

Greetings Deer Park Middle Magnet Families,

As the School Resource Officer [SRO] for Deer Park Middle Magnet School, I serve as a liaison for the BCPS Office of Safe and Drug-Free Schools and the Baltimore County Police Department. The presence of the SRO on a school's campus is an effective tool in promoting positive behavior, curbing disruptive behavior, and deterring crime and violence. It is my responsibility to promote positive relationships among local law enforcement agencies, students, and the community at large; help maintain a safe and orderly school environment; enforce the law; and educate students about destructive decisions, including those related to DARE (Drug Abuse Resistance Education). Our students benefit from the DARE program, which provides them with the skills they need to avoid involvement in drugs, gangs, and violence.

As we begin the school year, I would like to remind you of the following: All visitors, including parents, are required to report to the office as soon as they enter the building. Visitors may not go to any classroom without first reporting to the main office and confirming a scheduled appointment with a staff member. When checking into the office, proper identification must be displayed before visiting or picking up a student. Any student who is to be dismissed early must be picked up by their parent/guardian, or responsible adult, who must be listed on the student's emergency card. Please remember to update emergency cards when information such as telephone numbers, or emergency contact information changes.

In addition, please remember the following:

- Do not park in the bus loop/fire lane.
- Do not double-park on Winands Road at any time.
- Watch for our children as you drive safely in the school zone.

I look forward to working with. Enjoy the remainder of the summer.

Respectfully,

John Mitchell
DPMMS School Resource Officer