



# NEWSMAKERS

Character word for January  
is "PERSEVERANCE"

JANUARY 2023

## Upcoming Events

### Winter Break

Monday, Dec. 19 -  
Tuesday, Jan. 3  
STUDENTS RETURN  
Wednesday, Jan. 4

### Girls' Basketball Class A Tourney @ Livingston Central

Monday, Jan. 9

### Boys' Basketball Class A Tourney @ Fort Campbell

Tuesday, Jan. 10

### MLK Jr. Day NO SCHOOL Monday, Jan. 16

### PTO Meeting Wednesday, Jan. 25

### Board of Education Meeting Monday, Jan. 30



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It's a Great Day  
to be a Panther!



Get all school closing  
and delay information  
first by following Supt.  
Whalen on Twitter  
**@DSSuptWhalen**

### BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION



If you see this label, use the new Box Tops app to scan your receipt. Box Tops are worth 10¢ each for our school. The app will find participating products purchased at any store and instantly add cash to our school's earnings online.

Senior basketball player **Abigail Ward** scored her **1,000th** point as a Panther on December 9 during an away game at Caldwell County. We are #PantherProud!



Recently elected School Board members took their oath of office on Jan. 3, 2023. Sworn in to 4 year terms were re-elected Vicki Allen & Wes Aussenbaugh. Re-elected Kent Dillingham was sworn in to a remaining 2 year term. Newly elected member Meredith Hyde was sworn in to a 4 year term. They'll join Carol Niswonger to round out a very committed board.



Congratulations to all of our  
Elementary and Jr./Sr. High  
School State Assessment Award  
Winners.

### ELEMENTARY PARENTS

Please put your child's name or initials in all coats, hats, etc. so items lost at school or on a bus can be returned to their owners.



Congratulations to **Jennifer Ward**, our Elementary School Principal, as she was selected by the Kentucky Association of School Administrators (KASA)

as a **2023 Kentucky Women in Education Leadership (KWEL) Cohort** member. The group is comprised of 38 school leaders who were selected through a competitive application process based on specific leadership criteria. Each leader brings a myriad of educational experiences, talent, and the desire to ensure Kentucky's children receive a world-class education.



Congratulations to the winners of our **Legislative Page for a Day** contest! The elementary



winner was **Alivia Dukes**, 5th grade, and the Jr/Sr high winner was **Shiloh Garrett**, 8th grade. Applicants wrote papers to their state congressmen expressing why they wanted them to continue

supporting FRYSC. Alivia and Shiloh have an opportunity to be chosen as a legislative page for a day in Frankfort this spring. Winners will be informed in January of this year. Best of luck to them!



Distinguished  
Honors Reserved  
Parking  
Recipients



# JANUARY EVENTS



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 New Year's Day  	2 <b>NO SCHOOL</b>	3 <b>NO SCHOOL</b> - Staff Professional Development  6:00 V G/B Basket- ball @ St. Mary's	4 <b>STUDENTS            RETURN</b>	5	6 Big Smiles Dentistry  6:00 V G/B Basket- ball @ home	7 8:00 Archery @ Cadiz  9:00 Freshman Boys Basketball @ MNHHS  6:00 V/JV Girls Bas- ketball @ Heritage Christian
8	9 6:00 V Girls All 'A' Basketball @ Living- ston Central	10 6:00 V Boys All 'A' Basketball @ Fort Campbell	11 3:15 HS SBDM Council Meeting	12  	13 6:00 V/JV Girls Bas- ketball @ home	14 9:00 Freshman Boys Basketball @ UHA  1:00 V/JV Girls Bas- ketball @ Ballard Memorial
15	16 <b>NO SCHOOL</b> Martin Luther King Jr. Day	17 6:00 V G/B Basket- ball @ CCA	18	19 6:00 V Girls Basket- ball @ UHA	20 5:30 JV/V Boys Basketball @ home	21 1:00 V G/B Basket- ball @ Cloverport
22  	23	24 6:00 V/JV Girls Bas- ketball @ home  6:00 JV/V Boys Basketball @ McLean Co.	25 6:00 PTO Meeting	26 3:30 Elementary Principal Advisory Council Meeting	27 6:00 V G/B Basket- ball @ home	28 8:00 Freshman Boys Basketball @ Web- ster Co.  5:00 Winter Wonder- land Dance
29	30 6:00 Board of Educa- tion Meeting  6:00 V/JV Girls Bas- ketball @ Ft. Camp- bell	31 6:00 V/JV Girls Bas- ketball @ home	Feb 1	2 6:00 V/JV Girls Bas- ketball @ home  6:00 JV/V Boys Basketball @ Living- ston Central	3  	4 1:00 V/JV Girls Bas- ketball @ Whitesville Trinity  2:00 JV/V Boys Basketball @ home



