

DCMS Tiger Times

Dawson County Middle School, December 2021

The DCMS Tiger Tales is a monthly publication that keeps the Dawson County Middle School community updated on DMS events and information.

Upcoming Events-December

12/6-12/10 Santa Shop in the DCMS Media Center

12/9-12/11 LTTC's Old Fashion Christmas Production @ DCMS

12/13 DCMS Chorus Winter Concert

12/16 DCMS Band Winter Concert

12/21 PBIS Q2 Rewards Day/Pep Rally/Early Release

12/22- 01/3 Holiday Break for Students

01/3- Professional Learning Day for Teachers

01/4- Students Return

01/7- Report Cards Go Home

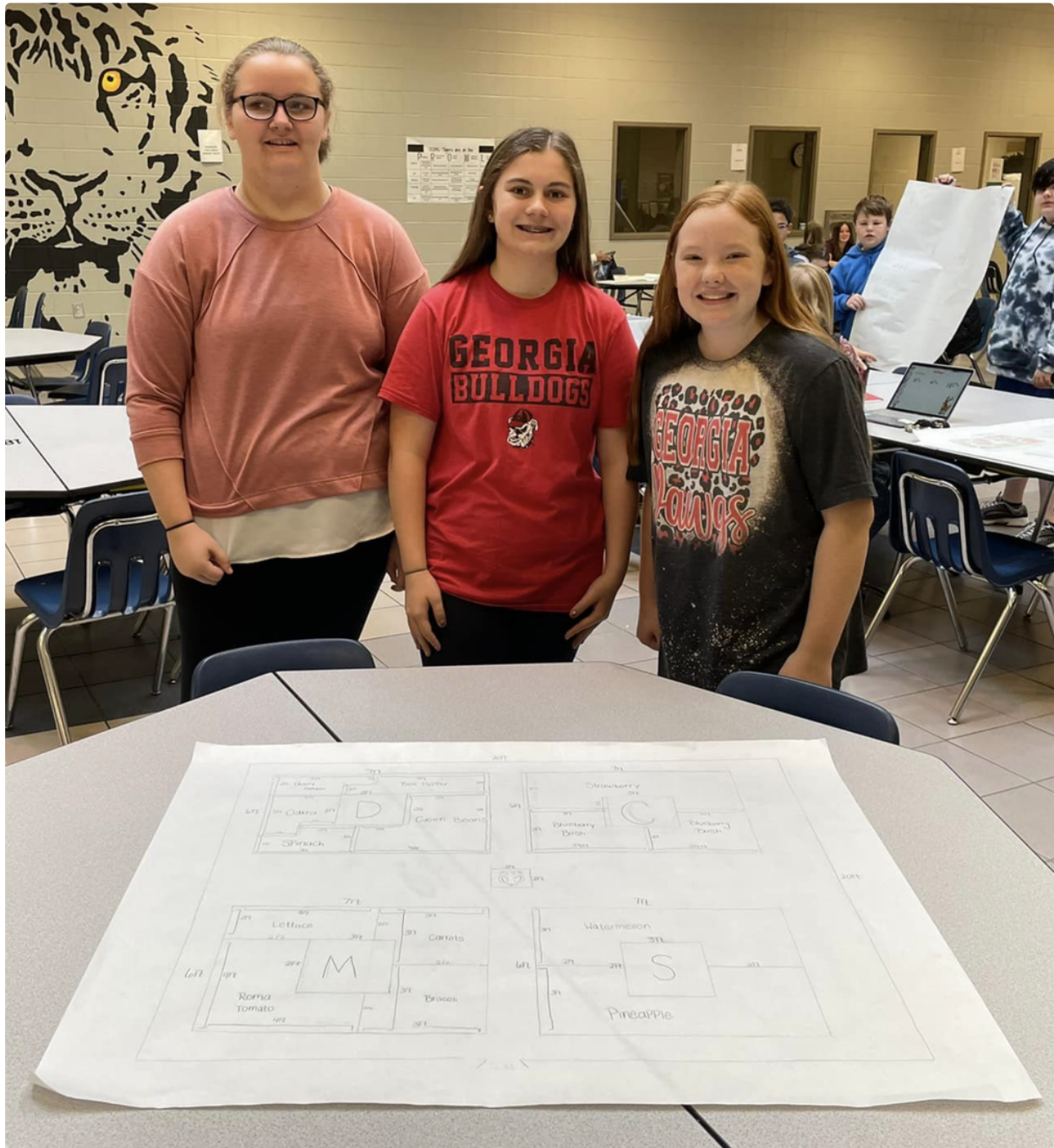


Spotlight on Academics

IGNITE in 7th Grade

Our 7th-grade Ignite Classes are working on creating their own garden plots (to scale) for how we can use the extra space outside of the 7th-grade wing. The winning idea will be put into life (hopefully this

year) and we will then create and build a beautiful area for growing herbs, flowers, and vegetables. The kids and their ideas are amazing!!!



Mrs. Renee Rogers Classes Complete Dissections

Students in Mrs. Rogers 7th-grade science classes completed an Owl dissection lab during the month of November. This lab provided hands-on learning opportunities as they studied vertebrates, the animal kingdom and predatory-prey relationships.



Seventh Grade Students Share Knowledge of Succession and Atypical Animals.

The 7th-grade students in Mrs. Rogers' Advanced/Gifted science classes have written books over the last quarter to share their knowledge about Primary Succession and Atypical animals. The students learned about primary and secondary succession at the beginning of the study of Ecology. Primary succession occurs when a thriving ecosystem develops from bare rock. The students each wrote a short story from the perspective of an animal in the Hawaiian Islands that ticketed their knowledge of the development of the islands from bare rock to a thriving ecosystem.

