



NEWSMAKERS

The Character word for June/July is "OPTIMISM"

JUNE / JULY 2024

Upcoming Events

Jr/Sr HS SBDM
Tuesday, June 11

Board of Education Meeting
Thursday, June 20

Jr/Sr HS SBDM
Tuesday, July 9

DS BBQ & Homecoming
Friday, July 26

Board of Education Meeting
Monday, July 29

Students Return
Wednesday, August 21



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It's a Great Day to be a Panther!

CONGRATULATIONS CLASS OF 2024



JOIN OUR TEAM! The DS School District is seeking applicants for several vacant positions plus substitutes. 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 web page at www.dawsonsprings.kyschools.us or with Superintendent Whalen's "X" account @DSSuptWhalen.



The 2024 YMCA Summer Meal Program starts June 3. Pickup sites and time information is included on page 4.

Congratulations to our **HS Track Team** for setting new school records and personal bests at the 2024



KHSAA Track & Field State Meet in Lexington. We are Panther Proud!

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



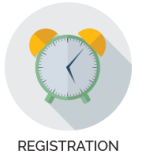
Thank you everyone for an awesome year and enjoy your well-deserved summer break.



See you back to school on **Wednesday, August. 21, 2024!!**

Online Registration for the 2024-2025 school year is now open.

A 2024-25 Out of District Application for Admission is 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



Our Dawson Springs Jr./Sr. High School is a silver winner in the 2024 Best of the Pennyriple. Congrats!

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.



IN THE SPOTLIGHT

CLASS OF 2024 GRADUATION WEEK HIGHLIGHTS



RETIREMENT RECEPTION

A reception to honor our 2024 retirees was held on Friday, May 31, and was attended by staff, past retirees, our new retirees plus their invited special guests.

Telisa Cotton has worn many hats through her years at Dawson Springs from her first position in Head Start to her current Elementary Reading Specialist. Ms. Cotton retires with 31 years in public education.



Tracy Collins will retire from the DS Elementary on October 1, 2024, with 17 years experience. Ms. Collins is currently a Kindergarten teacher.

Randy Galloway retired May 1 with a prior send-off. Randy was a vital member of our Custodial department. He retired with over 16 years of service to Dawson Springs School District.



Each retiree was awarded with 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 Friday, May 31. After a delicious meal provided by the Board of Education, those recognized for years of service in education include:

Service in Education Awards:

Michelle Abbott	10 years
Christy Darnell	10 years
Ashley McKnight	15 years
Jamie Thorp	15 years
Vonda Castle	20 years
Chunyun Cheng	20 years
Cindy Dukes	25 years
Barbara P'Poole	25 years
Todd Marshall	30 years

Perfect Attendance Awards:

Jeannie Blanchard & Shannon Garrett

A great big "Thank You" to all staff for making 2023-24 a great year!



SUMMER 2024 EVENTS



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
May 26 	27 Memorial Day NO SCHOOL	28 9:00am 5th Grade Graduation 1:00 Kindergarten Graduation 5:30 Preschool Graduation	29 7:00 Baccalaureate	30 8:00 Senior Breakfast 9:00 Senior's Final Hallway Walk Track State @ University of Kentucky	31 7:00 DSHS Class of 2024 Graduation	Jun 1 
2	3	4	5		7	8
9	10	11 3:15 HS SBDM Council Meeting	12	13	Flag Day	15
16 Father's Day	17 	18	19 Juneteenth	20 First Day of Summer 6:00 Board of Education Meeting	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29 DS Tornado Recovery Celebration
30	Jul 1	2	3	4 Independence Day		6
7	8	9 3:15 HS SBDM Council Meeting	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24 	25	26 DS BBQ & Homecoming	27 DS BBQ 5K & Golf Scramble MS Basketball Skills Day
28 Parents' Day	29 6:00 Board of Education Meeting	30	31	Aug 1	2	3 Students Return Wednesday, August 21



