

DOLPHIN NEWS

APRIL 2025

DOWDELL MIDDLE MAGNET SCHOOL

ISSUE 7

TEST

FAST TESTING TIPS

The night before:

- Turn your cell phone off
- Get into bed early

The morning of testing:

- Get up early to be wide awake
- Make sure to have a relaxing morning routine
- Eat a nutritious breakfast

During testing:

- Use relaxing breathing techniques to calm your nerves
- Go over test taking strategies you have learned

See [page 8](#) for a detailed calendar of testing dates.



pgs. 2-4 Q3 Honor Roll Celebrations

ATTENDANCE

APRIL IS AMAZING ATTENDANCE MONTH

The more you come to school and remain in school for the entire day, the more chances you have to win prizes for AMAZING attendance!

See [page 7](#) for full details!

DOLPHIN SPIRIT WEEK

Sponsored by PBIS

The last week in April kicks off Dolphin Spirit Week. All students can dress to the theme of each day.

If not participating, uniforms are expected.

Basketball game \$50 DD

See [page 8](#) for the daily schedule & full details!



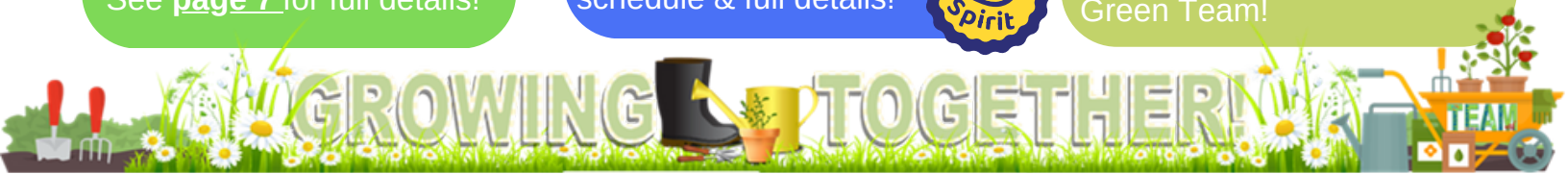
WE RECYCLE !

MARCH BADGE RECIPIENTS Reduce, Reuse, Recycle	
Hammond Elementary	McKittick Elementary
Belmont Elementary	Bay Crest Elementary
Forest Hills Elementary	Egypt Lake Elementary
Lincoln Elementary	Hunters Green Elementary
Springhead Elementary	Carrollwood K8
Dawson Elementary	Collins K8
Bryan Elementary	Dowdell Middle
McDonald Elementary	Walker Middle Magnet
Heritage Elementary	Steinbrenner High
Sheehy Elementary	Leto High
Boyette Springs Elem.	Riverview High
Cimino Elementary	Tampa Bay Tech

CONGRATULATIONS! Dowdell students for winning a badge through the Hillsborough County Schools, Power Ed Green Team!



GROWING TOGETHER!



Q3 HONOR ROLL LISTS

PRINCIPAL'S HONOR ROLL

Downs, Evan
Drasher-Phillips, Alyssa
Hawley, Millicent

Kuban Dillard, Alissa
Prude, Aaliyah
Sanjuan, Jonel A. Jr.

Walters, Maddox

HIGH HONOR ROLL

Abadin Leon, Taylor
Arias, Elias
Benitez, Jeadalise
Bonilla-Vazquez, Keciel
Capheart, Jewell
Carrasco, Francis
Carridice-Brown, Zuri
Celestino-Garcia, Yaritza
Cesar, Serinity
Coker, Jaelyn
Colon Mora, Miah
Colunga, Raymond
Cusinga, Isabel
Davis, Ivory
Deaton, Sofie
Desir, Bianca
Driscoll, Katelyn
Driz-Seymour, Alani
Echevarria Roque, Danielys
Escue, Rhyannon

