



NEWSMAKERS

The Character word for October
is "COOPERATION"

OCTOBER 2023

Upcoming Events

Picture Day
Thurs., Oct. 5
(Retakes 10/26)

PTO Fall Festival
Friday, Oct. 6

FALL BREAK
Oct. 12 - 13

KY Safe Schools Week
Oct. 15 - 21

PTO Window Painting
Friday, Oct. 20

Red Ribbon Week
Oct. 23 - 31

Board of Education Meeting
Monday, Oct. 30



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It's a Great Day to be a Panther!

Red Ribbon Week takes place each year from October 23 - 31. This year's theme is "Be Kind To Your Mind. Live Drug Free.™" submitted by Danielle Helm, a Youth Service Coordinator from Russell County Middle School in Russell Springs, Kentucky. Daily themes & dress will be announced and FRYSC will be sponsoring several activities. Please encourage your children to participate and commit to a drug-free lifestyle.



Stay involved in your student's learning and activities with the **Parent Square** app! More info on page 6.



REMINDER!!

All students participating in Fall Sports & Open Gym **MUST** have a current sports physical on file.

Track your child's grades, attendance & more through the **Infinite Campus** website or mobile app. Campus Student and Campus Parent are available at the App Store and at Google Play. See pg.10 or contact your school office for more info.



Please put your child's name or initials in all items of clothing - hats, coats, mittens, etc. - so if a student loses or leaves an item somewhere at school, it can be returned to the owner.

Parents who plan to **chaperone** PTO Activities, Field Trips, or other school events, **must** have a **Volunteer Background Check** on file. Forms are available at the Board Office. The cost is \$25 active for 2 years. Not sure if a previous background check has expired? Contact Crystal at the DS Board Office @ 270-797-3811, option #5.

Get all school information first, including closings & delays, by following Supt. Whalen on X (formerly Twitter) **@DSSuptWhalen**



WE NEED SUBS!
See pg. 2 for positions, pay, application site and other info.

It's Picture Day on Thursday, Oct. 5!
Information to preview and purchase is on pages 7-8.



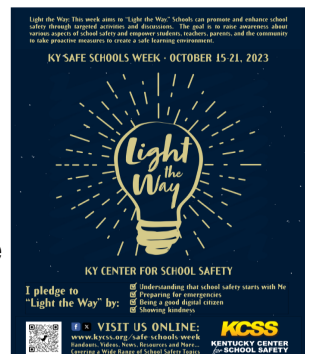
K-12 Voluntary Student Accident Insurance
Bollinger Specialty Group offers all Dawson Springs students optional accident insurance at a minimal cost to parents. Additional info is included on page 11.

If your child doesn't have health insurance, you may qualify for **Kentucky Children's Health Insurance Program**. See page 9 for details. Go to kid-shealth.ky.gov or call (877) 524-4718 – because every child needs health insurance.



The Kentucky Center for School Safety announces this year's **Kentucky Safe Schools Week**, is set for October 15-21, 2023. This year's theme is "Light the Way." Schools can promote and enhance school safety through targeted activities and discussions.

The goal is to raise awareness about various aspects of school safety and empower students, teachers, parents, and the community to take proactive measures to create a safe learning environment.



Light the Way! This week aims to "Light the Way" Schools can promote and enhance school safety through targeted activities and discussions. The goal is to raise awareness about various aspects of school safety and empower students, teachers, parents, and the community to take proactive measures to create a safe learning environment.

KY SAFE SCHOOLS WEEK - OCTOBER 15-21, 2023

KY CENTER FOR SCHOOL SAFETY

I pledge to "Light the Way" by:

- Understanding that school safety starts with Me
- Preparing for emergencies
- Being a good digital citizen
- Showing kindness

VISIT US ONLINE:
www.kcscs.org/safe-schools-week
Education, Safety, News, Resources and More...
Creating a Wide Range of School Safety Tools

KCSS KENTUCKY CENTER FOR SCHOOL SAFETY



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The Mission of the Dawson Springs Independent School District is to educate, equip, and empower every student to be transition ready, college and/or career ready, and life ready.

Board of Education

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Carol Niswonger
Kent Dillingham
Meredith Hyde

Superintendent

Leonard Whalen

Help Wanted!

Would you like to work on the same calendar as your kids?

