

>>> NEWSLETTER <<<

DYERSBURG CITY SCHOOLS CTE

A Tradition of Excellence



DCS CTE: WHERE YOU ARE GIVEN ROOTS TO GROW AND WINGS TO FLY.

THE TROJAN PERK: THE HOTTEST PLACE AT DHS!

Now in its fourth year of operation, The Trojan Perk is more than just the best coffee in town, it's a place where our students are brewing skills for their future! As a work-based learning experience for several DHS students,

The Trojan Perk provides hands-on opportunities to develop customer service skills, attention to detail, and a commitment to perfection. We are incredibly proud of the professionalism and pride our students bring to every cup they serve. One thing is for sure, when the first bell rings of the school day, The Trojan Perk is the hottest place to be at

Dyersburg High School!

— Kim Yeiter, CTE Director

CTE FOR ALL STUDENTS. ACROSS ALL GRADES.

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EXPLORE HOW DCS STARTS CTE EDUCATION IN 3-5

>>> DYERSBURG INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

Career Clubs are in full swing at Dyersburg Intermediate School! With approximately 20 clubs offered at each grade level, our students have incredible opportunities to explore their interests, discover new talents, and learn about exciting career possibilities. From hands-on STEM challenges and creative arts to sports, leadership, and real-world career experiences, there is something for everyone! Career Clubs allow students to learn beyond the traditional classroom while building teamwork, problem-solving, communication, and leadership skills. We love seeing our Trojans try new things, make connections, and discover passions that could inspire their futures!

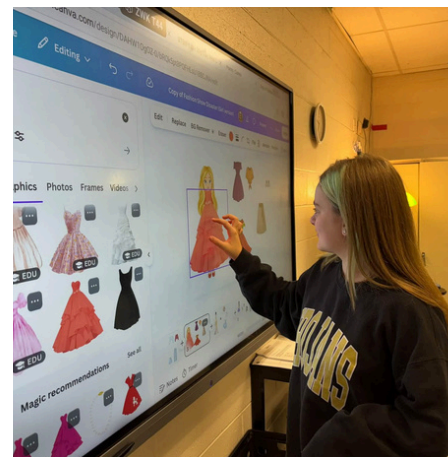
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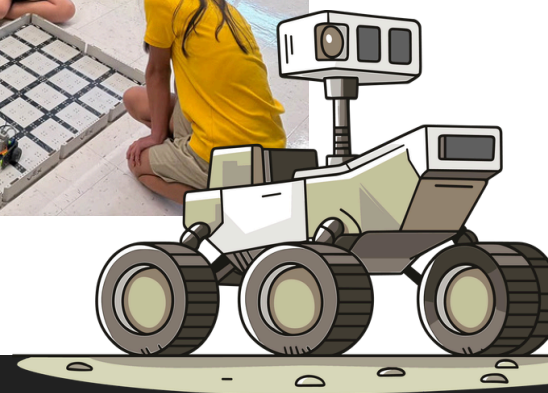
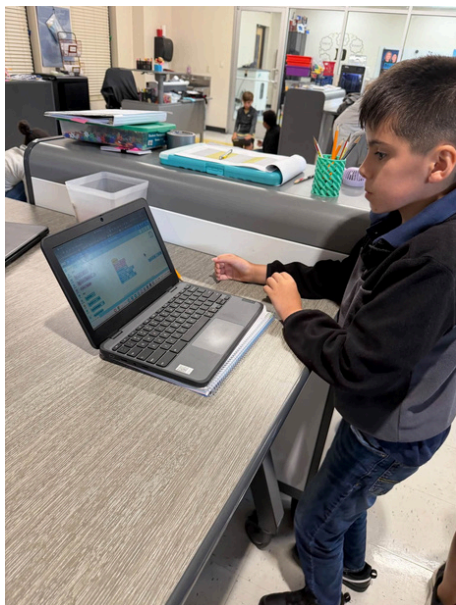
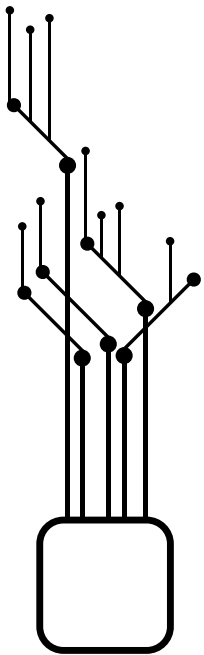
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Robotics is rolling strong at Dyersburg Intermediate School! Our STEM students are diving into the exciting world of robotics through hands-on learning experiences using VEX GO and VEX IQ robotics kits. Students are learning to carefully follow building plans, interpret diagrams, and complete step-by-step instructions as they design, construct, code, and test their robots. Through a variety of engaging challenges, students are developing critical thinking, creativity, collaboration, and problem-solving skills while exploring the fundamentals of engineering and computer science. From constructing racing rovers to programming robots for real-world missions, students are learning the importance of teamwork, attention to detail, and perseverance. As they troubleshoot problems and improve their designs, students are discovering that engineering requires patience, precision, and innovative thinking. At DIS, robotics is more than just building robots, it's about developing essential skills, inspiring innovation, and preparing our students for a technology-driven future!