Espinoza, Xavier
Fregio, Jeisy
Garcia, Jaelyn
Gomez Rodriguez, Jhon
Grillo Calderon, Indiana
Guerra, Myshelle
Harmon, Matthew
Hayes, Connor
Hayward, Quincey
Hernandez Granados, Rosa
Hernandez, David
Hernandez-Aguilar, Monica
Hodgson, Annabel
Jones, Carrington
Jordan - Zepeda, Valeria
Jurado Arroyo, Carmen
Lee, Abigail
Leon, Adriana
Lopez Benitez, Nayeli
Magana, MaryAnn

Martell, Emily
Martinez, Eileen
Martinez, Noah
Medina, Amiyah
Melian Gonzalez, Enzo
Metiviet, Kaylyn
Mohan, Karina
Myrick-Washington, Kamaria
Pace, Jordyn
Padilla, Adriel
Perera, Dailyn
Perla, Jose
Pichardo, Yeilin
Pierce, Sonia
Pino, Kiyhon
Prats, Krystie
Prieto, Nataley
Quinones, Gloria
Rios, Oliver
Robinson, E'li Lamont
Rodriguez, Maribella

Rousseau, Kelvyn
Ruiz-Gonzalez, Yordanis
Russell, Josiah
Sanchez-Gomez, Yaretzi
Seda Sibrian, Gabriel
Serrano, Jacob
Smith, Kelleicia
Soto, Shantal
Stevenson, Coltin
Suarez Caceres, Jelena
Swords, Makayla
Torres Sheffield, Ennovi
Torres, Javier
Valdez-Palma, Frida
Vega Fis, Rosemary
Velasquez, Denzel
Velazquez, Merary
Walters, Micah
Waldron, Izabella
Windham, Naomi
Womack, Kameelah
Young, Jeffrey M. III

HONOR ROLL

Acuna, Vania
Carridice-Brown, Zorn

Concepcion Torres, Adriano
Douglas, Morgan

Hernandez, Rafael Jr.

Honor rolls are determined based on a student's academic quarter grades when the student is enrolled in a minimum of four district courses.

[The Principal's Honor Roll](#) designation is awarded to students who earn A's for all academic and conduct grades.

[The High Honor Roll](#) designation is awarded to students who earn a minimum of three A's and no grade lower than a B for academic and conduct grades.

[The Honor Roll](#) designation is awarded to students who earn B's or higher for academic and conduct grades.

Q3 HONOR ROLL CELEBRATIONS



Congratulations

These students have achieved an Academic Honor Roll every quarter this school year.

Abadin Leon, Taylor
Benitez, Jeadalise
Capheart, Jewell
Carridice-Brown, Zuri
Coker, Jaelyn
Cusinga, Isabel
Desir, Bianca
Douglas, Morgan
Downs, Evan
Drasher-Phillips, Alyssa
Driz-Seymour, Alani
Escue, Rhyanon
Gomez Rodriguez, Jhon
Guerra, Myshelle
Harmon, Matthew
Hawley, Millicent
Hayes, Connor
Hayward, Quincey
Hernandez, David
Hodgson, Annabel
Jordan - Zepeda, Valeria
Jurado Arroyo, Carmen
Lopez Benitez, Nayeli
Martell, Emily
Martinez, Eileen
Martinez, Noah
Metiviet, Kaylyn
Mohan, Karina
Myrick-Washington, Kamaria
Pace, Jordyn
Padilla, Adriel
Perera, Dailyn
Pierce, Sonia
Rodriguez, Maribella
Rousseau, Kelvyn
Ruiz-Gonzalez, Yordanis
Sanchez-Gomez, Yaretzi
Smith, Kelleicia
Swords, Makayla
Valdez-Palma, Frida
Vega Fis, Rosemary
Velazquez, Merary
Windham, Naomi

INDUSTRY CERTIFICATIONS

Mr. Makovec, Dig. Tech Teacher

Mrs. Nikole Johnson, certification proctor

Congratulations!

