



# NEWSMAKERS

The Character word for March  
is "GOOD JUDGEMENT"



MARCH 2025

## Upcoming Events

**Read Across America Week**  
March 3 - 7

**Daylight Savings Time Begins**  
Sunday, March 9  
(Time 'springs forward')

**HS SBDM Council Meeting**  
Tuesday, March 11

**SCHOOL IN SESSION**  
Friday, March 14

**Board of Education Meeting**  
Monday, March 24

**Elementary SBDM Council Meeting**  
Thursday, March 27

**Spring Break**  
March 31 - April 4



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It's a Great Day  
to be a Panther!



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](https://www.instagram.com/DSSuptWhalen).



**Senior Class Discount Cards** sales will end soon. The cards are \$10 and contain lots of area savings for food, products and services. See any Sr. Class member to purchase yours.



**Prom 2025** has been scheduled for Saturday, April 26. See page 10 for Prom Attire Guidelines.



We are hiring Substitute Teachers, Instructional Assistants, Custodians, Bus Drivers & Cooks and **we pay for all pre-employment requirements**. For job info & application go to [dawsonsprings.kyschools.us](http://dawsonsprings.kyschools.us).



The Kentucky Association of Basketball Coaches has released its 2024-25 list of top regional players & coaches.



DS Senior **Rex Blue** has been selected as the **Region 2 Player of the Year** and is a candidate for Mr. Kentucky Basketball.

DS Coach **Mickey Blue** has been selected as the **Region 2 Coach of the Year**. Mickey and Rex will be honored at a ceremony during the KHSAA Boys' State Basketball Tournament in Lexington. The Mr. Basketball winner will also be announced. Congratulations to both of you! We are Panther Proud!



**MAKE-UP DAY**  
**Friday, March 14**  
\*School in session\*



The **2025-26 School Calendar** was approved at the January Board of Education meeting. See page 12. The **2024-25 calendar** has been amended due to missed weather days. See the updated calendar on pg. 11.



Congratulations to our Boys' Varsity Basketball team! During the 7th District Tournament semi-final game versus Caldwell Co., **Montgomery Johnston** became the **Boy's All-time Leading Scorer** at DSHS. At the same game, **Jaydon Plunkette** scored his **1000th point** as a DS Panther. In addition, the team's exceptional play contributed to a district win!



The **Middle School Academic Team** results from Region 2 competition are:

- Math: 4th Zachary Creekmur
- Zachary advances to State Competition the weekend of March 14th at the Galt House in Louisville. The MS team is coached by Tamara Rice.



The National Education Association is building a nation of readers with **Read Across America** week which kicks off on Sunday, March 2nd, on Dr. Seuss' birthday. See pages 7 & 8 for Elementary activities.



"You're never too old, too wacky, too wild, to pick up a book and read with a child."







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## 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"

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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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# MARCH 2025

Dawson Springs

MY  
SCHOOL  
BUCKS

PAY FOR MEALS ONLINE  
MySchoolBucks.com

This Institution is an equal opportunity provider

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

3

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

4

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

5

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

6

Beef & Cheese Nachos  
or Mac & Cheese,  
Refried Beans,  
Fiesta Veggies,  
Fruit, Juice & Milk

7

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

10

Grilled Cheese or  
Philly Beef Sandwich,  
Tater Tots, Broccoli,  
Coleslaw, Soup, Fruit,  
Juice & Milk

11

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

12

Breakfast for Lunch:  
Chicken Patty, Sausage  
Patty, Scrambled Eggs,  
Tater Tots, Biscuit, Gravy,  
Fruit, Juice & Milk

13

Chicken Fajitas or Taco  
Bites, Refried Beans,  
Roasted Onion & Peppers  
Salsa & Chips, Fruit,  
Juice & Milk

14

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

17

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

18

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

19

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

20

Mac & Cheese Carnita  
Bowl or Crispito w/Queso,  
Fiesta Veggies, Refried  
Beans, Salsa & Chips,  
Fruit, Juice & Milk

21

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

24

BBQ Sandwich or  
Hotdog, Tater Tots,  
Baked Beans, Coleslaw,  
Fruit, Juice & Milk

25

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

26

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

27

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

28

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

31

Spring  
Break

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 Tomato

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



# CHECK OUT OUR INTERACTIVE MENUS

[https://www.myschoolmenus.com/  
organizations/1394](https://www.myschoolmenus.com/organizations/1394)



