

BE A PART OF THE TEAM!

The HCPS Instructional Priority

All schools will implement systems and structures of accountability that ensure all students master learning, at the depth and breadth of the standards or better, in all classes.

Culture FOR Learning

Culture OF Learning

Data Informed Decision Making

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.



Mission

Dowdell Middle Magnet will provide a secure and diverse learning community through equitable instruction where all students achieve academically.



TRUST



EQUITY



ACCOUNTABILITY



MAXIMIZE



HOLA!



HI!



Teaching empathy and empowering students to end social isolation by following three easy steps.



See Someone Alone

BONJOUR

Step 1: Learn how to recognize the signs of loneliness and social isolation.



Reach Out And Help

Step 2: Find out what you can do to help others feel included.



Start With Hello

hi!

Step 3: Discover how to break the ice and strike up a conversation.



HELLO!

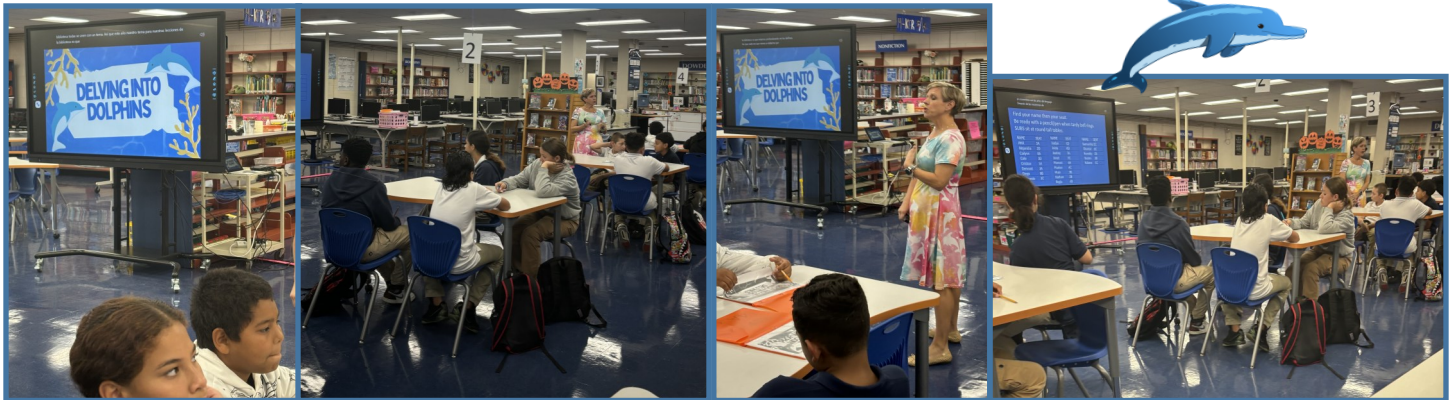


MEDIA CENTER NEWS

Mrs. Hawley, Media Specialist



Dowdell Middle School students have begun their yearlong Library Lessons: *Delving Into Dolphins*. They have come to the Media Center with their science classes to label dolphin anatomy and learn the diet, appearance, and habitat of different dolphin species. Ask your student to tell you about the River Dolphin's unusual appearance.



CONGRATULATIONS !

Mrs. Hawley has earned DMMS the prestige honor of being named a Florida Power-Library School. DMMS is 1 of the only 12 schools in HCPS to achieve this status.

Supporting School Library Programs

The Florida Power-Library Schools program is sponsored by the Florida Association of Supervisors of Media and the Florida Department of Education's Library Media Services in order to recognize outstanding school library programs in Florida. Quality library programs have been proven to improve student achievement!