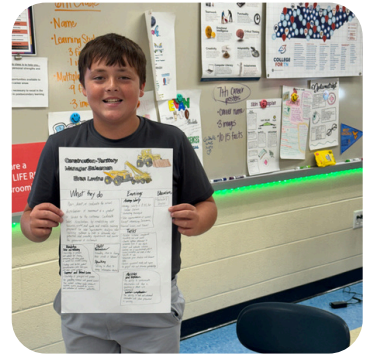
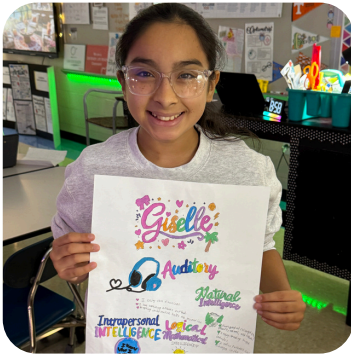
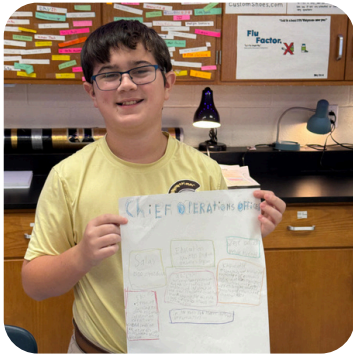
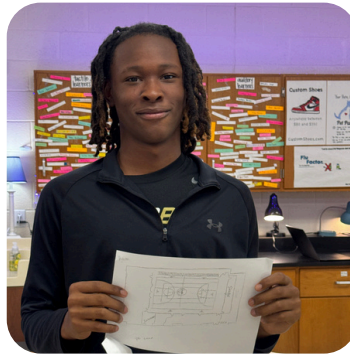
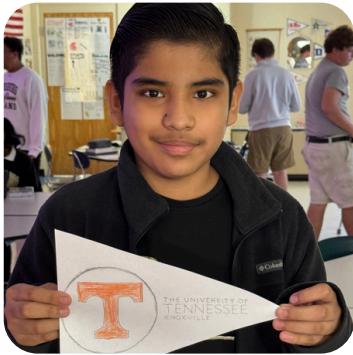


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➤➤➤ DMS CAREER EXPLORATION

Our DMS Trojans have been exploring their strengths, interests, and future possibilities in Career Exploration! Students in grades 6–8 have completed learning style assessments, personality inventories, and interactive surveys to discover their natural abilities and explore potential careers and postsecondary opportunities. From pilots, nurses, and meteorologists to college plans at universities like West Virginia and LSU, our students are discovering a wide variety of exciting paths for their futures. Sixth graders have also explored careers in education by designing their own schools and classrooms, complete with rules and consequences, while learning what it takes to create a positive and effective learning environment.



➤➤➤ DMS DIGITAL MEDIA ARTS

For the third year, Dyersburg Middle School CTE Digital Arts students showcased their photography at the Dyer County Fair under the direction of CTE Digital Arts instructor Chris Dishman. Students in 6th, 7th, and 8th grades in Mini Quarter 1 submitted original photographs they captured during class.

