

Upcoming Events

Elementary SBDM Council Meeting Thursday, May 2

HS SBDM Council Meeting Wednesday, May 8

Board of Education Meeting Monday, May 20

Kindergarten Graduation Tuesday, May 28

Preschool Graduation Tuesday, May 28

Baccalaureate Wednesday, May 29

HS Graduation Friday, May 31



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to be a Panther!

NEWSMAKERS

The Character word for May is "COURAGE"

MAY 2024

CONGRATULATIONS CLASS OF 2024



The DS School
District is seeking
applicants for
several vacant

positions for next school year.

Successful applicants must pass required backgrounds plus health and drug screens. All pre-employment expenses are covered by the district when completed with our contracted service providers.

Job openings, applications and requirements can be found by selecting the EMPLOYMENT link at the bottom of the district webpage at https://www.dawsonsprings.kyschools.us/.

Come join our Panther Team!

We are Panther Proud!

See pgs. 2-3 for Staff & Student Recognitions & Awards.



Thank you to all of our community members & business owners for your generous donations



which helped make our 2024 **Prom & Project Prom** a huge success. We appreciate you!

Take Kids Fishing

Riverside Park Saturday, May 18 9:00am -11:00am More info on page 9.





6th Grade Physical Information & Immunization Reminder
See page 7.



Last day for students is **THURSDAY, MAY 30**



Get all school updates first!
Follow Supt. Lenny Whalen on X
@DSSuptWhalen

Free Sports Physicals are scheduled for 3:00-4:30 on Wednesday, May 15, at the Dawson Springs Baptist Health Deaconess Clinic. Please have the KHSAA athletic physical form completed prior to arrival. This form may be

picked up from the school offices or can be downloaded from KHSAA.org under the forms tab. A free t-shirt will be awarded to each student while supplies last.



The **2024-25 School Calendar** is included on page 12. Important dates to remember include:

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- Students return to school Aug. 21:
- Fall Break Oct. 10 14;
- Thanksgiving Break Nov. 27 29;
- Winter Break Dec. 23 Jan 3;
- Spring Break Mar. 31 Apr. 4:
- Students Last Day & Graduation May 23.

The DS PTO is sponsoring a **Spring Carnival & Cornhole Tournament**. See pg. 6 for details.



2024-2025 APPLICATION FOR OUT OF DISTRICT STUDENT ADMISSION

An Out of District Application for Admission is required for all students living outside the DS school district. District boundaries are the 4 bridges leading out of town. A form is included



on pg.10 and <u>must</u> be submitted to the School Board Office **by May 31, 2024**.



Dawson Springs Independent School District

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The Mission of the Dawson Springs Independent School District is to educate, equip, and empower every student to be transition ready, college and/or career ready, and life ready. **Board of Education**

Vicki Allen, Board Chair Wes Ausenbaugh, Vice-Chair Carol Niswonger Kent Dillingham Meredith Hyde

> Superintendent Leonard Whalen

April 17, 2024

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

It is with great pride and appreciation that we announce that we have four (4) teachers who have been selected for recognition by the Madisonville Community College (MCC) for their Regional "Excellence in Teaching Awards."

The teachers listed below are highly skilled and they are a key component of our continued success in our Dawson Springs Schools. They will be recognized in an esteemed ceremony on Tuesday, April 30, 2024, in the Glema Mahr Center for the Arts on the MCC campus. Refreshments will start at 5:30pm and the recognition ceremony will begin at 6pm.

Our teachers that have been selected for recognition are:

Dr. Kammie Jackson (Dawson Springs Preschool)
Barbara P'Poole (Dawson Springs Elementary School)
Kim Menser (Dawson Springs Middle School)
Kati Griffin (Dawson Springs High School)

Each of these teachers has been in our Dawson Springs Schools for many years. They each have had and continue to have a tremendous impact on students, our schools, and our community. They each are very deserving of the recognition and the accolades associated with this coveted award! We thank them for their tremendous effort and service.

Warm Regards,

Leonard Whalen

Superintendent of the Dawson Springs Independent Schools



Dr. Kammie Jackson



Barbara P'Poole



Kim Menser



Kati Griffin



CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT!!

We are Panther Proud!