LUNCH

JANUARY 2023

[Enter Menu Details]

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Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

2  
Happy  
New Year

4  
Chicken Fried Steak  
or Chicken Drumstick,  
Mashed Potatoes, Green  
Beans, Roll, Fruit or  
Juice & Milk

5  
Beef & Cheese Nachos  
or Mac & Cheese, Refried  
Beans, Fiesta Veggies,  
Lettuce/Tomato Cup,  
Fruit or Juice & Milk

6  
Pizza or Corndog,  
Corn, Baby Carrots,  
Side Salad, Fruit or  
Sidekick, Cookie & Milk

9  
Grilled Cheese or Rib  
Sandwich, Tater Tots,  
Broccoli w/Cheese,  
Coleslaw, Tomato Soup,  
Fruit, or Juice & Milk

10  
Chicken Filet Sandwich or  
Spicy Chicken Sandwich,  
Baby Bakers, Glazed  
Carrots, Lettuce/Tomato,  
Fruit or Juice & Milk

11  
Chicken Fried Steak  
or Meatloaf, Mashed  
Potatoes, Green Beans,  
Roll, Fruit or Juice & Milk

12  
Hamburger or  
Cheeseburger, Fries,  
Pork-n-Beans,  
Lettuce/Tomato, Fruit or  
Juice & Milk

13  
Pizza or Corndog,  
Corn, Baby Carrots,  
Side Salad, Fruit or  
Sidekick, Cookie & Milk

16  
No  
School

17  
Rotini w/Garlic Bread,  
or Meatball Sub, Baby  
Bakers, Corn on the Cob,  
Side Salad, Fruit or  
Juice & Milk

18  
Chicken Fried Steak  
or Chicken Drumstick,  
Mashed Potatoes, Green  
Beans, Roll, Fruit or  
Juice & Milk

19  
Chicken Fajita or Crispito  
w/Queso, Fiesta Veggies,  
Refried Beans, Salsa &  
Chips, Fruit or Juice & Milk

20  
Pizza or Corndog,  
Corn, Baby Carrots,  
Side Salad, Fruit or  
Sidekick, Cookie & Milk

23  
Chili, Chili Dog or  
Hotdog, Baked Potato  
Coleslaw, Fritos, Fruit  
or Juice & Milk

24  
Lasagna w/Garlic Bread,  
or Calzone w/Marinara,  
Corn on the Cob, Broccoli  
w/Cheese, Side Salad,  
Fruit or Juice & Milk

25  
Chicken Fried Steak  
or Turkey, Mashed  
Potatoes, Green Beans,  
Roll, Fruit or Juice & Milk

26  
Tacos or Chicken  
Quesadilla, Fiesta  
Veggies, Refried Beans,  
Salsa & Chips, Fruit or  
Juice & Milk

27  
Pizza or Corndog,  
Corn, Baby Carrots,  
Side Salad, Fruit or  
Sidekick, Cookie & Milk

30  
Chicken Tenders  
w/Roll or Buffalo Chicken  
Wrap, Broccoli w/Cheese,  
Tater Tots, Carrots  
w/Ranch, Fruit or  
Juice & Milk

31  
Chicken Alfredo w/Garlic  
Bread, or Rib Sandwich,  
Peas & Carrots, Broccoli  
w/Cheese, Side Salad,  
Fruit or Juice & Milk

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

Daily Lunch Menu Items Include:

