



# NEWSMAKERS

The Character word for November is "SELF-DISCIPLINE"



NOVEMBER 2024

## Upcoming Events

**Daylight Savings Time Ends**  
Sunday, Nov. 3  
(Set clocks back 1 hr.)

**NO SCHOOL**  
November 4-5

**HS SBDM Council Meeting**  
Tuesday, Nov. 12

**FRYSC Advisory Council**  
Thursday, Nov. 21

**Elementary SBDM Council**  
Thursday, Nov. 21

**Board of Education Meeting**  
Monday, Nov. 25

**Thanksgiving Break**  
Wednesday, Nov. 27  
- Friday, Nov. 29



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**It's a Great Day to be a Panther!**

The Kentucky Innovative Learning Network (KY ILN) has announced the selection of 10 educators for its 2024-2025 **Innovative Teacher Fellowship program**. Teachers were selected from a pool of applicants from across the Commonwealth. KY ILN is a partnership between local school districts and the Kentucky Department of Education (KDE), providing a shared professional learning space for education leaders.

Educators in this cohort will craft innovative experiences that connect to the three big ideas of the United We Learn vision: creating vibrant learning experiences, accelerating innovation and building a bold new future through collaboration with communities.



The 2024-2025 Innovative Teacher Fellowship cohort members include **Bailey Dyer**, a 2nd Grade teacher at DS Elementary School.

Educators in the Innovative Teacher Fellowship program will be provided professional learning opportunities, teacher leadership opportunities and innovative project development and implementation ideas to directly impact the learning experiences of Kentucky students.



Find **school updates and current information** on the district Facebook page, the district web page at [www.dawsonsprings.kyschools.us](http://www.dawsonsprings.kyschools.us) or with Superintendent Whalen's "X" account **@DSSuptWhalen**.



The Class of 2025 is selling **Candleberry Candles** now through Nov. 6. All proceeds will benefit the Senior Class. See any Senior Class member or Class Sponsor to order.



The DS FRYSC is holding its annual **Thanksgiving Food Drive** Nov. 11 - 15. Donations will help provide Thanksgiving meals for local families. The top donating class in the Elementary & HS will win a pizza party.



### ELEMENTARY PARENTS

Please put your child's name or initials in hats, coats, etc., so when students lose them or leave them somewhere at school, the items can be reunited with their owners.



For the sixth consecutive year, the Dawson Springs High School **Boys Cross Country** team topped its competitors at the Region 1 Class 1A meet held on Oct. 26, at Marshall County. In a close contest, the Panthers finished first with an average time of 18:08 over teams from Murray, University Heights, Fort Campbell, Hickman County, Crittenden County, Fulton County, Heritage Christian Academy & Livingston Central. Easton Bourland crossed the line first with Deacon Dever & Montgomery Johnson close behind in 4th & 5th place.

Consistent yearly improvement landed the **Girls Cross Country** a 1st place finish at Regional competition and a 4th consecutive trip to state competition. The team finished with an average time of 23:30 besting teams from Murray and Crittenden County. Olivia Hines crossed the finish line 2nd with Baylee Swatzell finishing 4th. Ashtyn Swatzell and Alieah Cook placed 6th & 7th. The Regional wins send both teams to KHSAA state competition on Saturday, Nov. 2, at the New Horse Park in Lexington, KY.





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**Board of Education**  
Vicki Allen, Board Chair  
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Meredith Hyde

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.

**Superintendent**  
Leonard Whalen

October 3, 2024

## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE (Revised due to typo)

The Dawson Springs Independent School District is excited to publicly release our state Kentucky Summative Assessment (KSA) results from the completion of the 2023-2024 school year.

The state rating system has a color coded rubric to help identify each schools status. Here is an overview of the color coded “tier” ratings:



We are proud that our elementary showed steady improvement and moved up a tier to yellow status this year. Our middle school remained in yellow status. Our high school remained in the top, blue status.

The attached documentation will give a further insight into the scoring breakdown of each school.

Our schools appreciate the continued support of our students, parents, and our community stakeholders. We will continue on our quest to educate, equip, and empower our students to the highest levels possible.

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### Overall Designations

- An overall performance score combines performance on the exclusive state indicators for elementary, middle and high schools.
- The ratings will be reported using a color rating system to communicate performance of schools, with Red being the lowest rating and Blue being the highest rating.



### Overall Accountability Weights

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	State Assessment Results in Reading and Mathematics	State Assessment Results in Science, Social Studies and Writing	English Learner Progress	Quality of School Climate and Safety	Postsecondary Readiness	Graduation Rate (6 and 8-year cohort)
Elementary Schools	51	40	5	4	—	—
Middle Schools	46	45	5	4	—	—
High Schools	45	20	5	4	20	6

Federal law requires the greatest emphasis on Reading and Mathematics and English Language progress at elementary and middle schools. At high school, federal law requires emphasis on Reading and Mathematics and Graduation Rate.