INTO THE GOVERNOR'S

SCHOOL FOR

ENTREPRENEURS

MAY EVENTS



Sun	Mon	TUE	WED	Тни	FRI	SAT
Apr 28	5:30 V Baseball @ home	Track @ Caldwell Co. Senior Night	May 1	2 12noon FRYSC Advisory Council Meeting 3:40 Elementary SBDM Council Mtg. 5:30 V/JV Baseball @ HCA Dawson Spring	gs Mule Days	4 Kentucky Derby
5	6 5:30 V/JV Baseball @ Crittenden Co.	7 6:00 V/JV Baseball @ home 6:00 Softball @ Hopkinsville Track @ Crittenden Co. Quad Meet	8 3:15 HS SBDM Council Meeting 7:00 Band Spring Concert	9 5:30 Softball @ Webster Co.	10 6:00 PTO Mom & Son Fun	5:30 V/V Baseball @ Livingston Central Track @ Caldwell Co. Final Flight Inv.
Mother's Day	13	14 5:30 V/JV Baseball @ HCA	FREE Sports Physicals @ DS Baptist Health	16 5:30 V/JV Baseball @ home	PTO Spring Carnival & Corn Hole Tournament	9:00 Take Kids Fishing Track Regionals @ Murray HS
19	20 6:00 Board of Education Meeting	21	6:00 PTO Meeting	23 6:00 Senior Awards Night	24	25
26	Memorial Day NO SCHOOL	9:00am 5th Grade Graduation 1:00 Kindergarten Graduation 5:30 Preschool Graduation	7:00 Baccalaureate	8:00 Senior Breakfast9:00 Senior's Final Hallway WalkTrack State @ University of Kentucky	31 7:00 Class of 2024 Graduation	Jun 1

MAY 2024

Dawson Springs
This Institution is an equal opportunity provider

Monday

Tuesday Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Chicken Fried Steak or Turkey Roast, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Roll, Fruit or Juice & Milk Tacos or Chicken Quesadilla, Fiesta Veggies, Refried Beans, Salsa & Chips, Lettuce /Tomato Cup, Fruit or Juice & Milk

Pizza or Corndog, Corn, Baby Carrots, Side Salad, Fruit or Sidekick, Cookie & Milk

Chicken Tenders w/Roll or Buffalo Chicken Wrap, Tater Tots, Broccoli, Carrots w/Ranch, Fruit or Juice & Milk

Lasagna w/Garlic Bread, or Meatball Sub, Peas & Carrots, Cali Veggies, Side Salad, Fruit or Juice & Milk Chicken Fried Steak or Chicken Drumstick, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Roll, Fruit or Juice & Milk Beef & Cheese Nachos or Mac & Cheese, Refried Beans, Fiesta Veggies, Lettuce/Tomato Cup, Fruit or Juice & Milk Pizza or Corndog, Corn, Baby Carrots, Side Salad, Fruit or Sidekick, Cookie & Milk

Grilled Cheese or BBQ Sandwich, Tater Tots, Broccoli, Coleslaw, Tomato Soup, Fruit, or Juice & Milk

Chicken Filet Sandwich or Spicy Chicken Sandwich, Potato Smiles, Glazed Carrots, Lettuce/Tomato, Fruit or Juice & Milk Breakfast for Lunch

Hamburger or Cheeseburger, Fries, Pork-n-Beans, Lettuce/Tomato, Fruit or Juice & Milk

Pizza or Corndog, Corn, Baby Carrots, Side Salad, Fruit or Sidekick, Cookie & Milk

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BBQ Sandwich or Hotdog, Tater Tots, Baked Beans, Coleslaw, Fruit, Juice & Milk Lasagna w/Garlic Bread, or Meatball Sub, Potato Smiles, Corn on the Cob, Side Salad, Fruit or Juice & Milk Chicken Fried Steak or Chicken Drumstick, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Roll, Fruit or Juice & Milk Chicken Fajita or Crispito w/Queso, Fiesta Veggies, Refried Beans, Salsa & Chips, Lettuce/Tomato Cup, Fruit or Juice & Milk Pizza or Corndog, Corn, Baby Carrots, Side Salad, Fruit or Sidekick, Cookie & Milk

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Memorial Pay!

Manager's Choice Manager's Choice

Manager's Choice School's
Out!!!

