

December 2023

DOLPHIN NEWS

I am part of the TEAM!

Issue #6

Culture Priority

To promote pride in our school & community through accountability & ownership of our TEAM values.



Vision

Dowdell Middle Magnet will foster an environment that encourages students to maximize their potential while being accountable and trustworthy to themselves, the school, the environment, and each other.

Instructional Priority

To enhance student learning by implementing rigorous differentiation strategies through purposeful standard-aligned planning that fosters collaborative student engagement.

Mission

To provide a secure and diverse learning community through equitable instruction where all students achieve academically.



DMMS wishes all of our Dolphin families and friends a Happy Holiday!
Relax and be safe! See you next year...2024!

♥ Mrs. Schlarbaum

Feliz
NAVIDAD

School Busses to
be on time

Coach Callahan

MORE band in-
struments, sheet
music, and new
drums for drumline

Mr. Reaney

2024
Range Rover

Mrs. Marcus

A spicy chicken
sandwich from
Chick-fil-A

Mariah Mack

A big bag
of hot fries

Zariah Allen

A new car

Mrs. Jacobs

A pair of
pink & white
Jordan's
Brenda Coroni

ALL WE WANT FROM SANTA:

A two story
house on
a farm

Mrs. Zschocher

Unlimited Dunkin
Iced Coffee and a Big
Old Monster Truck or
Jeep Wrangler

Ms. Perez

A proper "fly
across the
world" vacation

Ms. Spero

Tickets to
see Usher
in Vegas

Ms. Moore

A raise

Nurse Maylene

A vacation
to Italy

Mrs. Anello



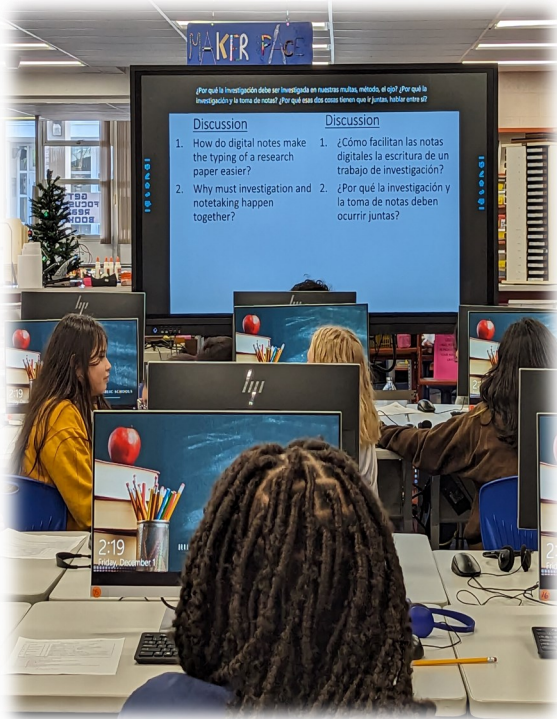
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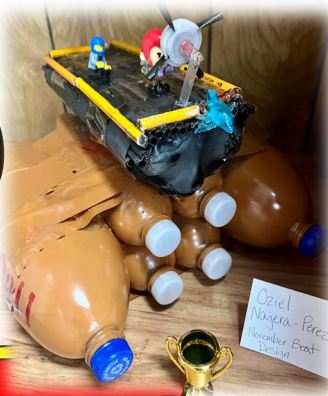
MEDIA CENTER NEWS



6th grade **Animal Studies** students completed a FINDS research project to learn how to conduct research at the secondary level, the tools available for research, and to explore animals around the world.



Students have been hard at work designing decorations for the **Festive Tree** for this month's design challenge. The winner will be announced when we return in January.



Oziel created a boat made of recycled materials that held 7 pounds of weight.

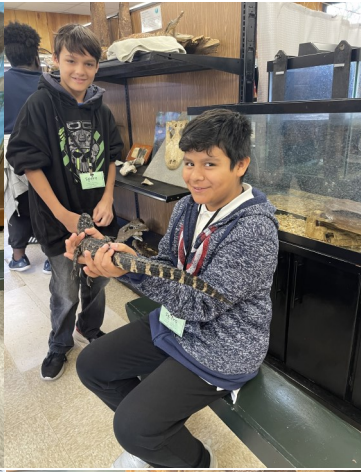
The December **myON** challenge will be available for students to complete until December 31st. Students must read 2 of the assigned books to learn about winter sports, complete 2 graphic organizers to show their learning, and to create a winter sport of their own.