JUNE 3 - AUGUST 2
**SUMMER
 FOOD
 SITES**



***Pick up a meal at MNHHS,
 HCCHS, or BSMS
 June 3 - 6
 8:00-8:40am & 11:00-noon**

**EVERY
 MONDAY**

- Victoria MHP.....11:00
- Pennyrile Apts.....11:20
- Rosenwald Apts.....11:40
- Carver Court.....12:00
- Elk Creek MHP.....12:20

**EVERY
 WEDNESDAY**

- White Plains.....11:20
- Mortons Gap City Park.....11:55
- Quail Run Apts.....12:20
- Earlington GBC.....12:45
- Chateau MHP.....1:00

**EVERY
 THURSDAY**

- Rolling Hills.....11:10
- St. Charles.....11:40
- Dawson Park.....12:10
- Belmont Apts.....12:30
- Rosedale.....12:50
- Dawson Independent1:15

**EVERY
 TUESDAY**

- Madisonville Apts.....11:00
- Cross Creek Apts.....11:25
- Pride Apts.....11:50
- Jamestown Apts.....12:20
- Manitou Baptist Church.....12:45

**EVERY
 FRIDAY**

- Madisonville City Park.....11:00
- Festus Claybon11:30
- Mahr Park.....12:00
- Wellness Park.....12:30

**Hot Meal Only*

**This Summer,
 we will have
 weekly stops
 with boxed
 meals that will
 cover 5 days
 worth of meals!**

**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

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

Find us on Facebook



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 SMILES FOR
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2024/2025 Kindergarten Registration Information

children age 5 on or before August 1, 2024

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. (Form is included on page 8.)*

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 <u>BEFORE</u> Kindergarten		
Social/Emotional 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		Academics 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

Kentucky Summer Electronic Benefits Transfer (SEBT)



Students may be eligible for summer nutrition assistance!

What is SEBT?

SEBT is intended to reduce hunger and food insecurity for students who lose access to free and reduced-price meals through the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and School Breakfast Program (SBP), during the summer when school is not in session.

Who Is Eligible?

The following school aged students (aged 6-17 as of August 1st, 2023) are automatically approved for SEBT benefits and do not need to apply:

- Students that have received SNAP, KTAP and/or Kinship Care for at least one (1) month since July 1st, 2023.

Students that do not fall into the above category but are within the income eligibility limits, can apply for SEBT benefits online.

How Do I Apply?

SEBT benefit applications can be completed online or you can contact DCBS at 855-306-8959 with questions.

The online Application will be available at <https://KYSEBT.ky.gov/> or can be accessed through <https://kynect.ky.gov/benefits/> starting June 22nd, 2024.

Benefit Amount!

Households can expect to receive a one-time lump sum issuance of \$120 (\$40 per summer month) per eligible student, if approved.

SEBT Covers Summer Months



Need to Know More?

If you have any questions about the SEBT program, eligibility requirements, or when benefits will be available, scan the QR code or visit the SEBT website at:

<https://www.chfs.ky.gov/agencies/dcbs/dfs/pages/sebt.aspx>.