Hillsborough

Dowdell Middle Magnet School (2024-2029)

Library Media Specialist: Elizabeth Hawley

Greco Middle School (2019-2024)

Library Media Specialist: Deborah Griner

Howard W. Blake High School (2018-2023)

Library Media Specialist: Carol Sward

Lincoln Magnet Elementary School (2017-2022)(2022-2027)

Library Media Specialist: Christina Mayfield

Macfarlane Park IB World School (2021-2026)

Library Media Specialist: Marie Masferrer

McKittick Elementary School (2017-2022)(2022-2027)

Library Media Specialist: Aimee Kennedy

Memorial Middle School (2019-2024)

Library Media Specialist: Deborah Smith

Pride Elementary School (2019-2024)(2024-2029)

Library Media Specialist: Suzy Tkacik

Roland Park K-8 IB Magnet School (2019-2024)(2024-2029)

Library Media Specialist: Michele Martinez

Tampa Preparatory School (2024-2029)

Library Media Specialist: Diana Rendina

Walker Magnet Middle School (2018-2023)(2023-2028)

Library Media Specialist: Sara LaBarbera

Wilson Middle School (2018-2023)

Library Media Specialist: Michelle Sanchez



AUTHOR VISIT

Amiyah Medina, Sophie Deaton, and Alyssa Drasher-Phillips

attended the

TeenTober Author Visit with

Jen Calonita. They learned how she crafts twisted tales for Disney and received a copy of her newest book, *Fairy Godmother*. All of Jen Calonita's books are available for checkout in the Media Center.

DESIGN CHALLENGE

The October Design challenge asks students to transform a CD into something useful. Students can pick up old CDs from Ms. Hawley before homeroom.



myON CHALLENGE

Students are asked to read 1 horror title and create a scary story of their own.

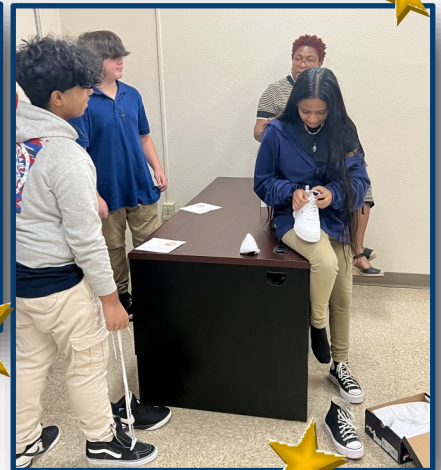
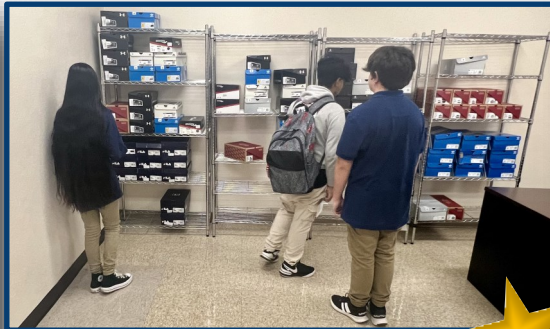
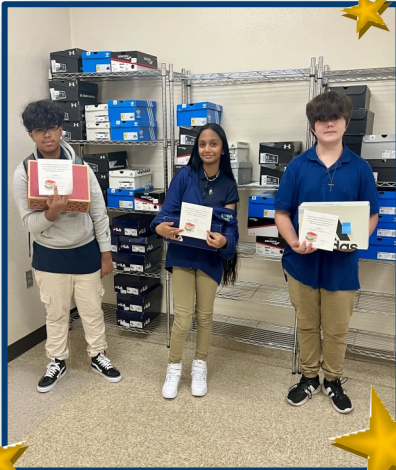


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FAST ELA Reading PM 1 TOP ACHIEVERS

The Sneaker Store is sponsored by Truth Center Church



8th grade - Alex Gonzalez
7th grade - Alexander Brothers
6th grade - Karina Mohan

ELA & Reading News

Mrs. Johnson, Literacy Coach



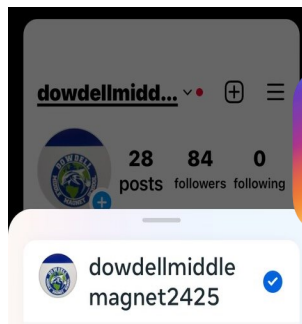
We are nearing the end of quarter 1. Students have learned about figurative language, theme, and literary elements this quarter. They are getting ready for their first unit test.

