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CALENDAR of EVENTS

- 03/13** PTO Meeting (off-site)
Bartram Trail Library 4:30
- 03/16** Teacher Planning Day
NO SCHOOL for STUDENTS
- 03/20** SAC Meeting 4:00
- 03/21** Field Day for Kindergarten
and 1st Grade (**must be a registered volunteer to attend**)
- 03/23** Spirit Night 5:00-8:00
Zaxby's on Bartram Parkway
Report cards go home
- 04/03** ESE Parent Advisory Mtg
Fullerwood Training Center 6:00

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VISITING FOR LUNCH?

We now ask that you and your child sit together at the center tables, without inviting any other child to join you.

Please enjoy this one-on-one time with your child!

Our Mission:

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

Ms. Walker's Message

It was one of those March days when the sun shines hot and the wind blows cold: when it is summer in the light, and winter in the shade.".....Charles Dickens

Dear Durbin Families,

It's hard to believe that this Thursday is the end of the third quarter! March is flying by and Spring Break, March 26th – 30th, will be here before we know it. We were busy here at DCES last week. Our 4th & 5th grade students completed the FSA Writing Test. Teachers prepared them well, and students worked hard to show all that they learned. Thank you to our parent volunteers who helped with our Book Fair last week. I so enjoyed the excitement on students faces as they entered the Media Center to purchase Book Fair items! On Friday evening the Daddy Daughter Dance was a big hit! Our girls looked lovely in their fancy dresses and heels, and our Dads looked quite spiffy as they escorted their daughters down the "yellow brick road." Thank you to our PTO for your creativity in planning such a memorable event!

Just a reminder that there is no school on Friday, March 16th as it's a teacher planning day.

March 21st will be a busy day. Kindergarten and first grade students will participate in Field Day. Please remember that in order to attend and watch your child participate in Field Day you *must* be a registered volunteer. The 2018 Character Cup will take place at 3:30 p.m. at St. Augustine High School. Fifth-grade students will participate and we encourage you to come out to cheer on and support our students. Report cards will be released on Friday, March 23rd. Also, March 23rd is our next Spirit Night. Join us at Zaxby's from 5 – 8 pm for a good meal and good fellowship! Remember that a percentage of the proceeds benefits our school.

"May the dreams you hold dearest be those which come true, the kindness you spread keep returning to you." — Irish blessing

Respectfully,

LaVerne Walker, Assistant Principal

Morning Drop-Off Procedures

In order to follow our posted policy, and more importantly: assure a timely start to the school day for both students and staff, staff will no longer assist late-arriving vehicles at morning drop-off. Even before the time change, we have had an increasing number of tardy students. Notably, after the first cars come through, the parking lot is empty between 8:05-8:10.

When the 8:30 bell rings, staff will proceed into the building. **Remaining drivers must park and escort their children into the front office to sign them in.** Thank you for your help in providing a safe, timely start to our school day.



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.



CLINIC NEEDS

Gentle reminder: if your child has borrowed clothes from our clinic, please launder and return. Your help with this is appreciated!

Also, the clinic is still in need of smaller-sized bottoms for boys *and* girls (gently-used pants and shorts in sizes 5, 6, 6X, 7, and 8). If you are cleaning out closets or drawers, please consider donating them.

Thank you!



ESE Parent Advisory Committee

The **Parent Advisory Committee (PAC)** for Exceptional Student Education is composed of parents, educators, administrators, business representatives, and other interested community members concerned with the education of students with disabilities. The purpose of the committee is to provide information to parents and input to district staff regarding our ongoing effort to continuously improve services for students with disabilities

Next meeting: April 3, 2018 6:00-7:30 p.m.

Topic: Raising Struggling Learners to Be Successful, Durable, and Resilient

Presenter: Edward C. Taylor, Ph.D., Child and Adolescent Psychologist

Location: Fullerwood Training Center – 10 Hildreth Drive St. Augustine, FL 32084