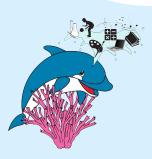
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Weekly Wave

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

<u>Thursday, May 18</u> Restaurant Night at McDonalds in Clarksville, 5:00 – 7:00 pm

> Friday, May 19 Professional Learning Day Schools Closed

Wednesday, May 24 Interim Progress Reports Issued

<u>Thursday, May 25</u> Super Hero Day – Dress up like your favorite super hero

> Friday, May 26 Field Day

<u>Monday, May 29</u> Memorial Day – Schools Closed

Thursday, June 1 Band Concert; 9:30 am & 7:00 pm

> Friday, June 2 Movie Night Celebration

Corals of Creativity

Dear Parents/Guardians,

With the school year soon drawing to a close, our staff is beginning the process of grouping students for the 2017-2018 year. The administration and staff of Dayton Oaks Elementary recognize that parental input plays a significant part in decisions about individual students. As parents, you know your child's specific strengths and needs.

Because your input is valued, we invite you to provide us with information about your child. The link below will bring you to an electronic form of the Consideration Card. This link is being provided to families who have students entering grades 1-5. The purpose of the card is to give you the opportunity to write specific comments that would be reviewed by your child's current teacher as well as next year's teacher. You may include statements about learning style, special interests, social/emotional needs, and so forth. Please understand that this card is not intended to request a certain teacher.

The administration and teaching staff utilize a wide range of criteria when grouping students for the upcoming year. Our articulation process is thoughtful and detailed, and our decisions are made upon the best interest of each individual student. We ask that you respect our professionalism and trust that our placement recommendation is reflective of what is the best instructional match for your child.

Once again, we encourage you to take advantage of this opportunity to provide helpful information about your child. Please use the link to complete the electronic consideration card on or before **Friday**, **May 19**.

Please copy the link below and paste it into your URL to access the Consideration Card. Thank you for your continued support.

Link:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe6mCpCdI1rzSKaqWczV_pdAfswQnsj whbcE1oKaUYiogVviQ/viewform?c=0&w=1

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Restaurant Night

Join us for Restaurant Night on Thursday, May 18, at the McDonalds in Clarksville. Fifteen percent of the proceeds from orders taken between 5 – 7 p.m. will benefit Dayton Oaks' language arts instruction. We hope to see you there!

Scratch Programming

Are you interested in introducing your child to computer programming? Scratch Day is coming to Howard Community College on May 21, 1-4 pm! *Scratch* is a free visual programming language developed by the MIT (Massachusetts Institute of Technology) Media Lab, and used by students, scholars, teachers, and parents to easily create animations, games, etc. It provides a stepping stone to the more advanced world of computer programming. This year both educator and student (gr 4-12) training sessions are being offered. Follow this link for more info and registration:

https://www.eventbrite.com/e/scratch-day-2017tickets-32027125996 (Links to an external site.)

Media Center News

The end of the school year is approaching fast, and the last day to check out media books is May 18. All books are due back in the Media Center by May 26. In order to encourage students to return their books promptly, the Media team will reward the first class that has all of their books returned to the Media Center. More details about the reward will be announced in next week's newsletter. Please remind students to hunt for those missing books in desks, cars, under beds, and anywhere else they may have travelled with their books.

SECAC Nomination

Congratulations to Ann Marie Matthews, Jody Wallace, Diana Burch, Sheila Klingler, Mindy Gettier, Karin Faupel, Michelle Meney, Debbie Vo, Gail Mielke and Sarah Wainwright. These staff members were nominated for a SECAC (Special Education Citizens Advisory Committee) award.

Bingo Night

We would like to thank our PTA and all of the volunteers who helped with Bingo Night! We would also like to thank our Dayton Oaks community for their support. Between the Bake Sale and spare change that was donated, we raised \$484 for the Howard County Autism Society! Thank you for your generosity.

Changes to Interims and Report Cards

Please be advised that adjustments have been made to interim progress reports and report card dates for the fourth quarter. Interim progress reports will now be issued on May 24 due to the dates of graduation this year. Report cards will be mailed home June 14.

> 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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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.