

# What is SPECIAL about DHA

- It's a GREAT day to be a panther!! Here at Druid Hills Academy it is our goal that EACH student shows a year worth of growth in all subject areas. This is done by keeping our student's focus each and everyday starting with the way that student's come to school dressed in uniform.
- We have a "pantheriffic" staff that is dedicated to the success of all scholars. Our highly qualified staff has a wide range of experiences from being board certified to teachers with advanced degrees. Technology is used daily to enhance global awareness which is embedded throughout the curriculum.



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#### Mission Statement

 Scholars at Druid Hills Academy are equipped with the academic, social and intellectual skills to be successful in elementary, middle, high school, college and beyond.

#### Beliefs:

- Establish a safe, respectful, nurturing and clean environment for all students and staff
- A highly qualified, collaborative staff that is supportive, positive and flexible
- Recognize and nurture the diversity of our school community
- Understand that rigorous standard based curriculum establishes a path higher learning



### DHA scholar attire

- Druid Hills Academy is a uniform school. It is mandatory that all scholars dress in the appropriate school uniform. We feel that being an uniform school has created a dress for success appeal at Druid Hills Academy. It has improved student achievement, self-esteem and behavior. Dress shoes are not required, but belts should be worn and shirts tucked in.
- Lower School (Pre-K-5)
  - Girls may wear navy/khaki skirts, skorts, jumpers and long pants. Shirts or blouses with collars are white or navy.
  - Boys may wear navy/khaki shorts or long pants. Shirts with collars are white or navy.
- Upper School (6-8)
  - Girls may wear navy or khaki shorts, skorts, skirts or long pants. Bottoms must have at least a 6 in inseam and be more than 4 inches above the knee. Shirt or blouses with collars are white and navy.
  - Boys may wear navy or khaki shorts or long pants. Shirts with collars are white and navy. Pants must be worn at the waistline.





# How will your scholars teacher communicate with you?

- Email
- Agendas
- Weekly Newsletters
- Class Dojo
- Thursday Folders
- Connect Ed









## Kindergarten World at DHA

- Druid Hills School hours are from 8:00am-3:00pm.
  - First bell 7:45am
  - Tardy bell 8:15
- At DHA kindergarteners have a schedule that is catered to theirs needs
  - 7:45-8:10-Enter the building, unpack and complete morning work
  - 8:10-8:15-Clean up and wash hands
  - 8:15-8:30-Breakfast and Restroom Break
  - 8:30-9:00-Math Whole Group
  - 9:05-10:05-Specials (Music, P.E., Media and art)
  - 10:05-10:30-Math Small Group
  - 10:35-11:05-Lunch
  - 11:10-11:40-Healthy Activity Choice (recess)
  - 11:40-12:10-Science/Social Studies
  - 12:20-1:20-ELA Whole Group and Read aloud
  - 1:25-2:25-ELA Skills Block and small group
  - 2:25-3:00-ELA Lab
  - 3:00-Dismissal









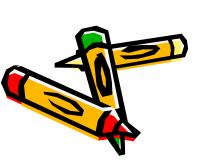
# Specials

- Druid Hills Academy has 4 specials to offer Kindergarteners. Specials are
  assigned to a particular day of the week and does not change throughout the
  year. Friday is usually reserved as "club day" when the students rotate
  throughout the different specials.
  - P.E.
  - Art
  - Music
  - Media









### English Learner Services-EL

 The English Learner (EL) program seeks to help English learners (ELs) attain English proficiency and achieve at high levels in core academic subjects such as math, science, social studies and language arts.

#### Enrollment Procedures

 Students who speak a language at home other than English enroll in CMS through the International Center. Language Instruction Educational Program (LIEP) services are provided for all students qualified as EL based on the state English language proficiency test.

### Types of LIEP services in CMS

- Content –Based ESL
- Co-Teaching
- Sheltered Instruction for ELS, etc.

 At Druid Hills Academy we provide tailored instruction for English Learner scholars. Our EL teacher works closely with teachers, support staff and families to equip our scholars with lessons that will help them attain the highest English proficiency.



