



NEWSMAKERS

The Character word for April is "FAIRNESS"



APRIL 2024

Upcoming Events

Elementary SBDM Council Meeting
Thursday, April 4

Spring Break
Monday, April 8 - Friday, April 12

HS SBDM Council Meeting
Wednesday, April 10

Board of Education Meeting
Monday, April 22



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It's a Great Day to be a Panther!



Graduation for the Class of 2024 is scheduled for Friday, May 31, 2024.

Carissa Shaver was recognized at the March 25 Board of Education meeting for completing the requirements to graduate from our DSHS Access Academy. Congratulations!



Get all school updates first by following Supt. Whalen on "X" @DSSuptWhalen



Spruce Up Dawson Springs

The annual DSCS Spruce Up Dawson Springs (SUDS) is Friday, April 19. **Community volunteers are needed!** Contact Shannon or Trista at the FRYSC office @ 270-797-3811 x1326 and get involved!



2024-25 APPLICATION FOR OUT OF DISTRICT STUDENT ADMISSION

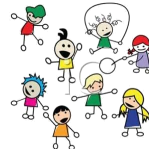
An Out of District Application for Admission is required for all students living outside the Dawson Springs district. The district boundaries are the four bridges leading out of town. Completed forms must be submitted to the Board of Ed. Office to reserve placement for the 2024-25 school year. A form is included on page 9.



In 2023, Madisonville Community College began an annual regional recognition for teachers with an "Excellence in Teaching Award." MCC is currently asking for nominations of teachers who demonstrate exceptional skills and dedication to the profession. These exceptional teachers also work to inspire their students and motivate them to achieve at the highest level possible. See page 5 for nomination guidelines.

Preschool Screenings

Screening appointments for the 2024-25 school year for the Little Panther Academy will begin soon. If you have a child turning 3 by August 1, 2024, and are interested in them attending the DS Preschool, please contact Melissa Dulin at 270-797-3811 x1005 or by email at melissa.dulin@dawsonsprings.kyschools.us for your child to be included on the list for the screenings. See page 6 for additional info.



Junior/Senior Prom

The DS Jr./Sr. Prom will be held on Saturday, April 20, in the HS Gymnasium. The Grand March & Presentation of Attendees will begin at 7:00pm. The Prom dance will begin at 9:00pm and end at 11:00pm. The Project Prom lock-in will begin at 12:00midnight and end at 5:00am. The Attire Guidelines for Prom attendees is included on page 8. Prom tickets are \$25.00/person - see Ms. Katie Griffin. Project Prom admission is \$10.00.



APRIL EVENTS



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Mar 31 Easter Sunday	Apr 1 	2	3	4 3:40 Elementary SBDM Council Mtg.	5 Career Day	6 12noon Baseball @ Trigg Co.
7	8 5:30 Softball @ Lyon Co.	9 5:00 V Baseball @ CFS	10 3:15 HS SBDM Council Meeting	11 6:00 Softball @ Russellville	12 6:00 Softball @ Fulton City	13 8:00am Archery Golf Scramble
- - - - - SPRING BREAK - - - - -						
14	15 5:30 V/JV Baseball @Hopkins Central 5:30 Softball @ Heritage Christian	16 Track @ Murray Quad Meet	17 	18 5:30 V/JV Baseball @ home 5:30 Softball @ Hopkins Central	19 Earth Day / SUDS 5:00 V Baseball @ home	20 DSHS Jr/Sr Prom 
21 	22 5:30 V/JV Baseball @ Webster Co. 6:00 Board of Educa- tion Meeting	23 5:30 V/JV Baseball @ home Track @ McCracken Co. Quad Meet	24 6:00 PTO Meeting	25 6:00 Softball @ Hopkinsville	26 Dual Credit Fall Registration 5:30 V/JV Baseball @ Mayfield	27 Track @ Murray High Invitational
28	29 5:30 V Baseball @ home	30 Track @ Caldwell Co. Senior Night	May 1	2 12noon FRYSC Advisory Council Meeting 3:40 Elementary SBDM Council Mtg. 5:30 V/JV Baseball @ HCA	3 	4 Kentucky Derby
< - - - - - Dawson Springs Mule Days - - - - - >						

APRIL 2024

Dawson Springs

This Institution is an equal opportunity provider

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

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

2

Chicken Alfredo w/Garlic Bread, or Rib Sandwich, Peas & Carrots, Cali Veggies, Side Salad, Fruit, Juice & Milk

