

WELCOME TO DUBOSE MIDDLE SCHOOL

Wildcats-ROARING to Success!



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Our Mission

The mission of DuBose Middle School is to provide a safe and supportive environment where ALL students can learn at their highest level

Our Vision

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

In last year's SIC Annual Report to Parents, I wrote "Next school year, we hope to bring some normalcy back to the Den." Well, that didn't work out exactly as planned, but despite that our students and staff still did an awesome job and made huge gains this year! Once again, our students, staff, and athletes had a fantastic year with many successes and celebrations. Through all of our challenges, we have continued focusing on our DMS Four Pillars of Success:

- 1) STEM
- 2) Literacy
- 3) Community Building
- 4) Health and Wellness

Now that we truly are getting back to normal, it is great to see the families and community back at the Den! Once again, I can invite 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!

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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.

DuBose Enrollment

Male - 54% Female - 46%
African American—24% Caucasian - 63%
Hispanic - 7% Other - 6%
Total number of students—1067
WILDCATS - 100%

School History

DuBose Middle School opened its doors in January of 1986 after being housed at Alston Middle School for the first part of the 1985-1986 school year. The school is named for former Dorchester School District Two Superintendent Charles B. DuBose Jr. Mr. Anthony Lemon was the first principal at DuBose Middle School. Ted Brinkley is the 8th Principal, having served first as teacher and then Assistant Principal at DuBose.

Charles B. DuBose Jr. Middle School



Dorchester School District 2



School Improvement Council's Annual Report To Parents

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Points of PRIDE

Health & Wellness Initiatives

Boeing Health and Wellness School Initiative

Robotics

The Robocats advanced to the Lego League State Competition, making them one of the top 18 teams in SC.

Katie's Krops

We are now a flagship garden for Katie's Krops. This spring we completely rebuilt and replenished our garden, adding eight new beds for a total of 22.

PTSA Officers

PTSA Officers, 2021-22

President – Erica Faske Vice President – Laurie Cook
Treasurer – Christina Harper
Secretary – Melissa Arrwood
Reflections Chairman – Tiffany McMeeken

Band

- ◆ State representation in the SCBDA All-State and Region 4 Honor Bands
- ◆ SCBDA Concert Performance Assessments – Superior and Excellent Ratings
- ◆ Re-formation of the DuBose 8th Grade Jazz Band
- ◆ Re-formation of the DuBose Symphonic Band

Piano Program at DMS

This year brought a new Piano Teacher to DMS. Kristine Peters brings a diverse background in Piano Education and she is so excited to build out the programs. Wonderful things have been happening in the piano lab; you may have seen it on Instagram or YouTube. Look for 7th and 8th grade performance replays and 6th grade End of Quarter videos on YouTube.

Spelling Bee Winners

Winner—Brayden Heath

Finalists

Xavier Ellis, Raina Shrestha, Rezsau Lewis, Abigail Yarbrough
Alternate- Robert Behrman

Fourth Place in District: Xavier Ellis

STEM Club

The STEM club was very busy this year with various activities including astronomy nights, ARRL Annual Spring School Radio Club Contact Contest, and the school's garden. The STEM Club is the only continuously running club at DMS for the last 18 years as it started as K4DMS and the Wildcat Astronomy Club back in 2004.

Engaging Creative Minds

The 8th grade Social Studies department had the opportunity to partner with the Charleston Museum through Engaging Creative Minds. A curator from the museum took our eighth graders back in time to colonial Charleston. The classes started off by playing a board game where students took on the roles of real-life colonial Charlestonians and had to navigate their way through colonial society. Students also had the opportunity to examine and analyze a variety of primary sources from the museum's collection to learn a little bit more about what life was like for South Carolina's enslaved individuals. The curator shared with the students the story of Dave the Potter, a famous enslaved potter whose who left clues about his day-to-day life in the poems he used to inscribe on his pots. The Charleston Museum has the nation's largest collection of Dave the Potter's work. Students were able to finish off their experience by creating a clay pot of their own!

During the last week of January and the first week of February, 6th grade students, in conjunction with Engaging Creative Minds, created their own artistic interpretation of Bubonic Plague mask. The design reflected the authenticity of the mask used during the Bubonic Plague of the Middle Ages. Students participated in all stages of the design and creation of the masks. This opportunity allowed students to use engineering problem solving skills in collaboration with their peers. At the end, students presented their projects to the class and reflected on the mask making process.

Financial Literacy Student Wins Color the Concepts

Preston Frame was named one of the 16 winners for the Color the Concepts Calendar Contest sponsored by the SC Council on Economic Education. Over 600 students in grades K-8 were challenged with illustrating one of ten concepts which are outlined in the South Carolina Social Studies Standards.

Faculty PRIDE

Denise Harrel—Teacher of the Year

Laura Bense and Carol Dunlap

Rookie Teacher of the Year

Kelly Redick—Star Performer of the Year

The Sunshine Committee—Teachers Bringing Happiness to Our School

“Secret Santa . . .” – The committee organized a secret Santa exchange for all teachers, staff, and administrators.

“Tireless Teacher” – Teachers submit a poem to the committee, nominating a “tireless” teacher.

“Welcome Back ” – The committee created “Goodie Bags” for all teachers, administrators, and staff for first day of school.

“Students of the Week” – The committee hosts this award, asking each team of teachers to nominate “Students of the Week.”

“Teacher Happy Cart” – The committee asked administrators to roll a cart around, featuring fruit, snacks, and waters.

“We love our Counselors!” – The committee asked each grade level to shower their grade level counselor with goodies during “Counselor’s Week.”

“Thank You Notes” – The committee led teachers in encouraging students to write notes of thankfulness to the administration team. The teachers then surprised the administrative team by placing the sticky notes on the administrator’s door.

“Spreading Sunshine” – The committee reaches out to members of the DMS family who are experiencing, loss, grief, or sadness with a meal, flowers, card, etc.

“ We love our Custodians”- The committee collected money from the staff to provide gift cards, shirts, and donuts.

“We love our Cafeteria Staff” – The committee and school provided donuts and gift cards.

DMS Media Center

The DMS Media Center was fully open for the 2021-2022 school year! In addition to checking out books and teaching lessons to students, technology is also managed out of the media center. The *DMS 20 Book Challenge* was created for students to promote reading a variety of books, with monthly prizes awarded for logging books in a virtual form. A celebration will be held in early May for students who complete the challenge. An in-person book club, *Wildcat Readers*, was established for the first time since Covid-19 for all grade levels.