

# DCMS TigerTimes

Dawson County Middle School, January 2022

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

## Upcoming Events

**1/10-1/12 MAP Testing**

**1/14, 1-18 MAP Testing Makeups**

**1/17- Prof. Dev. (Student Holiday)**

**2/7 4 ½ Week Progress Reports**

**2/17- Prof. Dev. (Student Holiday)**

**2/18, 2/21- Student and Staff Holiday**

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**Spotlight on Academics**

**7th Grade Welcome to the Jungle Rollout**

Our 7th Grade students entered the JUNGLE this morning during their first interdisciplinary Rollout of the year. The students were excited to be a part of a day full of engaging hands-on activities. In ELA, our students have been reading the novel, *The Jungle Book*. The students practiced dictionary skills before the reading (connotation, meaning, part of speech, guide words), and then after reading students chose one piece of writing from a choice board to connect to the text and share how the lesson learned was relevant. Some students chose to write a personal narrative to thank a person in their life who has made a positive impact like Baloo did for Mowgli. Some students chose to add on to the graphic novel and create their own pictures/dialogue for what happened once Mowgli went into the real world from the jungle. Some focused on how the Laws of the Jungle are alike/different from our laws. The students also made masks in class and wore them for the roll-out and during our share-out. In math classes, students had to survive a series of critical thinking questions in order to escape! Thank you to all the teachers and staff who made this rollout possible. It's an experience our students will never forget!



## **DCMS Spelling Bee Winner and Runner Up**

Congratulations to our participants, the winner, and the runner-up in our Dawson Middle Spelling Bee!! Merrick Wilkins is our winner and Bentlee Gardner was our runner-up. Merrick will move on to the District Spelling Bee on January 14th at DCJHS. Best of luck, Merrick!





## DCMS PTSO Hosts Successful Santa Shop for Students

Our DCMS PTSO hosted a fabulous Santa Shop for our students in the month of December. Thank you to our wonderful volunteers who made this event possible for our students!

## Literacy Connection

Common Sense Media's Best Books of the Year List for 2021 has been released. This list includes the year's must-reads for middle school students! [Click here for the best books of 2021 for kids and teens.](#)

**Click the Image Below to Find Free Reading Resources and Access our DCMS Library Resources**



## **PBIS News**

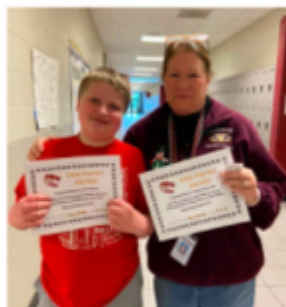
We kicked off our holiday break with a pep rally and a Quarter 2 Rewards day for students. Every student that met our DCMS Prowl expectations for Q2 enjoyed a pep rally and movie. The event included student raffles throughout the day and students enjoyed duct-taping our fabulous principal to the wall! Keep Prowlin DCMS Tigers!

**Congratulations to our PBIS Student and Staff Members of the Week for the Month of December!**



## Congratulations to PBIS Student and Teachers of the Month of December!!

SPECIAL THANKS TO **MOE'S SOUTHWEST GRILL** FOR SPONSORING THE PBIS WEEKLY ACHIEVEMENT.



### Week of December 6th

Jacob Austin is the top earner for this week in seventh grade. Kathryn Battles is the winner for sixth. Staff Members: Tammi Edwards and Cheyenne Chester

### Week of December 13th

Corrine Cochran is the top earner for sixth grade. For seventh grade, the winner Lee Carbajal. Staff Members: Courtney Midgett and Kim Fleming



## DCMS Tigers are on the



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<b>Cafeteria</b>	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
<b>Hall</b>	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
<b>Restroom</b>	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
<b>Technology</b>	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.
<b>Bus</b>	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



# Kudos & Congratulations

***Congratulations to the Following Staff Members for achieving  
Perfect Attendance for December 5th- January 7th.***





## ***Congratulations to the DCMS Student and Teacher of the Month for December!***

### 6<sup>TH</sup> GRADE

NALANI PRITCHETT

KYLEE PULLEY

TANNER STAMEY

CHASE JONES



### 7<sup>TH</sup> GRADE

REBECCA HODGE

ZOE SWANSON

KASON WILSON

WILLIAM HOLLOWAY

***Staff Member of the Month- Renee Rogers***

Congratulations to our December 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 Recipients:**