All of these options come with  
Vegetable, Fruit & Milk

Ham & Cheese Croissant Sandwich w/ Chips

Yogurt or Beef Sticks, String Cheese Stick, Muffin & Cheez-its

Ham or Turkey & Cheese Wrap w/Chips

Pizza Lunchable

Chef Salad w/Roll

This Institution is an equal opportunity provider

\*Menu is subject to change without notice\*

# January Birthdays



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> Brantley Moore   James Schultz	<b>2</b> 	<b>3</b> Kayda Heggen John Monnett Holden Reaume Isaac Hannah	<b>4</b> Raelee Poe Laiken Edwards	<b>5</b> Ellie Brown	<b>6</b> 	<b>7</b> Aaron Peters
<b>8</b> Peyton Moore Braelynn Vincent   Bailey Dyer	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> Samuel Duke Adam Embry Aliahna Gray Leviathan Blanton	<b>11</b> Gracie Barnett Braelynn Adams	<b>12</b> Leighton Chapple		
<b>15</b> Audrey McCoy Pearlina Hoffhines Jakob Purdy	<b>16</b> Logan Halverson	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> 	<b>19</b> Kinslyn Southerland	<b>20</b> Kendall Adams Landon Bowen Aline Kontominas Kano Peyton	<b>21</b> Olivia Brothers Wesley Travis
<b>22</b> 	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> Leela Fields	<b>25</b> Jaydon Plunkette   Mickey Blue	<b>26</b> Grayson Brewer Zach Peters Alexis Hale Faith Keen AudriAnna Clark	<b>27</b> Jackson Petit Loy Brown	<b>28</b> Gunner Cullen Makenna Moore
<b>29</b>   Trey Blanchard	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> Stevie Bullock James Embry Kaiden Hankins Paisley Rogers	<div style="border: 1px solid purple; padding: 10px;"> <p><b>January Birthday Cake Winners</b></p> <p><b>Raelee Poe &amp; Wesley Travis</b></p> <p>Present your certificate at our Dawson Springs Dairy Queen for a <b>FREE</b> Ice Cream Cake.</p> </div>		<div style="border: 1px solid purple; padding: 10px;"> <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 Dawson Springs Dairy Queen at the time of cake purchase.</p> </div>	



# January 2023 Newsletter



Visit our Facebook Page:



Dawson Springs  
FRYSC

Coordinator: Shannon Garrett  
Assistant: Trista Peyton  
Phone: (270) 836-3428 (Ext 1326)



Please see the attached letter for our Holiday Assistance 2022 Update and Thank you. We are so thankful for the support we've received for our families!



Students needing to fulfill their Graduated Driver Licensing requirement can register for a free class (by going to

[www.kentuckysafedriver.com](http://www.kentuckysafedriver.com) and clicking on the

Alive at 25 link located under Courses or by calling 502-699-2295) that will be held on Monday, January 23rd at Dawson Springs Jr/Sr High from 4- 8 pm.



Due to scheduling issues on their part and to accommodate all of our students, Big Smiles Dental has rescheduled their visit. The elementary students will now be seen on

March 30th—31st and middle through high will be seen on April 28th. If anyone else needs their services but didn't fill out the form in time, there is still online registration available, just go to:

<https://www.myschooldentist.com/32764schsr>

Or see our FRYSC Facebook page for the direct link.



What: Tornado Recovery Support Group

When: Thursday, January 5th @ 6 pm

Where: Dawson Springs High School Library

Why: To enjoy fellowship and strengthen recovery

A meal will be provided & the community is welcome.



Little Sisters of Hopkins County is a ministry of Abundant Grace Fellowship in Madisonville. They supply hygiene items to students in need. Many teachers have the application in the students' google classrooms but you are welcome to call FRYSC for assistance.



Cool weather is on the way!

**Remember to label coats and jackets!**





The FRYSC's Holiday Assistance Program begins in October with student referrals. The program first offers assistance to families with food for Thanksgiving. Together with our amazing students who collected 2,440 food items during the Food Drive, we provided turkey, traditional Thanksgiving meal items and additional groceries to 30 families. Our overflow was donated to our local DAPS Food Pantry.

Next, 140 students were supplied with Christmas gifts. 118 of those were adopted by members of the community or provided for by monetary donations. Additionally, an anonymous donor sponsored 24 students to attend the Shop With A Cop event. These students enjoyed a pizza party after school, then were transported to Princeton Walmart to shop for items on their wish list. They practiced budgeting techniques and got some life skills

experience as well as having a wonderful time. They were escorted by the Dawson Springs Police Department and were matched up with volunteers from our school and community who made it a wonderful experience for our kids.