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6th GRADE
NATURAL CLASSROOM



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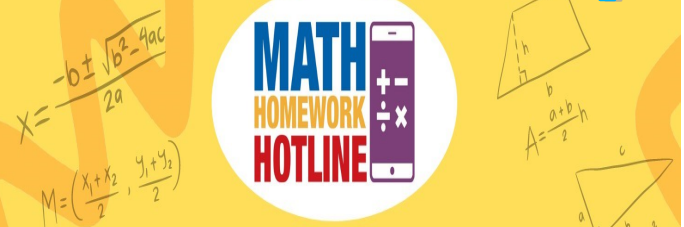


ELA News

Students have finished their Semester 1 Exams & the Second Progress Monitoring State test. When we come back in January, we will be focusing heavily on writing skills and how authors develop central ideas. Those of you who missed testing will have your makeup tests as soon as we return, so come back well rested!



Need MATH help?



LIVE ON SELECT THURSDAY NIGHTS AT 6 P.M.

Spectrum Channel 635 & Frontier Channel 32

HILLSBOROUGHSCHOOLS.ORG/MHH



Contact your student's math teacher for more info!

Social Studies



JA Finance provided students an opportunity to learn about personal financial planning and career exploration.



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BAND WINTER CONCERT



The **BAND** held a winter concert to showcase their musical skills which included advanced band, beginning band, 6th grade band, 7th/8th grade drumline and NEW this year - a 6th grade drumline.



The **DRUMLINE** will perform at the HCPS School Board Meeting on January 23rd !



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INDUSTRY CERTIFICATION

Congratulations!

Word Processing

REYES-GONZALEZ, MARJORIE

HERNANDEZ-AGUILAR, MONICA



Entrepreneurship and Small Business

BENNETT-LOTT, AALIYAH



Web Design

CHALFANT, DYLAN

EDWARDS, KADEN

HELENO, DELAINAH

KUMARAMURUGAN, KIRUTHIGASHR

MYERS, AIRLYN

ORDUNA, JAYLA

REYES-GONZALEZ, MARJORIE

RIVERA RODRIGUEZ, JOSEPH

STEPHENS, DEMARCUS

TUTEN, JA'QUIS

BHAGWANDEEN, ADAM

CRUZ, ANGEL

DRISCOLL, KATELYN

FLORES, ALEXANDRA

GONZALEZ LIAS, ALEX

HERNANDEZ-AGUILAR, MONICA

KUBAN DILLARD, A'LISSA

NORRIS, LOGAN

OTANO, FRANKSCISKO

PATTERSON, PAIGE



PACELKO, MACKENZIE

PATTERSON, PAIGE

PEREZ-LEON, ANDREW

BARCENA, DANIEL

BROOKS, AIDAN

MEMBRENO, PRISCILLA

OCAMPO MARTINEZ, ZACKARIAH

RODRIGUEZ, ALUIS

RODRIGUEZ, ANASTASIA

SCHEWE, NAOMI

CyberSecurity

ALFONSO, LILIET

MARTINEZ-ROJAS, ISAAC

QUINONES, GLORIA

SUAREZ CACERES, JELENA

CRUZ, WILLIAM

TIRADO, JOEL

WILSON, KAYLIN



Students enrolled in Mr. Makovec's **Coding Fundamentals** earned **Industry Certifications in CyberSecurity, Web Design, and Word Processing.**

Similarly, students enrolled in the High School Honors class **Digital Information Technology** earned the adult certification **Entrepreneurship and Small Business.**

These certifications help with High School Magnet Applications, College Applications, and future career choices.



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NJHS

Applications due to
Mrs. Tamargo by Jan. 19th!
All students who qualified
received an application!

SIGN UP NOW!

FEBRUARY 2024

Celebrate Black History Month

BLACK HISTORY BRAIN BOWL

Join the team to learn about African American History! Students of all grade levels can join. Practice starts Jan. 10, 2024!

Winners will earn up to \$50 per student AND the school receives up to \$250.

ROUND 1: JAN. 30 @BLAKE HS

BRAIN COACH
MR. WOODS, RM# 717



"BRAINS AT PLAY, WISDOM ON DISPLAY!"

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

JOIN
NOW!

WE'RE LOOKING FOR PTSA SUPPORTERS

PTSA Officers

Genesis Zschocher, President
Lauren Spero, Vice President
OPEN, Vice President
Tierra Anderson, Treasurer (Parent)
Codie Reynolds, Secretary
Quadaryl Woods, Marketing

Current PTSA Members 12
PTSA Member Goal 30

About Dowdell PTSA

There is strength in numbers and increasing PTSA membership, even by just one, makes it possible to fund essential school initiatives and curriculum needs at Dowdell Middle School. We invite you to join, because we can do more together than apart!

