

Deep Run Digest October 13, 2017

Important Dates

October 13, 2017	Pink Out Day—wear pink Or DRES Spirt Day—wear DRES spirit wear or blue/white
October 18, 2017	PTA Meeting at 7 pm
October 19, 2017	PTA Trunk or Treat 6:00 – 7:30 pm
October 20, 2017	No School for Students
October 25, 2017	School Pictures--individual
October 25, 2017	Learning Together Night 6:30
October 25, 2017	Spirit Wear Orders Due
October 27, 2017	Spirit Day—Tacky Day
October 27, 2017	Boosterthon Kick-Off
October 31, 2017	Halloween Parade—more information to come
November 2, 2017	Book Mobile
November 8, 2017	Boosterthon Fun Run

Important News

Redistricting

Dr. Martirano presented his redistricting recommendations to the Board of Education. The redistricting plan **has not been finalized/approved** by the Board of Education yet. Based on the proposal, Deep Run will be losing neighborhoods east of route 1—about 100 students—to the new school. We will also be losing about 57 students who live in Kendal's Ridge who will go to Bellows. Please consider attending public hearings on October 26 and November 7 at 7pm at River Hill High School. You can also write letters to the Board of Education and email them to boe.hcpss.org. The final decision will be made by the Board on November 16th. More information is on the front page of hcpss.org. Also, see below about a special PTA meeting on Wednesday with Renee Kamen from the Office of School Planning.

Before Care Drop Off

When you drop off your children in the morning, please do not park by the dumpsters. This area needs to be reserved for deliveries and trash/recycling pick up. There are many places to parallel park on either side of Old Waterloo Road. Thank you.

Spirit Wear

Spirit Wear Order Forms went home in Wednesday Folders. Orders are due October 25th. Samples are in the front office if you need help with sizes.

Halloween

Information about the Halloween festivities at Deep Run will be on a flyer in Wednesday folders next week. The parade will begin at 3:00 and will take place outside. The route, guidelines for costumes, and needed food items will be shared on the flyer. 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.

From the Health Room

The health room is currently updating student health files. You may receive a notice of a missing physical form and/or a health problem form. If you receive one, please fill it out and return to the health room.

Last Week's News

Safe School Zones Resolution

At the September 8 Board of Education meeting the Board of Education approved a [resolution](#) to support and protect the rights of all Howard County Public School System (HCPSS) students, regardless of immigration or citizenship status.

A+ Library Card

Last week all DRES students received a FREE HCLibrary Card to access eContent via hcpss.me. If your child currently has A HCLibrary card it is still viable to use – keep it! This NEW card gives them access via the instructional app hcpss.me that we use at school, but you can also access at home. Visit this vimeo website to see how easy it is to set up. <https://vimeo.com/23450824> Please take a screenshot of your child's new HCLibrary barcode and attach to the back, along with the login and PIN. If you have any questions please contact hillary_schwartz@hcpss.org or LaTisha_Davis-Robinson@hcpss.org.

Learning Together Program for Parents and Students

On October 25th from 6:30 – 8:00, parents and students will have an opportunity to engage together in math and language arts activities. The teachers are working on preparing exciting sessions that will share instructional strategies for parents while working side by side with their children.

PTA News

PTA Meeting with HCPSS Office of School Planning

Join us on Wed.10/18 at 7:00 for our monthly PTA meeting in the Media Center. We will have guest speaker, Renee Kamen, from the Office of School Planning to discuss the redistricting proposals. As you know, many students at DRES have the potential to be redistricted with the new elementary school opening nearby next year. Renee will help explain where they are in the process, current recommendations, the remaining timeline for the re-districting decisions, and Q&A. Bring your questions! You can find the latest information here <http://www.hcpss.org/school-planning/redistricting-process/>

PTA Trunk or Treat

Box Tops

Support Deep Run Elementary by sending in Box Tops for Education labels. Please see the attached flyer for more information about the competition between grade levels.

Community News

Please visit the Community News and Programs page at <http://www.hcpss.org/community-news-and-programs/> for announcements of upcoming events and programs sponsored by non-profit organizations.