



Darter Tacklebox Week 16 December 10, 2023

Good evening, DARLINGTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL! WE are LIVE Here at the BUBBLE. This is proud principal Alberta Porter with School Counselor, Ms. Mussini, Kindergartner Emma, 1st graders Will, and 5th grader Lupe.

Darter Scholars-We celebrate our kindergartners who demonstrated what writing looks like and sounds at the kindergarten level during an instructional walkthrough with the Supervisor of Reading and English Language.

Thank you for your amazing support of the Joe Corbi fundraiser. Don't forget the Joe Corbi pick up has been moved to Wednesday, December 20th from 4-6 p.m. in the Media Center.

From Mrs. Mussini, Our School Counselor: Through the generosity of community partners, we have many coats available. If you are in need of the following sizes, please contact Mrs. Mussini at 410-638-3700.

Girls & Boys 5/6

Girls 7/8

Girls & Boys 10/12

Girls & Boys 14/16

Student Council-please see the Mittens, Hats, and small gifts for their Holiday Service Project that went home this week.

Growing Together as Readers-Please turn in your Stamina Tracker to Mrs. Guzman for November as we want to exceed our November tracker's minutes!!!

PTA's December Meeting has been canceled because there are several evening events that week.

The Winter Concert is on Tuesday, December 12th at 7:00 p.m. Each performer may bring 4 guests.

Winter Concert Grades 4 & 5 students-As a reminder, please see the video and photo taking stipulations by Harford County Public Schools. During Learn with Me visits, I shared that only the school would take pictures or video for the yearbook. The school system's statement is below.

Video and Photo Safeguards: A Reminder for our HCPS Community video:

In today's modern education environment, it is important for all parents and guardians to be engaged in their student's learning journey. One of the ways we accomplish this is by hosting programs and events in our schools that bring parents and guardians into our classrooms. While in our schools, we want to remind you of an important guideline that ensures the privacy and respect of all Harford County Public School students and families. While you are at your child's school, it is essential to remember that taking photos or filming video is prohibited. According to relevant Maryland law, Maryland is a two-party consent state. This means the consent of all parties, or the guardians of all parties when considering our students, is required before recording. Not all families with students in our schools have given consent to be filmed or photographed. And since each family has different rules and beliefs, we need your help to ensure we respect their wishes. Privacy is

important to us, and to your fellow parents and guardians. Be sure to talk to your student about this, too! School system staff will record the moments in our schools that can be shared with our community. Together, we can ensure a fun, safe, and respectful learning environment for everyone!

AND NOW.....it is time for the Corny jokes of the week!

Q: What do you call a snowman temper tantrum?

A. A meltdown.

Q: How do mountains stay warm in winter?

A: They put on their snowcaps.

Have a Snow-dream Sunday and a Moonstruck Monday!

See below, the Gingerbread House Night information. Please register and volunteer.



Gingerbread Night

The Darlington PTA is hosting our annual Family Gingerbread Night at the Cafegymnasium on Friday, December 15 at 6:30pm-8:00pm

There will be pizza, reindeer games, contests, and door prizes!

Each family should supply:
-- one box of graham crackers per builder
-- one bag of candy for decorating to share with the group.

The PTA will supply pizza, drinks and icing for the houses.
If you are feeling festive, wear your best ugly sweater/holiday wear!
Prizes for best holiday wear and best gingerbread houses!
Free Raffle Drawing for Christmas tree and wreaths!

Please indicate number of adults & children attending, so we can have enough food for everyone.

We need volunteers to assist throughout the event.
If you can volunteer, please contact Hwa-Jung Strohm at 443-307-3846 or fill out info below.
Sign ups are also available on our PTA Facebook page. Look up Darlington PTA.

Please return the response form by Monday, Dec 12th

Student's Name _____ Grade _____

_____ Adults will attend # _____ Children will attend

Yes, I can volunteer.

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

REMIDERS:

Volunteers Needed: Please see the volunteer expectations and opportunities for volunteering at DAES.

Weather has Changed-please remember to have students wear a jacket. Please remember that students need jackets as the temperature in the different parts of the building can be chilly, to go to recess, and if we have an evacuation.

SMART Watches of any kind are treated with the same expectations as those for cell phones. They must be off and inside backpacks. Please see the HCPS handbook for more details.

Absences-please remember to submit vacation requests 10 school days prior to the trip in order for the vacation to be approved as a lawful absence. All absences require a note to the school.

From the School Counselor-Mrs. Mussini- Now that the weather is getting cooler, if your child is in need of a coat, please reach out to me. We have a few sizes available. Also, as always, I am here for your child and your family. If I can be of assistance in any way, please do not hesitate to reach out to you!

School Spirit Days: please see the list below for the remaining December Spirit Days and the first January Spirit Day. A new list will be sent home in January.

Revised as of 10/4/25 School Spirit Days

SC - December 8 – Favorite Color Day

Holiday Spirit Week:

December 18 – Candy Cane Day

December 19 – Holiday Character Day

December 20 – Winter Fun Day

December 21 – Jingle Bells / Holiday Bling Day

December 22 – Holiday Shirt Day

SC - January 12 – Pajama Day

*SC – Identified by Student Council

DARLINGTON ELEMENTARY PTA MEMBERSHIP

We encourage each family to join the PTA. Your \$10 membership fee per person gives you a voting voice in the PTA. Even if you don't plan to attend meetings, we encourage you to become a member as a way to continue the PTA efforts at your child's school. Please complete the membership form below and return it to the school with your child by **September 29th**. You can also join and pay online with MemberHub: <https://darterspta.memberhub.com/store> Note there is a small transaction fee online



Being part of your child's PTA is an opportunity contribute to your child's school experience. We welcome each of you to be involved in a way that works with your schedule. We appreciate all levels of help! Involvement brings a sense of accomplishment, appreciation for the events at school, camaraderie, friendship and an opportunity to learn new skills and share your talents!

Please plan to attend our next PTA Election/Meeting on Thursday, September 7th at 7pm at Darlington Elementary School. If our facilities request is not approved the meeting will be at Francis Silver Park instead.

For questions about the PTA, contact DAES PTA via email darlingtonelempta@yahoo.com

Please detach below & return to your child's teacher by Sept 29th. THANK YOU!

Membership cards are sent by email – please provide a unique email for each member!!

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Darlington Elementary School PTA 2023-2024 Membership Application

Please provide the names of each parent or caregiver to be included in the membership. We also ask you to list the name of each child attending Darlington Elementary School.

Member Name _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Is this Member willing to Volunteer to Support PTA Activities YES NO

Member Name _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Is this Member willing to Volunteer to Support PTA Activities YES NO

Enclosed is \$ _____ (Please include \$10 for each adult member. Make checks payable to DAES PTA)

Your Darter's Name(s)

Student Name _____ Grade _____

Student Name _____ Grade _____

Student Name _____ Grade _____