The Dawson Springs Independent Schools is seeking quality, hardworking, positive individuals in the following areas:

- *Substitute classroom teachers (Starting at \$80 - \$90+ a day)
- *Substitute classroom teacher aides (Starting at \$11 hour)
- *Substitute custodians (Starting at \$11 hour)
- *Substitute foodservice workers (Starting at \$10 hour)

(**Pay could be higher based on prior verifiable work experience)

If you may be interested in any of these positions you can call the Dawson Springs Board of Education at 270-797-3811 (extension 5) for more information.

AND/OR

To fill out an application, please visit the following website:

<https://dawsonspg.tedk12.com/hire/Index.aspx>

Paid Onboarding:

If offered a potential position, the school district will pay the costs for the physical exam, background checks, drug test, etc. There should be minimal to no out of pocket expenses for the applicant.

OCTOBER EVENTS



| SUN | MON | TUE | WED | THU | FRI | SAT |
|--|--|---|--|---|--|--|
| Oct 1  | 2 | 3 | 4  | 5 Picture Day Elementary Principal Advisory Council Meeting | 6 PTO Fall Festival & Senior Chili Supper | 7 Cross Country @ Daviess Co. Classic |
| 8 | 9  | 10 | 11 Jostens for Class Rings & Jacket sizing 3:15 HS SBDM Council Meeting | - - - - FALL BREAK - - - -  | | 14 Cross Country @ Graves Co. Eagles Classic |
| 15 | 16 5:30 7/8 Boys' Bas- ketball @ Caldwell Co. 6:00 7/8 Girls' Bas- ketball @ home | 17 6:00 7/8 Girls' Bas- ketball @ home | 18  | 19 6:00 7/8 Girls' Bas- ketball @ home | 20 PTO Window Painting PTO Halloween Costume Dance MS 5:00-7:00 HS 7:30-9:30 | 21 Cross Country Regionals |
| - - - - - KY Safe Schools Week - - - - - | | | | | | |
| 22  | 23 5:30 7/8 Boys' Bas- ketball @ South Hopkins | 24 Junior Class Fund- raiser: Auntie Anne's @ the Square 11-4 6:00 7/8 Boys' Bas- ketball @ home 6:00 7/8 Girls' Bas- ketball @ Lyon Co. | 25 6:00 PTO Meeting | 26 Picture Retakes 6:00 8 G/B Basket- ball @ home | 27  | 28 National ACT in DSHS MPR Cross Country State |
| - - - - - Red Ribbon Week - - - - - | | | | | | |
| 29 ... - - - - - Red Ribbon Week - - - - - | 30 6:00 Board of Education Meeting | 31 Halloween | Nov 1  | 2 Elementary Principal Advisory Council Meeting 5:30 8 G/B Basket- ball @ West Hopkins | 3 5:00 Moonlight Madness | 4  |

OCTOBER 2023

Dawson Springs

This Institution is an equal opportunity provider

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

2
Chicken Tenders w/Roll or Buffalo Chicken Wrap, Tater Tots, Broccoli, Carrots w/Ranch, Fruit or Juice & Milk

3
Chicken Alfredo w/Garlic Bread, or Rib Sandwich, Peas & Carrots, Cali Veggies, Side Salad, Fruit or Juice & Milk

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, 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
FALL BREAK

16
Chicken Nuggets or General TSO's Chicken w/Rice, Tater Tots, Stir Fry Veggies, Side Salad, Roll, Fruit or Juice & Milk

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

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

25
Chicken Fried Steak or Turkey Roast, 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, Tater Tots, Broccoli, Carrots w/Ranch, Fruit or Juice & Milk

31
Chicken Alfredo w/Garlic Bread, or Rib Sandwich, Peas & Carrots, Cali Veggies, 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

- Yogurt or Beef Sticks, String Cheese Stick, Muffin & Cheez-its
- Ham & Cheese Sandwich
- Ham or Turkey & Cheese Wrap
- Pizza Lunchable
- Chef Salad w/Roll

