

# DOLPHIN NEWS

## I am part of the TEAM!



### 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.

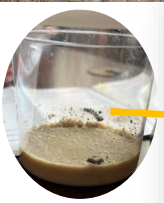


**DMMS Families:** Can you believe it's almost time for **Spring Break**? It has been a super busy month of **February** at Dowdell. Our students have been putting their best foot forward by showing off their many talents and proving just how smart they are!



I am an extremely PROUD PRINCIPAL!

Mrs. Schlarbaum

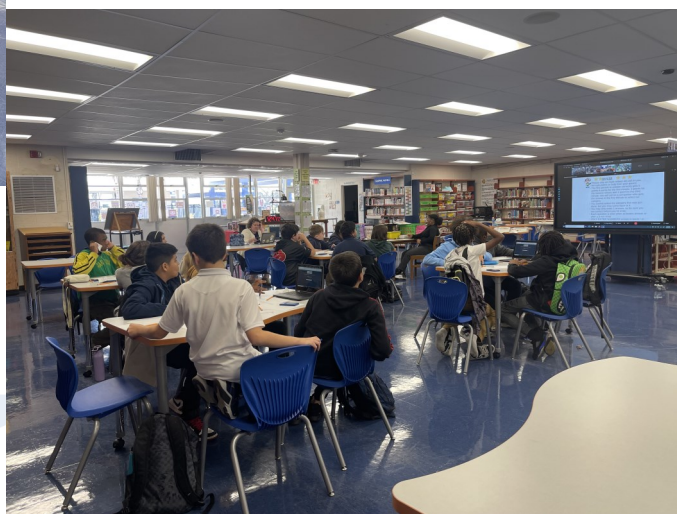
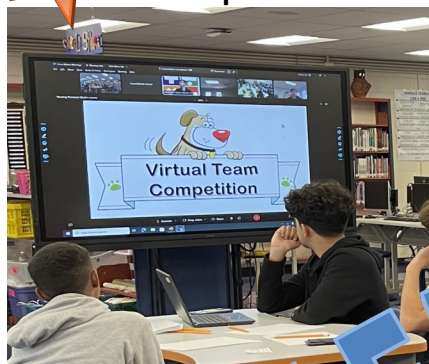


Our **Environmental Science** students have been busy beautifying our campus, hatching butterflies, composting & planting veggies in our garden.





45 of our wonderful DMMS students earned the opportunity to compete in both the individual and team District Math League competition! We are so glad our students were able to highlight their math (and critical thinking) abilities against other schools. They were challenged and persevered through many tough questions.



**BIG SHOUTOUT** to **Ms. Spero**, **Ms. Dunbar**, **Ms. Williams**, and **Mr. DeDecker** for being part of this experience for our students. Couldn't have done it without y'all! Also, **Mrs. Hawley** for allowing us to use the Media Center to host both the individual and team competition!





# Congratulations

Individual Winners:

## 6th Grade Winners

Joseph Lorenzo  
Mason Bergin  
Rosemary Vega Fis

## 7th Grade Winners

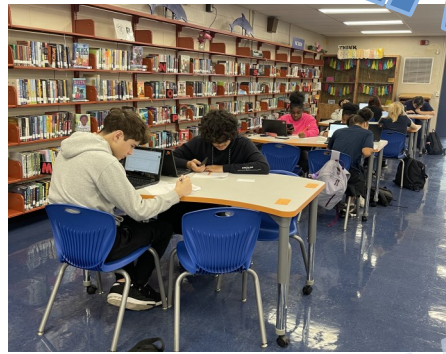
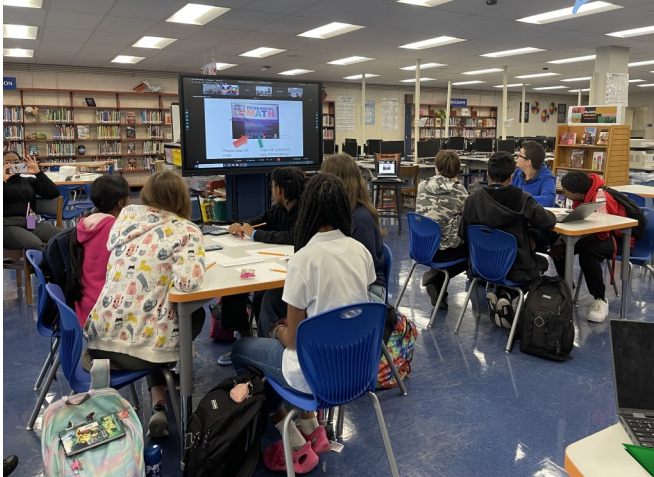
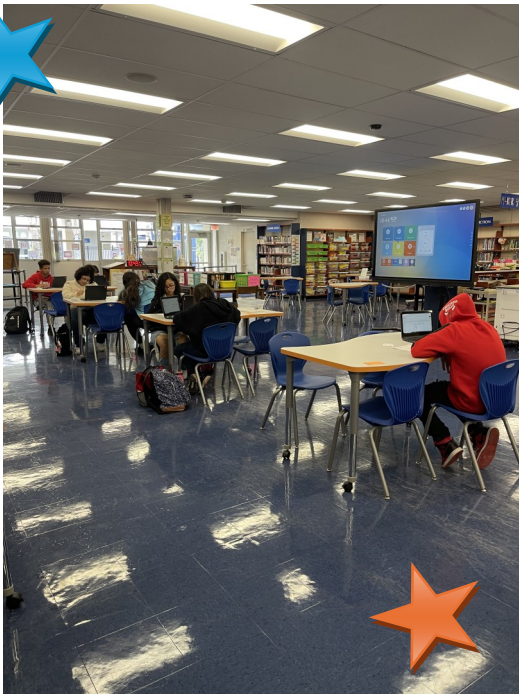
Kirthigashree Kumaramurugan