The students also learned about special adaptations that organisms develop in order to survive in various biomes. The students researched atypical animals and developed a class ABC book to share this knowledge with others. Please stop by the media center and check out the books on display! Mrs. Rogers is very proud of her young scientists.



Connections

News from Innovations and Inventions Classes

In our Invention and Innovation classes, students have been designing and building moving vehicles made out of pasta. They are practicing for their end-of-quarter design project using simple machines.



News From Visual Arts Classes

Mrs. Cory Hall's visual arts students worked hard to complete a project for our Veterans Day Assembly. The students in all classes (plus a few more who wanted to help) created a red, white, or blue drawing for a Flag in our gymnasium. The flag included drawings from around 200 students. The flag is an awesome tribute to our Veterans. DCMS thanks Mrs. Hall and the students that contributed to this project!



Stay in the KNOW! Check out our DCMS News Team's Newscast for December 2nd!

DCMS Tiger News 12/1/21



DCMS Hosts Family Thanksgiving Meal

We had a fabulous Thanksgiving dinner in November with our students, staff, and families. Special thanks to our cafeteria ladies who prepared an amazing feast! View photos from the event by clicking the slideshow link below.

DCMS THANKSGIVING 2021



Student Council Completes Thanksgiving Food Drive

Thank you to the students and faculty of DCMS for the Thanksgiving Food Drive donations! Student Council was able to put together 15 boxes to ensure all our families have meals to celebrate Thanksgiving. Special thanks to the following Student Council Ambassadors for coming to school early to help pack the boxes: Ellie Chambers, Alexis Dowdy, Madeline Martinez, Jocelyn Payne, and Kylie Turner.



Congratulations to the Following Staff Members! You achieved Perfect Attendance for the month of October!