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BROTHERS, ALEXANDER
CAINES, CAIDYN
GAINOUS, JOSIAH
LEMUS, XAVI
LORD, WILLIAM
MORALES, HEVENKY
RODRIGUEZ, EMELY
SCHMIDT, NATHANIEL
WAITERS, MICAH

CURIEL, ADRIAN
HUNT, DANNI
ROBINSON, E'LI LAMONT
ROSS, ZACHARY
STORY, LYRIC
ZAYAS CRUZ, JONATHAN

DOWNS, EVAN
GREENE, DARION
HILBURGER-DONJUAN, AMY
HOLLIE, SHEKINAH
POTTER, LILYANNAH
GIBSON, LUKAS
HAWLEY, MILLICENT
HOLT, ARABELLA
PACE, JORDYN

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PRIETO, NATALEY

IMPORTANT

Dress for Success Policy

Dowdell Middle Magnet School is a uniform school. Students wear a **navy blue or white collar shirt** with khaki pants, shorts or skirt to school Monday thru Thursday.

On Fridays, students can wear a Dowdell spirit shirt in place of a collar shirt and a pair of blue jeans or blue jean shorts.

If wearing a jacket or sweatshirt for warmth, the uniform collar MUST be visible!

Monday thru Thursday options



Friday options



HCPS Dress Code Policy: Sixth – Twelfth Grades

The dress and grooming of students shall be that which contributes to the health and safety of the individual and which is non-disruptive of the educational activities and processes of a school. (Student Code of Conduct p. 51)

Shirts

- Clothing that exposes the entire shoulder, tube tops, spaghetti straps, or similar type of clothing may only be worn with a blouse or shirt.
- Clothing exposing the torso or the midriff, either front, back, or sides shall not be worn.
- **Uniform shirts MAY NOT be tied up in the back.**
- Clothing shall not expose the mid-chest area.
- Boys' shirts shall have sleeves.

Pants/Shorts/Skirts

- **All pants and shorts shall be secured at the waist.**
- **Underwear shall not be visible.** (1006.07 and 1006.15 Florida Statute commonly known as the Baggy Pants Bill)
- Mini-skirts, mini-dresses, and short shorts shall not be permitted.
- **Hemlines and holes shall be no shorter than fingertip length.**
- Clothing traditionally designed as undergarments or sleepwear shall not be worn as outer garments.

Shoes

- Shoes shall be worn and **be securely fastened to the feet.**
- During Physical Education classes, shoes must be suitable for outdoor wear. **(no slides, crocs or flip flops)**
- Skate tennis shoes and bedroom slippers are unacceptable and not allowed.

Head Coverings

- **Head coverings shall not be worn in the building unless required for religious observance or health-related reasons.**
- **Items not to be worn as head coverings include do rags, shower caps, bonnets, bandanas, HOODIES, baseball caps, knit hats, and beanies.**

Graphic wording or illustrations:

- Garments and/or jewelry that display or suggest sexual, vulgar, drug, gang, weapons, or alcohol-related wording or graphics, or that provoke or may tend to provoke violence or disruption in the school, shall not be worn.
- Wallet chains shall not be worn.

Accessories

- **Items such as blankets, racing/ski goggles, and sunglasses should not be brought to school.**

A student violating the uniform/dress code policy will contact a parent for a change of clothing. The student will remain in the ISS room until the change of clothing has arrived. **Head coverings and graphic items will be confiscated, labeled, and given to the student affairs office for parent pick up.**

This 6th grader, Antonio, helps out at lunch, putting vegetables and fruit in our compost bin!



REVIEW



These two hard-working students, Marlon & Rafael worked tirelessly together to assembly new barn equipment including this wheelbarrow that came in a box in over 500 pieces!



DOLPHIN PRIDE



Spirit Shirt Fridays!

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COME TO SCHOOL
GET A TICKET IN HOMEROOM

STAY AT SCHOOL
GET A TICKET IN 8TH PERIOD

THE MORE YOU'RE HERE, THE
BETTER CHANCE YOU HAVE TO
WIN!

PRIZES WILL BE GIVEN TO
WINNING TICKETS DURING LUNCH
EVERY MONDAY

BE HERE! BE AMAZING!

**LUNCH
ON THE PATIO
WITH A FRIEND**



EVERY DAY MATTERS!

Regular school attendance means...