## 8th Grade Winners

Kane Rivera  
Michael Esteves

# MATH LEAGUE



## Need MATH help?

**MATH HOMEWORK HOTLINE**

LIVE ON SELECT THURSDAY NIGHTS AT 6 P.M.  
Spectrum Channel 635 & Frontier Channel 32  
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The Math Learning Center

Hillsborough County  
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Preparing Students for Life

EdGemsMath  
Enrichment & Engagement for Math

Contact your student's math teacher for

TEAM

Environmental Studies and Animal Sciences



## Environmental Studies & Animal Science students ventured to Sea World !



*"I learned that seals can sing in a kinda high pitched squeals for fish."*  
-Zadie L.

*"Sea World was awesome! I learned about sea lions, penguins, and sharks."*  
-Isabel C.

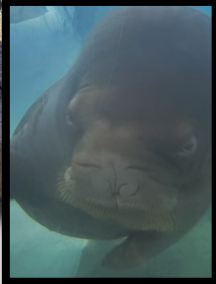
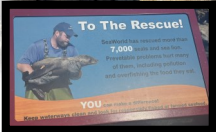


*"I liked the water ride and the dolphins."*  
-Zachary R.

*"I really enjoyed learning about the dolphins and manatees."*  
-Kiruthigashree K.







*"I really enjoyed my day at Sea World. The rides were nice and the animals were nice to look at."*  
- Serenity C.

*"I learned that Sea World takes in manatees that were in danger."*  
- Delainah H.





# DMMMS PERCUSSION

Below is a list of students who performed their **Snare Drum Solo** at the Florida Bandmasters Association's District 7 Solo Music Performance Assessment earlier this month at Sickles High School and their corresponding ratings. We are super proud of all the kids. As you can see by the grade levels, the future looks **bright** for the Dowdell Drumline. ★

Anira Burnett	6	Superior	Membreno Eathan	6	Superior
Zuri Carridice	6	Superior	Pate Gregory	6	Superior
Saniyah Choice	6	Superior	Torres Jeremiah	6	Superior
Raymond Colunga	6	Superior	Wimbush Isaiah	6	Superior
Carl Crecy	6	Superior	Cator Juerrier Best	7	Superior
Fortune Jaydensky	6	Superior	Gonzalez Jaci	7	Superior
Greene Darion ★	6	Superior	Sachiel Rosa Torres	7	Superior
Hayward Quincy	6	Superior	Alisha Hayward	8	Superior
HunterHunter	6	Superior	Anthony Gomez Rodriguez	8	Superior
James Shannon	6	Superior	Ernesto Merino-Sanchez	8	Superior
Yaretzi Leyva	6	Superior	Michael Estevez	8	Superior
Markland Lashawn	6	Superior	Foster Anabella	8	Superior
Melian Gonzalez Enzo	6	Superior	Gonzalez Juan	8	Superior

## MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

**JOIN NOW!**

### WE'RE LOOKING FOR PTSA SUPPORTERS

**JOIN NOW!**

**PTSA Officers**

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

**Current PTSA Members 12**  
**PTSA Member Goal 30**

Contact Mr. Woods or Mrs. Z. for more details!

**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

**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](mailto:Genesis.Zschocher@hcps.net)  
Thank you for your support!

**CONTACT US**

Phone (813) 744-8322

Website [floridapta.org](http://floridapta.org)

Parents/Guardians & Students are reminded to check Canvas often for **current grades**, assignment links, & **class information**.  
For assistance contact 813-744-6673