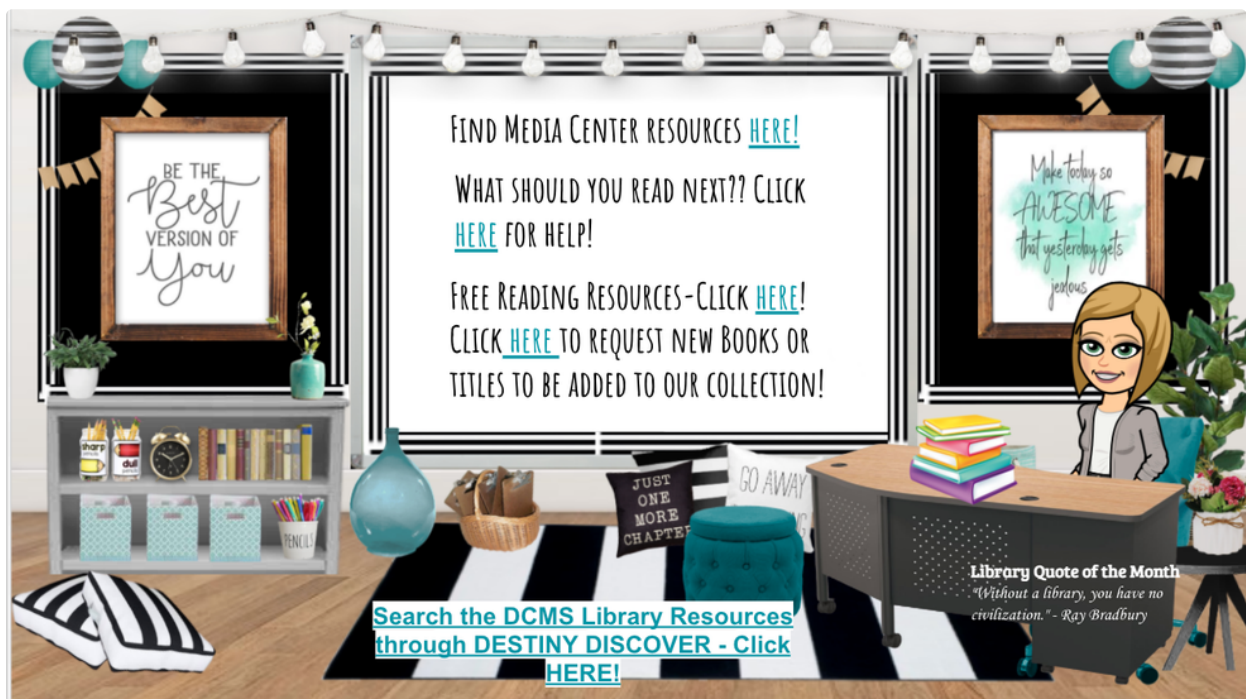
DCMS Veterans Day Assembly- November 11th

Our Veterans Day Assembly was a huge success! Thank you to our Veterans and families for coming out to DCMS to help us celebrate and honor those who serve. This tribute and our assembly is our way of honoring all the brave men and women among us who have served to protect our country. We are so thankful for you! Additionally, we wanted to give huge shout out to our DCMS student council for decorating the reception space for our Veterans Day brunch. Thank you to all of our sponsors and the PTSO who donated the yummy food for our veterans and their families.



Literacy Connection

Find Free Reading Resources and access our DCMS Library resources by clicking the image below.



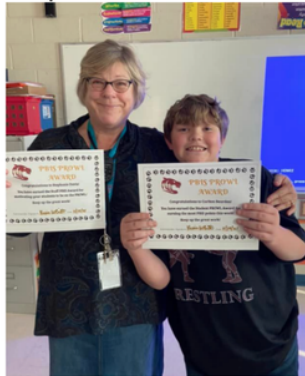
Looking for ideas to help keep your middle school student engaged in reading? Click below for suggestions and tips from Scholastic!



PBIS News

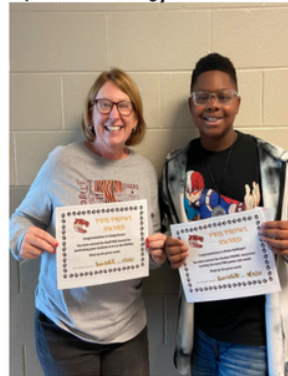
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Week of November 15th

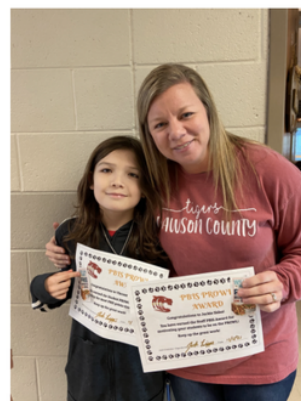
Carlton Bearden is the top earner in 6th grade. Ella Chambers is the winner for 7th. Staff Members: Cindy Evans and Stephanie Davis.