Nalani Pritchett

Kylee Pulley

Tanner Stamey

Chase Jones

#### **7th Grade Recipients:**

Rebecca Hodge

Zoe Swanson

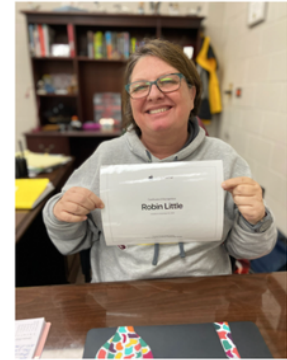
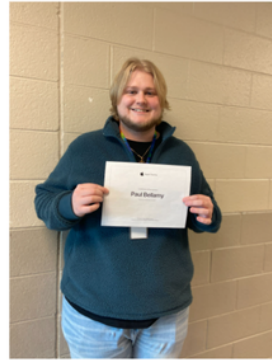
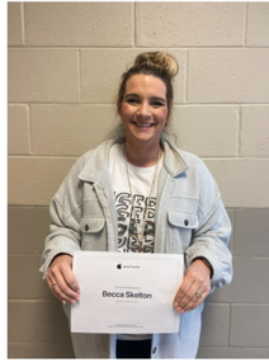
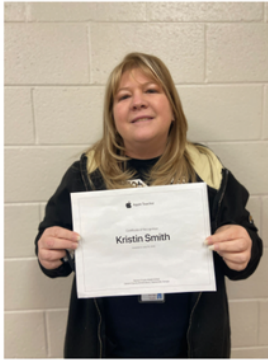
Kason Wilson

William Hollaway

**Staff Member of the Month: Renee Rogers**

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

## DCMS Teachers Complete Apple Teacher Certification



Four of our DCMS teachers recently completed APPLE Teacher certification. Congratulations to Kristin Smith, Rebecca Skelton, Paul Bellamy, and Robbin Little. The Apple Teacher program is a professional learning program designed to support and celebrate educators using Apple products for teaching and learning. These teachers are now certified to teach skills on the iPad and Mac and directly apply to activities with their students and peers. The certification is recognition for the new concepts learned. Thank you for the great work you do every day!

## COVID REMINDERS

- Any student that is being tested for COVID should remain at home in isolation until the test results are back.
- If your student has contact with a positive case **AT SCHOOL**, you may choose one of the two quarantine options provided by the school district.  
[https://p7cdn4static.sharpschool.com/UserFiles/Servers/Server\\_494561/File/06-COVID-19%20Help%20Sheet%20for%20Families%20\(Effective%201\\_4\\_2022\).pdf](https://p7cdn4static.sharpschool.com/UserFiles/Servers/Server_494561/File/06-COVID-19%20Help%20Sheet%20for%20Families%20(Effective%201_4_2022).pdf)
- If your student has contact with a positive case **AT HOME**, the DPH recommends that all in-home contacts enter quarantine immediately and quarantine per the DPH guidelines.  
<https://dph.georgia.gov/document/document/dph-contact-guidance/download>
- If anyone in your home test positive, please contact your school administration or school nurse.





**IF YOUR CHILD IS OUT SICK OR HAS BEEN DIAGNOSED WITH COVID 19, FLU, OR ANOTHER ILLNESS, PLEASE EMAIL OUR SCHOOL NURSE, AMANDA KUBAT [ATAKUBAT@DAWSON.K12.GA.US](mailto:ATAKUBAT@DAWSON.K12.GA.US)**



## **I Need to Stay Home if...**



<b>I have a Fever</b>	<b>I am Vomiting</b>	<b>I have Diarrhea</b>	<b>I have a Rash</b>	<b>I have Head Lice</b>	<b>I have an Eye Infection</b>	<b>I have been in the Hospital</b>
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**

**DMS Robotics Team Completes Successful Tournament**

DCMS students participated in a Robotics Competition in December. There were 44 teams competing and our two teams finished in the top 15. The top 15 moved on to the finals to compete. Team A - Maverick Marks, Arhip Demidov, and Nathan Hodges finished 13th, and Team B, Huey Bliss, and Sam Guthrie placed 3rd out of 44 teams. Great job, Tigers!



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



# AFTER SCHOOL AT DCMS



## Dawson County Middle School

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### ATHLETICS

## DCMS Wrestlers -North Georgia Mountain League Dual Champions!

Our DCMS Tiger wrestlers defended our title in December and are once again came out on top as the North Georgia Mountain League Dual Champions! The team battled lots of injury and illness but persevered and placed 3rd in the traditional tournament. Special shout out to the following individual placers:

1st Place-Landon Glander and Brady Combs

2nd Place-Jackson Dorris, Parker Voss, and Hunter Stroup

3rd Place-Jacob Cofield, Dylan Morgan, Aden Ogelsby, and Brody Schuette

4th Place-Kovi Edgil, Joseph Pruett, and Josh Baggett

Congratulations to all the DCMS Wrestlers for a great season and another championship!