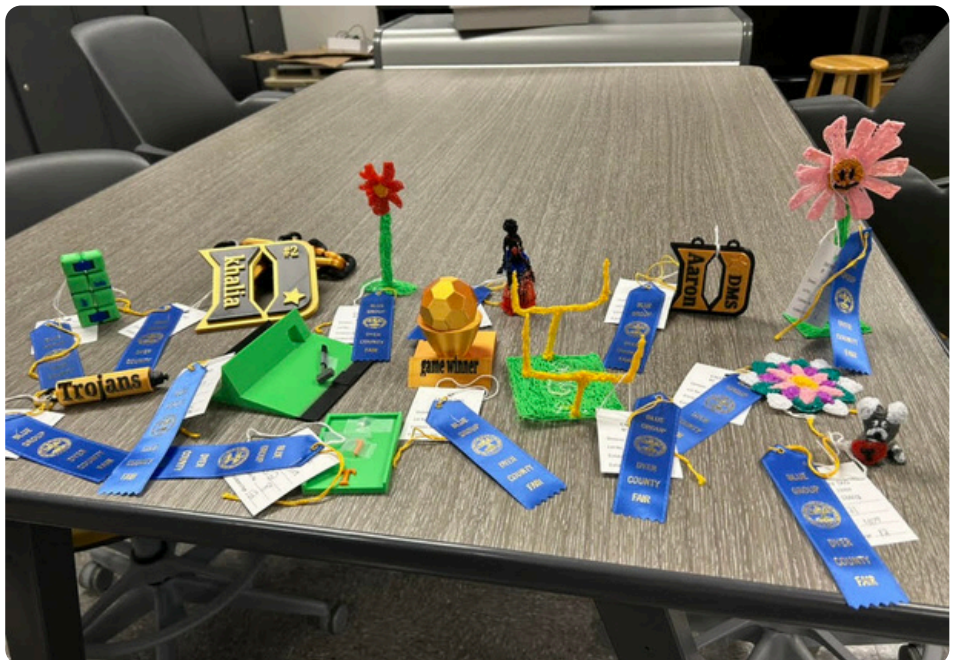
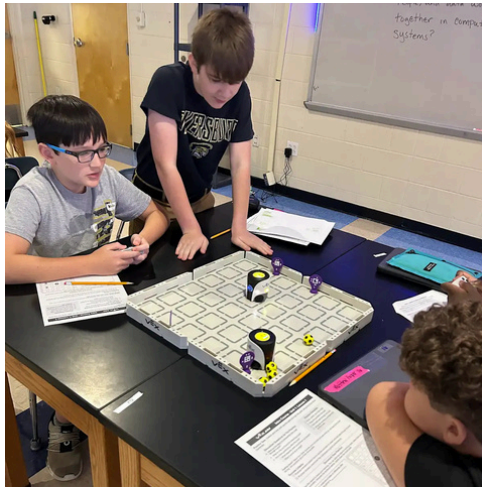
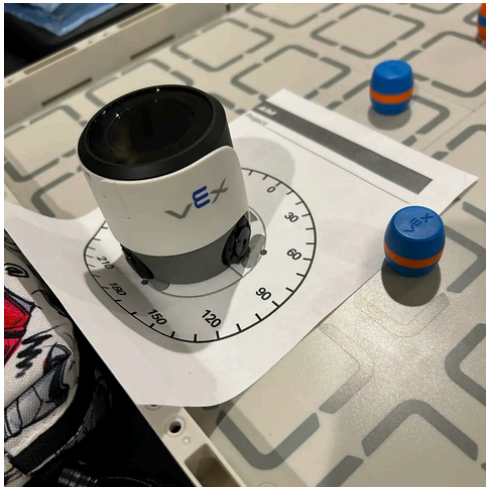
Some students also took their skills beyond the classroom by entering photography projects they captured independently. These projects reflect the techniques and creative choices students have explored in Digital Arts. Thank you to the Dyer County Fair for giving our students the opportunity to share their talents with the community and take part in one of our area's favorite traditions. We are proud of all our student photographers and grateful for this opportunity to celebrate their creativity.