Week of November 8th

Nolan Bellinger is the top earner for this week in seventh grade. Abigail Barton is the winner for sixth. Staff Members: Cindy Evans and Courtney Midgett.

Congratulations to PBIS Student and Teachers of the Week for November!
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Week of November 1st

Chance Conowal is the top earner for this week in seventh grade. Vincent Blake is the winner for sixth. Staff members: Jackie Sides and Renee Rogers (not pictured)



DCMS Tigers are on the



Persevere **R**each out with kindness **O**wn your actions **W**illing to put Others First **L**ead with Integrity

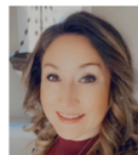
Cafeteria	Leave your area clean and neat and push in your chair	Hands on your own plate	Clean up after yourself	Wait your turn in line	Use good table manners
Hall	Be on time for class	Respect one another and speak kindly	Keep hands and feet to yourself	Keep it moving	Walk in a single file line
Restroom	Flush and wash your hands	Respect the privacy of others	One person in a stall Please leave bookbags outside the restroom	Be quick. Leave the restroom clean	Use the restroom appropriately
Technology	Music will be provided by the classroom teacher only	Always use your iPad for positive educational activities.	Be honest when using your iPad and report problems/damage	Be courteous to others while waiting for your turn at the iPad cart.	Always set a good example when using your iPad and charge it daily.
Bus	Speak with a quiet voice and remain in your seat	Respect one another and speak kind	Keep hands and feet to yourself	Be respectful to other students and the bus driver	Model proper bus behavior

Thank you to the following business and sponsors for donating prizes for our Thanksgiving Staff Bingo!



Katelyn Goodwin, FNP
Internal Medicine, Pediatrics

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Dawsonville, GA 30534
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Dawson County Schools Title I Parent Engagement Plan



[Click here to view the 2021-2022 Parent Engagement Plan for Dawson County Schools](#)



Dollar Days!

Make every dollar count.

Donate \$1 to your homeroom today!

**Your DCMS Sources of Strength is
hosting their annual Generosity
Campaign.**

**All funds will be used to purchase gift
cards for students in need this holiday
season. So bring \$1 to your
homeroom today to donate to the
campaign!**

NOV. 15 - DEC. 17

***Student and Teacher
of the Month***

Congratulations to the DCMS Student and Teacher of the Month for November!

6TH GRADE

DIXIE KNIGHT
DEBA OKORO-OBARAYE
SAUL RODRIGUEZ
JASON MORGAN



7TH GRADE

ACHILLES PETTYJOHN
KATIE LANIER
JAMES HALIBURTON
LANDYN BRYANT

Staff Member of the Month- Erin Grigsby

Congratulations to our October Student of the Month recipients and our Staff Member of the Month! The recipients were honored with a luncheon from Zaxbys and dessert from Dairy Queen. Students are nominated for exemplifying our PBIS PROWL Expectations. PERSEVERE, REACH out with kindness, OWN your Actions, be WILLING to put others first, and LEAD with Integrity.

6th Grade:

Dixie Knight
Deba Okoro-Obaraye
Saul Rodriguez
Jason Morgan

7th Grade:

Achilles Pettyjohn
Katie Lanier
James Haliburton
Landyn Bryant

Staff Member of the Month:

Erin Grigsby

Congratulations to all of our winners and a big thank you to Zaxbys and Dairy Queen for helping us honor our winners! #dcmsontheprowl



A message
from our nurse,
Mrs. Amanda
Kubat

If your child is out sick and has been diagnosed with the Covid-19, flu, pneumonia, or a stomach virus, please contact our school nurse, Amanda Kubat at akubat@dawson.k12.ga.us.



I Need to Stay Home if...



I have a Fever	I am Vomiting	I have Diarrhea	I have a Rash	I have Head Lice	I have an Eye Infection	I have been in the Hospital
Temperature of 100°F or higher	Within the past 24 hours	Within the past 24 hours	Body rash with itching or fever	Itchy head, active head lice	Redness, itching, and/or "crusty" discharge from eyes	Hospital stay and/or ER visit

I am Ready to Go Back to School When I am...