					
Preschoolers	Elementary Students	Middle Schoolers	High Schoolers	College/Trade School Students	Workforce
Learn their letters and numbers. Develop skills and habits to become kindergarten ready.	Read on-level by the end of third grade.	Develop time management, organizational, and study skills.	Develop leadership skills, responsibility, and stay on track for graduation.	Earn degrees, receive hands-on training, and gain technical certifications.	Succeed in their jobs and in life.

every day MATTERS

Ms. Deana Mastropietro, SSW

SAVE THE DATE

- **WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15** - REPORT CARDS ONLINE
 - **WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15** - REPORT CARDS IN HR/HONOR ROLL CELEBRATIONS @ LUNCHES
 - **WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16** - KONA ICE
 - **FRIDAY, APRIL 18** - NON-STUDENT DAY
 - **FRIDAY, APRIL 18** (REVISED DATE) - 7TH GRADERS TO AQUATICA IN ORLANDO
 - **MONDAY, APRIL 21 TO FRIDAY, APRIL 25** - ADMINISTRATIVE PROFESSIONALS WEEK
 - **TUESDAY, APRIL 22** - EARTH DAY - WEAR A GREEN T-SHIRT W/YOUR KHAKI PANTS/SHORTS
 - **TUESDAY, APRIL 22** - SPRING BAND CONCERT AT 6 PM IN MPR
 - **MONDAY, APRIL 28 TO FRIDAY, MAY 2** - DOLPHIN SPIRIT WEEK SPONSORED BY PBIS
 - **THURSDAY, MAY 1** - MOCK TESTING DAY
 - **FRIDAY, MAY 2** - STUDENT VS. TEACHER BASKETBALL GAME
 - **MONDAY, MAY 5 TO FRIDAY, MAY 9** - NATIONAL TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK
 - **THURSDAY, MAY 8** - POP CHOIR CONCERT - 6 PM IN MPR
 - **FRIDAY, MAY 9** - 8TH GRADE GRADADVENTURE @ UNIVERSAL STUDIOS ORLANDO
 - **MAY** IS STATE TESTING MONTH & WILL END WITH SEMESTER EXAMS -
MAKE SURE YOUR STUDENT(S) IS ON TIME & REMAINS IN SCHOOL FOR THE ENTIRE DAY!
- TESTING CALENDAR

MAY 2025					
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT/SUN
TESTING CALENDAR Writing Test April 8 th (Makeup April 9-11)			1 Mock Testing Day & Subject Area Practice Test Day.	2 St./Tchr. BB	3/4
5	6	7 PM3 ELA All Grades	8 CIVICS EOC	9 ELA & CIVICS MAKEUPS	10/11
			Conference Night Choir Concert	8 th Grade Universal FT	
12 ELA & CIVICS MAKEUPS	13 MATH All Grades (DeDecker Bootcamp)	14 ALGEBRA & GEOMETRY EOC Math Makeups	15 Math Makeups	16 SCIENCE EOC	17/18
Girl's Group EOY Event					
19 Make Up Tests	20 Make Up Tests	21 Makeup Tests	22	23 Period 1 Exam	24/25
				Celebration of FAST!	
26 NO SCHOOL MEMORIAL DAY	27 Period 2 & 3 Exam	28 Period 4, 5, 6 Exams	29 Period 7 & 8 Exam	30 Last Day & Exam Makeups	31/1



Dolphin Spirit Week

April 28th to May 2nd 2025

MONDAY APRIL 28	Senior Citizen Day Dress like you are 100 years old
TUESDAY APRIL 29	Twin Day Dress like your friend
WEDNESDAY APRIL 30	Teacher/Student Swap Day Students will dress as teachers and teachers will dress as students
THURSDAY MAY 1	Reach for the Stars Day Dress to Impress - Wear Your Fancy Clothes
FRIDAY MAY 2	Grade Level Color Wars 6th grade - Green 7th grade - Orange 8th grade - Black
FRIDAY MAY 2	Student/Teacher Basketball Game buy a ticket for \$50 Dolphin Dollar to attend the game



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ALL DRESS ATTIRE MUST MEET HCPS DRESS CODE SPECIFICATIONS
STUDENTS WHO DO NOT PARTICIPATE WILL WEAR THEIR UNIFORM