Menu is subject to change without notice



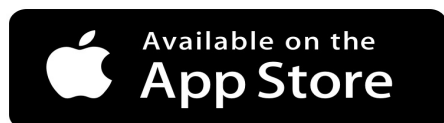
October Birthdays

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat | |
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| 1 Amaurie Phillips | 2 Arianna Robinson | 3 Olivia Hines Caleb Esposito Bentley Littlepage Stephanie Clayton | 4 Matthew Stanley Nikolas DiNovo | 5  | 6 Addison Pleasant Steven Pleasant Kason Key | 7 Elizabeth Garrett Aubrie Hickerson | |
| 8 Brett Reynolds | 9 Kelbie Massey Alexander Marcum | 10 Graclyn Haynes Chyenne Earl | 11 Riley Buntin Kenyada Neyhart Ara-Bella Blanton Erin Woolsey | 12 | 13 Kimber Ladd | 14 Tyler Miles Miracle Ray Stephen Clark | |
| 15 Hailey Goodaker | 16  | 17 Jacob Embry Kalyn Cotton Jillian Young Lori Vaughn | 18 Jeremy Kutella Bruce Crowe Makynsleigh Jacobs Lennon Fisher Tammy Marcum | 19 | 20 Hailey Oldham Abigail Loney | 21 Easton Toone Luke Robinson | |
| 22 | 23 Madalyn Wigley Jeannie Blanchard | 24 Lilly Felker Taylin Putty Jayclyn Trotter | 25 Kameron Tackett Ivy Toone | 26  | 27 Micah Frankel Cindi Howton | 28 Destiny Travis Annalese Dillon Lexy Blanton | |
| 29 | 30 Bryson Coggins Abbelene Steeley Paxton Phelps | 31 Jennifer Overby | <p>October Birthday Cake Winners Jacob Embry & Abbelene Steeley Present your cake certificate at our Dawson Springs Dairy Queen for a FREE Ice Cream Cake.</p> | | | <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 local Dairy Queen at the time of purchase.</p> | |



Download the ParentSquare app today!

Stay involved with your child's
learning and activities at school.
From anywhere.





Picture Day

a whole new way

A new school portrait experience designed by you, for you.



- Preview your pictures before you buy
- Buy only what you want
- Personalize your photos with a variety of backgrounds and add text
- Photos ship directly to home
- High-res digital downloads
- If you have more than one child, you can order everything together and pay only once



Our "Green Screen" technology allows you to personalize backgrounds.

But it makes green clothing disappear into the background.

Don't wear green for picture day please!

Get ready for Picture Day!

DAWSON SPRINGS HIGH SCHOOL

EVENT CODE: FE155523

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 05, 2023
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2023 - RETAKE

Preview, personalize and pay at **jostenspix.com**

1. PREVIEW

VIEW YOUR PHOTOS ONLINE | A FEW DAYS AFTER PICTURE DAY AT **JOSTENSPIX.COM**



CREATE AN ACCOUNT

For immediate access to your student's photos, use the email address you provided to your school.



PREVIEW YOUR PHOTOS

If you don't see your photos in the gallery, go to Find Your Student and enter your event code.

2. PERSONALIZE

CHOOSE FROM A VARIETY OF BACKGROUNDS AND PERSONALIZE WITH YOUR STUDENT'S NAME



3. PAY

BUY ONLY THE PHOTOS YOU WANT | NOTHING MORE, NOTHING LESS.

Photos are shipped directly to you!

ORDER AT
JOSTENSPIX.COM

FOR QUESTIONS, PLEASE CALL 1-877-515-1447

KIDS ARE DARING



GOOD THING WE'VE
GOT THEM COVERED.



Kentucky Children's Health Insurance Program

Your child may qualify for free or low-cost health insurance through the Kentucky Children's Health Insurance Program (KCHIP).

KCHIP is for children younger than 19 years old whose family meets certain income guidelines. Families who qualify are usually in the middle to low income range.

Children enrolled in KCHIP are covered for:

- doctors' visits
- hospital stays and emergency services
- mental health services
- lab tests and X-rays
- prescription drugs
- immunizations
- speech therapy
- health screenings
- dental, hearing and eye checkups

Applying is easy. A face-to-face interview is not required. To apply for KCHIP:

- request an application by phone by calling toll-free (877) KCHIP-18
- print a mail-in application online at kidshealth.ky.gov
- apply in person at your local Community Based Services office

For help filling out your application, call toll-free (877) KCHIP-18 (877-524-4718).

Para asistencia en español,
Llame al 1-800-662-5397.
Las llamadas son gratuitas.

Parents & Students, information is at your fingertips.

