# **Deep Run Digest**

# October 14, 2016

**Important Dates** 

October 14, 2016	Spirit Day— <u>Star Wars Reads Day</u>
October 16, 2016	HCPSS 5K and Fun Run 8:00 am
October 20, 2016	Math Night 6:30-8:00
October 21, 2016	Spirit Day—Wear Exercise Clothes
October 21, 2016	PTA Trunk or Treat 6:00-7:30 Lower Parking Lot
October 25, 2016	Fall School Picture Day
October 28, 2016	Halloween Parade 3:00
October 31, 2016	Schools closed for students
November 4, 2016	End of the First Marking Period
November 7, 2016	Schools closed for students
November 8, 2016	Schools closed for Election Day
November 11, 2016	Spirit Day—wear red, white, blue for Veterans Day
November 11, 2016	Flu Clinic for students pre-registered for the vaccine
November 14, 2016	American Education Week
November 14, 2016	PTA Meeting 7:00

#### **Important News**

Halloween

Information about the Halloween festivities at Deep Run will be in today's Friday folders. The parade will begin at 3:00 and will take place outside. The route will be shared next week. The flyer contains guidelines for costumes. An alternative activity will be available for students not participating in the Halloween activities. Please inform your child's teacher using the form on the flyer.

#### Hero of the Day

We launched our Hero of the Day program last week by welcoming Officer Viou and Officer Schlossnagle from the Howard County Police Department. This week we had two parent volunteers. Please consider signing up to be a Hero of the Day. More information about this exciting new program is attached.

http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0a4dafaf2fa31-dres

### Math Night Workshops: Thursday, 10/20 from 6:30-8:00

\* Families may RSVP for math night until end of the day today: 10/14. If you are interested in attending math night please send in your registration form.
\*Parents in preK-5th grade are invited to participate in a great evening all about math. Ever say to yourself, "That is not how I learned math in school"? The DRES staff will share best practices and strategies to support your child in math. Please see the attached flier for more information and check your child's communication folder for a paper copy of the math night flier.
\* Students in grades 2-5 are invited to participate in the workshops with parents. Students in grades 1-5 will also be able to play Dreambox while parents are attending the workshops and we will have additional childcare for younger students and siblings.

# Calling all 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Parents:

Deep Run is looking for the "2017 Battle of the Books" teams. Each team must consist of five students and one coach. Coaches can be parents and/or teachers. Each team member and coach must read 14 books and answer a variety of questions regarding each one during a competition in April. All books can be found in your child's homeroom, the media center, and the Public Library. Please email questions to Eric Soskil, Title 1 or Hillary Schwartz, Media Specialist. We look forward to a great turn-out this year. Battle of the Books Dates to Remember:

- Oct. 18 & 20, 2016 @ 7:00 PM: General Info session at Miller Branch
- Oct. 21 Nov 4<sup>th</sup>: Online Registration for BoB
- Nov. 15 & Nov 17<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00pm: Mandatory Coach Meetings at Miller Branch (books distributed)
- OR
- Nov 19, 2016 @ 11:00am Mandatory Coach Meetings at Miller Branch (books distributed)
- April 15<sup>th</sup> 2017: Battle of the Books! (locations TBA)

Title I Update:

All students should have received the family compact. This document describes some of the commitments and goals made by the staff, students, and families to support learning. In the next few weeks, students and teachers will work on setting personal goals. We encourage you to check in with your child and ask what goals they set for themselves. Writing down specific goals will help students focus their learning and increases the chances of goals being achieved. If you did not receive a copy of the family compact please contact your child's teacher.

#### Last Week's News

#### Indoor Environmental Team PTA Representative

This year all HCPSS schools, including DRES, are establishing a schoolbased Indoor Environmental Quality Team (IEQ). The school-based IEQ team identifies potential issues/concerns before they reach the level where occupants' health and safety are at risk, provides an avenue of communication through which any concerned individual can report potential indoor environmental problems, and increases education and awareness of the importance of maintaining proper indoor environments.

Our team will be scheduling two annual walk-throughs with the HCPSS IEQ Coordinator to be conducted here at Deep Run. The HCPSS IEQ Coordinator will be present for each of the walk-throughs. Mr. Notari is serving in the role of Deep Run IEQ Team Leader this year.

We are currently looking for at least 1 PTA member to serve on our team. In addition to the IEQ Coordinator and Mr. Notari, the team will also include our health assistant, chief custodian, integrated pest management representative (if needed), and a staff member. If you are interested in joining our team please e-mail Mr. Notari at dnotari@hcpss.org.

For additional information regarding IEQ please visit our Deep Run homepage at <u>http://dres.hcpss.org/environment</u>.

#### From the Health Room

Fall allergy and cold season is upon us! Just a reminder that we do not administer over the counter medication in the health room. If your child suffers from seasonal allergies or asthma, please administer their medication as ordered by the doctor. If a student comes to the health room complaining of coughing, sneezing, sore throat, or runny nose, we will check their temperature. If they do not have a fever, the student may be given salt water to gargle and sent back to class. This also goes for colds. Unfortunately, there is no magic pill to ease colds. We encourage students to wash hands and cover coughs but the health room cannot treat them. Drinking lots of water throughout the day can help ease some of the discomfort. Please continue to send your student to school if they are fever free and want to learn. We love seeing them!!

## **PTA News**

Please join us for the next PTA meeting on Monday, November 14<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. Save the Date: Planetarium Night on November 18<sup>th</sup>.