## **Seventh Grade Basketall Team Defeats Undefeated Union County**

Our boy's basketball team played their final home game against Union last night. Union came into the game undefeated. We upset the league's best team and gave them their only loss of the season in a thrilling 46-38 win here at DCMS last night. Coach Grigsby stated that "the leadership of Makayle Moon and Gunnar Weaver was instrumental in the win". The leading scorer was Cayson Chester with 22 points and included going 9 for 9 from the free-throw line. Thanks to everyone who came out last night to support our team! Photo Credit, Sole Photography



## **DCMS Soccer Schedule and Information**





# DCMS

## Soccer TRYOUTS



GIRLS TRYOUTS:  
1/24 & 1/26

BOYS TRYOUTS:  
1/25 & 1/26

3:00 PM-4:30 PM

DCMS SOCCER FIELD

YOU MUST HAVE A CURRENT PHYSICAL TO  
TRYOUT

Girls' Coach-Allison Speece  
[aspeece@dawson.k12.ga.us](mailto:aspeece@dawson.k12.ga.us)

Boys' Coach-Kevin Grigsby  
[kgrigsby@dawson.k12.ga.us](mailto:kgrigsby@dawson.k12.ga.us)

### 2022 NGML Soccer Schedule

First practice date 1/27---First Game date 2/3---6 game region schedule

Games start at 4:15 PM – Girls play early, Boys play late

Two 25 min. halves / 5 min. halftime / 10 min. warm-up--

If both teams and officials are ready, games can start early

The home team is highlighted

**Game 1 – Thursday, Feb. 3**

Dawson v **Pickens**  
Clear Creek v **Fannin**  
Lumpkin v **White**  
Union - BYE

**Game 2 – Thursday, Feb. 10**

Pickens v **Clear Creek**  
Fannin v **Dawson**  
Union v **Lumpkin**  
White - BYE

**Game 3- Thursday, Feb. 17**

Dawson v **Lumpkin**  
White v **Clear Creek**  
Fannin v **Union**  
Pickens - BYE

**Game 4- Thursday, Feb. 24**

Union v **Dawson**  
Fannin v **Lumpkin**  
White v **Pickens (Rescheduled for Feb. 14)**  
Clear Creek - BYE

**Game 5- Thursday, March 3**

Clear Creek v **Union**  
Lumpkin v **Pickens**  
White v **Fannin**  
Dawson - BYE

**Game 6- Thursday, March 10**

Clear Creek v **Dawson**  
Pickens v **Fannin**  
Union v **White**  
Lumpkin - BYE

**Game 7- Thursday, March 17**

Dawson v **White**  
Pickens v **Union**  
Lumpkin v **Clear Creek**  
Fannin - BYE

