

Adventure 16 Log 2

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CALENDAR of EVENTS

- 08/29 **EARLY DISMISSAL 1:50**
- 08/31 PTO Membership Drive ends
- 09/03 Labor Day—**NO SCHOOL**
- 09/07 Family Movie Night 7:30 (on the field)
- 09/11 SAC Meeting 4:00
Open House Grades K-2
6:30-7:30
- 09/13 **Open House** Grades 3-5
6:30-7:30



OASIS NEWS

Meal Prices for 2018-2019

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|----------------|--------|
| Breakfast* | \$1.25 |
| Lunch* | \$2.80 |
| *includes milk | |
| Extra milk | \$.60 |

Want to pay online? See PayPams flyer on PAGE 5 of this newsletter, or go to

www.PayPAMS.com

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



Ms. Walker's Message

WOW! The first thirteen days of school have flown by quickly! It's been wonderful watching our kindergarten students grow more confident each day; fifth grade students demonstrate leadership as they serve as safety patrol and lead out in multiple ways throughout the day; and witness how much students have learned so far! Thank you for entrusting your children in our care!

I'm sure many of you were very busy over the summer. Well, many of our teachers were as well. Along with vacations, many teachers attended a three-day training on building "Professional Learning Communities." Our teachers saw last year the benefit of collaborating with one another. This school year they will continue to meet in grade level teams to discuss student learning and growth, plan for instruction, discuss the rigor of the standards, and as a team take ownership of all students in the grade level.

To date, we have almost 800 students enrolled at Durbin Creek! We are at full capacity. Student safety is our number one priority, especially during outdoor play. Safe playground equipment and adult supervision are extremely important, but it's only half of the equation. Students must know how to be safe and act responsibly while on the playground. Ms. Fuller and I met with each grade level to review playground rules and expectations with students. We know that accidents happen but our goal is to prevent as many accidents as we can. Students are not permitted to play Touch and Go (TAG), football, or other games that involve physical contact that can harm others.

Educating Every Child, Every Day in Every Way,

LaVerne Pruitte Walker

Assistant Principal

DIDN'T GET THE MEMO?

Don't get mad! Get SchoolMessenger!

Sudden changes in weather at dismissal time can require a quick, last-minute decision in the interest of safety for all our students! We make every effort to keep you informed. You can help! Please make sure you are signed up for SchoolMessenger for text alerts to sudden changes or important reminders.

SEE PAGE 2 FOR COMPLETE INSTRUCTIONS.



Gifted Advisory Meetings

The Gifted Parent Advisory Council meets four times per year to inform the school district about ways in to 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, located in the following Media Centers from 6:30-8:00 p.m. on the following dates:

Tuesday, August 28 Otis Mason ES

Thurs., November 15 Hickory Creek ES

Thurs., February 28 Freedom Crossing

Tuesday, April 23 Palm Valley Academy

FSA SCORES

2017-2018

If your child was in grade 3-5 at DCE last school year, FSA test results in ELA, Math, and Science are available upon request in our front office until

September 15, 2018.



Do you feel like you are missing out on important information?

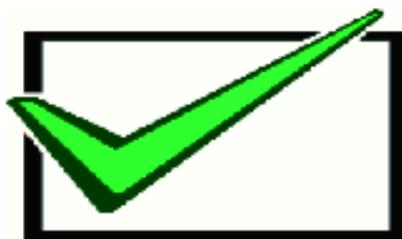


Please make sure that you are signed up for our **school messenger communications**.

InfoCenter is both a website and an app that you can download on your smartphone. You can access InfoCenter by visiting <https://infocenter.schoolmessenger.com>.

If you simply want to receive text messages from your child's school or from the District please do the following :

From your mobile device, Text **"Yes" to 67587**. You should then receive a response text message stating, "You're registered 4 SchoolMessenger notifications". It's as simple as that!



DCES MORNING DROP-OFF PROCEDURES

If you will be driving your child to school, please note that you will enter the campus at the east entrance and “snake” through the parking lot in order to allow as many vehicles to proceed as possible. Children will exit vehicles at designated area, where they will be greeted and assisted as needed by school personnel and our student patrols. They will enter the building at the double doors to the left of the front office.

