



NEWSMAKERS

The Character word for June/July is "OPTIMISM"

JUNE / JULY 2023

Upcoming Events

Jr/Sr HS SBDM
Wednesday, June 14

Board of Education Meeting
Thursday, June 15

Elem. Principal Advisory Council
Thursday, June 22

Jr/Sr HS SBDM
Wednesday, July 12

DS BBQ & Homecoming
Friday, July 28

Board of Education Meeting
Monday, July 31

Students Return
Tuesday, August 29



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It's a Great Day to be a Panther!

CONGRATULATIONS CLASS OF 2023

JOIN OUR TEAM! The DS School District is seeking applicants for several vacant positions. The 2023-24 salary restructure includes increased wages for all positions. 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 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!

Find **school updates and current information** on the district Facebook page, the district main page at www.dawsonsprings.kyschools.us and with Superintendent Whalen's Twitter @DSSuptWhalen.



The **YMCA Summer Meal Program** for this summer starts May 30. Anyone age 18 or younger may come and eat for free! Meals will be available for pickup in 4 DS locations. Pickup sites and time information is included on page 4.

Summer business hours for the DS BOE office will be from 7:30am to 3:00pm Monday - Friday beginning May 30. Normal office hours will resume on August 1.



Thank you everyone for an awesome year and enjoy your well-deserved summer break.



See you back to school on Tuesday, August. 29, 2023!!

Infinite Campus has added new security features. As a result, we are asking parents to plan to come to school on one of the following days to complete **Online Registration for the 2023-2024 school year.** You will also sign up for our new communication platform, ParentSquare. Due to heat and air renovation in the Jr/Sr High, all online registration will be completed in the elementary office from 8:30 until 2.

- July 11, 13, 18 and 20
- August 1, 3, 7, 10, 15, and 17



REGISTRATION

A **2023-24 Out of District Application for Admission** is required for all students living outside the Dawson Springs district. The district boundaries are the four bridges leading out of town. Completed forms must be submitted to the DS Board Office **as soon as possible** to reserve a placement for the 2023-24 school year. A form is included on page 9.

All students entering 6th grade are required by Ky. State Law to have a 6th grade physical exam and a current valid KY immunization certificate. Immunizations that are required for all students entering the 6th grade include (1) T-Dap, (2) varicella and (1) meningococcal. Your child will have to have these immunizations once they turn 11 years of age. A sports physical will not be accepted as their 6th grade school physical. Please make arrangements with either the school clinic or your family physician. Your child will not be allowed to enter 6th grade without his/her physical and their up-dated immunization certificate.



IN THE SPOTLIGHT

CLASS OF 2023 GRAD WEEK HIGHLIGHTS



RETIREMENT RECEPTION

A reception to honor our 2023 retirees was held on Wednesday, May 24, attended by staff, past retirees, our new retirees

and their invited guests.

Charisse Pace has been a vital team member in our Elementary as an Instructional Assistant. Miss Charisse retires with 32 years of service in public education.

Kent Workman served on our Administrative team as our HS Assistant Principal and Director of Pupil Personnel.

He has also worn many other hats through his years at DS. Mr. Workman retires with 28 years in public education.

Miss Charisse and Mr. Workman were each awarded a well-deserved inscribed wooden rocking chair.

Thank you for your service & dedication to the children of the Dawson Springs School District. We will miss you. Enjoy your retirement!



STAFF END-OF-YEAR AWARDS

The DS Staff End of Year Luncheon & Awards Program was held on Wednesday, May 24. After a delicious meal provided by the Board of Education, those recognized include:

Service in Education Awards:

Atosha Ellis	5 years
Laura Garrett	5 years
Lucas Johnson	5 years
Autumn Patterson	5 years
Jennifer Miller	10 years
Mary Beth Coy	15 years
Mary Morgan	15 years
Crystal Davenport	20 years
Kammie Jackson	20 years
Kristin Merrill	20 years
Jennifer Ward	20 years
Katie Griffin	25 years
Laura James	25 years
Leonard Whalen	25 years
Lisa Cotton	30 years
LaDonna Pace-Hooper	30 years

Perfect Attendance Awards:

Jeannie Blanchard & Shannon Garrett

A great big "Thank You" to all staff for making 2022-23 a great year!