Daily Breakfast Items: Cereal, Poptarts, Fruit, Juice & Milk

Monday: Sausage Biscuit or Mini Pancakes
Tuesday: Breakfast Pizza or Cinnamon Roll
Wednesday: Egg & Cheese Biscuit or Mini Donuts
Thursday: Chicken Biscuit or Banana Bread
Friday: Sausage Pancake on a Stick

Daily Lunch Menu Items Include: All of these options come with

Vegetable, Fruit & Milk

Menu is subject to change without notice

 Yogurt or Beef Sticks, Sting Cheese Stick, Muffin & Cheez-its Soybutter & Jelly Sandwich w/Cheese Stick & Cheez-its

Ham & Cheese Sandwich
Ham or Turkey & Cheese Wrap
Pizza Lunchable
Chef Salad w/Roll







FRIDAY

DOWNTOWN DAWSON SPRINGS

06:00PM - 09:00PM





CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT | FUNNEL CAKES | GAMES | PRIZES | SNOW CONES | LEMON SHAKE-UPS | INFLATABLES | MUSIC | SILENT AUCTION

DAWSON SPRINGS PTO PRESENTS

SPRING CARNIVAL

Sove the Vote

FRIDAY, MAY 17TH | 6:00 PM | DOWNTOWN

PRIZES

PRIZES FOR 1ST, 2ND, AND 3RD PLACE

RULES

PRE-REGISTER

BOARDS AND BAGS WILL BE PROVIDED FOLLOWING AMERICAN CORNHOLE ORG RULES

REGISTRATION

2 PERSON TEAMS

PRE-REGISTER - \$25/TEAM (INCLUDES 2 T-SHIRTS) - FILL OUT FORM DAY OF EVENT REGISTER - \$20/TEAM (DOES NOT INCLUDE T-SHIRTS)

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PRE-REGISTER BY FRIDAY, MAY 5TH. FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT EMILEE SEEGER AT EMILEE.SEEGER@DAWSONSPRINGS.KYSCHOOLS.US

6TH GRADE PHYSICAL & IMMUNIZATION REMINDER

5th grade students can get their school physical now for their required 6th grade entry physical. It is better to get them done

now before school starts back since doctor's offices may have limited availability closer to the beginning of next school year. If you would like the DS school nurse to complete your student's physical, please contact the nurse's office. We have done several and would be glad to help. We can schedule a time to do the physical or needed immunizations.

Also, once 5th or 6th graders turn 11 years old, they will have more required shots that need to be completed. If your student

has Medicaid or no insurance, the school nurse can provide the needed immunizations. If you need us to get your child updated, please contact us. If your child has private insurance, you will need to get the shots completed with your child's medical service provider. 11-year-old students will require Tdap and Meningococcal vaccines. The HPV vaccine is also highly recommended.

If you have any questions regarding vaccines or physicals or would like to schedule an appointment, call the DS School Nurse at 270-797-3811. Even if you plan to complete your child's vaccines or physical with your own medical provider, I will be glad to answer any questions that you may have.

May Birthdays



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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5 Gracie Pressacco	6 Madalyn Rose Kenleigh Cloern Aurora Dupain	7 Mercy Fairchild Logan Davenport Barbara P'Poole	8 Naomi McCune Easton Dever Ezrah Eison	9 Felix McElfresh	10	11 Lucas Osborne Mason King
Happy Birthday	13 Clark Larimore Roland Clark Devon Smith	14 Emmah Day Jordan Opalek	15 Bailey Sutton Jasper Dame	16 Haylee Neal Brianna Travis Alice Renfro	17 Bentley Oakley	18 Chase Miles
19 Lucus Duke Evelyne O'Dell Luke Bruce	20 Lucas Dukes Mikel Day Jessica Graham	21 Natalie McGinnis Michelle Abbott	22 Michael Faughn Kenyen Williams Hudson Dever	23 Jamie Thorp	24	25 Brooklynn West
26 Easton Bourland	27 Sylus Stallins	28 Hunter Moore ZoeJayne Clark Hadley Stanley	29 Dalton Gray	30 Kaydee Haynes Kemper Cullen Jackson Tutor	31 Asher Spurlin Karsynn Whitis	Anyone whose name appears on this calendar is eligible for a 10% discount on an ice cream cake when you present this page at the time of purchase at our Dawson Springs Dairy Queen.

Take Kids Fishing Tradewater Tournament

Saturday, May 18, 2024 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Riverside Park - Tradewater River at Dawson Springs (Just follow the signs!)

Registration Fee: \$2.00 per kid and \$2.00 per adult Day of Event

(Includes a Hotdog, Chips, Cookies, Lemonade, & Bottled Water for Lunch)

Ages: 3-15 Years Old
Food, Fun, Fish, & Prizes!
T-Shirt for each child and youth participants
New bicycles and other prizes will be given!