**The SEBT Call Center is available
to assist you with all SEBT related questions.**

Contact the DCBS Call Center at: 855-306-8959

June Birthdays



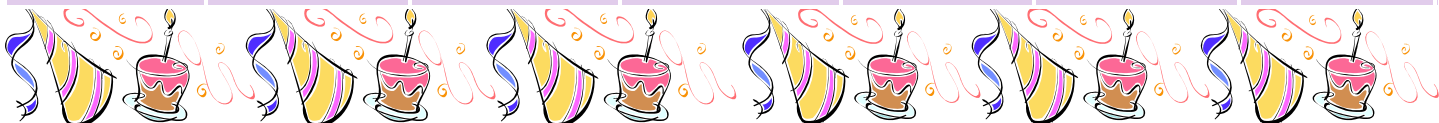
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<p align="center">June Birthday Cake Winners Abby Parker & Jasper Whitis Present your certificate at our local Dairy Queen for a FREE Ice Cream Cake.</p>				<p>1 Lainey Lowe Lucas Lowe Abby Parker</p>
<p>2 Rayden Duncan</p>	<p>3 Noah Gospodarek</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5 Angel Embry</p>	<p>6 Kolby Crook</p>	<p>7 Memphis Opalek Dylan West</p>	<p>8 Hailee Davis</p>
<p>9 Nevaeh McClanahan</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11 Sarah Jones Wyatt Long Aurora Gentry Kaisley Saucier Elijah Webb</p>	<p>12 Wayne Simpson</p>	<p>13 Caeson Toone Kayla Anderson</p>	<p>14 Bradley Wedge Jasper Whitis</p>	<p>15 Emmy Bullock</p>
<p>16</p>	<p>17 Sheila Hodges</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19 Elijah Dunbar Audri Scott Ella Esposito</p>	<p>20 Aiden Jackson Aryana Shepherd Marshall Earl</p>	<p>21 Landon Virgin Chandler Anderson</p> <p>Christy Bruch</p>	<p>22 Molly Payne Maverick Stanley</p>
<p>23 Kori Springfield</p> <p>Ashley Grable</p>	<p>24 Kyler Brothers</p> <p>Keith Sherman</p>	<p>25 Mary Duke Colin Ladd</p> <p>Kristin Merrill</p>	<p>26 Erin Purdy</p>	<p>27 Maverick Opalek Dallas Koon</p>	<p>28 Braylon Littlepage</p>	<p>29 Keaton Putty Ava Ward Elizabeth Clayton Keelin Hoggard</p>
<p>30 Katelyn Payne</p> <p>Jennifer Fox Laura Lucas</p>		<p align="center">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>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>	<p>1</p> <p>Matt Elam Amanda Scott</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Alexis Russo</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Sophia Carter Aden Shepherd</p>	<p>4</p> 	<p>5</p> <p>Logan Young Ashtyn Swatzell Baylee Swatzell McKinlee Moore Addisynn Hollis Mckinlee Joyce</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Preston Drennan Colton Son</p> <p>Brittany Randolph</p>
<p>7</p> <p>Kamden Plunkett</p> 	<p>8</p> <p>Lillian Simmons</p> <p>Crystal Davenport LaDonna Hooper</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Adisen Randolph</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Alyssa Allison Gabriel Gospodarek Jaxten Martin</p> <p>Shelby Adamson</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Deacon Dever Maverick Adamson</p>	<p>13</p>
<p>14</p> <p>Rhonda Simpson</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Donaven Colson</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Zoey Robinson</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Hunter Wirth Addison Todd Harley Damron</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Jack Parrott Samuel Jones</p> <p>Micki Clark</p>	<p>19</p> 	<p>20</p> <p>Asher McKinney Gabriel Stanley Juliann Ethridge</p>
<p>21</p> <p>Brayden Crook Alissa Collins</p> <p>Michael Davenport Autumn Jarvis</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Klay Scott</p> <p>Laura James</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Elanor Chappell</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Noah Phelps Remington Francis</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Alley Sherman</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Maycee Foreman Harrison Dalton</p>
<p>28</p> 	<p>29</p> <p>Miley Fish Marley Smith</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Arkady Arzamastsev Justin Norbeck</p>	<p>31</p> <p>Blake Hughlett</p>	<div style="border: 2px solid purple; padding: 10px; text-align: center;"> <p>July Birthday Cake Winners</p> <p>Harrison Dalton & Alissa Collins</p> <p>Present your certificate at our local Dairy Queen for a FREE Ice Cream Cake.</p> </div>		



2024 – 2025 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 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

2024-2025 SCHOOL CALENDAR

District: DAWSON SPRINGS

Board Approved 12/18/2023

Part I Traditional Calendar Variable

Schools: ELEM/JR SR HIGH

July 2024

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August 2024

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December 2024 (79)

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January 2025

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February 2025

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April 2025

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May 2025

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June 2025 (92)

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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): 5/28/25-6/4/25
 STUDENT ATTENDANCE DAYS: 171
 TEACHER REQUIREMENT DAYS: 185
 SCHOOL STARTS 7:55 AM ENDS: 2:50 PM