Para Appreciation Day

Mr. Crespo



Mrs. Marcus

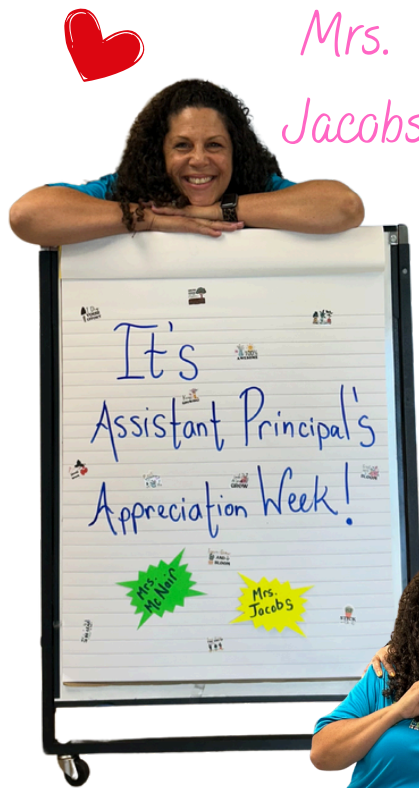


not pictured - Mrs. Crespo (on leave)

National School Librarian Day

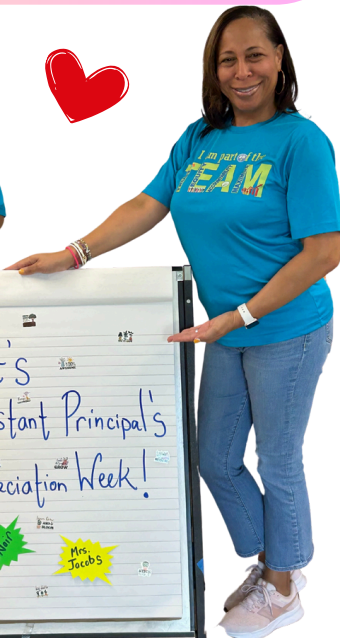
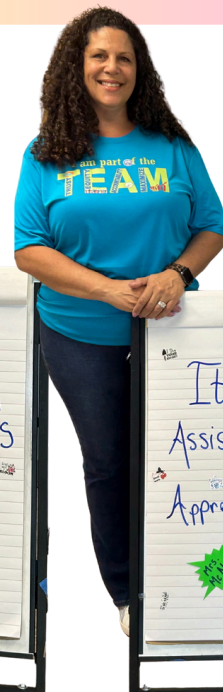