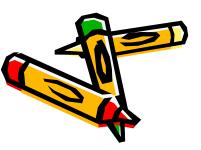
### DHA Student Services

- School counselors are vital members of Druid Hills Academy. Their fundamental role is to assist all students in the areas of academic achievement, personal/social development, and career development.
- Through a comprehensive school counseling program, DHA counselors provide a variety of services including:
  - Individual counseling
  - Group counseling
  - Classroom guidance
  - Grief and crisis counseling
  - Responding to and assisting with crisis
  - Serving as a resource to scholars of available community opportunities

- Serving as a resource for school staff and parents
- Serving as a resource for community referrals
- Providing parent and community outreach
- Fostering a positive school environment by embracing and promoting diversity

### DHA Student Services

- At Druid Hills Academy our social workers are trained mental health professionals with a
  Master's degree in social work who provide services related to student and/or family social,
  emotional and life adjustment to school and or society. Our social workers are the link
  between the home, school and community and provide direct, as well as indirect services
  to students, families and support personnel to promote and support student's academic
  and social success.
- Druid Hills Academy Social Workers works to reduce or eliminate barriers to student achievement by targeting four major areas of social work
  - Assessment
  - Dropout Prevent
  - McKinney-Vento
  - Crisis Intervention



### DHA School Nurse

 At Druid Hills Academy our school nurse offers preventative services, education, first aid, emergency care, assessment, referrals and management of acute and chronic health problems.

#### Role of the school Nurse

- Screen for health problems that may interfere with learning.
- Consult with school regarding health and safety issues.
- Help manage scholars with chronic medical conditions.
- Provide referrals to community resources.

#### Chronic Illness

- If your child has Diabetes, asthma, severe allergies, seizures or has dietary restrictions it is considered a chronic illness.
- If your child requires medication or procedures at school please notify the school nurse or staff now, so planning an begin.

#### Medication

- It is best for the student to take medications at home. This will help eliminate class disruption and loss of learning time.
- Druid Hills Academy does not provide medications for students.
- If medication is needed at school is MUST have a signed authorization form filled out by their doctor and parent.
- All medication must be in their original container.

#### Immunization

- If your child is in need of immunizations/shots this can be done at several locations, your doctors office, clinic, and at Mecklenburg Health department locations.
- Please bring immunization records when you go to get Kindergarten immunization.

Kindergarten Health Assessment

The role of the Kindergarten Health
 Assessment is to communicate the
 health concern and information from
 parents and physicians for all children
 entering public schools for the first time
 in North Carolina.

 State law requires every child entering public schools in North Carolina receive a health assessment. The assessment must be completed no more than 12 months prior to entering school. So this must have been done after August 31, 2019.

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Kindergarten Summer Prep

- At Druid Hills Academy we know Kindergarten year is an exciting and nervous time for everyone. Here is a list of things to do to over the summer to help prepare your child for Kindergarten:
  - Identify and write first name
  - Recite birthday
  - Identify numbers
  - Practice writing letters
  - Match uppercase to lowercase letters
  - Practice writing numbers to 10
  - Practice scissor skills
  - Identify some shapes
  - Identify colors
  - Count objects
  - Put 3-4 pictures together to tell a story
  - Identify position/direction concepts
  - Identify patterns





### Transportation

- Druid Hills Academy wants to see every scholar arrive to school safely, on time and ready to learn.
   We know that parents share these goals, so we offer the following guidelines to help parents choose safe and healthy transportation options for their children. By working together, we can create a safer and healthier environment for our children.
  - School Bus
  - Car
  - Daycare Van
  - Walker





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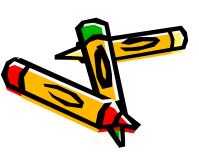
#### School Bus

- Enrollment of scholar must be completed by Mid July to secure transportation for the first day of school.
- Transportation information will be corresponded to parents three weeks prior to school beginning.
- To request change of stop or alternative stop at anytime visit the CMS Transportation website.
   Student ID # is required.

#### Change of Address

- Change of address forms can be found at DHA and also on the CMS transportation website.
- Forms can only be submitted to the schools' registrar, along with proof of residence.
- Once all information has been obtained you will be notified from transportation and the school of the change in stop.

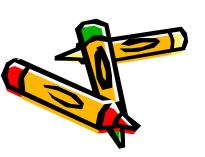




### Transportation Reminders

- The first month of school please wait at the stop 15 minutes prior to pick up and or drop off.
- Always update your scholars teacher of any transportation or address changes.
- Double check the stop location.
- Transportation issues or concerns can be directed to:
  - CMS transportation website
  - Druid Hills Academy
  - CMS transportation by phone 980-343-6715





### Let's Have a Great Year!

