



# NEWSMAKERS

The Character word for June/July  
is "OPTIMISM"

JUNE / JULY 2025

## Upcoming Events

**Jr/Sr HS SBDM**  
Tuesday, June 10

**Board of Education Meeting**  
Monday, June 23

**Elem. SBDM**  
Thursday, June 26

**Jr/Sr HS SBDM**  
Tuesday, July 8

**DS BBQ & Homecoming**  
Friday, July 25

**Board of Education Meeting**  
Monday, July 28

**Students Return**  
Tuesday, August 19



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It's a Great Day  
to be a Panther!

## CONGRATULATIONS CLASS OF 2025



**2024-25 Yearbooks** already ordered are anticipated to be delivered to the HS the beginning of June.

Yearbooks can still be purchased online.

Purchase link for the full PK-12th grade:

<https://www.treering.com/purchase?>

**PassCode=1017283267971391**

Purchase link for PK - 5th grade ONLY:

<https://www.treering.com/purchase?>

**PassCode=101728326510191**

There is no deadline to make a purchase.

The **Girls' Basketball team** is holding a car wash fundraiser PLUS has the Kona Ice truck at Casey's on Saturday, June 7<sup>th</sup> 9:00 am - 1:00 pm. Come on down, get your car washed and enjoy an icy treat!



The **2025 YMCA Summer Meal Program** will start its summer food distribution June 3. See page 4 for distribution schedule/sites. Follow the Hopkins CO. YMCA Facebook page for possible updates.



Congratulations to our **Boys' HS Track Team** for their stellar achievements at the KHSAA Track & Field State Meet held Thursday, May 29. Our 4x800 relay team (Sean Stallins, Easton Bourland, Gummy Johnston & Deacon Dever) are **STATE CHAMPIONS** - a first ever for our school and a new school record! The same team also placed 12th in the 4x400. Plus Easton placed 3rd in the 800 & 7th in the 1600 for two more medals, Deacon set a new school record placing 12th in the 3200 and Sean placed 11th in the 800.

We are paw-sitively Panther Proud!



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.



### Online Registration for the 2025-2026 school year will open soon.

A 2025-26 Out of District Application for Admission is also required for all students living outside the Dawson Springs district to register. The district boundaries are the four bridges leading out of town.

Completed Out of District forms must be submitted to the DS Board Office

**as soon as possible** to reserve placement for next school year. A form is included on page 9.

If you have any questions or need help accessing your Parent Portal account, call your child's school office or Crystal at the Board of Education office @ 270-797-3811.



REGISTRATION

**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 updated immunization certificate.



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



# IN THE SPOTLIGHT

## CLASS OF 2025 GRADUATION WEEK HIGHLIGHTS



## RETIREMENT RECEPTION

A reception to honor our one and only 2025 retiree was held on Tuesday, May 27 in the MPR. The social hour was attended by district staff, past retirees, our new retiree plus his wife, Tina, and son, Ty.

**Todd Marshall** has worn many hats through his years in public education. He landed at Dawson Springs in 2018 as our Junior/Senior High School Principal and ended with the additional position as our DPP. Mr. Marshall retires with 31+ years in education.

Thank you, Mr. Marshall, for your service & dedication to the children of the Dawson Springs School District. You leave big shoes to fill. We will truly miss you.



## Congratulation to our April & May Access Graduates



Makyde Banks



Nevaeh Jones



Aubreyonna Miller

## STAFF END-OF-YEAR AWARDS

The DS Staff End of Year Luncheon & Awards Program was held on Tuesday, May 27. After a delicious meal provided by the Board of Education, those recognized for years of service in education include:

### Service in Education Awards:

Shannon Garrett	5years
Sheilia Hodges	5 years
Cindi Howton	5 years
Melissa Larimore	5 years
Jessica Graham	10 years
Tami Pritt	10 years
Emilee Seeger	10 years
Jessyle Spalding	10 years
Spencer Spratt	10 years
Jeannie Blanchard	15 years
Steve Head	15 years
Laura Lucas	15 years
Dana Cummins	20 years
Paulette Gray	25 years
Rebecca Oliver	25 years
Jon Palmer	25 years
Michael Davenport	30 years
Rhonda Simpson	30 years

### Perfect Attendance Award:

Angel Embry

Thank You to all staff for making 2024-25 a great year!