## **ATTENTION: PARENTS/GUARDIANS**

GO TO THE ABOVE LINK TO ACCESS OUR INTERACTIVE MENUS.  
YOU CAN FIND INFORMATION ON ALLERGENS, INGREDIENTS,  
CALORIES, CARBOHYDRATES AND MUCH, MUCH MORE!!!  
IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR NEED ADDITIONAL HELP, PLEASE  
CONTACT JEANNIE BLANCHARD 270/797-3811 EXT 2125 OR 2133

# March Birthdays



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<div> <b>March Birthday Cake Winners</b>  <b>Sara Vinson &amp; Heavenly Durant</b>  Present your certificate at our local Dairy Queen for a <b>FREE</b> Ice Cream Cake. </div>				<b>1</b> Odin Jones Will Purdy Kason Messamore Camila Ortiz
<b>2</b> Autumn Peyton Gabriella Bullock	<b>3</b> Kara McKnight Haley Lewis  Dylan Simpson	<b>4</b> Lucy Willson	<b>5</b> Ashton Russell Weston Sutton  Tara Huddleston	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> Salem Miller	<b>8</b> 
<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> Brantley Kutella Heavenly Durant	<b>11</b> Jacob Luce Remington Drone	<b>12</b> Briley Sawyer Kailynn Adamson Hayley Smith Johnathan Smith	<b>13</b> Avery Loney	<b>14</b>   Jon Palmer	<b>15</b> Peyton Pace Ava Davis  Lisa Littlejohn
<b>16</b> Marshall Larimore	<b>17</b> Kaylin Buchanan Thomas Carner Hadilynn Thomas Rachel Sizemore Hudson Hollis	<b>18</b> Aiden Boal Brady McKnight  Courtney Menser	<b>19</b>   Tony Latham	<b>20</b> Layne Ausborn Madisyn Norris  Dana Cummins Kammie Jackson	<b>21</b> Elizabeth Ford Kinley Morgan	<b>22</b> Keaton Gentry Alexah Denny
<b>23</b> Nevaeh Jones	<b>24</b> Elsie Slaton 	<b>25</b> Braiden Boucher Timothy Jarboe Amy Wiseman Charles Ruddell	<b>26</b> Brooke Lowe Phoebe Dunkle  Gary Brown Tamara Rice	<b>27</b> Holden Boucher Chloe Fisher	<b>28</b> Julian Williams  Spencer Spratt	<b>29</b> Justin Adamson Sara Vinson  Cindy Dukes Sarah Skinner
<b>30</b> Ty Marshall Jericho Miles	<b>31</b> Olivia Bigham Kaire Hays	<div> 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 the DS Dairy Queen at time of purchase. </div>				





**Read Across America Week**  
**March 3rd - 7th**

### Monday—Friday:

# Dr. Seuss Dress Up Days & Scholastic Book Fair

## Monday

## "Down On Friendly Acres"

**Family Night with Author Ronda Friend**  
**6:00-7:30 pm in the MPR/Lunchroom**

## Thursday

**The "Grand" Camp Out  
Book Fair Event 5-7 pm in DSHS Library**

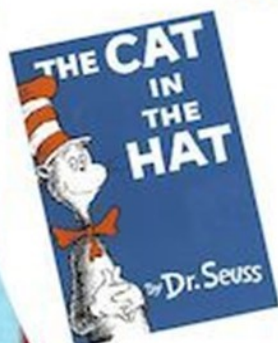
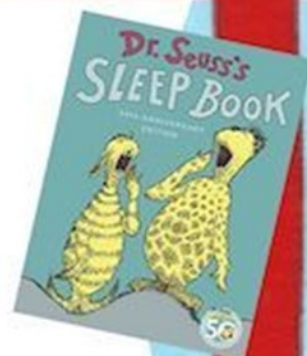


# Dr. Seuss Dress Up Days

## March 3rd – 7th

### Sleepy Monday

WEAR YOUR PAJAMAS!

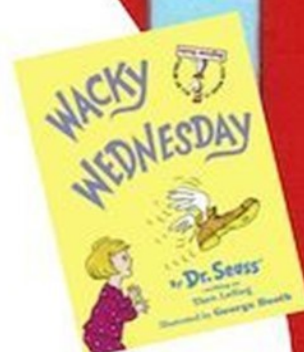


### Top Hat Tuesday

WEAR YOUR FAVORITE HAT!

