

Deep Run Digest September 30, 2016

Important Dates

October 3, 2016	No School Rosh Hashanah
October 5, 2016	GT Orientation—for all interested parents 6:30
October 6, 2016	Interim Reports Go Home
October 7, 2016	PTA Bingo Night and Gold Party Event 7:00
October 10, 2016	PTA Bring Your Own Breakfast 9:00
October 10, 2016	PTA Meeting and Gold Party Event 7:00
October 12, 2016	No School Yom Kippur
October 13, 2016	Coffee and Conversation with Administration 9:30
October 14, 2016	Spirit Day—Star Wars Day
October 16, 2016	HCPSS 5K and Fun Run 8:00 am
October 20, 2016	Math Night 6:30-8:00
October 21, 2016	PTA Trunk or Treat 6:00-7:30 Lower Parking Lot
October 25, 2016	Fall School Picture Day

Important News

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

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.

Gifted and Talented Program Information Night

All parents are invited to attend the Gifted & Talented Information Night for Deep Run Elementary School. It will be held on Wednesday, October 5 at 6:30 in the cafeteria. An overview of the program will be presented to

families by staff and students. Learn about the opportunities available for your children through the G/T Education Program.

Family Involvement Contact

Deep Run welcomes Glenna Deekle, our newly hired Family Involvement Contact! Ms. Deekle will work with DRES families to assist and support them to ensure that students have a successful year at Deep Run. It is important that children come to school each day to keep up with their classmates academically. Lessons build on each other so missing time at school makes it difficult for students to succeed.

Establishing routines now that the school year has started is a great way to help students stay focused and ready to learn and grow. Ms. Deekle shared, "It can be hard to get into a routine. I know because I have 2 children of my own! Do they cooperate? Not always. Do we stick to the schedule? We try but life gets busy so we aren't always able to do things in the same order. **What we don't ever skip is getting work done, going to bed and getting up in enough time to eat and get ready for school.** It makes it hard if your child is not motivated to go to school and/or get their work done. I have one who I have to pull along to get where we need to be! I share all of this just to say that I am here to help and I don't think it is easy."

You will be hearing from Ms. Deekle periodically throughout the year so she can work in partnership with you to help your student get to the finish line of the last day of school with the most success he or she can possibly achieve.

From the Health Room

When does the Health room call home?

Here, in the Deep Run health room, we are BUSY! Mrs. Melanie averages 50 visits a day! That is a lot of bandaids and ice packs. Our goal is to keep your child in school and healthy. There are many factors to consider when calling home. Here are the general guidelines we follow when deciding if a parent should be notified.

We call home when:

- There is a visible mark to the head or face
- Loss of a permanent tooth
- Continual visits to the health room
- Obvious broken bones/deformities
- Fever (Greater than 100.0)
- Vomiting
- Continuous diarrhea

- Lice is found and child has not been treated

We do not call home for:

- Scraped body parts (ie: knees, hands, elbows etc)
- Lost teeth
- Bathroom accidents
- Complaints of stomach aches, sore throats and headaches WITHOUT fevers
- Minor bumps and injuries

Please remember, we are a health room, not a clinic. We cannot diagnose and we do not administer over the counter medications without a doctors order. If you have any questions please feel free to call us at 410-313-5051.

Last Week's News

Dismissal Reminders

Teachers will follow the regular dismissal procedures for your children unless teachers receive a note. Please don't email teachers during the day about a change in dismissal procedures—teachers may not have a chance to read email during the day. Please call the front office if there is a last minute change. Additionally, students have to ride their designated bus home. Walkers can't ride the bus home with a friend.

Hero Of The Day

We are launching a new program to build our community and school spirit. The DRES Hero of the Day program is open to any caring adult of a DRES student. Volunteers will help greet students, meet with students during lunch and recess, and participate in other school activities. Please read the attached notice for more information and to sign up. Your child will really enjoy seeing their special adult wear the DRES cape and serve as the DRES Hero Of The Day.

A Message from the Music Department

Some of the school string instruments were borrowed over the summer for home practice and enrichment. If you have a school instrument from the 2015-2016 school year, please contact Mrs. DeBella, the new strings teacher. Her email is jacquelyn_debella@hcpss.org. If you are no longer playing or have switched to band, kindly return the instruments to her so another student can have an opportunity to use them. Your help is greatly appreciated.

A Message from the Health Room

As we get into the school year, we will see LICE. It is part of school life. The health room is here to help! Here are some helpful tips and information regarding our favorite bugs.

- Lice are not harmful and cannot spread disease. They are just a nuisance!
- If you contract head lice it does not mean you are dirty. They actually prefer clean hair.
- Peak season for lice is August- October and January.
- If we find lice on your child in school, you will need to pick your child up and take them home for treatment. You can use over the counter lice killing shampoos to treat your child's head. The most important part is **PICKING OUT THE BUGS AND NITS.**
- Treatment is only needed once and you can retreat in 7 days. DO NOT retreat sooner than 7 days.
- Check all members of the house. Only treat the people you find bugs or nits on.
- Please bring in the box of the shampoo you use to the health room with your child the following morning. We will reassess your child. If we see bugs, they will have to go home. Students can stay in school with nits.
- Nits will appear as dandruff. The difference is, nits are hard to move off the hair shaft. Dandruff can easily be blown or wiped away. A nit will need to be held on to and pulled off.
- Lice do not like to live off the human head. They begin to die as soon as they leave their host. The bugs transfer from head to head (hair to hair) contact. They do not travel on book bags and jackets.

Please feel free to contact the health room (410-313-5051) if you have any questions or think your child may have lice.

5th Grade T-Shirt

Did your 5th grader order a t-shirt. Orders are due October 5th. Please see the attached order form. You can also order [on-line](#).

Deep Run Gold Party Event Fundraising

Gold Party Event fundraising offers free, easy and no pressure evaluations on gold and silver COLORED items to identify whether they are gold, silver, platinum and of what karat. You can get cash for your old, broken, or unwanted gold, silver, and platinum. Bring them to school on October 7th during Bingo or October 10th during the PTA meeting to have them evaluated.

Volunteering at Deep Run

DRES values our volunteers and the contributions they make to our students and schools. Parents who wish to volunteer must complete a brief training course online and submit 2 certificates of completion to their school. Details are available on the Parent Volunteer Information [website](#).

PTA News

Bring Your Own Breakfast (BYOB)

Come in and bring your breakfast to eat with your child Monday, October 10, 2016 from 8:45 a.m. to 9:10 a.m. Any student may bring their mom, dad, uncle, aunt, grandmother, grandfather, or guardian. You will be able to briefly visit your child's classroom after the event until 9:30am. PTA will provide coffee and water. **Adults must sign in at the front table when you come to the event.**

PTA Membership Forms

You will receive a PTA Membership Form in your Friday Folder. The PTA is a group of parent volunteers that helps to run many fun events at Deep Run. Some examples include Bingo Night; Holiday Shoppe; Trunk or Treat; Snow Cones at Field Day and Cultural Arts assemblies during the school day. The PTA also supports the staff at our school through purchasing books for the Media Center, purchasing indoor and outdoor recess equipment and supplies for the classroom. It cost \$10 to join the PTA for the school year so please support this organization that supports our students and staff.

If you have already joined the PTA at one of our Back to School nights or at the Open House you will receive your membership card through the Friday folder shortly. Please contact Pam Smith at pamLsmith@hotmail.com with any questions.

Community News

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.