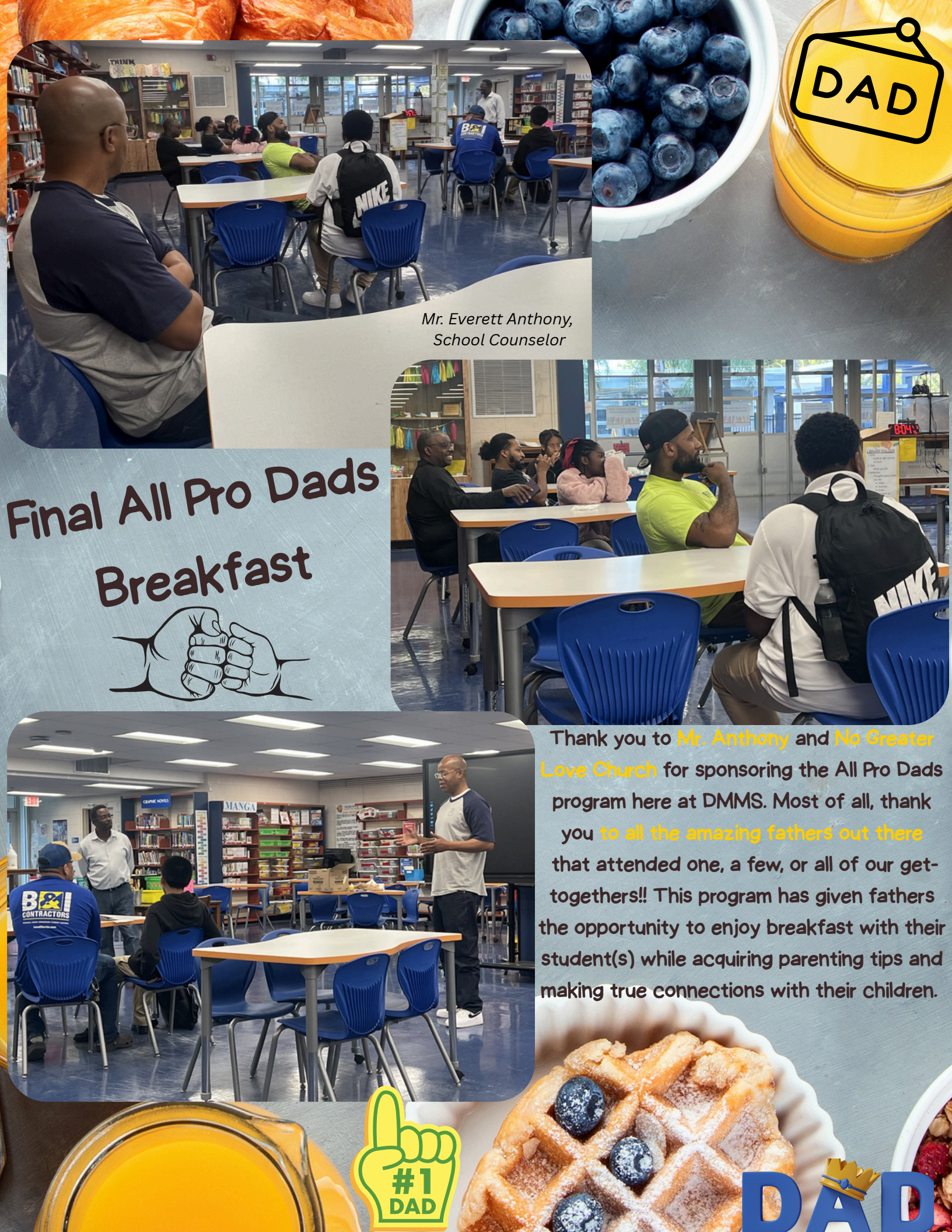
Mrs. Hawley



We  our
Assistant
Principals!

We appreciate
all that you do





Mr. Everett Anthony,
School Counselor

Final All Pro Dads Breakfast



Thank you to Mr. Anthony and No Greater Love Church for sponsoring the All Pro Dads program here at DMMS. Most of all, thank you to all the amazing fathers out there that attended one, a few, or all of our get-togethers!! This program has given fathers the opportunity to enjoy breakfast with their student(s) while acquiring parenting tips and making true connections with their children.





Media center News



Mrs. Elizabeth (Liz) Hawley
Media Specialist



All Dowdell students have been visiting the Media Center to complete the yearlong learning, *"Delving Into Dolphins"*, with the Social Studies lesson focused on exploring the challenges dolphins are facing around the world while brainstorming possible solutions. Students who have made it to all four lessons throughout the year received a learning survey with the option to attend a virtual visit from the Dolphin Research Center.



Students should begin looking around their homes and backpacks for library books to return before the end of the school year.

The last day for book checkout will be May 2nd. Students will be getting overdue book notices before the end of April.

Books

\$5

Lost

\$20

Playaways



The March MYON Challenge

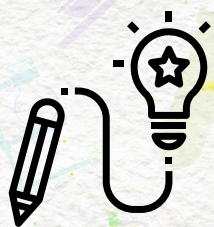
winners were:

- Amiyah Medina
- Ainsley Dalton



The April MYON challenge

celebrates Earth Day by having students read two books related to environmental issues. This is due April 30th.



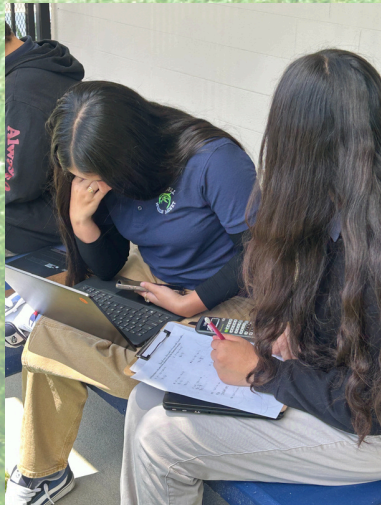
The April design challenge is in honor of both Earth Day and Poetry Month, students must write a poem about the earth.