It's so easy to join: Simply email our President
Genesis.Zschocher@hcps.net
Thank you for your support!



Why join the PTSA

- Build powerful relationships
- Strengthen your school community
- Advocate for student success
- Plan school functions
- Fundraise for school initiatives
- Stay informed and connected



CONTACT US

Phone
(813) 744-8322



Website
floridapta.org

(Faculty, Staff, Parents, and Community Stakeholders)

Please contact Mr. Woods for more details!

2025 Student Trip Washington, D.C. & New York



Are you interested in learning more?
Attend the informational meeting where we'll discuss:

- What we'll see and do
- Travel logistics
- Safety and flexibility
- How to earn high school credit
- Affordable payment options and more!

*Open to all students at Dowdell Middle School - Parents/Guardians must attend this info meeting!

Register below & join us for more details!

Meeting time & date:
Thursday, January 18th @ 5:00PM

Location:
Please RSVP for Meeting Details! - Scan QR code

Contact Information:
Genesis Zschocher & Quadaryl Woods
genesis.zschocher@hcps.net



Register using this QR code to attend

EF | EXPLORE AMERICA

2025 Washington, D.C. & New York

Estimados padres y tutores:

Han recibido esta carta porque un docente de su comunidad guiará un tour de EF Explore America, y su estudiante está invitado. Los viajes educativos no solo dan vida a la historia, sino que también invitan a los estudiantes a salir de su zona de confort para que se conviertan en personas seguras, curiosas y capaces.

Estamos emocionados de anunciar la oportunidad de viajar en 2025 a Washington, D.C. & New York City. Queremos invitarlos a la próxima reunión, en la que obtendrán más información sobre el viaje y conocerán al docente detrás de toda la magia. En esta reunión, hablaremos sobre lo siguiente:

- todo lo que veremos y haremos en el tour;
- la logística del viaje;
- la seguridad y la flexibilidad;
- recursos y apoyo antes, durante y después del tour;
- cómo obtener crédito para nivel secundario;
- opciones asequibles de pago;
- cómo inscribir a su estudiante en el tour.

Hay lugares disponibles limitados para la reunión, que se ocuparán rápidamente, así que asegúrese de confirmar la asistencia ahora usando el código QR para reservar su lugar.

¡Esperamos verlos a todos ahí!

Genesis Zschocher & Quadaryl Woods
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HAPPY HOLIDAYS



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PBIS DOLPHIN DOLLARS

SQUISHMALLOW WINNERS!



Kameelah Womack



Arabelle Hayes

DONATE!

Individually wrapped cookies, chips or candy, fun school supplies, boy or girl small accessories, sports items, small gatorades, squishmallows, etc.



contact kristin.sabina@heps.net or drop your items in the main office

Students used 15 of their **Dolphin Dollars** to purchase a ticket for a chance to win a **SQUISHMALLOW** at lunch!

Congratulations to our winners!



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Stocking Stuffers



School Uniforms

DMMS is a uniform school

- Blue or white polos \$19
- Friday spirit shirt \$15
- Zip up hoodie \$29



Visit:
www.KamenarApparel.com

click on the Dowdell Middle Magnet School Store Icon/link to place an order.

ALL ORDERS will be delivered to Dowdell Middle School within 2 weeks of placing your order.
If you do not receive an order confirmation, at time of order, your order did not get placed.

Meet the TEAM!

- **Stacey Schlarbaum** - Principal
- **Maria Jacobs** - APC (*curriculum*)
- (*Grade 8 & Grade 7 Last Names A-L*)
- **Pamela McNair** - APA (*transportation, safety*)
- (*Grade 6 & Grade 7 Last Names M-Z*)
- **Deputy Ryan Zarbo** - School Resource Deputy
- **TBD** - School Counselor
- (*Grade 6 & Grade 7 Last Name M-Z*)
- **Everett Anthony** - School Counselor
- (*Grade 8 & Grade 7 Last Names A-L*)
- **June Robinson** - Student Success Coach
- **Kristin Sabina** - RTI Lead
- **Alexis Turley** - ESE Specialist
- **Stephanie Tamargo** - Magnet Lead
- **Elizabeth Hawley** - Media Specialist
- **Deana Mastropietro** - School Social Worker
- **Jennifer Berger** - School Psychologist
- **Tina Johnson** - Student Nutrition Services
- **Idelsa Lorenzo Martinez** - Head Custodian

MARK THIS ON YOUR
CALENDAR
DATES


Make sure
to visit
Dowdell's
homepage
for even
more info!

Progress Reports	Conference Night 4:30 PM to 7 PM	End of Nine Weeks	Report Cards Online
February 8th	February 15th	March 20th	April 9th
April 18th	April 25th	May 24th	June 6th



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Order Your YEARBOOK Online

Ordene Su Anuario Online

To order online, go to www.strawbridge.net and follow these four easy steps.