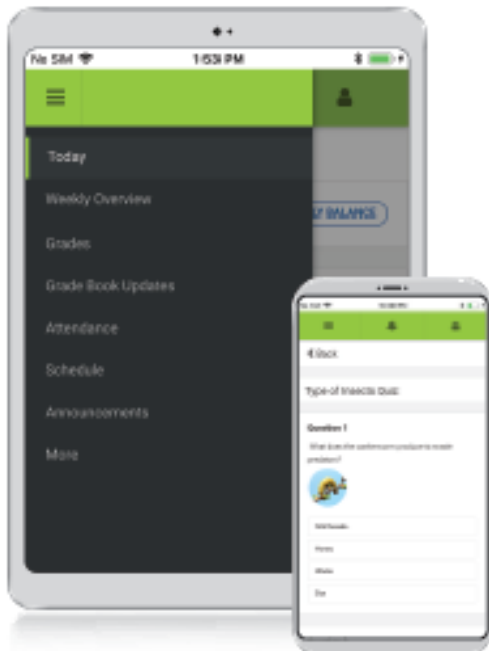


Access on the Web Campus Student and Campus Parent

Campus Student and Campus Parent are designed to provide real-time access to student information. The easy-to-use design displays what is currently happening in the classroom so you can understand, monitor, and participate in the educational process.

- » Announcements
- » Assignments
- » Attendance
- » Grades
- » Schedules

AND



Download the Mobile App Campus Student and Campus Parent

Announcements

Quickly see district announcements as they are posted.

Assignments

Browse assignments by specific class or due date.

Attendance

Review attendance events in summary and detail form.

Grades

Immediate access to grades as they are posted.

Schedule

Review schedule from anywhere, at any time.



Infinite Campus Mobile Apps can be downloaded through the Apple App Store or Google Play Store



Learn more at
infinitecampus.com/parents-students

K-12 Voluntary Student Accident Insurance

AVAILABLE COVERAGE OPTIONS

Depending on which program your school provides, some or all of the following voluntary insurance products are available for purchase on a voluntary basis:

- School time only student accident insurance
- 24-hour accident coverage
- Student dental accident insurance

KIDS WILL BE KIDS

1. Make sure your child is properly covered against unforeseen accidents.
2. Purchase coverage at your convenience from any computer.
3. Follow the easy step-by-step instructions and you're done in minutes!



These voluntary participation student accident insurance plans offered through your school can be purchased easily online at:

www.BollingerSchools.com

OFFICE LOCATION

200 Jefferson Park, Whippany, NJ 07981

BollingerSchools.com



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Board Approved 1/30/2023

Part I Traditional Calendar Variable

Schools: ELEM/JR SR HIGH

July 2023

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September 2023 (74)

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December 2023 (74)

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March 2024

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April 2024

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June 2024 (96)

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

OPEN & CLOSE (2): 8/29/23 & 5/28/24

HOLIDAYS (4): 9/4/23, 11/23/23, 12/25/23 & 1/1/24 (74,115,327)

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

STUDENTS FIRST DAY: 8/30/23

STUDENTS LAST DAY/GRADUATION: 5/24/24

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

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

MAKE-UP DAYS (8): 5/29-6/7/24

STUDENT ATTENDANCE DAYS: 170

TEACHER REQUIREMENT DAYS: 185

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

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Date Posted: July 1, 2023

Public Notice Dawson Springs Board of Education Notice of Non-Discrimination

Students, their families, employees and potential employees of the Dawson Springs Independent School District are hereby notified that the Dawson Springs Independent School District does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, religion, marital status, sex or disability in employment, vocational programs offerings, admissions criteria, or activities as set forth in compliance with federal and state statutes and regulations.

The Dawson Springs Independent School District system offers the following career and technical education programs for all students regardless of race, color, national origin, including those with limited English proficiency, sex or disability in grades 9-12.

- Consumer and Family Services
- Early Childhood Education
- Administrative Support
- Information Support and Services

Persons seeking further information concerning the career and technical education offerings and specific pre-requisite criteria should contact:

Todd Marshall
Principal
Dawson Springs High School
317 Eli Street
Dawson Springs, KY 42408
(270) 797-3811

Inquiries regarding nondiscrimination policies should be directed to:

Leonard Whalen
Superintendent
Dawson Springs Independent Schools
118 East Arcadia Avenue
Dawson Springs, KY 42408
(270) 797-3811

Additional courses are offered in partnership with Madisonville Community College and Murray State University. Questions concerning admission requirements can be addressed by calling MCC at (270) 821-2250 and MSU at (270) 809-268

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