These are due by April 30th to Ms. Hawley.

Congratulations to Mr. Hornyak's 3rd period class for reading the most minutes for the Third Nine Weeks Reading Challenge. The class read 7,393 minutes and earned a cupcake party! All the reading classes worked hard reading and logging minutes during the third nine week for this challenge.



MATH ON THE LAWN!



**MR. DEDECKER TAKES
HIS ALGEBRA
RESEARCH STUDENTS
OUTSIDE TO THE
FRESH AIR &
SUNSHINE TO SOLVE
EQUATIONS ASSISTED
BY MS. REYNOLDS.**



Our Team!



NURSE MYLENE & NURSE KRYSTAL



MRS. EASTMAN



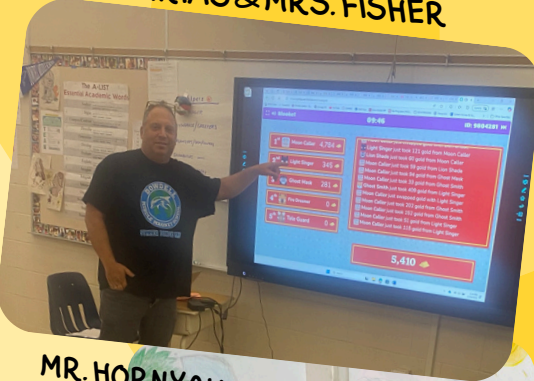
MRS. ARIAS & MRS. FISHER



MRS. NEGRON



MR. WILSON



MR. HORNYAK

THANK YOU!

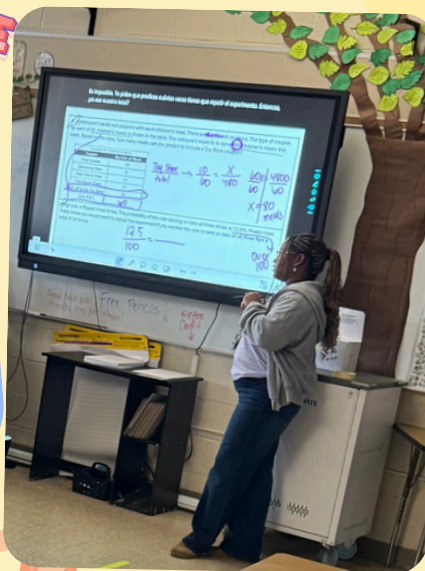


Mr. Jones



Mrs. McNair

WELCOME BACK!



MS. DUNBAR



MS. SMITH

WELCOME



MS. BELIN & MRS. JOHNSON



MRS. GOODSON & MRS. JOHNSON



Please help us combat the VAPING issue on campus.

Nurse Mangosing & Nure Bowen

CENTER FOR TOBACCO PRODUCTS

SMALL DEVICE BIG PROBLEM

Facts on Youth E-Cigarette Use

Based on data from 2024

Youth Vaping: A Serious Public Health Concern

More than **1.6 million** U.S. youth were currently using e-cigarettes.¹

7.8% of high school students and **3.5%** of middle school students currently used e-cigarettes.¹

More than **1 in 4** current e-cigarette users **vape every day**, suggesting many teens may have a nicotine dependence.

E-cigarettes have been the **most used tobacco product for 10 years** among both high school and middle school students.¹

Be Aware of E-Cigarette Products

Some devices popular among teens are as **small as a USB flash drive** and even look like one.^{2,13}

Certain products emit very low amounts of aerosol, which makes them **easier to use discreetly** than combustible cigarettes.^{9,11}

E-cigarettes come in a variety of shapes and sizes and **may not look like a tobacco product**, which can make them hard to spot.²

Most e-cigarettes contain nicotine, the same highly addictive drug in cigarettes. Some e-cigarettes⁹ may contain **as much nicotine as 20 cigarettes**.²

TALK TO KIDS

ABOUT THE RISKS OF VAPING

Use this guide at home

Youth vaping remains a public health concern. Many teens vape on a regular basis, and most choose flavored e-cigarettes. Many kids think vaping is harmless, but it can have serious health consequences. Given the right tools and information, parents, educators, and other influential adults can make a profound difference in the lives of their children and students by sharing the facts and tips to help them stay safe.