- 1. Click Order Pictures and Yearbooks.** Enter your Online Code.
Vaya a www.strawbridge.net. Precione Order Pictures and Yearbooks. Ingrese su Online Code.
- 2. Enter your name and email, then click Access Yearbook.**
Ingrese su nombre y email, y precione Access Yearbook.
- 3. Enter your student's information, then click Submit Details.**
Ingrese la información de su estudiante y precione Submit Details.
- 4. Select your product and quantity. Click View Cart to proceed to checkout.**
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Dowdell Middle Magnet School
2023-2024 YEARBOOK
ANUARIO DE 2023-2024

\$32.00 until 4/26/2024

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ONLINE CODE: YB29512


All yearbook orders are shipped in bulk and will be distributed by your school.

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JOURNALISM

YEARBOOK SALES



Items that should be left @ HOME!

- stuffed animals
- pajama pants
- sunglasses
- slippers
- blankets
- baseball hats
- knit hats
- beanies
- durags
- ski goggles
- large bags of chips or candy



From the Clinic:



TIPS FOR STAYING HEALTHY:

Colds, flu and other illnesses can make for misery at home, school and the workplace. How can you keep yourself and others safe from what's going on around you? Remember to:

Wash Your Hands. Washing your hands is the first and best defense to protect yourself from germs. One study found that regular hand washing can reduce respiratory illness transmission by more than 20 percent. Make it a habit at every possible break. Rinse your hands and lather with soap, scrubbing for at least 20 seconds.

Use Hand Sanitizer. If soap and water aren't available, use an alcohol-based hand rub containing at least 60 percent alcohol. Studies show sanitizers with an alcohol concentration between 60 and 95 percent are more effective at killing germs than those with lower concentrations or non-alcohol-based sanitizers.

Stop Biting Your Nails. No matter how good you are about washing your hands or using sanitizer, your fingers touch everything, and your nails collect it – including germs and bacteria. Touching your face or biting your nails puts those germs on a direct route to your mouth and nose, giving them the ability to start making you sick.

Disinfect High-Touch Areas. Germs can live on hard surfaces for several hours – some up to several days. Kitchen and bathroom countertops, door handles, and gym equipment are all breeding grounds for germs and bacteria. That's why it's important to disinfect often. You also should also be wiping down phones, remotes and light switches.

Don't Forget the Laundry. Clothes, towels and bedding – and yes, those favorite stuffed animals – can be a key culprit in spreading infectious germs and flu. Wash items in the hottest water safe for the fabric and use color-safe bleach to wipe out germs. When handling dirty laundry, carry items in a basket instead of hugging potentially contaminated clothes to your chest. Pour the items directly into the machine if possible and wash your hands after handling dirty materials.

Boost Your Immune System. You can boost your body's ability to fight off sickness by adding the right vitamins and nutrients to your diet. Some research suggests vitamin C can help shorten the duration of colds or even help prevent them. Research also has shown that zinc may decrease how long your common cold lasts, and vitamin D3 has been shown to support your immune system.

Get a Flu Shot. Getting immunized is the best way to avoid influenza. Flu viruses mutate each season, so you need to get a vaccine each year. Everyone older than 6 months of age should get a flu vaccine, especially the elderly and those with weakened immune systems.

Get enough sleep. Research shows that people who get less than seven hours of sleep each night are three times more likely to catch colds than those who get at least eight hours. Getting quality sleep on a regular basis strengthens your immune system (and has many other benefits), helping your body fight off colds, the flu and other infections.

Get Some Fresh Air – Even When It's Freezing Out. One of the reasons sickness spreads more easily in winter is because we're all inside sharing the same air. Opening a window to let in some fresh air or stepping outside for a brief walk can do wonders for clearing out the lungs. If that's not an option, an air purifier is an excellent investment. Some models are specifically designed to remove allergens, inactivate bacteria and neutralize viruses.

Stay Away. It should go without saying but stay away from others who are sick if possible. If you are sick, stay home. Cover your mouth when you cough, preferably with something other than your hand.

LASTLY, do not forget to change your toothbrush once you recover from being sick.



Cell Phones & Accessories

- Cell phones should be turned OFF and stored OUT OF SIGHT during school hours – 8:30 AM to 3:25 PM.
- We recommend cell phones & accessories to be left at home.
- Cell phones are not needed in classrooms – we have a laptop available for every student in every classroom.
- In sight cell phones and accessories will be confiscated and stored for parent pick up.
- Gaggles monitors all school devices.



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