Registration Sites:

Caldwell: *Caldwell County Conservation District

*Caldwell County Extension Service

*Housing Authority of Princeton

*Planters Bank of Princeton

*Princeton Electric Plant Board

*Princeton Water and Waste Water

Hopkins: *City of Dawson Springs

*Dawson Springs Public Library

*Housing Authority of Dawson Springs

*Planters Bank of Dawson Springs

*Hopkins County Conservation District

*YMCA of Madisonville

Webster: *United Community Bank of Clay

*Planters Bank of Providence and Sebree

*Webster County Conservation District

Sponsored by:

- *Caldwell County Conservation District * Caldwell County Fiscal Court
- * Hopkins County Fiscal Court *City of Dawson Springs * City of Princeton
- - * Webster County Conservation District * Etc.

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DUE May 31, 2024

2024 – 2025 Student Application for Admission (Out-of-District Student)

District reserves the right to accept or deny admission based on previous attendance, behavior and grades.

702 KAR 7:125 (14) requires that applications be on file for all participating students of eligible districts for participation in fund to support education excellence in Kentucky. The attending district is required to provide the names of participating students to the district of residence and to the Kentucky Department of Education.

PLEASE COMPLETE THE IDENTIFYING INFORMATION AND RECORDS IDENTIFYING INFORMATION Prospective Student Full Name: First Social Security Number: Last Middle Date of Birth: _____ Grade completed or presently enrolled in: _____ Mother or Female Legal Guardian Name: (Circle one) Father or Male Legal Guardian Name: (Circle one) Àddress: Street City Zip Code Student Address: __ State Zip Code (If different) Name of Care Giver child resides with if not Parent/Guardian: School District where the child resides: Please be aware that if your son/daughter violates attendance and or discipline policies, he/she may be asked to attend school in the district of your residence. In addition, student must maintain academic standing in accordance with policy adopted by the Site Based Council and the Dawson Springs Board of Education in May, 2000. Furthermore, your signature allows the Dawson Springs School system to request your records from the previous school district which includes the attendance and discipline file. _____ Date signed/filed: _____ Signed: Signature of Parent Signed: Date Signed/filed: Signature of Student RECORD OF PREVIOUS ATTENDANCE (please complete if your child is a new student in the Dawson Springs School System.) Grade completed or presently enrolled in: Name of School: (Circle one) Days of school missed last year Days of school missed this year Name of School District: Other Pertinent Information: DO NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE RECOMMENDATION: 1 Application granted: YES NO Date received: Signature of District Official Date Signed

2023-2024 SCHOOL CALENDAR District: DAWSON SPRINGS Board Approved 1/30/23, Amended 12/18/23, 1/29/24. PAGE II Part I ■ Traditional Calendar □ Variable Schools: ELEM/JR SR HIGH September 2023 (74) July 2023 August 2023 December 2023 (74) October 2023 November 2023 F Emergency closing 10/18/23 - gas leak March 2024 February 2024 January 2024 Weather closing 1/16-19 Make-up day 2/16 Make-up day 3/15 April 2024 May 2024 June 2024 (96)

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PD DAYS (9): 8/16, 17, 18, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25 & 28/23

OPEN & CLOSE (2): 8/29/23 & 5/31/24

HOLIDAYS (4): 9/4/23, 11/23/23, 12/25/23 & 1/1/24 (7/4,1/15,5/27)

FLEX/ BREAK DAYS (1): 2/16/24, 3/15/24

STUDENTS FIRST DAY: 8/30/23

GRADUATION: 5/31/24

SCHOOL STARTS 7:55 AM ENDS: 2:50 PM

FALL BREAK (2): 10/12 &10/13/23 SPRING BREAK (5): 4/8-4/12/24

MAKE-UP DAYS (8): 2/16, 3/15, 5/28-6/7/24 STUDENT ATTENDANCE DAYS: 170 TEACHER REQUIREMENT DAYS: 185

STUDENTS LAST DAY: 5/30/24 CLOSINGS: 10/18/23, 1/16-19/24 Board Approved 12/18/2023

Part I Traditional Calendar Variable Schools: ELEM/JR SR HIGH

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OPEN & CLOSE (2): 8/20/24 & 5/27/25

HOLIDAYS (4): 9/4/24, 11/28/24, 12/25/24, 1/1/25 FLEX/ BREAK DAYS (2): 2/10/25 & 3/14/25

STUDENTS FIRST DAY: 8/21/24

STUDENTS LAST DAY/GRADUATION: 5/23/25

FALL BREAK (2): 10/10-10/14 SPRING BREAK (5): 3/31/25-4/4/25 MAKE-UP DAYS (5): 5/28/25-6/4/25 STUDENT ATTENDANCE DAYS: 171 TEACHER REQUIREMENT DAYS: 185 SCHOOL STARTS 7:55 AM ENDS: 2:50 PM