

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 a fantastic year at the Den! Not only did we get back to all in-person activities and concerts, thanks to our new Family Engagement Specialist, we were able to engage with our Wildcat families more than ever. We were also able to provide our families with resources to help them in school and at home. 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

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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.

Family & Student Engagement Efforts

Weekly Mentoring Groups
Community Partnerships
Family Book Drive
Clothes Pantry
Food Pantry

Family and student events

Hispanic Heritage Month
Financial Literacy
Literacy
Health & Wellness
Technology
Black History Month
Resources for Parents & Caregivers
Hands-on Science
Kinship Support Services

Faculty PRIDE

Teacher of the Year—**Elizabeth Kitchens**
Rookie Teacher of the Year—**Mckenna Boone**
Star Performer of the Year—**Gina Austin**

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School Improvement Council's Annual Report To Parents

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Wildcats ROAR

Respect
Others



Points of PRIDE

Piano

Three students earned 'Superior' scores at the 2023 SCMEA Fall Festival and represent DuBose at the SCMEA State Convention in Feb. 2023. At the SCMEA Piano Festival, 5 Students received Superior with Distinction and six students received Superior.

DuBose Harmonizers

DuBose Harmony Chorus earned Excellence at SCMEA Choral Performance Assessment.

Orchestra

Wonderful things are happening in the orchestra room! You may have seen their latest small group performance at Rising 6th Grader Night, and they also produced a New Year's Concert video available on the DuBose Middle School YouTube page. They are currently preparing for their Spring concert and Solo and Ensemble Festival!

Dance

DMS 8th grade dance students participated in the District Dance Festival in March. Students took part in a day of various classes and performed in the district-wide performance. DMS dancers have had several performances at the Summers Corner PAC and DMS this year. In May, 7th and 8th grade will present a dance showcase made up entirely of student-choreographed work.

DuBose Wildcat Athletics

Our student athletes have the opportunity to try out for our sport teams during the Fall and Winter seasons. Our teams include; Girls' Volleyball, Boys' Basketball, Girls' Basketball, and Coed Wrestling. During this school year, our student athletes have increased their skills on and off the court while maintaining academic rigor. We are delighted to applaud our Lady Wildcats from the Volleyball team for winning the Dorchester District 2 Championship!

Band

SCBDA Region 4 Honor Band – Ten 8th grade students placed into SCBDA All-State Honor Band – One 8th grade student placed into 30% of 8th grade band class represented in these prestigious ensembles

Student representation in the SCBDA Region 4 Honor Band Student Representation in the SCBDA All State Honor Band Select 8th Grade Marching Band placed 3rd at the State Marching Championships, Bronze Medalists Superior and Excellent Ratings at the State Concert Performance Assessment

Superior with Distinction at the Carowinds Festival of Music Students received numerous Superior and Excellent ratings at the state Solo & Ensemble Festival

Steel Drums

The DuBose Steel Band program released their 2nd studio-length album that was released on Dec 2nd, 2022 on all major digital music platforms in collaboration with the Greenwave Steelband. Trinidad Tidings, a Holiday Steelband Celebration, includes over 150 student performers, internationally-acclaimed artist Victor Provost, as well as many local guest soloists including Charleton Singleton, Mark Sterbank, Calvin Baxter, Mike Quinn, Dave Heywood, Gino Castillo, Matthew Kilby, and Jacob Abarbanell. The album release took place in conjunction with the DuBose & Greenwave Steelbands combined winter concert to a sold-out crowd on December 2nd, 2023 at the Summers Corner Performing Arts center. Trinidad Tidings has thus far streamed to listeners over 3000 times from 30 different countries all over the globe on just 2 of the 37 digital platforms world-wide that released the album. Anyone interested in hearing the album can search for the DuBose Steel Band on their favorite streaming platform or listen here: dubosesteelband.hearnow.com.

Spelling Bee

Luke Cullinan and Kinsley Browning were 2 of the top 6 finishers at the DD2 Spelling Bee.

STEM Club

Info for STEM club blurb-This year STEM club harvested over 400 lbs of vegetables from the Katie's Krops garden, which were donated to Hearts for Summerville (or just say community.) They also received a \$1500 grant through BOSCH for a mobile Maker Space cart and model rockets.

MathCounts Competition

David Greer advanced to the state round of the MathCounts competition.

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. Six students were selected to represent DuBose for a district-wide day of training. Students learned new methods to support students moving to or from DMS. The focus of the Purple Star Ambassador program is student-centered and student-led. Our ambassadors are Cole Jacques, Emory Potter, Payton Murdaugh, Nehemiah Johnson, Tinsley Prado, and Conner Young.

Bosch Grant Winners

Congratulations to our six teachers who won Bosch grants: Amanda Allison, Shelia Brock, Nate Creazzo, Lekeya Frazier, LaToya Johnson, Kristie Williams.

Fine Arts Grant

The Arts Curricular Innovative Grant for DuBose Middle School (DMS), *Prepare, Collaborate, Evaluate*, will be used to ensure that each area of fine arts is able to effectively present the 2017 South Carolina Standards for Visual and Performing Arts (2017 SCSVPA). Through this grant, DMS will be able to improve instruction in 4 content areas and seven of the Anchor Standards of the 2017 SCSVPA. The grant will target all students, eight fine arts teachers, school families, and the community, which is in addition to creating shared products with the feeder elementary schools. Therefore, DMS will receive \$17,927 towards faculty professional development, instruments, materials for Visual Art and portable recording equipment.

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.

Financial Literacy Competes

Dubose Middle School was invited to represent your congressional district in the 2023 Capitol Hill Challenge (CHC)! Featuring the acclaimed **Stock Market Game™** program, students in grades 6-12 learn personal finance concepts hands-on through our curriculum-based online investment simulation. DuBose Middle School has three teams participating and are actively trading and diversifying their portfolios. Wish them luck.