SUMMER 2021 EVENTS



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
May 28 	29 Memorial Day	30	31 YMCA Summer Lunch Program Begins	June 1 	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12		14 Flag Day 3:15 HS SBDM Council Meeting	15 6:00 Board of Education Meeting	16 50th Miss Dawson Springs Beauty Pageant	17
18 Father's Day 	19 Junteenth	20	21 First Day of Summer	22 3:30 Elementary Principal Advisory Council Meeting - - - - - Dawson Springs Mule Days - - - - -	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30 	July 1
2		4 Independence Day	5	6	7	8
9	10	11 8:30-2 IC Online Registration Help	12 3:15 HS SBDM Council Meeting	13 8:30-2 IC Online Registration Help	14	15
16	17	18 8:30-2 IC Online Registration Help	19 REGISTRATION	20 8:30-2 IC Online Registration Help	21	22 DS Community Center Golf Scramble
23 Parents' Day	24	25	26	27	28 DS BBQ & Homecoming Fireworks	29 DS BBQ 5K Run/Walk
30	31 6:00 Board of Education Meeting	August 1 8:30-2 IC Online Registration Help	2	3 8:30-2 IC Online Registration Help	4 	5 Students return Tuesday, Aug. 29

June 2023 Newsletter



Dawson Springs
FRYSC



Family Resource Youth Services Centers

Coordinator: Shannon Garrett
Assistant: Trista Peyton
Phone: (270) 797-3811 (Ext 1326)
or (270) 836-3428







House In A Box™

Recovering one family at a time.

House in a Box™ provides new furniture and furnishings to families that have lost everything due to disaster and who are forced into situational poverty. House in a Box™ gives dignity to families in crisis, providing families with a fresh start. All families receive the same new items which are packaged for efficiency of delivery. The program is designed for a family of four but is scalable to any size family. All logistics for the House in a Box™ Program are handled by the Disaster Services Corporation.



Bedroom/Living Room Set

- Queen Mattress Set & Frame
- Queen Bed-In-A-Bag
- Twin Mattress Set & Frame
- Twin Bed-In-A-Bag
- Pillows
- Dressers
- Sofa Couch



Bathroom Set

- Shower Curtain
- Bath Towels
- Hand Towels
- Wash Cloths
- Dust Pan and Broom Set



Kitchen Set

- Full-Size Table & Chairs
- Dinnerware Set
- Cookware Set
- Mixing Bowl Set
- Cutlery Knife Set
- Flatware Set
- Kitchen Tool/Gadget Set
- Tumbler Set

Inquiries about the House in a Box™ Program can be emailed to
Steffani Burton at svdpwky.liaison@gmail.com OR Vicki Duncan at svdpwky.liaison2@gmail.com



Join us at Camp Noah!

Camp Noah is a nationally acclaimed resiliency and preparedness program for children.

Where:
Dunn Baptist Church

When:
July 24-28

Breakfast:
8:30 am

Camp:
9am-3pm
Lunch and snacks will be provided!
Register at campnoah.org

Transportation will be provided, if needed.

Questions?
Jennifer Jones
Team Leader
270-896-7449
jjonesltr@gmail.com



Attend CAMP NOAH in your community!

- **Camp Noah is FUN!**
Food, games, crafts/projects, skills, music and more food for all.
- **Registration is FREE!**
Plus – campers receive over \$250 worth of crafts and school supplies.
- **Parent APPROVED!**
In recent surveys, 100% of parents said they would recommend Camp Noah to other parents.
- **Bring your FRIENDS!**
Any elementary age child (kindergarten – 5th) is welcome to attend one week of camp.