Facts About Teen Vaping

Use this guide to start an honest conversation at home about e-cigarettes and addiction.

Most e-cigarettes **CONTAIN NICOTINE**, the same highly addictive chemical in regular cigarettes.

Many e-cigarettes are shaped like **USB STICKS, PENS, AND WATCHES**, which makes them easy to hide at school.

The data show that kids who vape are **MORE LIKELY TO START SMOKING** cigarettes.

Vapes get their flavors from chemicals. **INHALING FLAVOR CHEMICALS** can harm kids' lungs.

Because their brains are still developing, teens are more **SUSCEPTIBLE TO NICOTINE** addiction than adults.

Vaping is not safe. In fact, some vapes contain **AS MUCH NICOTINE AS A WHOLE PACK** of cigarettes.

Some e-cigarette aerosols contain chemicals, **SUCH AS FORMALDEHYDE**, that can cause cancer.

Teach your students the facts about vaping.

Vape aerosol can contain harmful chemicals.

Vaping can expose the user's lungs to harmful chemicals like formaldehyde, acrolein, and acetaldehyde, which are known to cause lung damage.^{4,5}

Most vapes contain nicotine, which is highly addictive.

Vaping can deliver nicotine to the brain in just 10 seconds.⁷ A teen's brain is still developing, making it more prone to nicotine addiction.^{8,12} Nicotine exposure during the teen years can disrupt normal brain development.^{9,12}

There can be danger behind the flavor.

Vapes get their flavors from chemicals. While these flavorings are safe to eat in food, they're not safe to inhale. Inhaling flavor chemicals can harm your lungs.⁴

Vapers could be inhaling metal particles into their lungs.

Vape aerosol could be delivering metal particles like chromium, nickel, lead, tin, and aluminum right into your lungs. Some of these metals are toxic.^{10,11}

HEALTHY HABITS AT HOME

The environment in your home plays a big role in your child's decisions. Keep it healthy to help kids avoid harmful habits.

- If you smoke or vape, try quitting.**
Teens report that one of the top reasons they try e-cigarettes is that a friend or family member uses them. Share the reasons why you want to quit, and ask your family for their support as you start your journey.
- Establish a tobacco-free home.**
Don't allow smoking or vaping in your home. Make sure to ban smoking and vaping in your car too.
- Steer clear of smoking and vaping in public places.**
Avoid restaurants, parks, and other locations that allow people to smoke or vape.
- Set family health goals each week.**
Take a walk together around the neighborhood, try a new vegetable each week at dinner, do one-minute yoga stretches together, or challenge everyone to drink more water. Working as a team keeps it fun!

PRACTICE WAYS TO SAY NO

Ask your child if they've ever felt pressure to try vaping. Then strategize what they can say or do if another kid offers them an e-cigarette, and have them practice by responding to different situations.

- Say a simple "No, thanks," or "Nah, that's not my thing."
- Change the topic ("Hey, are you going to band practice today?").
- Walk away and do something else.
- Talk with a friend, parent, or trusted adult.

RESOURCES

Teens may not know the signs of nicotine addiction. If you think your child is vaping, talk to them about why it is harmful. Ask for support from others. Remember: It's never too late to get help.

Signs of Addiction

- Cravings to use e-cigarettes or other tobacco products
- Feeling anxious or irritable
- Continuing to vape despite negative consequences
- Going out of one's way to get e-cigarettes

Getting Help

- Talk to your family doctor about treatment options
- Visit [smokefree.gov](https://www.smokefree.gov)
- CDC Quitline: 1.800.QUIT.NOW
- For Young People: Text DITCHVAPE to 88709
- For Families Helping Young People: Text "QUIT" to 202.899.7550