Fever free for 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medication.	Free from vomiting for at least 2 solid meals without the use of medications.	Free from diarrhea for at least 24 hours without the use of medications.	Free from rash itching or fever and evaluated by doctor if needed.	Treated with appropriate lice treatment at home and proof is provided to nurse.	Eye has returned to normal or have a note from doctor to return to school.	Released by my medical provider to return to school.
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After School at DCMS -Athletic Activities

Click the image below to find information and schedules for all DCMS Athletic Teams!





Dawson County 7th & 8th Basketball Schedule 2021-22

Date	Opponent	Home/Away
11/08/21	Fannin	Girls @ DCJHS
		Boys @ Fannin
11/11/21	Gilmer	Boys @ DCMS
		Girls @ Gilmer
11/15/21	Lumpkin	Girls @ DCMS
		Boys @ Lumpkin
11/18/21	Pickens	Boys @ DCMS
		Girls @ Pickens
11/29/21	Union	Girls @ DCJHS
		Boys @ Union
12/02/21	White	Boys @ DCJHS
		Girls @ White
12/09/21	Fannin	Boys @ DCJHS
		Girls @ Fannin
12/13/21	Gilmer	Girls @ DCMS
		Boys @ Gilmer
12/16/21	Lumpkin	Boys @ DCJHS
		Girls @ Lumpkin
01/06/22	Pickens	Girls @ DCMS
		Boys @ Pickens
01/10/22	Union	Boys @ DCMS
		Girls @ Union
01/13/22	White	Girls @ DCJHS
		Boys @ White
TBA	Tournament	TBA