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11Isborough County School
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Magnet School focusing on Animal Science and Environmental Studies

Facebook



Instagram



Mrs. Tamargo, Magnet Lead



Follow DMMS on Social Media

Home Video Page Notifications Menu

Contact
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for more information!



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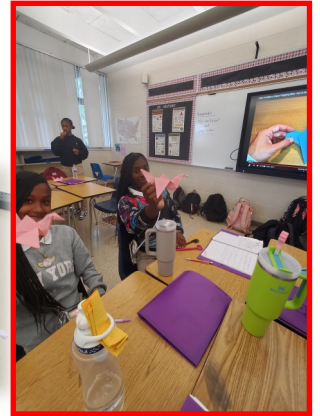
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We Shall Never Forget September 11, 2001

Ms. Roman, US History teacher

My class was able to make paper cranes in remembrance of 9/11. For those that don't know, while the 9/11 Memorial Museum was being built the Japanese students from New York would leave paper cranes on the fence, meaning, we are healing. One of the vocabulary words that my students had that week was legacy, and I explained that legacy is what's left for generations to come. 9/11 was a legacy that was left due to capitalism and greed. I hope my students enjoyed the students coming in with their paper cranes as they remember all of those who suffered, as we will continue to heal from that moment in US. History .



<p>6th Grade</p> <p>SCIENCE</p>	<p>We are taking a closer look at What are the effects of Subsurface Events on the Earth's System? What does this include? learning about the rock cycle and the processes that create Sedimentary, Igneous and Metamorphic rocks. Subsurface actions as a result of plate movement, slow changes (mountain building and trenches in the ocean and rapid changes (earthquakes and volcanic eruptions)</p>
<p>7th Grade</p> <p>SCIENCE</p>	<p>We are diving into How do Body Systems Interact to Maintain Homeostasis? What are we learning in this sequence? Everything about the Human Body!!! From the Largest organ (the skin) to the cells that make up "us". The different systems of our bodies... Nervous, digestive, muscular, circulatory, and skeletal to close it all up we learn how they work together!!</p>
<p>8th Grade</p> <p>SCIENCE</p>	<p>We are still learning about Forces and Motion but, we are diving in a bit deeper to understand the complexity of balanced and unbalanced forces and how to calculate them, taking a look at how to interpret graphs for motion, velocity and acceleration.</p>
<p>All Grades</p> <p>SCIENCE</p>	<p>We are working on remediation of our standards that we require more assistance on... we have started PENDA Mondays where we work on re-learning our content to master each standard.</p>
<p>IAPS</p> <p>SCIENCE</p>	<p>We are starting to look into the unknown materials and substances on a microscopic level and are seeing the chemical portions of matter. Learning about chemical reactions and how they form new substances. We will look at each element and what it is made and composed of. Atoms and Molecules!!</p>

Mr. Wilson, Science SAL



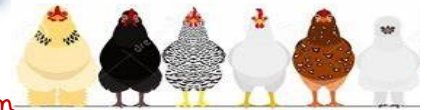
MEET JAQUEVIUS

Ms. Gutierrez, Agriculture teacher

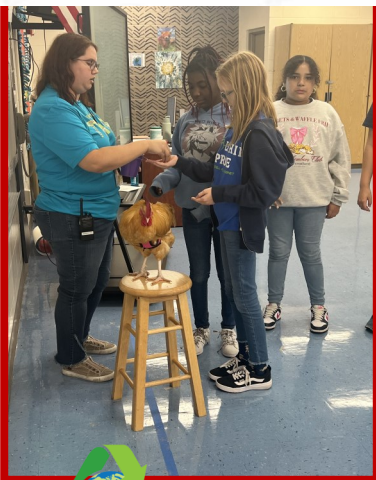
Mrs. Johnson, Literacy Coach (AKA chicken trainer)



