

Charles B. DuBose Jr. Middle School



Dorchester School District 2



School Improvement Council's Annual Report To Parents

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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 Engagement 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.

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

Shawntrae Young

Tiffany Ruffin

Ex-Officio/Faculty/Community

Ted Brinkley, Principal

Megan Profit, Assistant Principal

Hannah Maxwell, Rookie Teacher of the Year

Teachers

Jason Abraham, chairperson

Kelly Simpson, secretary

Community

Marilyn Kaple

Patricia Profit

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 School Vision Statement Revision, Literacy, and Financial Literacy.

Family & Student Engagement Efforts

Weekly Mentoring Groups (The Beacons and Leading Ladies)

Community Partnerships

Family Book Drive

Clothes and Food Pantry

School Supplies and Backpack Drive

Two Technology Nights

Real Men Read

Family and Student Events

Black History Month

Coffee and Conversations

Hispanic Heritage Month

Health & Wellness Month

National Mentoring Month

Military Awareness Month

Vaping Awareness Event

Fall in Love with Science

Lowcountry Food Bank Pop Up

Success before Summer Event

Open House – Title 1 Meeting

Inspiring Growth and Change

Hunger Action Month – Food Drive

Reality Town

Technology Night

DMS Giving Tree

Book Giveaway Event

Read-A-Latte Event

Family Game Night

Holiday Family Outreach

Parent Involvement Day

Wildcats ROAR

**Respect
Others**



**Act
Responsibly**

Points of PRIDE

SC Ready ELA Highlights

- Highest percentage of “Meets and Exceeds” since at least 2014-15 for 7th Grade
- Highest ELA Scale Score of ALL neighborhood schools in 7th grade
- Second highest ELA Scale Score of ALL neighborhood schools in 8th grade

SC Ready Math Highlights

- Highest percentage of “Meets and Exceeds” since 2018-19 for 6th grade
- Highest percentage of “Meets and Exceeds” since 2017-18 for 7th grade
- Highest Math Scale Score of ALL neighborhood middle schools for 7th grade
- Second highest percentage of “Meets and Exceeds” of ALL neighborhood schools in ALL grade levels

Spelling Bee

Congratulations to our school winners: Champion Amelia Hawkins and finalists Olivia Johnson, Saraya McKinley, Domenic DiMascio, Reid Crawley, and Hunter Young. Congratulations to Amelia Hawkins for representing DuBose at the DD2 Spelling Bee.

Faculty PRIDE

Teacher of the Year—**Amber Dunn**
Rookie Teacher of the Year—**Benjamin Garcia**
Star Performer of the Year—**Cherie Coryell**

Fine Arts

Choir

For the first time in 8 years, DMS 6th grade Choir brought home a Superior rating from the Carowinds Festival of Music. Student representation at the following events:

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

Band

The 8th grade band earned a Superior with Distinction Rating at the State Concert Performance Assessment. The 7th grade band earned a Superior rating at the State Concert Performance Assessment. Students represented DMS at:

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

Steel Drums

The DuBose Steel Band students, led by teacher Mike Greer, had a unique opportunity this year to collaborate with Clemson University’s Percussion Ensemble and Steel Band. This partnership came to fruition this year after Mr. Greer proposed the idea to Clemson’s Director of Percussion. This opportunity allowed students to experience Clemson’s campus and see what Clemson Percussion culture is all about. Thank you Mr. Greer for making this dream a reality!

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, Archery Club, and Beta Club continued to shine. We added the Disc Golf Club, Fishing Club, Pickleball Club, DMS Run, and Dungeons and Dragons this year.

PTSA Reflections

The Reflections program provides opportunities for recognition and access to the arts which boosts student confidence and success in the arts and in life. Congratulations to the following school level and *District Award of Merit winners: Choreography—*Ruth Thompson—Award of Excellence
Choreography—Jazlin-Marie Hagwood—Award of Merit
Literature—*Saniyah Biggs—Award of Excellence
Visual Arts—Kailana Ames—Award of Excellence
Visual Arts—Alaya Jenkins—Award of Merit
Visual Arts—Olivia Johnson—Award of Merit
Visual Arts—Alana Medford—Award of Merit
Musical Composition—Dibya Rupali Panda—Award of Excellence

Project Lead The Way

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. This year, our team was very competitive in the VEX VR (Virtual Reality) platform and competed in nation-wide coding competitions. We look forward to expanding this program and having a competitive team next year .

Renaissance

This course converges the study of leadership principles with the action of building a healthy schoolwide culture and climate. Mrs. Johnson was honored as Josten Renaissance National Staffulty Member of the Month in March. The leadership students created Ren Room Service, ROAR awards, Random knocks, high five Fridays, 3 tiers of RenKids, pep rallies, birthday bulletin boards, school-wide house competition, Fizzy Fun Friday, and more!

DuBose Wildcat Athletics

We are delighted to applaud our athletic programs this year: Football—conference winner, district runner-up

- Coach Bobby Casey—Coach of the Year
- Amos Lee—Player of the Year
- Quintin Bitting—Player of the Year

Volleyball—conference runner up

- Coach Janet Brown—Coach of the Year
- Olivia Pernell—Player of the Year

Wrestling—conference runner-up

- Lionel Anderson—Allstar Wrestler

Basketball—conference runner up (boys)

- Jessie Hall—All Star Player
- Emma Estep—Player of the Year, All Star Game MVP
- Da’Nyla Riley—All Star Player