**Playoffs start @ 4:15pm**

**Semifinals: (1v4, 2v3) Tuesday, March 22**

**Finals: Thursday, March 24**





## 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

**Need Help? We've got you covered!**

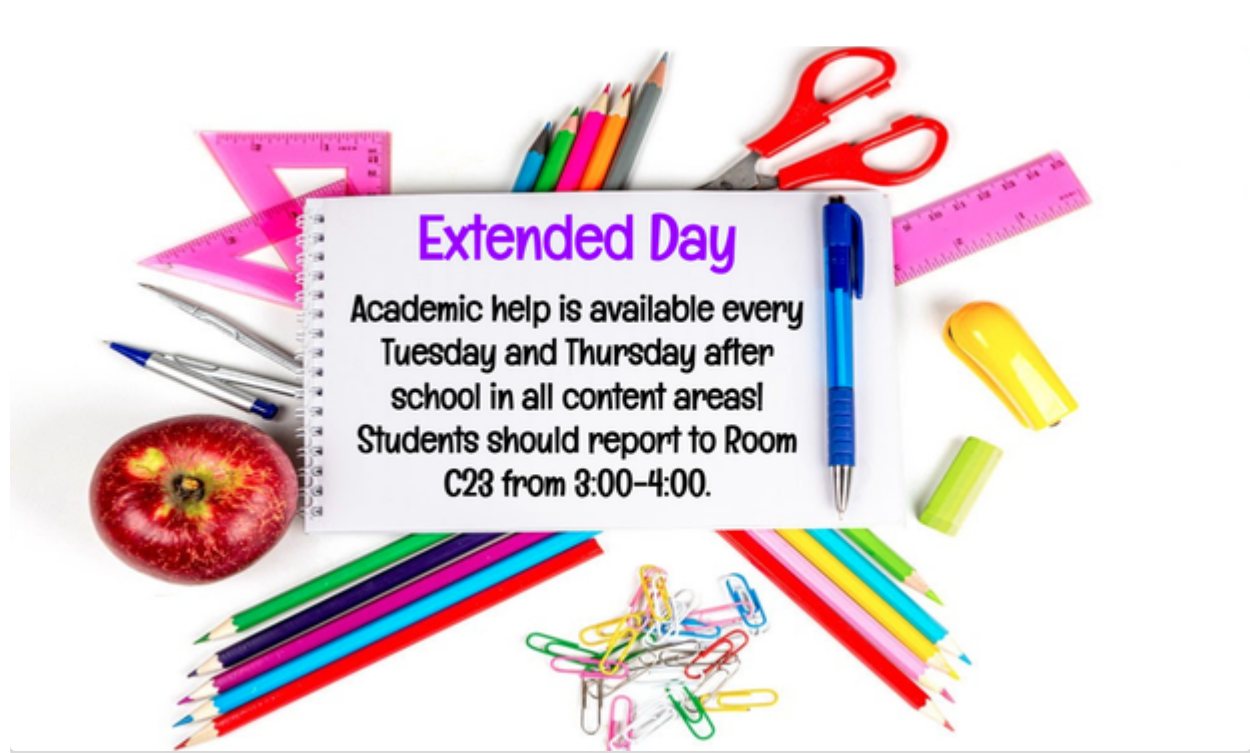
# Math Lab

**Get help with your math homework!**



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

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



## Counselor's Corner



Welcome back to DCMS for our Spring Semester. We are excited for the possibilities that this semester brings while reflecting back on the successes of our Fall Semester. During the month of December, our Sources of Strength club led the school in a campaign entitled "Dollar Days". Students were encouraged to give \$1 or more in order to help our DCMS families in need at Christmas. If every student gave \$1 we would have raised \$587. DCMS students and staff went above and beyond and raised over \$780 for our families in need! The generosity of this school continues to amaze me! In addition, the class that raised the most amount of money for our "Dollar Days" fundraiser in each



grade level was able to duct-tape Mrs. White to the wall during our PBIS end of the year Pep Rally! Enjoy the photos below of Mrs. White being duct-taped to the wall.

As always if you need me for any reason please feel free to reach out by phone or email.  
Happy New Year!

**Mrs. Jordan LeFevre, EdS**

Professional School Counselor

**Dawson County Middle School**

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## **Please join us in congratulating DCMS teacher, Tammi Edwards on her retirement!**

Please join us in congratulating DCMS teacher, Tammi Edwards on her retirement. Mrs. Edwards has more than 29 years of service to Dawson County Schools. We are thankful for her commitment and her passion. May your golden years be blessed!





## **A message from our Instructional Coach, Robin Little**



### **Classroom Happenings!**

We are now into the second semester and getting ready to finish the year strong and work to get all of our students to a proficient or distinguished level on GMAS. Teachers have been increasing rigor and relevance in their classrooms, challenging each student to dive deeper into their learning. Student progress is being monitored for each instructional cycle so strategies can be delivered to meet each student's needs.

Exciting activities have been happening that engage students and increase interest in what they are learning. Science classes have dissected owl pellets, math and social studies have completed escape rooms. ELA has given choice boards and Connections has been building various projects, preparing for winter concerts, creating fabulous artwork, coding, and getting physically active all while using cross-curricular activities to enhance academic content. These are just a few of the wonderful things that are happening here at DCMS.

You are strongly encouraged to ask your child about what happened in school today to start great conversations about what they are learning; as well as logging in to Schoology and power school to see what is happening in classes and current grades.



Let's have a great semester and all work together to grow our students!

## GADOE Parent Survey

Parents! Please take this opportunity to fill out the GADOE Parent Survey for 2021-2022.

The Georgia Parent Survey was developed to measure parent perceptions of school climate at your child's school. Your opinion is very important to us. Your survey responses are confidential and will be combined with the survey responses of other parents at your child's school to identify areas in need of improvement. It should only take ten or fifteen minutes to complete the survey. Thank you for your time and participation. Click the button below to access the survey in English or Spanish.


GADOE Parent Survey

**PTSSO  
SPIRIT WEAR**

**\$20**

Cash or check  
All checks need  
to be made  
payable to DCMS  
PTSSO

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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.)

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# Kinship Care Meeting

**FEBRUARY 16, 2022**  
**12:00 PM**  
PROFESSIONAL  
DEVELOPMENT CENTER  
(Next to Board of Education Bldg)

Are you caring for your  
niece, nephew, or  
grandchild?  
This meeting is for **YOU!**  
Kinship care meetings  
support extended family  
members raising  
children because their  
biological parents are  
unable to do so.


 **LEGACY LINK**  
Area Agency on Aging

For more  
information  
call  
**706-265-1981**

  
family connection

Please RSVP at:  
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080A4BA5A82CA1F49-kinship18>

- LUNCH PROVIDED!
- CHILDCARE NOT PROVIDED!



**ONE FAMILY WILL WIN A  
\$15 KOHL'S GIFT CARD  
JUST FOR ATTENDING!**

## Have you ordered your Yearbook?

Don't miss out on purchasing a yearbook for the 2021-2022 school year. The deadline for purchasing is April 1st. Visit <https://ybpay.lifetouch.com/Order/SelectJob> to purchase and enter code 12956622.

[Click here for the Yearbook Order Form](#)



# 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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