To register for Camp Noah, visit us online at www.campnoah.org
For more information call or email us at 800.987.0061 or campnoah@lssmn.org

YMCA

Summer

Food Program

Beginning
MAY 30TH

DAWSON SCHOOL 12:20-12:35
CLARKDALE/PARK AREA 12:40-1:00
BELMONT 1:05-1:30
ROSDALE 1:35-1:50

QUESTIONS? CALL FRYSC 270-797-3811 EXT 1326

School pickup is in the teachers' parking lot across from the gym

HEALTH CAREER EXPLORERS

SUMMER CAMP WEST AHEC BAPTIST HEALTH DEACONESS





5 DAY EVENT FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS GRADES 10TH-12TH AGES 16-18

- Explore different Health Careers
- Networking Opportunities
- Learn Important Skills
- Wide Range of Activities

COST FREE

Camp Information:

- 5-9 June
- 8am-4pm
- 200 Clinic Drive

More Information

☎ 270-824-3454
✉ brook.johnson@bhsi.com



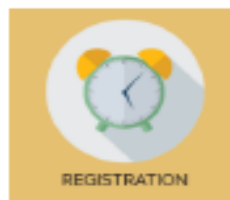
2023-2024 Kindergarten Registration Information

children age 5 on or before August 1, 2023

Your child **MUST** be registered for Kindergarten!! Please complete Registration online.
[Register Here](#)



Scroll to bottom of page to



(Keep record of your confirmation number given at beginning of application)

[LINK TO DISTRICT NEWSLETTER](#)

Registration must include copies of:

- Official Birth Certificate
- Social Security Card
- Current Immunization Records
- Physical Exam
- Dental Exam
- Eye Exam

***If your child is out of district, please complete an "Out of District Request" form, which can be picked up from the board office.*

Contact the school if you need assistance with completing the form.

270-797-3811 ext 3000

Interactive Activities




https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Tw7NYpCh_cCRedNzu0mpMfKwOidWgrm/view?usp=sharing

Skills Expected to be Mastered BEFORE Kindergarten

Social/Emotional		Academics
Follow directions and rules Get along with others in a group Take turns Share Good manners Self-control Unzip backpack Take care of toileting independently Button/Zip clothing Tie Shoes		Use scissors to cut on a line Hold a pencil correctly Write first name (not all capital letters) Count objects up to 10 Count by ones to 20 Say (not sing) the alphabet

June Birthdays



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>June Birthday Cake Winners Tyler Crook & Kyler Brothers Present your certificate at our local Dairy Queen for a FREE Ice Cream Cake.</p>				1 Timothy Petit Abby Parker	2 	3 Noah Gospodarek
4 	5 Angel Embry	6 Kolby Crook	7 Memphis Opalek Clayton Hilt Dylan West	8 Dolan Henley Hailee Davis	9 Nevaeh McClanahan Kendall Carr	10
11 Addison Ezell Sarah Jones Wyatt Long	12 Tyler Crook Wayne Simpson	13 Caeson Toone Kayla Anderson	14 Bradley Wedge Daisy Hodges	15 Emmy Bullock	16 	17 Sheila Hodges
18  Zack Willett	19 Elijah Dunbar Audri Scott Ella Esposito	20 Aiden Jackson Marshall Earl	21 Landon Virgin Chandler Anderson Christy Bruch	22 Aryana Pacheco Molly Payne Maverick Stanley	23 Kori Springfield	24 Kyler Brothers
25 Mary Duke Aiden Hilt Colin Ladd Kristin Merrill	26 Ezekiel Sims Erin Purdy	27 Maverick Opalek Dallas Koon	28 Skylar Rawlins Braylon Littlepage	29 Keaton Putty Ava Ward Keelin Hoggard	30 Katelyn Payne Laura Lucas Jennifer Fox	<p>Anyone whose name appears on this calendar is eligible for a 10% discount on an ice cream cake when you present this page at our DS Dairy Queen at the time of purchase.</p>