3

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

4

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

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

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

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

17

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

18

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

19

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

22

Chicken Nuggets or General TSO's Chicken w/Rice, Tater Tots, Broccoli, Side Salad, Egg Roll, Roll, Fruit, Juice & Milk

23

Rotini w/Garlic Bread, or Meatball Sub, Potato Smiles, Corn on the Cob, Side Salad, Fruit, Juice & Milk

24

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

25

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

26

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

29

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

30

Lasagna w/Garlic Bread, or Calzone w/Marinara, Corn on the Cob, Broccoli, Side Salad, Fruit, 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: 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
 Ham or Turkey & Cheese Wrap
 Pizza Lunchable
 Chef Salad w/Roll

Menu is subject to change without notice

April Birthdays



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Maci Latham Aaden Martin Bryson Sherrill Brantley Francis Amelia Cavanah	2 Ike Dalton Colton Grable Kadi Fritz Jasper Franklin	3 happy, happy birthday to you!	4 Jennifer Miller	5 Levi West	6 Kylar Cotton
	7 Catherine Rose	8 Bralyn Cotton Bert Chappell	9 Robert Davis	10 Rosalie Smith	11 Tallie Robinson Katelynn Wainer Mason Bolin	12 Raymond Gibson
14 Noah Riley Natalie Pace Brittany Mabry	15 Kullen Colson Jordan Dame Adeline Smith	16 Shane Reynolds	17 Jackson Denton	18 Mollie Back	19	20 
21 Ethan Pacheco NeVeyah Campbell	22 Katelyn Dzikowski Levi Purdy David Carter	23 Breanna Ross Joshua Moore Kate Hannah	24 	25 Kathy Watson	26 Mackenzie Creekmur Timber Peyton Christy Darnell Lanel Morris	27 Calin Lanham
28 A.B. Ethridge	29 	30 Amanda Almon	<div style="border: 2px solid purple; padding: 10px;"> <p style="text-align: center;">April Birthday Cake Winners</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Katelynn Wainer & Timber Peyton</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Present your certificate at our DS Dairy Queen for a FREE Ice Cream Cake.</p> </div>		<div style="border: 2px solid purple; padding: 10px;"> <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> </div>	



For Immediate Release
Contact: Jay Parrent
Jay.parrent@kctcs
270-824-8571

The Second Annual Regional Education Partnership Excellence in Teaching Award
now accepting nominations

Public school partners from Caldwell, Crittenden, Dawson Springs, Hopkins, Muhlenberg, and Webster County districts along with Madisonville Community College and Murray State University-Madisonville have announced the second year of the Regional Education Partnership Excellence in Teaching awards to recognize outstanding classroom educators.

"We are thrilled to be able to host this event for a second year, which reflects our continued commitment to excellence in teaching and the critical role that teachers play in shaping the future of our communities," said Dr. Jay Parrent, of Madisonville Community College. "We hope this award will inspire educators to continue their important work and serve as a reminder of the profound impact they have on the lives of their students."

The award was created to celebrate and highlight teaching excellence in elementary, middle, and high school education. Nominees are sought who demonstrate exceptional skills and dedication to their profession and who inspire and motivate students to achieve their full potential. The colleges and school districts have been meeting regularly since 2017 to discuss issues of mutual importance, plan collaborative ventures, and refine and expand dual credit programming for students. Several key initiatives have been developed through this partnership in the subsequent years.

The window for nominations will remain open until Wednesday, April 10. To be eligible, nominees must be full-time regular classroom teachers in an elementary, middle, or high school with a minimum of three years of experience. A committee comprised of educators and administrators from each district and representatives from the colleges will select one teacher from each grade level from each district.

The award ceremony will take place on Tuesday, April 30 on the Madisonville Community College campus. For more information about the award and to nominate a teacher, please visit the college's website at <https://madisonville.kctcs.edu/community/regional-education-partnership-award.aspx> or check the college and partner schools' social media accounts.