From October until the last day before Christmas break this program shows the kindness and generosity of our community as well as those living elsewhere that wanted to be a part of the blessing. An estimate of over \$34,000 in funds and in-kind donations have been graciously given to our students and families.

The needs of this program have to be filled anonymously, and if these families could thank you personally they would. We wish we could bottle up all the smiles and happy tears, and deliver them to you. There are no words to adequately express how much your acts of kindness mean, but on behalf of the Family Resource & Youth Services Center and the students and families of Dawson Springs Independent Schools, THANK YOU. Your time and gifts will ease burdens, warm hearts and help bring a joyful Christmas, and we know that's why you gave.

Our hope for you is that your good deeds return to you and your family in the coming days, and that you enjoy a Merry Christmas and joyous New Year.

Thank you to the following volunteers:

Dawson Springs Police Department  
 Chief Mike Opalek  
 School Resource Office Jim Sadler  
 Captain Lance Nosbusch  
 Abby Garrett

Aime Thomas  
 Amber Parker  
 Deborah Rose  
 Ellie Garrett  
 Elizabeth Robinson

Mary Morgan  
 Kristin Merrill  
 Melissa Dulin  
 Paulette Gray  
 Shiloh Garrett

Thank you to the following donors:

Abby Ward  
 Amanda Lawley  
 Amanda McLemore  
 Anita Pettit  
 Amber Parker  
 Amber West  
 Andy & Keila Schultz  
 Bailey Dyer  
 Beauty Shop On the Square :Lindsey, Michelle, Carly,  
 Shelby, Cheryl, Julie, Alyssa, Cassie & Stephanie  
 Brenda & Rick Riney  
 Brittany Randolph

Brittany Sherman  
 Btittney Dever  
 Carlos & Angie Lewis  
 Charity Earl  
 Christy Bruch  
 Cole & Lauren Cunningham  
 David & Jamie Thorpe  
 Dawson Springs Cafeteria Staff: Jeannie Blanchard, Trey  
 Blanchard, Tami Pritt, Cindi Howton, Amy Hunter, Amanda  
 Davis, Tammy Marcum, Lora Davis & Angel Embry  
 Dawson Springs Elementary Staff: Jennifer Ward, Paulette Gray,  
 Kristin Merrill, Laura James, Melissa Dulin, Jamie Thorpe,  
 Spencer Spratt, Zack Willett & Schuyler Storms

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Dawson Springs Kindergarten Class  
 Dawson Springs Middle School  
 Dawson Springs PTO  
 Dawson Springs Professional Women's Club  
 Dawson Springs Senior Beta Club  
 Debra Suttle  
 Don & Joyce Garrett  
 Donna Faye Parker  
 Doug & Linda Hartline  
 Dr & Mrs. William Scott  
 Emily & Brandon Riney  
 Erin Purdy  
 Felisha Short  
 First Baptist Church  
 First Christian Church  
 First United Methodist Women of Dawson Springs  
 Franklin Hunt  
 Ginger & Steve Peeples  
 Ginny Watts  
 Greg & Melinda Coates  
 Jahn & Chris Smiley  
 Jeff & Christy Winfrey  
 Jeremiah Adams  
 Kammie Jackson  
 Karen Jones  
 Kathy Nichols  
 Kathy & Donnie Ramey  
 Kayla Johnson  
 Kendra Sweatt  
 Kenneth & Marie Sweatt  
 Kent & Donna Dillingham  
 Kristi & Robin Huddleston  
 Kristin & Corey Merrill  
 Lesa Faughender  
 Lexi Shumaker  
 Logan & Charisse Pace  
 Lori Vaughn  
 Lori Wooten  
 Marcella & Joey McCuiston  
 Mechanical Consultants Inc.  
 Melissa Gobin  
 Melissa Skinner  
 Meredith Hyde  
 Missy Johnson  
 Order of the Eastern Star Of Dawson Springs # 135  
 Paul & Renee Copeland  
 Paulette Gray  
 Planters Bank: Anita Black, Dotty Howton, Misty Lowery, Lisa Merrill, Debbie Reynolds & Martha Woolsey  
 Princeton Dotson Park Board  
 Princeton Rotary Club  
 Primitive Baptist Church  
 Reed & Savannah Smiley  
 Resurrection Catholic Church  
 Riley Jo Dever  
 Robert Cummins  
 Sherry Lanham  
 Sherry & Dennis Crook & the Madisonville Elks Lodge  
 Sierra McKinney  
 Steven & Shannon Parker  
 Tana Roberts  
 Tony & Mary Copeland  
 Tracy Collins  
 Trista & Andy Peyton  
 Vicki Allen  
 Wayne & Rhonda Simpson  
 Wendy Hardwick  
 Wes & Kelly Bugg  
 Willie & Darla Adams  
 Woodburn's Pharmacy