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### Accountability Profile at DSES

Elementary School Red Orange Yellow Green Blue

School Name	Year	Overall Performance (Color) Rating	Overall Score	CSI/TSI/ATSI	CSI/TSI/ATSI Reason
	2023	Orange	49.3	N/A	N/A
	2024	Yellow	60.1	N/A	N/A

### Overall Accountable NAPD by Content Area at DSES

Content Area	% Novice	% Apprentice	% Proficient	% Distinguished	Index
Reading	30	35	23	12	55.6
Mathematics	26	39	25	10	57
Science	13	71	16	0	51.6
Social Studies	38	28	25	10	51.3
Combined Writing	17	53	30	0	56.3

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### Accountability Profile at Dawson Springs Junior High

Middle School Red Orange Yellow Green Blue

School Name	Year	Overall Performance (Color) Rating	Overall Score	CSI/TSI/ATSI	CSI/TSI/ATSI Reason
	2023	Yellow	63.3	NA	NA
	2024	Yellow	57.1	NA	NA

### Overall Accountable NAPD by Content Area at DSJH

Content Area	% Novice	% Apprentice	% Proficient	% Distinguished	Index
Reading	37	25	29	9	53.2
Mathematics	31	31	32	7	55.6
Science	20	61	16	2	49.4
Social Studies	39	34	16	11	46.1
Combined Writing	13	26	53	8	75.7

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### Accountability Profile at DSHS

High School Red Orange Yellow Green Blue

School Name	Year	Overall Performance (Color) Rating	Overall Score	CSI/TSI/ATSI	CSI/TSI/ATSI Reason
	2023	Blue	98.3	NA	NA
	2024	Blue	82.3	NA	NA

### Overall Accountable NAPD by Content Area at DSHS

Content Area	% Novice	% Apprentice	% Proficient	% Distinguished	Index
Reading	16	25	41	19	76.6
Mathematics	6	16	47	31	93.8
Science	19	69	11	0	45.8
Social Studies	14	31	39	17	75
Combined Writing	3	33	47	17	84.7

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### The Quality of School Climate and Safety at DSISD

	Elementary	Middle	High
Climate Index	79.6	76.9	75.1
Safety Index	74.5	70.7	68
Indicator Score	78.4	77	74.6

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Oct 27	28 6:00 Board of Education Meeting  6:00 MS Girls Basketball @ home	29 3:30 - 7:30 KSP Driving Class  6:00 MS Boys Basketball @ home	30  	31 HALLOWEEN	Nov 1	2 HS Cross Country @ State - Lexington  TBD MS Boys Basketball @ Madisonville
3 Daylight Saving Time Ends	4 Staff Flex PD  - - - - NO SCHOOL - - - -	5 ELECTION DAY	6 4:30-5:30 Parent Workshop in Library "Getting In / Paying & FSA ID"	7 6:00 MS Girls Basketball @ home	8 6:00 MS Girls Basketball @ home  7:00 MS Boys Basketball @ home	9 
10 	11 VETERANS DAY 8:15 Veteran's Breakfast 9:00 Celebration  5:30 MS Boys Basketball @Livingston Co.	12 3:15 HS SBDM Council Meeting  5:30 MS Girls Basketball @Livingston Co.	13 Thanksgiving Dinner TICKET REQUIRED	14 5:30 MS Girls Basketball @ Crittenden Co.  6:30 MS Boys Basketball @ Crittenden Co.	15 Blacklight Dance 5:00-7:00 MS 7:30-9:30 HS	16
- - - - - FRYSC Thanksgiving Food Drive - - - - -						
17	18 5:30 MS Boys Basketball @ Caldwell Co.	19 6:00 MS Girls Basketball @ home  5:30 MS Boys Basketball @ South Middle	20 	21 12:00 FRYSC Advisory Council Mtg.  3:30 Elementary SBDM Council Mtg.  6:00 MS Girls Basketball @ home  7:00 MS Boys Basketball @ home	22 5:30 MS Girls Basketball @ CFS  6:30 MS Boys Basketball @ CFS  6:00 PTO Meeting in HS Library	23
24	25 5:30 MS Girls Basketball @ Lyon Co.  6:00 MS Boys Basketball @ home  6:00 Board of Education Meeting	26 5:30 MS Girls Basketball @ John Paul  6:30 MS Boys Basketball @ John Paul	27  - - - - - NO SCHOOL - - - - -	28 THANKSGIVING DAY	29	30 