There's been plenty of creativity and excitement in Dyersburg Middle School's Computer Science and STEM classes! Our Computer Science students have been learning to break problems into steps, build algorithms, and debug mistakes along the way. They even put their math skills to work as they programmed their robots to turn a specific number of degrees!

Seventh-grade STEM students designed and 3D printed their very own hype chains and we're excited to share that every 3D-printed design our students entered in the Dyer County Fair won first place! They also took on a parachute challenge, testing their designs for both speed and accuracy.

Our eighth graders helped bring some extra fun to Kid's Day at the Fair by partnering with Burks Beverage to create custom banners and a giant coloring wheel!! Students celebrated their accomplishments with a "You Crushed It" pizza party generously sponsored by Burks Beverage. A big thank-you to Burks Beverage for supporting our students, and congratulations to our creative, hard working kids!



➤➤➤ DMS AG & FFA

Our DMS FFA members have had a busy and exciting season learning, leading, and growing! From volunteering at Kids Day during the fair to helping others understand the importance of agriculture in our community, our Trojans are making a difference. September brought livestock show season, where our students showcased their growing skills and earned several champion honors. FFA officers also attended the West TN COLT Conference to strengthen their leadership skills and bring new ideas back to our chapter. In the greenhouse, students have been preparing for the spring plant sale by getting ready to grow fern plugs, while Ag classes explored soil science through water-holding capacity experiments and edible soil profiles.



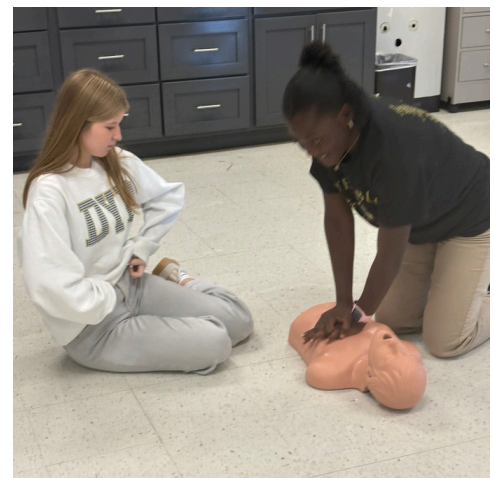
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➤➤➤ DHS JOURNALISM

The Trojan Torch staff is excited about teaming up with the A/V Production class by sharing a photographer this year! With this partnership, we've been able to capture even more moments with our students and share more of what student life is like than we have in the past. Our website is now filled with even more great pictures and stories, and several teachers and administrators have called our first print edition "the best first issue of the year in a long time!" We are so impressed with this year's Trojan Torch staff and all they are already accomplishing!

➤➤➤ DHS NURSING EDUCATION

The Health Science/Nursing Ed. classes have been extremely busy these last several weeks. Health Science classes have been working on learning First Aid, Safety and CPR, all valuable tools for any profession or field.



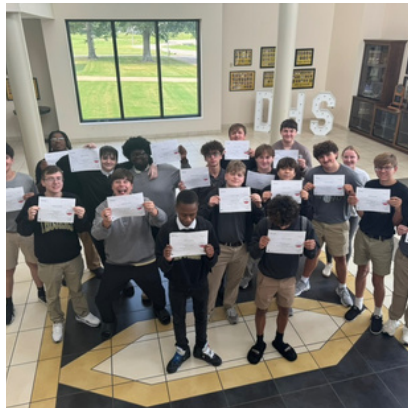
>>> DHS CRIMINAL JUSTICE

In Criminal Justice I, students are practicing the fundamentals of fingerprinting by taking prints from one another and learning the proper techniques for collecting and analyzing them. These real-world skills give students an inside look at the work of law enforcement professionals and prepare them for future opportunities in the field.



>>> DHS STEM

Engineering III students are going through a pilot project in partnership with West TN Pathways Network. The project is an Employer-Designed Challenge (EDC) that embodies work-based learning with a real industry project applied directly to a CTE course. The engineering challenge is built around the Traxxas Slash RC vehicle. Engineering II students completed their Additive Manufacturing Certification to complete their training in 3D printing. They are currently working on new 3D modeling software, SolidWorks. Principles of Engineering students worked through the VEX robotics curriculum the first quarter of the school year learning with a basebot, clawbot, and clawbot modification build. Students were introduced to VEX competitions and in the end had to design a modification to play the "Override" game set up. Over the summer, Engineering students put on a 3D printing camp for kids grades 3rd-6th grade.