HC Andrew Grigsby
Asst Jordan Hannah
Asst Jack Cupp
Varsity HC Arron Haynes

2021 DCMS Wrestling



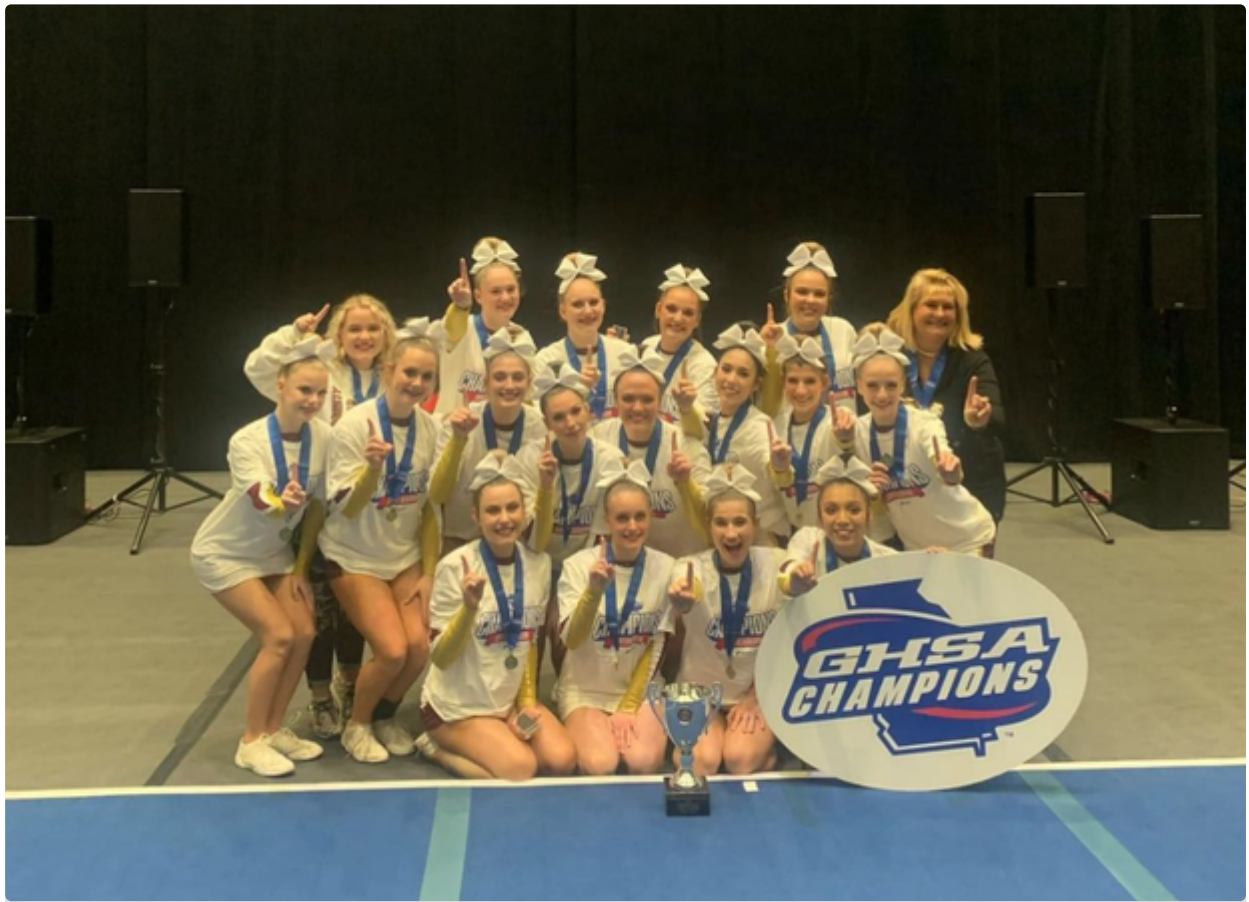
Date	Opponent (Location)	Start Time (Departure)
Tue 11/9	@ White (WCMS - 283 Old Blairsville Rd, Cleveland, GA 30528)	4:30pm (3:00pm)
Sat 11/13	@ Pickens (PCHS - 500 Dragon Dr. Jasper, Ga 30143)	9:00am (7:00am)
Tue 11/16	@ Lumpkin (LCHS - 2001 Indian Dr, Dahlonega, GA 30533)	4:30pm (3:00pm)
Thur 11/18	vs Pickens (Dawson County Junior High)	4:30pm
Tue 11/30	@ Fannin (FCHS - 360 Rebel Cir, Blue Ridge, GA 30513)	4:30pm (2:30pm)
Tue 12/7	vs Union (DCMS)	4:30pm
Tue 12/14	vs Clear Creek (Dawson County High School)	4:30pm
Fri 12/17	Dual Championship (LCHS - 2001 Indian Dr, Dahlonega, GA 30533)	5:00pm (3:00pm)
Sat 12/18	Traditional Championship (LCHS - 2001 Indian Dr, Dahlonega, GA 30533)	9:00am (7:00am)

To stay informed of schedule changes and estimated return
times please sign up for the MS Wrestling Remind by texting:

@midwre to 81010

DCHS Cheerleaders are State Champs

Congratulations to DCMS teacher, Kim Fleming. Coach Fleming and her competition cheerleading team are the new State Champs! Way to go!



After School at DCMS -Extracurricular Activities



Little Tiger Theater Co.
presents



"An Old-Fashioned Christmas"

December 9 at 7pm
December 10 at 7pm
December 11 at 3pm

Dawson County Middle School

\$5 per ticket if purchased ahead of time
\$7 per ticket at the door

All tickets may be purchased on
[MySchoolBucks.com](https://myschoolbucks.com).



Need Help? We've got you covered!

Math Lab

Get help with your math homework!



**Where: Mrs. Noe's Room,
E-05**

**When: 7:05 a.m. or whenever
you arrive to school!**



KARE for Kids, Inc. will be accepting applications for assistance for the 2021 Christmas Season

KARE for Kids, Inc. will be accepting applications for assistance for the 2021 Christmas season at:
66 Hwy 53 WEST

Dawsonville, GA 30534


If you have any questions concerning KARE for Kids, click the link below or you can call 706-216-KARE (5273). Email KAREFORKIDSCHRISTMAS@GMAIL.COM