K-5

# Breakfast



Offered Everyday:  
Assortment of Cereal  
Assortment of Pop-Tarts  
Tater Tots, Fruit, Juice & Milk

MONDAY

Sausage Biscuit or  
Mini Pancakes

Breakfast Pizza or  
Cinnamom Roll

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

Egg & Cheese Biscuit  
or Mini Donuts

THURSDAY

Chicken Biscuit / Banana,  
Blueberry or Lemon Bread

FRIDAY

Sausage Pancake on a Stick or  
Sausage, Egg & Cheese Tornado

\*\*Menu Subject to Change  
Without Notice\*\*



Middle School  
& High School

# Breakfast



Offered Everyday

Sandwiches  
Chicken Biscuit,  
Sausage Egg & Cheese Biscuit or  
SEC Tornado

Cinn Toast Crunch, Cinn Chex,  
Cocoa Puffs, Lucky Charms,  
Honey Cheerios & Trix

Cereal

Poptarts

Chocolate Fudge, Cinnamon  
& Strawberry

Blueberry, Banana & Lemon Bread Slices,  
Mini Pancakes, Mini Cinni's, Mini Strawberry  
Bagels, Mini Chocolate or Powdered Donuts

Bakery

Fruit  
&  
Milk

Apple, Grape & Orange Juice  
Apple Slices, Apple Crisps & Craisins  
Chocolate, Strawberry & White Milk



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Dawson Springs

MY SCHOOL BUCKS PAY FOR MEALS ONLINE MySchoolBucks.com

This Institution is an equal opportunity provider

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday



1

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

4

No School

5

No School

6

Chicken Fried Steak or Chicken Drumstick, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Roll, Fruit, Juice & Milk

7

Chicken Fajita or Fiestada Pizza, Refried Beans, Roasted Onion & Peppers Salsa & Chips, Fruit, Juice & Milk

8

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

11

Chicken Nuggets or Asian Chicken w/Rice, Tater Tots, Broccoli, Side Salad, Egg Roll, Roll, Fortune Cookie, Fruit or Juice & Milk

12

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

13

Turkey & Dressing or Chicken Drumstick, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Cranberry Sauce, Roll, Fruit, Juice & Milk

14

Cheesy Chicken & Rice or Crispito w/Queso, Fiesta Veggies, Refried Beans, Mexican Rice, Salsa & Chips, Fruit, Juice & Milk

15

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

18

Chili, Chili Dog or Hotdog, Baked Potato Coleslaw, Fritos, Fruit or Juice & Milk

19

Chicken Alfredo w/Garlic Bread, or Calzone w/Marinara, Corn on the Cob, Broccoli, Side Salad, Fruit or Juice & Milk

20

Chicken Fried Steak or Chicken Drumstick, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Roll, Fruit, Juice & Milk

21

Tacos or Chicken Quesadilla, Refried Beans, Roasted Onion & Peppers Salsa & Chips, Fruit, Juice & Milk

22

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

25

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

26

Rotini w/Garlic Bread or Italian Cheesy Bread w/Marinara, Peas & Carrots, Cali Veggies, Side Salad, Fruit or Juice & Milk

27

T h a n k s g i v i n g  
B r e a k

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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 or Tornado

Daily Lunch Menu Items Include: Yogurt or Beef Sticks, String Cheese Stick, Muffin & Cheez-its

- All of these options come with Vegetable, Fruit & Milk
- Soybutter & Jelly Sandwich w/Cheese Stick & Cheez-its
- Ham & Cheese Sandwich
- Chef Salad w/Roll
- Pizza Lunchable

