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CALENDAR of EVENTS

01/15 Martin Luther King Day

NO SCHOOL

01/16 SAC Meeting 4:00

01/17 PTO Meeting 9:30

01/18 DCE Talent Show 6:30

01/23&25 Publix Math Nights

(see attached flyer p.3)

Tuesday: Gr. K-2 3:30-6:00

Thursday: Gr. 3-5 3:30-6:00

01/25 Character Counts Celebration 9:00 a.m.

01/29 In-service day

(NO SCHOOL for students)

Ms. Fuller's Message

Dear Durbin Families,

Happy New Year! I hope everyone had wonderful, relaxing break. I enjoyed time in North Carolina with my kids, where we did some hiking, snow tubing, and even some kayaking. It was definitely good to get back to some warmer weather- even if it was only by a few degrees. I want to thank everyone for all of the goodies and gifts which have been shared with us in the office- we are truly blessed to be supported by so many amazing families.

We are welcoming some new faces here at Durbin this semester, both in staff and students. We are welcoming Mrs. LaVerne Walker as our new Assistant Principal. Mrs. Miller had an opportunity at a new school and we wish her all the best at her new location. We welcomed 12 new students yesterday, and several other families are registering later this week. We look forward to a wonderful second half of the school year!

Angie Fuller

Ms. Fuller



OASIS NEWS

PARENTS: PLEASE check your child's account balance. **Sign up on PayPams** for reminders of low balance and track what your child is choosing to buy!

PayPams is found on JCPSD website or Oasis webpage.

Our Mission:

Making positive contributions to society by expanding minds to explore our expanding world.

Introducing: Assistant Principal LaVerne Walker

LaVerne Walker began her career in education as a corporate trainer for the Xerox Corporation, later serving students as first grade primary reading teacher, and fifth grade teacher. The most rewarding job she ever had was as a stay-at-home mom, or as she likes to call it: domestic engineer. She served as PTA president and secretary of the county PTA board. When her second child entered middle school, Mrs. Walker returned to teaching.

Her daughter works in Public Relations in North Carolina and her son and daughter-in-law are both classical musicians and perform and teach in New York City. She loves to read and can often be heard humming and singing throughout the day. Spending time with family, friends and her kitty, Nikki, are very important to her.

Mrs. Walker loves learning and earned a Bachelor of Science in Sociology, a Master of Teaching and a Master of School Administration. She served as an assistant principal in North Carolina before moving to Virginia where she served as principal at two different schools. She also served as a School Improvement Specialist. Due to a career advancement for her husband, Mrs. Walker moved to Florida in 2014. She loves living in St. Johns County and working with St. Johns students, teachers and parents! Mrs. Walker has served as assistant principal at Crookshank and South Woods elementary schools. "Educating Every Child, Every Day, in Every Way!" is her personal motto and she believes that school is a place where every child is supported to be the best that he or she can be.

Mrs. Walker is excited to join Durbin Creek and will work hard to fulfill the school's vision to develop an atmosphere where students develop a strong desire to learn, excel, and develop excellent character.

Please help welcome Mrs. Walker here to DCE!



NOW IS THE TIME TO ORDER YEARBOOKS!!

DCES Yearbooks are now on sale! To order yours today, visit

www.yearbookordercenter.com

and enter our school code, **13661**.

From there, you can purchase a yearbook and upload your own photos of your kids in action during school events. Parents of 5th graders can also purchase a "Memory Message" to be included in the yearbook.

Yearbooks are sold **online ONLY** and cost just \$20. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. O or Ms. Lubrant via email.



Please join us
**Thursday,
January 18th**

6:30 P.M.

in the
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Gifted Advisory Meetings

The Gifted Parent Advisory Council meets four times per year to inform the school district about ways in which we can improve our efforts in serving our gifted students. Parents of K-12 gifted students from throughout the district are encouraged to come to all of the meetings. The remaining meetings are on the following Tuesdays:

February 15 **BTHS** **6:30-8:30 p.m.**
February 17 **NHS** **6:30-8:30 p.m.**



What is Peanut Allergy Aware?

Several of our students have a severe allergy to peanuts/tree nuts. This allergy can be life-threatening and, for these students, strict avoidance is the only way to prevent an allergic reaction. Accidental contact or ingestion can be fatal.

Are peanut/tree nut products allowed in school?

Yes. However, in order to reduce the risk of exposure for students who possess an allergy to peanut products, these items are not sold in the school lunch program, at extracurricular events, or provided in school-wide activities.

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MATH NIGHT

Drop in anytime between 3:30-6:00pm on your designated night

Tuesday, January 23rd

K-2nd grade

Thursday, January 25th

3rd-5th grade

Parents **must accompany** their children up and down the aisles as the students complete a grade appropriate math worksheet. Once completed, turn it in for a surprise!

This is a **FREE EVENT** sponsored by your PTO and Publix!

Please be mindful and considerate of the customers shopping at Publix.

Math night takes place at the **Publix on Race Track Rd** in Plantation Plaza. Contact Bonnie @ bonnieruckh@yahoo.com with any questions.