

## **WDMS News Morning Announcements: Transcript for September 8, 2020**

**Narration:** Ms. Ray (Library Media Specialist) unless otherwise noted.

### **OPENING & PLEDGES:**

Good morning Dundalk Middle School, and welcome back to school! This your Librarian Ms. Ray with the Morning Announcements from WDMS News. Today is Tuesday, September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020 and today is an A day. Please stand for the Pledge of Allegiance and the DMS Pledge.

- I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stand: one nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.
- We show Owl PRIDE. We show Positivity, Respect, Integrity, Dependability, and Effort.

Please be seated.

Here's a back-to-school welcome message is our principal, Ms. Adams.

**WELCOME MESSAGE (Principal Adams):** Hi there, Dundalk Middle School, welcome back to the 2020-21 school year. To our new Owl's Nest members, 6<sup>th</sup> graders we say welcome aboard! 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders, we're so glad to have you with us again and we look forward to a great year for everyone. Show those 6<sup>th</sup> graders how it's done and lead the way! We're expecting great things from everyone. I hope your summer was safe, that you were healthy, and that all is well with you and your loved ones. I'm looking forward to joining some of your classes. Do your part to be part of the process so that your success is guaranteed. We are champions for you here at Dundalk Middle School, so know that we have your back. If you need something, all you have to do is ask. See you soon!

### **BIRTHDAYS:**

We wish a very Happy Birthday to Ricardo Cruz-Merino and Joshua Smuck-Deleo, who are celebrating birthdays tomorrow, and a belated Happy Birthday to EVERYONE who had a birthday over the summer break! We hope you all enjoyed your special day.

### **WEATHER:**

Today's weather forecast calls for partly sunny skies with a high temperature of 85 degrees. Tomorrow will be mostly cloudy with a high of 82 and a 40% chance of showers or thunderstorms in the afternoon.

### **SPORTS:**

The Baltimore Ravens are getting ready to kick off their NFL season on September 13<sup>th</sup> against the Cleveland Browns. If you're a fan, the Ravens want to hear from you! You can send the Ravens a letter to wish them well and let them know what you are most looking forward to in the upcoming season. For details about the Letters to the Ravens Program, visit [baltimoreravens.com/fans/contests/letters](http://baltimoreravens.com/fans/contests/letters).

### **SCHOOL NEWS:**

**School Meal Pickup:** Here's a message from our Cafeteria Manager, Ms. Aikin: School meals will be available for curbside pickup at our school every Monday and Wednesday from 11 am to 1 pm. This week, meals will be distributed on TUESDAY (today) and on Wednesday since school was closed on Monday. For more information, visit FREE MEALS on the BCPS.org website.

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**GEMS Girl's Club:** The mentors of the GEMS (Girl's Club) would like everyone to know that there will be an interest meeting on Wednesday September 16th at 12:00 pm. In Google Meets; just enter the join code DundalkGEMS if you want to attend. Past club members will receive an email, if you have not already. All girls are welcome to attend, and we are sending a special welcome out to our new 6th graders! Even though we are starting out virtually, we have a lot of fun and exciting things planned, and we want to hear your ideas as well! If you have any questions before the meeting, shoot Ms. Johnson, Ms. Stout, or Ms. Hall an email: [ajohnson8@bcps.org](mailto:ajohnson8@bcps.org), [astout@bcps.org](mailto:astout@bcps.org), or [thall6@bcps.org](mailto:thall6@bcps.org).

**Service-Learning Opportunity:** Students, do you need service-learning hours? You can earn up to 6 hours by helping out at the Bread and Cheese Creek Cleanup right here in Dundalk, on Saturday, September 19<sup>th</sup>. Show up anytime between 8am and 2pm for some social distance creek-cleaning! Snacks will be provided. For more information contact Mr. Pepper or Mrs. Degraff on Schoology.

**School Library News:** In case you hadn't heard, your former librarian Mrs. Gibson retired in June, and we wish her well. I'm your \*new\* Librarian, Ms. Ray. I'm looking forward to meeting you all soon during one of your class sessions. In the meantime, I'm creating a Virtual Library in Schoology where you'll be able to learn more about me, get book recommendations, and access all kinds of library resources. Stay tuned for more details on the next Morning Announcements.

**Morning Announcements:** The Morning Announcements will air every Tuesday and Thursday this semester. Video links and transcripts will be posted for teachers in the DMS Schoology Group, and for everyone on our school website at [dundalkms.bcps.org](http://dundalkms.bcps.org). If you're interested in joining the WDMS News Team to help produce the morning announcements, email me at [kray@bcps.org](mailto:kray@bcps.org) or message me in Schoology to let me know. I'll be contacting students who were on the News Team last year to ask if you want to participate again this year.

### **WORDS OF WISDOM:**

We will end each edition of the Morning Announcements with some "words of wisdom" for you to think about ... sometimes we'll include a quote from a famous or influential person that seems relevant today. Today's words of wisdom come from professional tennis legend Arthur Ashe, who was the first African American male tennis player to win three Grand Slam titles, to earn the No. 1 ranking in the world, and to be inducted into the Tennis Hall of Fame. The Stadium where the US Open Tennis Championships are being played this week is named after him. He was also a civil rights leader who fought against racial segregation and injustice in the United States and in South Africa.

Arthur Ashe had these words of wisdom about facing a new challenge: Start where you are, use what you have, do what you can. We all know that this school year will be unlike any we've experienced before, with many changes to the way we've done things in the past. But we're all in this together, Dundalk Middle School family. We can "start where we are, use what we have, and do what we can" to make it a great school year ... or not... the choice is ours.

Tune in on Thursday for another edition of the Morning Announcements.