Our Animal Science & Agriculture students have a pet **CHICKEN!** They have named him



Jaquevius the 3rd! Jaquevius is a 7 month old Buff Orpington rooster who has been trained to walk on a leash and talk. He loves to **CUDDLE** and **EAT**. Jaquevius comes into the classroom on Fridays when the classes have earned his presence by completing all tasks for the week and displaying **TEAM** characteristics!



EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION 2025

Ida S. Baker Diversity
Educator of the Year

Teacher of the Year

Instructional Support
Employee of the Year



Mrs. June Robinson



Mrs. Stephanie Tamargo



Mrs. Brenda Simon

National Junior Honor Society



Mrs. Tamargo, NJHS Sponsor

Qualifications: Minimum of 3.5 GPA, Three recommendations from teachers, evidence of leadership, involvement in activities in and out of school as well as a brief essay why they feel Character, Leadership Scholarship or Service is important.

Congratulations!

CURRENT MEMBERS

ADAM BAGWAHDEEN
DANIEL BARCENA
JA'LIYAH BROWN
JEWELL CAPHEART
ANGEDALIE CHARLES
ISABEL CUSIGNA
KATELYN DRISCOLL
GENESIS GONZALEZ
MILLICENT HAWLEY
QUINCEY HAYWARD
AKIRA JAMES

NEW MEMBERS

DANIELLA GARCIA	ANGEL CRUZ
AMIYAH MEDINA	LUCAS MARZO CABRERA
MIRELLYS BAEZ VILLA	HEVENKY MORALES MOSS
LUKAS GIBSON	ZORN CARRIDCE BROWN
SONIA PIERCE	ZURI CARRIDICE BROWN
ROSEMARY VEGA FIS	MIKAELLA CADENA
JORDYN PACE	ENZO MELIAN GONZALEZ
SAPHYRIA WILLIAMS	
DARION GREENE	

New members will be inducted this fall.

HURRICANE HELENE & HURRICANE MILTON

Ms. Mastropietro, School Social Worker

We missed our students and families during the recent events of both Hurricane Helene & Hurricane Milton. Our hope is that everyone is well and experienced minimal damage in the aftermath of both hurricanes. Please see the list of available resources below.



Hillsborough County Public Schools

Community Resources – Post Disaster

Hillsborough County Public Schools is here to support families as they connect with the following disaster relief resources. Families who have experienced a loss of housing should connect with their School Social Worker to assess specific needs and additional available resources.

State Assistance Information Line

Residents in need of information can call: 1-800-342-3557 for resources after Helene or go to [State Assistance Information Line](#) for additional information. There are English, Spanish and Creole speakers available to answer questions.

FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency)

[Hurricane Helene | FEMA.gov](#) provides help to apply for FEMA disaster assistance and guides individuals to other resources to help with recovery. Apply for assistance for employment, financial, food, housing, legal or medical. [Home | disasterassistance.gov](#)

American Red Cross

The American Red Cross provides emergency assistance in the immediate aftermath of a disaster. [Resources \(redcross.org\)](#)

Crisis Center 211

The Crisis Center of Tampa Bay provides free, confidential crisis intervention along with referral to a Crisis Center service or to over 3,000 community resources. Call 211 or visit [CrisisCenter.com](#)

Hillsborough County Government

This page is dedicated to local, state, and national resources available to residents as they recover from a disaster. [Storm Recovery Resources | Hillsborough County, FL \(hcfl.gov\)](#)

Feeding Tampa Bay

A list of local food resources and pantry information can be found at Feeding Tampa Bay. [Find Food - Feeding Tampa Bay](#) For additional assistance, please call the Neighbor Services help line at 813-710-9003.

