

DUFIEF PTA DRAGON'S BREATH NEWSLETTER

Parent Express



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PTA Reminders:

PTA Text Messaging

Text messaging reminders are now available. We will now send out high-priority (infrequent) text-reminders to your phone about our PTA via remind.com - you may already be signed up through your kids' classes, in which case, you can just add our 'class' with this link: <https://www.remind.com/join/dufi>

Contact yonat.lurie@gmail.com with questions.

Allentuck Gardens For School Contest

Our school has entered the Allentuck Gardens For School Contest. PLEASE VOTE BELOW.

Gardens for Grade School Grants, Allentuck Landscaping Co. will be donating and installing one cedar raised garden to the winning elementary school. Each grant includes:

4' wide x 8' long x 1' high cedar raised garden - Organic soil mix, Choice of vegetable garden plants, herb garden plants or butterfly garden plants, Complete installation, Care instruction, Short presentation on the benefits of plants and gardens (grade appropriate)

Please vote for our school by clicking here: <http://tinyurl.com/mz74ghr> and like our school's icon. It is that simple.

Dragons on the Run - open to all!

Dragons on the Run Starts the Wednesday after Spring Break!

- Spring Session: 8 weeks. Mondays & Wednesdays. **April 19 - June 7** (no practice on MCPS Holiday/non-instructional days)
- Time: 8:15am - 8:45am
- Meeting Place: School blacktop at the Kiss-n-Ride dropoff

We always welcome new runners! Email kim.merrifield@gmail.com for more detailed information and the required waiver

We look forward to seeing everyone at the first run!

Kindergarten Orientation

DuFief ES Kindergarten Orientation is scheduled for **Wednesday, April 26, 2017.**

Children who will be five years old by September 1, 2017, will be eligible to enter Kindergarten this fall. Please note - if your child's fifth birthday falls between September 2 - October 15, 2017, parents may apply for Early Entrance to Kindergarten (EEK). Please



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call the school office for more information.

If you have a child who will be eligible to enter Kindergarten this fall, please call our school office at 301-279-4980. Kindergarten Orientation packets will be mailed to families in March 2017.

Please pass this information on to any neighbors who may have children who are eligible to begin Kindergarten this fall at DuFief. Thank you!

If you have any questions, please call our school office at 301-279-4980.

Bingo Night

IT IS TIME FOR DUFIEF'S ANNUAL BINGO NIGHT!

Friday, April 28th, 6:30pm to 8:30pm

*First and most importantly a Bingo Caller is needed for the Evening! The Bingo caller is the ultimate MC of the night bringing the fun to the Bingo game. Please contact Jeanette if interested.

Pizza will be served at 6:30pm and Bingo will start at 7:00pm. Only a limited amount of non-preordered pizza will be available for sale, so please pre-order by Wednesday, April 19th.

We are in need of adult and student volunteers. Student volunteers will be given SSL hours.

Hope to see everyone there!

Contact [Jeanette Bannister Repie](#) with questions.

MCCPTA Performing Arts Festival

On **Saturday April 29th, 2017** the Montgomery County Council of Parent-Teacher Associations will hold its 6th Performing Arts Festival on the Rockville Town Square Stage from 11:00 am to 7:00 pm. This year the festival will feature 37 performances by students providing a variety of dance and musical entertainment. The festival features student performance groups from dozens of MCPS schools.

The event will feature over 400 student performers and offers a wide range of cultural and modern artistic talent. The performances feature dance and musical performances, including traditional Chinese and classical Indian dance, Hip-Hop dance, Bollywood Indian dance, African dance, Broadway musicals (including both Mulan and Beauty and the Beast), modern dance, and several step teams. The musical performances include jazz and light rock, choral groups, strings, and a-capella groups.

Books and Bagels

Join us for our next FREE breakfast - **Wednesday, May 3rd at 8am** in the APR.

Books & Bagels is a low-key breakfast for all of our students and their families (kids must be accompanied by an adult). The PTA serves fresh bagels, hot cocoa and COFFEE! Bring a good book to share with your student and spend some time socializing with our community!

Questions - Contact Marcy Waxman at marcywaxmanrealty@gmail.com

Dufief Elementary Night Out - DC United vs. NYCFC

Soccer night @DC United, **June 3, 2017**, \$25 - sideline tickets.

Also, last year they offered additional activities for \$150 reservation fee (carrying out a giant American Flag or hi-fiving DC United players as they enter the field). Contact me if interested Masha Maslennikov masm20878@gmail.com

MCPS Wellness Policy Survey

MCPS is soliciting input about how to improve food choices/nutrition and physical fitness at school. For more information and to share your feedback check out the following:

<http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/foodserv/wellness/default.aspx?id=525403>