

Darter Tacklebox Week 29, March 24, 2024

Good evening, Darlington Elementary School! We are live here at the “Bubble.” This is Alberta Porter, Danielle O’Neill, and fourth graders Emily and Will.

We wish our students and their families an awesome and safe Spring Break. Our next Darter Tacklebox will be on April 7, 2024.

Darter Scholars of the Week -thank you to all family members who visited during the Spring Learn with Me.

State Testing will begin on April 15th for students in grades 3-5. Please ensure that your student is in attendance each day. Results inform our practices and contribute to students’ placement when they do go to the middle school.

School Spirit Day April 2, 2024-Autism Awareness Day-WEAR BLUE to honor this special day.

YEARBOOKS-order forms went home by Friday. Orders will be taken through July 7, 2024. Yearbooks do not arrive until the start of the school year. Fifth graders will not need to buy a yearbook.

PTA –please volunteer to run an event at the upcoming PTA walkathon, April 12, 2024, 5:30-7:30 p.m. This fundraiser supports our field trip and May Day activities.

PTA Spring Clothes Drive-Thank you for supporting this event.

Growing Together as Readers – keep reading and tracking reading minutes and please turn in your March Reading Tracker to Mrs. Guzman. Thanks, too, for your support of our Book Blast to get free books for classroom libraries.

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

Q: Why are trampoline parks so popular during spring break?

A: It’s spring-time.

Q: Why didn’t the teacher wear sunglasses over spring break?

A: None of her bright students were around.

Have a Springing Sunday!

Asynchronous Days

On January 22, 2024, HCPS learned that the Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) approved our 2023-2024 School Year Virtual Day Instruction Plan, which requested the use of three (3) asynchronous virtual instruction days in the event of inclement weather.

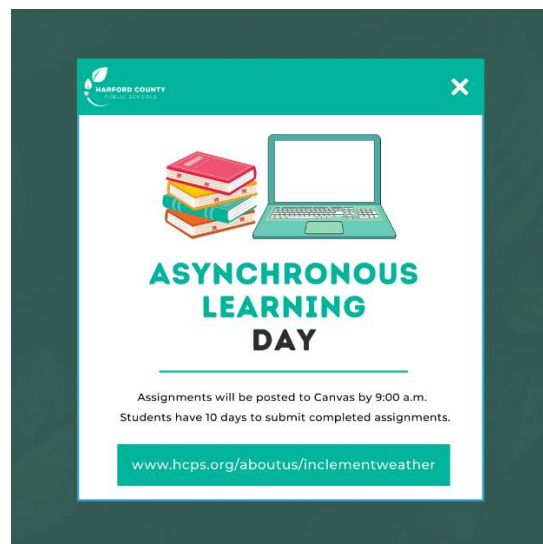
Following the approval of our virtual instruction plan, the next inclement weather day(s) will be utilized as asynchronous virtual learning day(s). When asynchronous virtual instruction is utilized, that information will be released with inclement weather communications.

At the direction of the Superintendent, all employees will be expected to work and/or be available for work during an identified asynchronous inclement weather day. Employees will remain virtual for their duty day unless given further direction by their supervisor. Here is the link to the staff FAQ with additional details: <https://www.smores.com/3rgmx1>.

This information will be shared with our community TODAY, Friday, January 26, 2024, via Mass Notification communications (call, text, email) and on social media.

Staff, students, and families may visit the [inclement weather page](#) on hcps.org for more information about virtual learning days, including FAQs, resources for Canvas, and more. This page will be updated regularly with additional information; please check it often during this season.

For easy reference for our entire community, when the school system is utilizing a virtual instruction day, the following graphic will be shared on social media.



Chromebook Covers-In the next few weeks, students will be receiving county issued cases for their Chromebooks to help protect the Chromebook from damage. The cases will be put on at school. These cases are to remain on the Chromebook AT ALL TIMES and not removed. Only these county issued cases can be placed on Chromebooks (no personal cases if they were previously purchased). Additional stickers and/or labels may NOT be placed on the cases. Thank you!



School Spirit Days: please see below for upcoming spirit days:

School Spirit Days – March - June

Reading Month Activities:

April 2 – Autism Awareness Day – wear blue

SC - April 19 - Workout Day

SC - May 10 - Beach Day

***SC – Identified by Student Council**

Reminders:

Chromebook Covers-The school district will be applying covers to all Chromebooks. Please see, below, the expectations for the covers.

Dental Care: Please see the affordable dental cleaning attachment.

From the Office-just a reminder to notify us if your contact information changes, that means cell numbers and addresses (both house and email).

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.

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 _____

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