### Wacky Wednesday

WEAR MIXED UP CLOTHING (SHIRT BACKWARDS, INSIDE OUT ETC.)

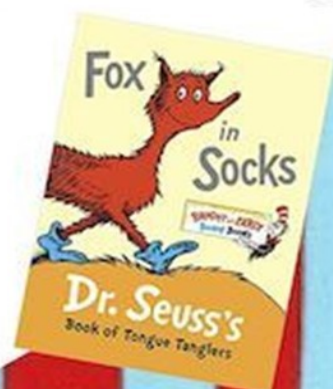


### Thing 1 & 2 Thursday

WEAR YOUR CRAZIEST HAIR DO !

### Fun Sock Friday

WEAR YOUR CRAZIEST SOCKS!





# ALUMNI BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

**COST \$35**

**MARCH 15 AT 12PM**

**PUBLIC ADMISSION**

**\$5**

AN EVENT T-SHIRT IS INCLUDED IN PLAYER COST. THERE IS A 2 GAME GUARANTEE. THIS EVENT IS OPEN TO ANY DSHS ALUMNI BASKETBALL PLAYER. GAMES WILL BE 10 MINUTES HALVES WITH A MANDATORY SUBSTITUTION EVERY 5 MINUTES. TEAMS WILL HAVE 6 PEOPLE (PENDING HOW MANY SIGN UP). WAIVER REQUIRED TO BE SIGNED BEFORE PLAYING. PLAYERS MAY RECOMMEND "TEAMMATES" WHEN SIGNING UP.  
(ALUMNI CHEERLEADERS INCLUDED)

**REGISTRATION IS  
NOW OPEN**

**PLEASE CONTACT TARA HUDDLESTON FOR  
MORE INFORMATION 270-584-2069**





# PROM ATTIRE GUIDELINES

## **PROM IS A FORMAL DANCE AND PROPER ATTIRE IS EXPECTED**

### BOYS:

- ♦ Tuxedo, suit or sport coat & tie is required. Shorts are NOT permitted.
- ♦ No jeans, ball caps, sock hats, toboggans or beanies.
- ♦ Boys will keep their shirt on at all times.
  - ◊ Dancing only in a vest or undershirt is prohibited.

### GIRLS:

- ♦ Dress length for a short dress - No shorter than halfway between fingertips and the top of the knee when arms are extended at the sides.
- ♦ Neckline - No plunging necklines. Necklines cannot be below the top of the bra line. If plunging occurs, mesh or flesh colored material must cover the open space. Dress can only plunge to the bottom of the bra line, no further (must have mesh below the top of the bra line).
- ♦ Slits may extend to your fingertips when your arms are extended at the side.
- ♦ Back - Cannot scoop lower than the bend of the waist.
- ♦ Cut-outs on sides of dress - No cut-outs below the waist. Any cut-outs along the side needs to follow the "back" guidelines and not drop below the bend of the waist nor may they extend toward the front of the dress any farther than the midline (seam) on each side of the dress. Any openings must be covered with mesh or flesh colored material to meet guidelines.
- ♦ Two-piece dresses - The gap between the top and bottom cannot exceed one inch.

**IF IN DOUBT, TAKE A PICTURE OF YOURSELF IN THE DRESS AND BRING IT IN FOR ADMINISTRATION APPROVAL. MAKE SURE TO GET CLEAR PICTURES OF THE AREA(S) OF CONCERN OR QUESTION.**





## 2024-2025 SCHOOL CALENDAR

District: DAWSON SPRINGS

Board Approved 12/18/2023

Part I ☒ Traditional Calendar ☐ VariableSchools: ELEM/JR SR HIGH

## July 2024

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

## August 2024

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## September 2024

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29	30					20

## October 2024

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## November 2024

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## December 2024 (79)

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## January 2025

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## February 2025

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## March 2025

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## April 2025

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## May 2025

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## June 2025 (92)

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STAFF FLEX DAYS: 8/8/24 &amp; 11/4/2024 (must work one)

PD DAYS (9): 8/9 - 8/19

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

HOLIDAYS (4): 9/4/24, 11/28/24, 12/25/24, 1/1/25

BREAK DAYS (2): 2/10/25 &amp; 3/14/25 (possible make-up)

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

STAFF REQUIREMENT DAYS: 185

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



# 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**

A	July 2025							August 2025							September 2025						
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