

WELCOME TO DUBOSE MIDDLE SCHOOL

The mission of DuBose Middle School is to provide a safe and supportive environment where ALL students can learn at their highest level. The vision of DuBose Middle School is to provide each of our students a "world class" education through rigorous and relevant learning so that ALL students can reach their full potential.



PRINCIPAL'S NOTE

We have had another superb year at DuBose. This year saw an increase in students on the A and A-B honor roll, better attendance, more participation in DMS athletics, and a huge increase in involvement in DMS clubs. In addition, our Family Resource Specialist continued to help engage our Wildcat families more than ever. Once again, this school year, our students, staff, and athletes had a fantastic year with many successes and celebrations. Please make sure to take a look through this SIC Report to Parents to celebrate with us.

Throughout this year, we have continued focusing on our DMS Four Pillars of Success:

- 1) College and Career Readiness
- 2) Literacy
- 3) Community Building
- 4) Health and Wellness

My yearly challenge to all of our families stays the same. I invite all of our parents into the school to experience each of our focuses first hand. Community and parent involvement are very important at DuBose. We want you as parents/guardians to be involved in your child's education. One easy way for parents to get involved is by volunteering at our school. We want to have our classrooms and front office overflowing with volunteers! There is nothing more important than your child's education, so we invite you to play an active role in every aspect of it. Strong communities build strong schools! If you had a chance to visit us this year for any of our events, thank you and we appreciate your support! If you have not yet had the chance, let me invite you to be part of the bevy of events that will continue to occur at DuBose. Thank you and we look forward to seeing you at DMS soon!

Volunteers Make a Difference!

Our amazing volunteers logged over 500 hours this year! They have served as mentors, worked in the garden, the Wildcat Den, and at various school events.

School Improvement Council Members

Parents

Tarea Kennedy-DeLoach, Kalilah Sumners,
Candace Howze, chairperson

Ex-Officio/Faculty/Community

Ted Brinkley (tbrinkley@dorchester2.k12.sc.us)
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Teachers

Kathryn Brennan, Rebecca Shedd, and
Janine Ciaccia, secretary

Community

Marilyn Kaple, Simeon Abdon, and Colby and
Stephanie Rankin

SIC Goals/Activities

The DMS SIC's main objective is to support the school's goals and help create a positive environment of continuous improvement. The Council also serves as a review and sounding board for administration and our school community. SIC efforts this year focused on STEM, Literacy, Community, and Health and Wellness.

Family & Student Engagement Efforts

Weekly Mentoring Groups (The Beacons and Leading Ladies)
Community Partnerships
Family Book Drive
Clothes and Food Pantry
Two Technology Nights

Family and Student Events

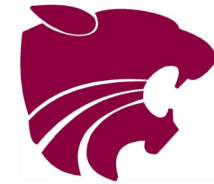
Black History Month
Hispanic Heritage Month
Hunger Action Month – Food Drive
Health & Wellness Month
National Mentoring Month
Military Awareness Month
Financial Literacy
Literacy Night/Family Book Swap

Faculty PRIDE

Teacher of the Year—**Lesley Brantley**
Rookie Teacher of the Year—**Hannah Maxwell**
and **Anthony Johnston**
Star Performer of the Year—**Ashlee Potter**

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2023



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Dorchester School District 2



School Improvement Council's Annual Report To Parents

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Wildcats ROAR

Respect
Others



Points of PRIDE

SC Ready ELA Highlights

- Highest percentage of “Meets and Exceeds” since at least 2014-15
- Increased percentage of student “Meets and Exceeds” in ALL grade levels
- Highest percentage of “Meets and Exceeds” of ALL neighborhood schools in 6th grade
- Second highest percentage of “Meets and Exceeds” of ALL neighborhood schools in 7th grade

SC Ready Math Highlights

- Highest percentage of “Meets and Exceeds” since 2018-19
- Increased percentage of student “Meets and Exceeds” in ALL grade levels
- Second highest percentage of “Meets and Exceeds” of ALL neighborhood schools in ALL grade levels

SC Ready Science Highlights

- Highest percentage of student “Meets and Exceeds” since at least 2015-16
- Highest percentage of “Meets and Exceeds” of ALL neighborhood schools

Spelling Bee

Congratulations to our school winners: Champion Julianna DeWeese and finalists Kaylee Curgan, Haelyn Cripe, Trinity Roth, Hunter Young and Abigail Yarbrough. Congratulations to Haelyn Cripe for placing 2nd and to Hunter Young for placing 5th in the DD2 Spelling Bee.