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North Campus
2000 College Drive
Madisonville, KY 42431

Health Sciences Campus
750 N. Laffoon Street
Madisonville, KY 42431

Technology Campus
150 School Avenue
Madisonville, KY 42431

Muhlenberg Campus
406 West Everly Brothers Boulevard
Central City, KY 42330

P: (270) 821-2250 • madisonville.kctcs.edu



LITTLE PANTHER ACADEMY PRE-K SCREENINGS

April 23rd & 24th, 2024
DS Preschool Classrooms
317 Eli Street, Dawson Springs, KY, 42408



Any child 3 years old on or before
August 1, 2024, is eligible to be screened.

**** By appointment only ****

To schedule an appointment

Contact Melissa Dulin at

270-797-3811 ext 1005

melissa.dulin@dawsonsprings.kyschools.us

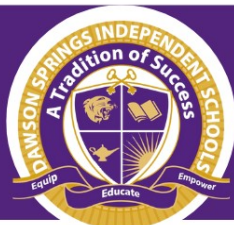


Be sure to bring:

1. An OFFICIAL Birth Certificate
2. A Social Security Card
3. A current Immunization Certificate
4. A physical exam
5. An eye exam



April 2024



FRYSC NEWSLETTER

Family Resource & Youth Service Center

Dawson Springs High School 2024

Job Fair

We will have several local businesses on-site with information and applications including:

- retail
- food industry
- state park
- factories
- healthcare
- law enforcement
- military
- education and more



Friday, April 5th
@ 1-2 pm
In the High School Lobby

JUNIORS & SENIORS

Brought to you by
FRYSC & Guidance



CITY OF DAWSON TORNADO FUNDING

Scan here:



Qualifying Information

Application



Contact FRYSC:
Phone (270) 797-3811
Ext 1326
or visit our
Facebook page:
Dawson Springs FRYSC

PROM ATTIRE GUIDELINES

BOYS:

- ◆ Tuxedo, suit or sport coat & tie are required.
- ◆ NO jeans or ball caps, sock hats, toboggans.
- ◆ Khakis or Dress pants ARE allowed. Shorts are NOT permitted.
 - ◆ Boys will keep their shirt on at all times.
- ◆ Dancing only in a vest or undershirt will not be allowed.



GIRLS:

- ◆ Dress length for short dresses - No shorter than half way between finger tips and the top of the knees when arms are extended at sides.
- ◆ Neckline - No plunging necklines-cannot be below the bra line. If plunging occurs, mesh or flesh colored material must cover the open space.
- ◆ Slits may extend to half way between finger tips and the top of the knees when arms are extended at sides.
 - ◆ 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 mid-line (seam) on each side of the dress. Any openings can be covered with mesh or flesh colored material to meet guidelines.
 - ◆ Two-piece dresses - The top and bottom must meet.

IF IN DOUBT, TAKE A PICTURE AND BRING IT IN FOR APPROVAL. BE SURE TO GET CLEAR PICTURES OF THE AREA(S) OF CONCERN.

CONTACT MR. MARSHALL WITH ANY QUESTIONS.



**Prom is
Saturday, April 20**



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

2023-2024 SCHOOL CALENDAR

Board Approved 1/30/23, Amended 12/18/23, 1/29/24.

District: DAWSON SPRINGS

Part I Traditional Calendar Variable

Schools: ELEM/JR SR HIGH

July 2023

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September 2023 (74)

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Emergency closing 10/18/23 – gas leak

November 2023

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December 2023 (74)

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Weather closing 1/16-19

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Make-up day 2/16

March 2024

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Make-up day 3/15

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Make-up days 5/28-30, Staff 5/31

June 2024 (96)

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PD DAYS (9): 8/16, 17, 18, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25 & 28/23

OPEN & CLOSE (2): 8/29/23 & 5/31/24

HOLIDAYS (4): 9/4/23, 11/23/23, 12/25/23 & 1/1/24 (7/4, 1/15, 5/27)

FLEX/ BREAK DAYS (1): 2/16/24, 3/15/24

STUDENTS FIRST DAY: 8/30/23

GRADUATION: 5/31/24

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

FALL BREAK (2): 10/12 & 10/13/23

SPRING BREAK (5): 4/8-4/12/24

MAKE-UP DAYS (8): 2/16, 3/15, 5/28-6/7/24

STUDENT ATTENDANCE DAYS: 170

TEACHER REQUIREMENT DAYS: 185

STUDENTS LAST DAY: 5/30/24

CLOSINGS: 10/18/23, 1/16-19/24

2024-2025 SCHOOL CALENDAR

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Board Approved 12/18/2023

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