# SUMMER 2025 EVENTS



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Jun 1	2	3 	4	5	6	7 9:00-1:00 Girls' Basketball Car Wash & Kona Fundraiser @ Casey's
8	9	10 3:15 HS SBDM Council Meeting	11	12	13	14 Flag Day
15 Father's Day	16 	17	18	19	20 First Day of Summer	21
22	23 6:00 Board of Education Meeting	24	25	26 3:30 Elem. SBDM Council Meeting	27	28 
29	30	Jul 1	2 	3	4 Independence Day	5
6	7	8 3:15 HS SBDM Council Meeting	9	10	11	12
13 	14	15	16	17	18 	19
20	21	22	23	24	25 77th Annual DS BBQ Sales & Street Fair	26 BBQ 5K Race, Golf Scramble & Car Show
27 Parents' Day	28 6:00 Board of Education Meeting	29	30 	31	Aug 1 <div>Students Return Tuesday, August 19</div>	2





JUNE 3 - AUGUST 2

# SUMMER FOOD SITES

Find us on Facebook

SCAN ME



## EVERY MONDAY

Victoria MHP.....	11:30-11:50
Pennyrile Apts.....	11:55-12:10
Rosenwald Apts.....	12:15-12:30
Carver Court.....	12:35-12:50
Elk Creek MHP.....	12:55-1:15

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AND SITES

Any Summer Program with participants 18 and under wishing to be a part of the summer meal service can call the YMCA at (270) 821-9622 and ask for Michelle Hale.

We will have weekly stops this year with boxes that will hold 5 days-worth of meals

YMCA Super Snack Shack will be open M-F 11:30 -1:00. We will have meals, GAGA Pit and free WiFi!

## EVERY TUESDAY

Madisonville Apts.....	11:30-11:50
Cross Creek Apts.....	12:00-12:15
Pride Apts.....	12:20-12:40
Jamestown Apts.....	12:45-1:00
Manitou Baptist Church.....	1:20-1:35

## EVERY WEDNESDAY

White Plains.....	11:20-11:40
Mortons Gap City Park.....	12:00-12:20
Quail Run Apts.....	12:35-12:50
Earlington B-Ball court area.....	1:00-1:15
Chateau MHP.....	1:25-1:40

## EVERY THURSDAY

Rolling Hills.....	11:30-11:40
St. Charles.....	12:10-12:30
Dawson Park.....	12:50-1:05
Belmont Apts.....	1:15-1:30
Rosedale.....	1:35-1:50

## EVERY FRIDAY

Festus Claybon .....	11:30-12:30
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# SUMMER P-EBT

## \$120 Benefit Per Child

Families with school age children in households at or below 185% of the poverty level may apply



**MORE INFO ONLINE!**

● **[bit.ly/KY-SummerEBT](https://bit.ly/KY-SummerEBT)**

Children ages 6-18 as of August 1, 2024 who received SNAP, KTAP, or Kinship Care benefits during any part of the 2024-2025 school year will be automatically enrolled and do not need to apply.



# June Birthdays



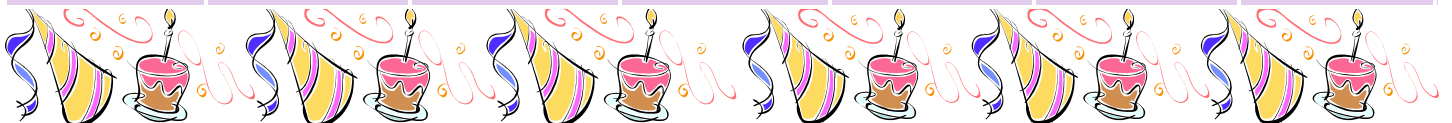
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<b>1</b> Lainey Lowe Lucas Lowe Abby Parker Harmony Sachs	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> Noah Gospodarek  	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> Emma Abbott Jase Ausborn Emory Watts  Angel Embry	<b>6</b>   <div> A BIG Thank you to  Casey's General  Store - our new  birthdays sponsor! </div>	<b>7</b> Dylan West
<b>8</b> Hailee Davis Bentley Agent	<b>9</b> Nevaeh McClanahan Kendall Carr James Lewis	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> Addison Ezell Sarah Jones Alaina Helzer Kaisley Saucier Elijah Webb	<b>12</b> Dayton Welch   Wayne Simpson	<b>13</b> Kayla Anderson Juliana Arzamastseva Hannity Oldham Hudson Boucher  BethAnne Clayton	<b>14</b> Bradley Wedge Jasper Whitis  Matt Fraliex
<b>15</b> Emmy Bullock	<b>16</b>   Rachel Starks	<b>17</b>   Sheila Hodges	<b>18</b> 	<b>19</b> Elijah Dunbar Annabella Jeffries Audri Scott Ella Esposito	<b>20</b> Aiden Jackson Aryana Shepherd Marshall Earl	<b>21</b> Landon Virgin Chandler Anderson  Christy Bruch
<b>22</b> Molly Payne Abryanna Arnett Maverick Stanley	<b>23</b> Kori Springfield   Ashley Grable	<b>24</b> Kyler Brothers   Keith Sherman	<b>25</b> Colin Ladd   Kristin Merrill	<b>26</b> Landon Ausborn Hunter McKinley Adam Hamby  Erin Purdy	<b>27</b> Maverick Opalek Dallas Koon	<b>28</b> Braylon Littlepage
<b>29</b> Keaton Putty Elizabeth Clayton Keelin Hoggard	<b>30</b> Katelyn Payne Amoni Edwards  Laura Lucas Jennifer Fox	<div> <b>June Birthday Winners</b>  <b>Audri Scott &amp; Elizabeth Clayton</b>  Present your certificate at our DS Casey's General Store for your <b>FREE</b> 1/2 dozen cookies &amp; large 1-topping pizza. </div>				Anyone whose name appears on this calendar is eligible for 1 free cookie when you present this page at our DS Casey's General Store.