# November Birthdays



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Anyone whose name appears on this calendar is eligible for a <b>10% discount</b> on an ice cream cake when you present this page at our local Dairy Queen at the time of purchase.</p> 		<p><b>November Birthday Cake Winners:</b>  <b>Trevor McKnight &amp; Alivia Fiveash</b>                      Present your certificate at our local Dairy Queen for a <b>FREE</b> Ice Cream Cake.</p>			<p><b>1</b> Marly Ford</p>	<p><b>2</b> Samuel Dunbar Bristyl Scott Nolan Cotton</p>
<p><b>3</b> Morgan Anderson Avery Fox</p>	<p><b>4</b> Ayla Arzamastseva Brady DiNovo Izzy-Bell Drennan Joven Teague</p>	<p><b>5</b>  Shannon Parker</p>	<p><b>6</b> Keeley Galloway  Lenny Whalen</p>	<p><b>7</b> Haven Ellis Serenity Mason</p>	<p><b>8</b> Keilan Crawford</p>	<p><b>9</b></p>
<p><b>10</b> Kenneth Gardner</p>	<p><b>11</b> Kaylee Wigley</p>	<p><b>12</b> Oaklynn Guill  Darla Bean</p>	<p><b>13</b> Matthew Jenkins Noah Keen Nolan Brothers</p>	<p><b>14</b> Estella McKnight Willow Ford RaeLynn Gibson</p>	<p><b>15</b></p> 	<p><b>16</b> Montgomery Johnston Jonathon Morgan Bryce Rogers</p>
<p><b>17</b> Cameron Drake Emily Duke Colby Grimes Gabriel Hays</p>	<p><b>18</b> Kaitlyn Brothers Jackson Young Audrey Waywood</p>	<p><b>19</b> Jasmine Shaver</p>	<p><b>20</b> Summer Stone Braxton Robinson</p>	<p><b>21</b> Trevor McKnight  Melissa Larimore</p>	<p><b>22</b> McKinley Howton Alaina Adornato</p>	<p><b>23</b> Eryn Camplin Sophia Johnson Sarah Lewis Logan Peters Tyson Martin</p>
<p><b>24</b></p> 	<p><b>25</b></p>	<p><b>26</b> Justin Kelley  Courtney Trimble</p>	<p><b>27</b> Kynleigh Matheny</p>	<p><b>28</b> Carter McCutchen Alivia Fiveash</p>	<p><b>29</b> Zeriyah McCune Savannah Mckinley</p>	<p><b>30</b> Max Luce  Tami Pritt</p>





DAWSON SPRINGS SCHOOL SYSTEM INVITES YOU TO OUR

# VETERANS DAY



**CELEBRATION**



We invite all local veterans to be honored on Veterans Day at an assembly in Dawson Springs Gymnasium.

The assembly will include a small breakfast, recognition of local veterans, musical performances by the DSHS band, and a presentation by DSHS students.

**NOVEMBER 11TH 9:00 AM**  
**VETERANS BREAKFAST 8:15 HARDWORK CAFE**

**PLEASE ENTER THROUGH THE GYMNASIUM DOORS**



# KIDS ARE DARING



GOOD THING WE'VE  
GOT THEM COVERED.



*Kentucky Children's Health Insurance Program*

**Y**our child may qualify for free or low-cost health insurance through the Kentucky Children's Health Insurance Program (KCHIP).

KCHIP is for children younger than 19 years old whose family meets certain income guidelines. Families who qualify are usually in the middle to low income range.

Children enrolled in KCHIP are covered for:

- doctors' visits
- hospital stays and emergency services
- mental health services
- lab tests and X-rays
- prescription drugs
- immunizations
- speech therapy
- health screenings
- dental, hearing and eye checkups

Applying is easy. A face-to-face interview is not required. To apply for KCHIP:

- request an application by phone by calling toll-free (877) KCHIP-18
- print a mail-in application online at [kidshealth.ky.gov](http://kidshealth.ky.gov)
- apply in person at your local Community Based Services office

For help filling out your application, call toll-free (877) KCHIP-18 (877-524-4718).

Para asistencia en español,  
Llame al 1-800-662-5397.  
Las llamadas son gratuitas.

# K-12 Voluntary Student Accident Insurance



### AVAILABLE COVERAGE OPTIONS

Depending on which program your school provides, some or all of the following voluntary insurance products are available for purchase on a voluntary basis:

- School time only student accident insurance
- 24-hour accident coverage
- Student dental accident insurance

### KIDS WILL BE KIDS

1. Make sure your child is properly covered against unforeseen accidents.
2. Purchase coverage at your convenience from any computer.
3. Follow the easy step-by-step instructions and you're done in minutes!



These voluntary participation student accident insurance plans offered through your school can be purchased easily online at:

[www.BollingerSchools.com](http://www.BollingerSchools.com)

**OFFICE LOCATION**  
 200 Jefferson Park, Whippany, NJ 07981

[BollingerSchools.com](http://BollingerSchools.com)



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# 2024-2025 SCHOOL CALENDAR

District: DAWSON SPRINGS

Board Approved 12/18/2023

Part I  Traditional Calendar  Variable

Schools: ELEM/JR SR HIGH

## July 2024

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

## August 2024

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
8				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

## September 2024

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					20

## October 2024

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		20

## November 2024

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
16					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

## December 2024 (79)

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				15

## January 2025

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	19

## February 2025

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	19

## March 2025

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					19

## April 2025

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			18

## May 2025

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
17				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

## June 2025 (92)

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

PD DAYS (9): 8/9-8/19, 11/4

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): 5/28/25-6/3/25

STUDENT ATTENDANCE DAYS: 171

TEACHER REQUIREMENT DAYS: 185

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