

DRAGON TALES

DUFIEF ELEMENTARY'S MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

SERVING THE COMMUNITY THROUGH LEADERSHIP

Through the *Leader in Me* curriculum, our DuFief Dragons are learning valuable lessons on leadership and strategies based on [the 7 Habits of Happy Kids](#). To build on our leadership learning, throughout the month of February DuFief's celebration of Black History Month is focusing on the theme *Serving the Community Through Leadership*. As was shared earlier, our BHM celebration kicked off with a presentation by Chief Marcus Jones of the Montgomery County Police Department. During the remainder of the month, students will hear from more speakers about how they serve their community through leadership. We are excited to see how students make connections with lessons they are learning about leadership and the messages from guest speakers. We look forward to sharing more about the *Leader in Me* curriculum during a future PTA meeting...stay tuned for more details!



During our BHM kick-off on Friday, students learned about optional ways they can learn more about ways others have served their community through leadership. This year, students have a variety of ways of sharing their learning including *photography, literature/writing, video production, visual arts* and more.

This information as well as the Social Justice standards students can incorporate into their work can be found in [the presentation shared with all students last Friday](#).

COUNSELOR'S CORNER



DuFief Elementary is planning our annual **Career Day**. It is scheduled for **Thursday, March 30th**, and we need your help!

We are looking for parents of students in grades 3-5, who would like to speak with 2 or 3 different classrooms (same grade level) for about 20-30 minutes each. Speakers will rotate classrooms. The structure of the morning is subject to change depending on the number of speakers who sign up. Grades K-2 will see community service workers in the afternoon.

If you are able to support our Annual Career Day, please email our school counselor, Mrs. Pape by Tuesday, February 28th at suzanne_pape@mcpsmd.org

FEBRUARY 2023

FEBRUARY 3

Black History Month Assembly/Chief Marcus Jones MCPD

FEBRUARY 6

Marking Period 2 Report Cards Go Home

FEBRUARY 8

Author Visit-Jonathan Roth

FEBRUARY 10

PTA Souper Bowl Lunch for Staff

FEBRUARY 13-17

Kids Heart Challenge/Warrior Obstacle Course

FEBRUARY 14

Classroom Valentine's Day Parties

FEBRUARY 14

Marking Period 3 Town Hall Meetings

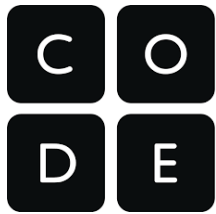
FEBRUARY 20

President's Day-Schools and Offices Closed

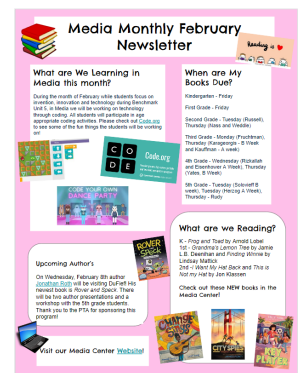
FEBRUARY 28

PTA Dining for DuFief/Skating Night

MEDIA MINUTE



During the month of February while students focus on invention, innovation and technology during Benchmark Unit 5, in Media we will be working on technology through coding. All students will participate in age appropriate coding activities. Please check out [Code.org](https://code.org) to see some of the fun things the students will be working on!



What are students learning about in Media this month? When are students visiting the Media Center and what else is going on in the Media Center this month? All this can be found in [this month's Media Newsletter!](#)

WOOTTON CLUSTER CONNECTIONS



Mark your calendars for Wootton's 50th Anniversary celebration that will take place on Saturday, April 29 from 7-10 at Lakewood Country Club. Due to the pandemic, they were unable to celebrate Wootton's 50th in 2020. Tickets will go on sale soon. The planning committee are looking for businesses to be sponsors and to donate to the silent auction. If you know of businesses that may be interested, please reach out to ptsa_president@tswoottonhs.org.

Annual **STEAM and Culture Night** promises to be an exciting and educational event. Mark your calendar for **Thursday, March 2, 6:00 to 8:00 pm**. DuFief Elementary students and families are invited to Experience Excellence at Robert Frost Middle School's STEAM and Culture Night.



[Please see the link for more information.](#)

MCPS CONNECTIONS

[The George B. Thomas Saturday School](#) provides academic tutoring and instruction with certified teachers in a nurturing and supportive environment. The program is aligned with the Montgomery County Public School (MCPS) curriculum.

This support is offered every Saturday on the dates and times below. MCPS students Grades K through 12 may attend after registering for Saturday School for \$85 per year (\$40 for students who receive FARMS).



Recently, all MCPS schools have seen an increase in the number of COVID cases going around our school and district, we would like to share with our families important reminders for keeping our school community healthy.

Please click on [the linked flyer from the Maryland Department of Health](#) for tips on protecting our community from the flu, RSV and COVID-19.



Please click on [the linked flyer](#) which explains when your student is healthy enough to come to school and should stay home.

