

WDMS News Morning Announcements: Transcript for September 15, 2020

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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 15, 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.

WEATHER: Today's weather forecast calls for Sunny skies with a high of 71 degrees. Tomorrow will be Mostly Sunny with a high of 78.

BIRTHDAYS: We wish a very Happy Birthday today to Jordan C., Damien E., Danien F., Abigail F-D., Amirah S. and a Happy Birthday tomorrow to Ostin C-A, and Dianelys G.

SCHOOL NEWS:

DMS Virtual Library: I'm excited to announce that the DMS Virtual Library is now open in Schoology. Just select Groups > My Groups > Join Group and type in the access code shown here. This information is posted in an Update in your Schoology Grade Level Groups if you need to look it up later. This Group is the virtual home of the DMS Library, where you'll find library resources, activities, contests and more! The September Library Contest is to check out an eBook in Destiny this month, and there are directions for how to do that if you need them. I'll draw two winners for each grade level at the end of the month and mail a prize to you at home! Join the DMS Virtual Library Group in Schoology for details!

National Hispanic Heritage Month: National Hispanic Heritage Month begins today on September. It's a time to celebrate the identities, experiences, culture, history, and contributions of Latin Americans who trace their roots to Spain, Mexico, Central America, South America, and the Spanish-speaking nations of the Caribbean. September 15th marks the anniversary of independence for five Latin American countries—Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua; in addition, Mexico celebrates their independence on September 16th and Chile on September 18th. To learn more about Hispanic Heritage Month, visit the DMS Virtual Library where I'll be posting some resources between now and October 15th.

Owl Pride Nominees & Winners: Hey students, have you been showing your Owl pride? Check your Grade Level Schoology page to see if you were nominated by a teacher for showing Owl pride the first week of school. Make sure to watch the video until the end to find out who the grand champion is!

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

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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, email Ms. Johnson, Ms. Stout, or Ms. Hall an email: ajohnson8@bcps.org, astout@bcps.org, or thall6@bcps.org.

High School Magnet Applications: Attention 8th Graders: Magnet high school applications will be available on the BCPS Magnet Programs' Web site starting this Wednesday, September 16, 2020. Please continue to check your Schoology Messages for updates about the Magnet application process.

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 19th. 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.

WORDS OF WISDOM:

Today's Words of Wisdom come from Hispanic music legend Carlos Santana, who said "The most valuable possession you can own is an open heart. The most powerful weapon you can be is an instrument of peace."

You may be concerned about incidents of hatred we see in our society and on social media these days. Many of us are. Having an open heart requires that you be willing to challenge hatred, racism, and other negative thoughts and beliefs. It means treating everyone with same respect with which YOU would like to be treated. You can be an instrument of peace (instead of hatred) by listening, trying to understand other people's points of view, recognizing their feelings, and approaching your interactions with them with an open heart.

With something to think about, this is Ms. Ray. Make it a great day .. or not... the choice is yours.

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