With heartfelt gratitude and joy,  
 Shannon Garrett, FRYSC Coordinator  
 Trista Peyton, FRYSC Assistant



**GREEN  
TREE  
PLASTICS**

# ABC PROMISE PARTNERSHIP



## ACCEPTABLE PLASTIC CAPS & LIDS

ANY PLASTIC CAP/LID WITH A RECYCLE NUMBER OF



**CAPS must be CLEAN and DRY**

**Any Drink Bottle Caps**  
*(soda, water, juice, tea, sports drinks)*

**Applesauce Pouch Caps**

**Baby Food Caps**

**Deodorant Caps**

**Detergent Caps**

*(White foam gasket and labels must be removed)*

**Flip-Top Caps**

**Hair Spray Caps**

**Marker Caps**

**Milk Jug Caps**

**Ointment Tube Caps**

**Medicine Bottle Caps**

*(Prescription & OTC / paper info packets and any cardboard must be removed)*

**Plastic Sheeting Spool Caps**

**Spout Caps**

**Shampoo/Conditioner Caps**

**Spray Paint Caps**

**Toothpaste Tube Caps**

**Water Bottle Caps**

**Cool Whip Lids**

**Ice Cream Bucket Lids**

*(8" and under)*

**Peanut Butter Jar Lids**

**Cottage Cheese Lids**

**Cream Cheese Lids**

**Butter Lids**

**Coffee Can Lids**

**Mayonnaise Jar Lids**

**Nestea Lids**

**Yogurt Lids**

**Pringles Lids**



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our YouTube channel.



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Information**

## These items are NOT ACCEPTABLE:

**Medicine "BOTTLES"**  
*(prescription or OTC bottles are not acceptable)*

**the actual drink "BOTTLES"**  
*(bottles are a different kind of plastic than the caps)*

**any Cap with a Silicon Lining**  
*(from chemicals/cleaners, this would include some  
bleach and motor oil caps)*

**"Pumps & Trigger Sprayers"**  
*(soap/lotion pumps, they may be plastic, but they have  
pieces inside them that are not acceptable)*

**"Fast-Food Drink Lids"**  
*(these are the wrong type of plastic. This includes fast-food cup lids  
& coffee drink lids, as well as the lids from deli items at Wal-Mart)*

**"Bags"**  
*(Plastic Ziplock bags or Grocery Bags)*

**Any "Food" Container**  
*(even if the plastic recycle number is a 2, 4 or 5)*

**K-Cups, Straws, Medical Supplies,  
plastic pieces that are not a lid/cap**

**NEVER ANY METAL,  
TRASH or DIRTY CAPS!**

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2022-2023 SCHOOL CALENDAR

District: Dawson Springs

\*There is a potential that the calendar for next school year may have to be modified, shortened fall break.

Part I  Traditional Calendar  Variable Calendar Schools: Elem/Jr Sr High

July 2022

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December 2022

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January 2023

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February 2023

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March 2023

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April 2023

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May 2023

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June 2023

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PD days 8/3 - 8/5/22 & 1/3/23 Staff Opening Day 8/9 Staff Closing Day 5/22 Students 1<sup>st</sup> day 8/10 Graduation 5/19  
 Break days 10/3-10/7, 11/23, 11/25, 12/19-1/2, 1/16, 4/3-4/7 Holidays 9/5, 11/24, 12/23 & 12/30 (7/4, 1/16, 5/29)  
 Flex days (Break, PD or Make-up) 3/20 Make-up Days 5/23-6/2