★ MERRY ★ CHRISTMAS



These last few months have been extra busy around DCMS. Our students on both the Student Council and our Sources of Strength team have worked tirelessly to encourage Generosity within the school. During the month of November DCMS staff and students donated food to provide Thanksgiving dinners for 15 families in need. During our current Generosity campaign, students are encouraged to give \$1 each to contribute toward helping students in need at Christmas. Our 6th and 7th grades are competing with one another to show who can be the most generous! It's a fun and exciting time to see students care for each other during this holiday season. DCMS feels like a family, and we care for our own who are in need! If you find yourself in need at any time please feel free to reach out to me at jlefevre@dawson.k12.ga.us

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!
Mrs. Jordan LeFevre



What's for
Lunch at
DCMS???
Click here
for the
menu!

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

Student meal prices have been waived for the entire 2021-2022 school year! All students are able to eat breakfast and lunch at NO COST!



(A la carte items will still be available for purchase.)



A message from our Principal, Kim White



Imagine coming to school and finding yourself transported to a time period that you have only read about. Halls are decorated, teachers are dressed up, and the time in class seems to fly by! This experiential learning activity is what we like to call a “Roll Out”. Roll-outs are simulations that allow students to immerse themselves in history and apply what they have learned, in all of their content areas, to real-world situations. Our 6th-grade team fully embraced the idea of rollouts last year and successfully executed another rollout this school year.

Prior to the day of a rollout, teachers work as a team to determine the theme and how each content area will participate in and facilitate the simulations. After planning activities for students, plans for determining how to decorate the rooms and halls come together in order to achieve an immersive

learning experience. One of the best parts of a rollout is when teachers dress up from the time period, helping to make the experience more relevant.

We had our first 6th-grade rollout of the year as we returned from Thanksgiving break. The rollout centered around World War II and The Great Depression. In ELA students went through soup kitchens and learned how to fill out the paperwork needed to get aid. In math, students engaged in financial simulations with the stock market, as well as multiple significant life events that changed their family finances, allowing students to see how easily people lost money. In science, class students investigated the disappearance of a family and had to use clues to find out where the family went and why they disappeared. In social studies, students learned about trench warfare. The simulation mimicked the loud noises and uncomfortable conditions that soldiers endured in WWII. The goal of the day was to lead students through activities to help them understand what life was like during this time period.

The seventh grade is currently working on planning and developing their first roll out and we are very excited to see what plans they have in store for our students. Here at DCMS, our mission is to create relevant experiences, with rigorous instruction, while building lasting relationships with our students. These rollouts are one instrumental way in which we can accomplish our mission. We anticipate each grade level doing at least one more rollout next semester, we cannot wait to roll out the fun!

Click below for a slideshow of pictures from the DCMS Sixth Grade Rollout!

DCMS SIXTH GRADE ROLLOUT 2021



Click below to see an example of a student reflection about surviving the Great Depression.

Great Depression Enrichment

We are the Pringle family, and we were starving. We were really hungry that the soup kitchen was open and was giving out free soups and vegetables. The line was really long and we waited a long time. It was at night. Our family ate all the food. In the P.E.R.A. office, Dewey Pringle had a lot of trouble understanding what to put on the application. His daughter, Rusty, was smart enough to ask for help, and she helped her Dad fill out the application. It was a struggle but Dewey got it done. We went to the Approval Office and we waited for a while. The lady of approval was scary. Especially when Rusty answered a question that was addressed to her mother. Rusty asked Pringle said he was good at doing things, and things to do with technology. The lady of approval called Alfred a cheater. Dewey said his skills were being used at sports. The lady of approval said he was ineligible to work, so Rusty had to help by telling her that Dewey was hardworking and that sports are just a hobby. Dewey said that Rusty was hardworking, dependable and had good leadership skills. In the end, the lady of approval, Mrs. Halsey, said that only Rusty was eligible to work. Our experience was scary, it was a struggle, and I was stressed, but we got through it. We survived because of the soup kitchen, Rusty, who was the only one who helped us.

[Copy of Great Depr...](#)

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Concerns, Comments, Praise? Click Here!

We are always looking for ways to meet the needs of our students, parents, and community. Please let us know what we are doing great, if you have concerns, or even if you simply need a question answered.



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