on March 31, April 7, 21, 28, May 5 and 12.

Parent volunteers are essential to our program. Please sign up to support this fitness activity that is loved by our students. Our success depends on parental support. Come out and join the fun! For more information or to volunteer, contact Beth Brannan at walkingprogram@daytonoakspta.org.

National Math Festival

Saturday, April 22nd is the National Math Festival at the Washington DC Convention Center. There will be many activities for ages 2 through adult. For more information about this event, please visit: <http://mathfest.org/>.

Youth Art Month

Congratulations to artists Bella O'Rourke (2) for her sunset "VanGogh" painting and Grace Ridenour (5) for her painting of the saxophone in oil pastels and tempa paint displayed on the Youth Art Month Invitation for the Howard County Public School System. These pieces of art were submitted for display during Youth Art Month at the Howard County Public Library, Miller Branch.

We'd also like to congratulate the following artists for their work that has been submitted to the Imagining Home Art Show at the Howard County Arts Council. The house on the left was designed by Peyton Yeager (2) using relief sculpture and the house on the right was designed by Aylin Hunter (2). Both



houses are on the second row of the invitation. We'd also like to congratulate the following students for having their artwork in the show as well: Caden Starcher (2), Harley Rosen (2), and Tristan Ford (2).

Urban BBQ Fundraiser

The Language Arts Committee invites you to dine in or carry out at Urban Bar-B-Que Company, 5715 Richards Valley Road, Ellicott City on Wednesday, March 29, 4 – 9 p.m. Twenty percent of the proceeds will be donated to improve our Language Arts instruction. Complimentary face painting will be available. Be sure to mention DOES when ordering. We hope to see you there!

Lunch Utensils

If your child packs a lunch and needs to use a utensil, please be sure to pack them one daily. Although we have plastic utensils on hand, only the cost of a purchased lunch covers the utensils. Of course, if you or your child forget to pack their utensils, we will have them available for them to use. This is just a gentle reminder. Thank you.

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 folder will be sent home tomorrow. 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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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.