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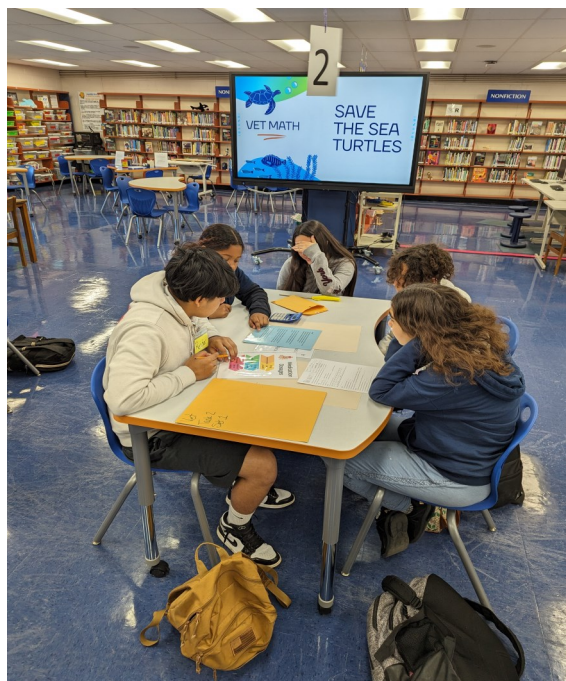
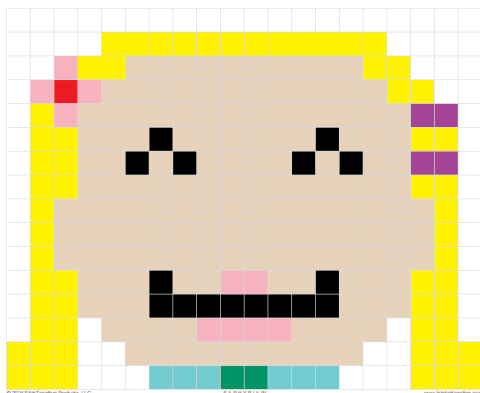


The January Design Challenge was to create a self-portrait using Pixel Art.

The **WINNERS** were:

Saphyra Williams  
 Brittany Nealy  
 Howaldo Samuels  
 Amber Harber  
 Aidan Brooks  
 Zoi Evitt  
 Wekney Reyes  
 Melaine Gomez  
 Ava Turner  
 Nathan Harget  
 Reyleigh Boussum  
 Isiah Scott  
 Lexi Carmona  
 Natalie Michelom  
 Aaron Mattis

# MEDIA CENTER



January MYON challenge winner:



The February MYON Challenge helps students explore Black History month figures and must be completed by Thursday 2/29.

The yearlong Library Lessons: **Save the Sea Turtles** had students visiting with their math classes this month to apply their math skills to solving real world math problems. Students learned that being a veterinary requires many different math skills to diagnose and treat animals.



Environmental Stud-



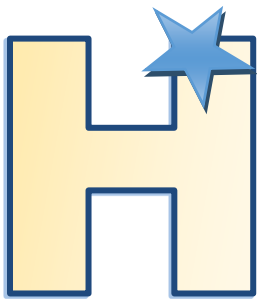




National



Junior



Honor



Society



Kiersta Archer



Adam Bhagdaweene



Daniel Barcena



Ja'Liyah Brown



Congratulations!



Angeldalie Charles



Isabel Cusinga



Katelyn Driscoll



Taliyah Glenn



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*Genesis Gonzalez*



*Giada Pierce*



**CHARACTER  
CITIZENSHIP  
LEADERSHIP  
SERVICE  
SCHOLARSHIP**

*Akira James*

*Makenna McGill*

*Millicent Hawley*



*Kiruthigashr  
Kumaramurugan*



*Quincey Hayward*



*Jasmine Schultz*



*Sofia Lillo*



*Jewell Capheart*



*Xanatos Torres*



*Ana Palenzuela Sanchez*





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## School Uniforms

### DMMS is a uniform school

- Blue or white polos \$19
- Friday spirit shirt \$15
- Zip up hoodie ~~\$29~~ \$25



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

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MARK THIS ON YOUR CALENDAR

**DATES**

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

# From the Clinic:

## Vaping's NOT my Thing

Toxic addiction and irreversible damage should be avoided at all costs.

long-term damage

VAPES destroy our ability to focus, learn, and remember.

Nicotine seizes your brain, producing dopamine in the reward system - you feel good, but it's a trap.

It's always craving MORE and MORE.

This can change the way your brain functions, and the way you DO.

It made me entirely different. I was so high on E-LIQUID, I was so high on VAPES.

It shouldn't be yours either.

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**MYTH: E-LIQUIDS IN E-CIGARETTES ARE SAFE**

**FACT: MOST E-LIQUID CONTAINS NICOTINE (HIGHLY ADDICTIVE)**

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

⇒ March 4th - Non-Student Day (no school for students)

⇒ March 11th - 15th Spring Break (District closed)

⇒ March 20th - End of the 3rd Nine Weeks



**Environmental Studies and Animal Sciences**





# PBIS DOLPHIN DOLLARS



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



## 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.
- Gaggle monitors all school devices.



## 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



## 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
- **vacant** - 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
- **Vacant** - ESE Specialist
- Stephanie Tamargo - Magnet Lead
- Elizabeth Hawley - Media Specialist
- Deana Mastropietro - School Social Worker
- Jennifer Berger - School Psychologist
- Tina Johnson - Student Nutrition Services

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