

# Dunloggin Dragon Tales



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## **FROM THE PRINCIPAL**

### **FINK NEWS**

I hope everyone had a great week back! I want to start this week by saying how very proud I am of our community for participating in the sock collection for Johns Hopkins Children Center. It is always so inspiring to see our community come together to help those in need!

We live in a world surrounded by technology. And we know that whatever field our students choose to go into as adults, their ability to succeed will increasingly hinge on understanding how technology works. But only a tiny fraction of us are learning computer science, and fewer students are studying it than a decade ago. That's why this coming week DMS is joining in on the largest learning event in history: The Hour of Code, during Computer Science Education Week (Dec. 8-14). Last year, 15 million students tried computer science in one week. This year, we're joining students worldwide to reach 100 million students! The DMS Hour of Code is a statement that we are ready to teach these foundational 21st century skills.

On Monday, December 8, DMS will host our annual chorus concert and December 15 will be the band concert. Please come out, enjoy some music, and support our awesome students! Coming up in January is the annual DMS Parent Education Night (PEN). Some topics of the evening will be 6 grade outdoor education, 8 grade preparations for high school, GT programming, social media, digital citizenship, and conflict resolution. There will be much more information to come; however, please save the evening of January 13, 2015.

Have a wonderful weekend!

Dr. Jeffrey Fink  
DMS Principal  
Inspire...Empower...Prepare...

## **SCHOOL/COMMUNITY NEWS**

### **Staff of the Month Nominations**

Staff, students and the community are encouraged to nominate Dunloggin staff that they would like to recognize for their dedication to the students and community. The staff of the month nominations provide an opportunity for students, parents and staff to express their appreciation of all that the Dunloggin staff does on a daily basis to provide a nurturing and academic rich experience that will develop our students into the college and career individuals that they aspire to become.

Please feel free to complete the following form and send it in to school with your student. In addition, nominations will be collected every month, and you are invited to complete a form as often as you would like.

### **ATTENDANCE NOTIFICATIONS**

You can now receive e-mail notifications from the ASPEN Family Portal when your child is marked absent. First, log into your family portal account (the login id and password are the same as the emergency card system) using the attached link <http://hcpss.me/fp/>. Click on the top tab labeled "family". Next click on the side tab labeled "notification". Check the box under the label "subscribe" next to attendance. Please note that e-mail notifications are not sent out until 11:00.

### **YEARBOOK**

Order your DMS yearbook by March 1, and you will only pay \$22.00. To order your yearbook please go to [www.jostensyearbooks.com](http://www.jostensyearbooks.com).

### **December**

8 – Winter Chorus Concert – 6:30 pm  
15 – DMS Winter Band Concert – 6:00 pm  
24 – 31<sup>st</sup> – Winter Break

### **January**

1 – New Year's Day - Schools and offices closed  
2 – Schools and offices closed  
13 – PEN Night – 6:00 pm  
19 – Martin Luther King Jr. Day – Schools and offices closed

Holiday Gift Auction  
At  
Dunloggin Middle School

Dear Dunloggin Families,

We have begun to collect items for our school wide, PBIS sponsored, **Holiday Gift Auction** that will be held on **December 12** for our students. Last year, our auction was a big success and a lot of fun. The students had an opportunity to use their earned dragon dollars to 'bid' on items that were displayed in the cafeteria during lunchtime. **During the auction we had over 60 items that ranged from teachers offering after school activities, gift cards (I tunes, Target, Joanne's, Dick's Sporting Goods, Blockbuster), books, posters, Movie tickets, clothing items and lava lamps.** Following the lunch shifts, staff members selected winners for each item 'raffle' style and the winners were then announced on the afternoon announcements.

We are hoping that you will be able to support this event again this year.

We will be collecting donations until **December 5<sup>th</sup>**. Please consider donating an item to support this annual event. The students look forward to this every year and it is only possible with the generous donations from our families.

Please send your donation to the front office clearly labeled-  
**Heather Yeo- AUCTION**

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the school at 410.313.2831 and ask to speak with Heather Yeo.

Thank you for your support,  
Heather Yeo  
PBIS Coach