Fine Arts

Choir

Student representation at the following events:

- DD2 Honor Choir
- SCMEA Choral Division Performance Assessment
- Carowinds Festival of Music
- MusicUSA Universal Competition

Band

Select 8th Grade Marching Band placed 4th at the State Marching Championships, Bronze Medalists.

The band earned a Superior with Distinction Rating at the State Concert Performance Assessment.

Student representation at the following events:

- Carowinds Music in the Parks Festival
- Universal Music USA Festival
- SCBDA Solo and Ensemble
- SCBDA Region 4 Honor Band
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Steel Drums

The DuBose Steel Band students had a single recently released as a “remix” to their 2022 digital album “Trinidad Tidings”. The single, "Jingle Bells (2023 Version)", features two-time grammy winner Charlton Singleton and can be found on all digital music platforms along with Trinidad Tidings (full album) and Momentum (full album).

Mentoring Programs

The Leading Ladies is a female volunteer district-wide mentorship program which consists of qualified professional female volunteers who meet weekly with young female students to promote stability and consistency. The mission is to support educators in areas that need focus and guidance through instilling confidence, respect, pride, and empowerment.

The Beacons is a male volunteer district-wide mentorship program which consists of qualified male volunteers and community mentors who meet weekly with male students. The mission is to offer guidance and support on a consistent basis and to provide an environment that the students can feel safe, accepted and important.

Clubs

Amazing clubs such as the STEM Club, Podcast Club, and Beta Club continued to shine. We added the Archery Club, Fishing Club, and Dungeons and Dragons this year.

Purple Star Ambassadors

Purple Star Ambassadors is a student-led and faculty-advised program with the mission to take care of new students transitioning to DuBose. It is a school-sponsored program for civilian and military-connected middle schoolers in grades 6-8. The focus of the Purple Star Ambassador program is student-centered and student-led. These students were trained to welcome their assigned new student, give them a tour of our campus, and spend a minimum of one week with the student during lunch and courtyard time. There are a total of 83 school ambassadors, including four Spanish speaking students, that represent DMS this year!

Bosch Grant Winners

Congratulations to the following teachers for their winning grants:

Amanda Allison – 2k Sustain and Grow
Duane Hairston – 1k Greenhouse Growing
Emily Evans – 974.22 Social Support through Grouping
Jessica Kalman – 1876.20 Fossils and Rocks Tell a Story
Mandy McDermott – 2k Classrooms without Walls
Tammy Pye – 1903 The DuBose Defense: Probability and Problem Solving w Chess

State Competition for PLTW Students

Automation and Robotics students learn about mechanical systems, energy transfer, machine automation, and computer control systems. Students use the VEX Robotics platform to design, build, and program robots to solve real-world challenges. 8th grade VEX team won first place in the innovation in engineering award.

Robotics

The Dubose Robocats competed at the East Edisto Qualifier Event on January 21st. They finished 12th out of 26 teams. Their coach, Jessica Kalman, received the Coaches Award at the event.

Renaissance

This course converges the study of leadership principles with the action of building a healthy schoolwide culture and climate. The leadership students created Ren Room Service, ROAR awards, Random knocks, high five Fridays, 3 tiers of RenKids, pep rallies, birthday bulletin boards, curbside coffee, and Fizzy Fun Friday.

DuBose Wildcat Athletics

We are delighted to applaud our DuBose coed wrestling team for winning the Dorchester District 2 Championship and Dorchester County Middle School Wrestling Atlantic Conference Champions. Leading the team is Dorchester County Middle School Wrestling Coach of the Year, Coach Shellie Alumbaugh!