July Birthdays



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<p>July Birthday Cake Winners Alyssa Allison & Gabriel Stanley Present your certificate at our local Dairy Queen for a FREE Ice Cream Cake.</p>				<p>1 Amanda Scott</p>	<p>2 Alexis Russo</p>
<p>3 Sophia Carter</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5 Logan Young Ashtyn Swatzell Baylee Swatzell McKinlee Moore Addisynn Hollis Mckinlee Joyce</p>	<p>6 Preston Drennan Brittany Randolph</p>	<p>7 Annicka Baird Benjamin Brown Kamden Plunkett</p>	<p>8 Lillian Simmons Kiah Trotter LaDonna Hooper Crystal Davenport</p>	<p>9 Adisen Randolph</p>
<p>10 Jacob Jennings Alyssa Allison Gabriel Gospodarek</p>	<p>11 Lilly Fluellen</p>	<p>12 Deacon Dever Maverick Adamson</p>	<p>13 </p>	<p>14 Thomas Purdy Rhonda Simpson</p>	<p>15 Donaven Colson</p>	<p>16 Zoey Robinson</p>
<p>17 Hunter Wirth Addison Todd Harley Damron</p>	<p>18 Donovan Blanton Samuel Jones</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20 Asher McKinney Gabriel Stanley</p>	<p>21 Brayden Crook Alissa Collins Michael Davenport Autumn Patterson</p>	<p>22 Keith Mainwaring Klay Scott Laura James</p>	<p>23 Elanor Chappell</p>
<p>24 Noah Phelps Remington Francis</p>	<p>25 </p>	<p>26 Alley Sherman</p>	<p>27 Samuel Guzman-Sanchez Harrison Dalton</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29 Miley Fish Harrison Barrett</p>	<p>30 Arkady Arzamastsev Justin Norbeck</p>
<p>31 Blake Hughlett Victoria Donoho</p>	<p>HAPPY BIRTHDAY</p>				<p>Anyone whose name appears on this calendar is eligible for a 10% discount on an ice cream cake when you present this page at our DS Dairy Queen at the time of purchase.</p>	



2023 – 2024 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 the Kentucky Department of Education.

PLEASE COMPLETE THE IDENTIFYING INFORMATION AND RECORDS

IDENTIFYING INFORMATION

Prospective Student Full Name: _____ Social Security Number: _____
First Middle Last

Date of Birth: _____ Telephone: _____ Grade completed or presently enrolled in: _____
(Circle one)

Mother or Female Legal Guardian Name: _____
(Circle one)

Father or Male Legal Guardian Name: _____
(Circle one)

Address: _____
Street City State Zip Code

Student Address: _____
(If different) Street City State Zip Code

Name of Care Giver if 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.

Signed: _____ Date signed/ filed: _____
Signature of Parent

Signed: _____ Date Signed/ filed: _____
Signature of Student

RECORD OF PREVIOUS ATTENDANCE (please complete if you child is a new student in the Dawson Springs School System.)

Grade completed or presently enrolled in: _____ Name of School: _____
(Circle one)

Name of School District: _____ Days of school missed last year _____ Days of school missed this year _____

Has the child had discipline problems in the former school? _____ If so please explain _____

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

Approved 1/30/2023

District: DAWSON SPRINGS

Part I Traditional Calendar Variable

Schools: ELEM/JR SR HIGH

July 2023

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August 2023

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September 2023 (74)

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October 2023

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December 2023 (74)

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January 2024

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February 2024

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March 2024

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April 2024

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May 2024

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June 2024 (96)

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PD DAYS (9): 8/16, 17, 18, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25 & 28
 OPEN & CLOSE (2): 8/29/23 & 5/28/24
 HOLIDAYS (4): 9/4/23, 11/23/23, 12/25/23 & 1/1/24 (7/4, 1/15 & 5/27)
 FLEX/ BREAK DAYS (2): 2/16/24 & 3/15/24
 STUDENTS FIRST DAY: 8/30/23
 STUDENTS LAST DAY/GRADUATION: 5/24/24

FALL BREAK (2): 10/12 & 10/13/23
 SPRING BREAK (5): 4/8-4/12/24
 MAKE-UP DAYS (8): 5/29-6/7/24
 STUDENT ATTENDANCE DAYS: 170
 TEACHER REQUIREMENT DAYS: 185
 SCHOOL STARTS 8:00 AM - ENDS: 2:50 PM