Hope for Healing

Hope for Healing navigates the many ways Floridians can access help for mental health and substance abuse in the face of disasters. [Hope For Healing Florida](#)



Please contact deana.mastropietro@hcps.net if you have any questions or concerns.

She would be happy to get you connected to available resources.



It's a beautiful day to READ outside !

Our NEW reading garden was completely donated & constructed by
Ellison Construction & Crosspoint Landscape & Design.



Mrs. Hawley, Media Specialist



crosspoint
LANDSCAPE & DESIGN



Mrs. Johnson, Literacy Coach



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MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

WE'RE
LOOKING FOR PTSA
SUPPORTERS

PTSA Officers

Genesis Zschocher, President
Quadaryl Woods, Vice President
Salome Castro, Treasurer (Parent)
Ronisha Marcus, Secretary
VACANT, Marketing

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

SCAN HERE TO
JOIN



CONTACT US

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(813) 744-8322



Website
floridapta.org

Sign up to present your occupation,
hobby or program to DMMS students!

SAVE THE DATE

The Great (GATI)
American
TEACH-IN

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2024



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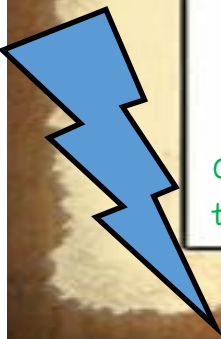
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WANTED

PBIS Store Donations

- Individually wrapped chips, Takis, cookies or candy
- Fun school supplies like erasers, fancy pens or pencils, decorated notebooks or folders
- Fun female items like hair accessories, nail accessories & makeup items
- Fun male items like trading cards, NFL/NBA accessories
- Arts & Craft kits
- Sports items like footballs, basketballs, or soccer balls of any size
- Stuffed animals & Squishmallows

Contact Codie.Reynolds@hcps.net for questions or drop off items in the main office!



ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE

Campus Beautification



Our Environmental Science classes received a grant from the **Jane Goodall Foundation** to purchase vests, trash grabbers, recycling bins & trash carts to take care of our campus & do our part to ❤️ the earth!



NO CELL PHONES

Cell phones must be stowed away in a purse or backpack and turned OFF during the school day

(From the *ENTRY* to campus to the *EXIT* of campus.)



NO TELÉFONOS CELULARES

Los teléfonos celulares deben guardarse en un bolso o mochila y apagarse durante el día escolar (desde la entrada al campus hasta la salida del campus).

if you
SEE something
if you
SAY something



Meet our TEAM!

Stacey Schlarbaum - Principal

Maria Jacobs - APC (curriculum)

(Grade 6 & Grade 7 Last Names A-L)

Pamela McNair - APA (transportation, safety)

(Grade 8 & Grade 7 Last Names M-Z)

Deputy Ryan Zarbo - School Resource Deputy

Sarah Courson - School Counselor

(Grade 6 & Grade 7 Last Name A-L)

Everett Anthony - School Counselor

(Grade 8 & Grade 7 Last Names M-Z)

June Robinson - Student Success Coach

Kristin Sabina - RTI Lead

Brandy Williams - Behavior Specialist

Vacant - ESE Specialist

Stephanie Tamargo - Magnet Lead

Elizabeth Hawley - Media Specialist

Deana Mastropietro - School Social Worker

Jennifer Berger - School Psychologist

Lauren Spero - 6th Grade Team Leader

Quadaryl Woods - 7th Grade Team Leader

Codie Reynolds - 8th Grade Team Leader

Nikole Johnson - Literacy Coach

Michael DeDecker - Math SAL

Steven Wilson - Science SAL

Timothy Makovec - Elective Lead

Tina Johnson - Student Nutrition Services

Idelsa Martinez Lorenzo - Head Custodian