>>> DHS A/V PRODUCTION

A/V Productions I - Students started out working on Unit 1: Getting to Know Your Camera and Settings. The past 8 weeks have all been about understanding the camera: how to set it to manual mode, how to adjust for lighting, how to freeze an object in motion, how to set the frame rate, and customize settings. Students also learned about the three different types of equipment available to them: tripods, over the shoulder rigs, and gimbals. After testing their understanding and ability to properly work the camera and equipment, students will be ready to move on to their first project.

A/V Productions II - Students have started work on their first module, which was all about working with a client. Students received a fake business needing a hypothetical video and had to interview their teacher who acted as the client. Students learned how valuable it is to ask the right questions to know exactly how to plan for your video. Students also completed their fourth project: a series of how to videos.



>>> DHS JOBS FOR TN GRADUATES (JAG-TN)

In JAG, students have been focusing on the importance of soft skills that are essential for success in school, careers, and life. They've explored professionalism, effective communication, proper greetings, mutual respect, building others up, public speaking, and active listening.



➤➤➤ DHS COMPUTER SCIENCE

DHS Computer Science students explored the power of artificial intelligence using VEX AIM robots. Through hands-on learning, students discovered how the robots' AI cameras work and practiced using the technology to identify and locate objects within the arena. This engaging activity allowed students to apply computer science concepts while building their understanding of AI and robotics in action!

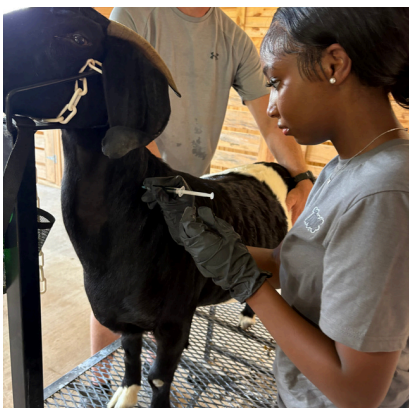


➤➤➤ DHS AG & FFA

Students in our Large Animal class recently had the opportunity to gain valuable, hands-on experience at Foster Farms! Students learned how to collect blood samples from goats for pregnancy testing, administer oral dewormers, and give routine vaccines through injections.

These real-world learning experiences allowed students to practice proper animal handling and restraint, learn the importance of disease prevention and parasite control, and develop a better understanding of herd health management. Students also gained experience with livestock health procedures commonly used in the agricultural industry, helping them connect classroom instruction to real-life applications.

Opportunities like these help students build confidence, improve their technical skills, and better understand the responsibilities involved in caring for livestock. A big thank-you to Foster Farms for allowing our students to learn by doing and for helping prepare the next generation of agricultural professionals! DHS FFA students Charlie, Emma, Isaiah, and Mia recently competed in the West TN FFA Regional Horse Judging Contest! During the contest, students evaluated a Western Pleasure class, a Ranch Riding class, and two halter horse classes. They also put their knowledge and communication skills to the test by presenting oral reasons for their placings in two of the classes.



COLLEGE STREET CAMPUS

College Street Campus CTE/Career Exploration students are helping lay the groundwork for our upcoming greenhouse renovation and indoor growing project! Students assembled a compost bin while practicing teamwork, problem-solving, and following assembly diagrams. The bin will help turn plant scraps into a valuable soil amendment, connecting hands-on learning with sustainability as we prepare to grow!



MEET OUR TEACHERS

At Dyersburg City Schools, our CTE teachers are shaping tomorrow's leaders and preparing students for success in school, careers, and life. Through hands-on learning, real-world projects, and guidance every step of the way, they are equipping students with the skills, confidence, and vision to make our community stronger and our future brighter.

Dyersburg Intermediate School

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Yuketa Hall- Career Exploration
Tim Strayhorn- AG

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Chris Dishman- Digital Media Arts
Mari Kate Estes- Career Exploration
Melissa Lowery- AG
Trinia Roy- STEM/ Computer Science

College Street Campus

Vanessa Anderson



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