# July Birthdays



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>July Birthday Winners</b> <b>Samuel Jones &amp; Marya Dixon</b> Present your certificate at our DS Casey's General Store for your <b>FREE</b> 1/2 dozen cookies & large 1-topping pizza.		<b>1</b> Matt Elam Amanda Scott	<b>2</b> Alexis Russo	<b>3</b> Sophia Carter Aden Shepherd	<b>4</b> 	<b>5</b> Logan Young Ashtyn Swatzell Baylee Swatzell Addisynn Hollis Mckinlee Joyce
<b>6</b> Preston Drennan Micheal Hart Colton Son  Brittany Randolph	<b>7</b> Kamden Plunkett	<b>8</b>  LaDonna Hooper Crystal Davenport	<b>9</b> Adisen Randolph	<b>10</b> Alyssa Allison Gabriel Gospodarek Lyle Reed Jaxten Martin  Shelby Adamson	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> Deacon Dever Maverick Adamson
<b>13</b> Camden Campbell	<b>14</b>  Rhonda Simpson	<b>15</b> Marya Dixon	<b>16</b> Zoey Robinson	<b>17</b> Hunter Wirth Addison Todd Harley Damron Kayne Overfield	<b>18</b> Samuel Jones  Micki Clark	<b>19</b> Desiray Koelm Eliana Turner
<b>20</b> Asher McKinney Gabriel Stanley Juliann Ethridge	<b>21</b> Brayden Crook  Michael Davenport Autumn Jarvis	<b>22</b> Klay Scott	<b>23</b> Elanor Chappell	<b>24</b> Noah Phelps Remington Francis	<b>25</b> 	<b>26</b> Addison Son Oliver Duke
<b>27</b> Maycee Foreman Harrison Dalton	<b>28</b> Koleson Sachs	<b>29</b> Miley Fish Marley Smith	<b>30</b> Arkady Arzamastsev Justin Norbeck Joshua Hart	<b>31</b> Blake Hughlett Kloie Ausborn	<div>           Anyone whose name appears on this calendar is eligible for 1 free cookie when you present this page at our DS Casey's General Store.         </div>	



**2025 – 2026 Student Application for Admission  
(Out-of-District Student)**

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**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: \_\_\_\_\_ 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 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 your 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





# Dawson Springs Schools

## 2025-2026 School Calendar

*"A Tradition of Success"*

### Fall Semester (80)

Opening Day Aug. 18  
 1<sup>st</sup> day for Students Aug. 19  
 No School/Labor Day Sept. 1  
 Fall Break Oct. 6-10  
 No School/Thanksgiving Break  
 Nov. 26-28  
 Student Last Day before  
 Christmas Break Dec. 19  
 No School/ Christmas Break  
 Dec. 22-Jan 2

### Spring Semester (91)

1<sup>st</sup> Day back for Students from  
 Christmas Break Jan. 5  
 No School/Holiday Jan. 19  
 No School/Spring Break  
 April 6-10  
 Student's return from Spring  
 Break April 13  
 Last Day for Students May 21  
 Closing Day May 22

\*\*Students attending MCC &  
 Caldwell Tech must be in  
 attendance on scheduled days

(2) Flex PD Days/No School for  
 Students

(4)-Holiday

(23)-Non-School Day

(6)-Professional Learning Day/No  
 school for Students

(1) Opening/(1) Closing Day

First and Last Day for Students

Make up days if needed-Feb. 16,  
 Mar. 13, May 26-29, June 1 all  
 other days will be added to end of  
 year

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