Recognize that patience and understanding will be required as we establish our morning routines. Helpers will be strategically stationed to direct your child to the correct area. We begin accepting students at 8:00 a.m. or when staff is present on the sidewalk (do not drop children off earlier as there will be no one to supervise them unless you have contracted with the Extended Day Program).

School starts at 8:30 a.m. In the interest of fairness and to allow our patrol students to be in their classrooms on time at 8:30, patrol and staff will stop opening car doors at 8:25. The double doors at the left will be closed, and remaining drop-off students will be directed through the front office to proceed to their classrooms. Any students entering the front office after the 8:30 bell rings will sign in as being tardy. **At no time are children to be sent across the parking lot, or across the handicap parking spaces alongside other cars in line, even if (and especially if) arriving late.**

Please comply with the following to assure a SAFE and timely morning routine:

- **Children may exit vehicles on their own after the car has pulled up to the sidewalk which begins PAST the sign near the front door where sidewalk begins and continues the length of the building. At NO TIME should a child exit before passing the sign unless escorted by school personnel.** This includes students arriving after the 8:30 tardy bell.
- **Be considerate of those behind you.** Have your child ready to exit on the **PASSENGER SIDE ONLY.** Shoes on. Backpack zipped. No one (child or adult) is to walk between vehicles. Students and/or parents are not to step behind a vehicle to remove items from the trunk.
- **PLEASE DRIVE ALL THE WAY DOWN THE LENGTH OF THE FRONT SIDEWALK** to facilitate more students disembarking at the same time. Please be considerate of those behind you--this means the difference between 12 – 15 cars unloading at one time versus one at a time near the front door. *Please continue to do so after the first bell when student patrols head inside.*
- **If there is reason to park and walk your child, cross ONLY at the painted crosswalk and only when staff member indicates to do so. This is for your safety as well as your child's.** We will have you wait until the car line has “filled up” before permitting you to cross, as this allows more students to be on their way to class in a shorter amount of time.
- **If your child arrives after the 8:30 am tardy bell, he/she MUST be walked inside by an adult and signed in. YOUR SUPPORT, PATIENCE, AND UNDERSTANDING ARE GREATLY APPRECIATED!**

AFTERNOON PARENT PICK-UP PROCEDURES

Parent pick up students are dismissed at 2:50 PM. Drivers enter the campus through the east entrance and “snake” through the parking lot in order to allow as many vehicles to proceed as possible. Students will be organized by grade level along the front sidewalk.

As vehicles approach the front sidewalks, a staff member will radio the child’s name and grade level to staff members supervising the students, sending them in order to numbered poles. The goal is to have children waiting in the order they are called, ready to load when their vehicle pulls all the way forward.

Siblings or carpool members are to sit with the YOUNGEST child’s grade level.

In order to facilitate a *safe and timely dismissal*, please note the following:

PULL FORWARD AS FAR AS POSSIBLE (we will direct your child to you) to allow as many cars to load as possible at one time. This might require passing your child for a moment.

STUDENTS LOAD FROM PASSENGER SIDE ONLY. Driver remains in vehicle so that no person walks between vehicles. Staff will assist students as needed.

BE AWARE! Watch for students near the edge of sidewalk before driving forward. Children might be coming from BEHIND you as well. Side mirrors are at head-level of young students!

Please refrain from talking or texting on your cell phone during the parent pick up process.

DO NOT PARK AND ATTEMPT TO INTERCEPT YOUR CHILD AS STUDENTS EXIT THE BUILDING. In addition to safety concerns regarding walking between vehicles, the line of vehicles makes it very difficult to back out of parking spaces, and will not save time.

THERE IS NO NEED TO ARRIVE BEFORE 2:50. Our experience is that all car riders are picked up in less than 30 minutes, *once our routine has been established.*

Thank you for your help!

Pre-pay for School Meals at www.PayPAMS.com



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| Pay Now Pay for your child's meals from the convenience of your home or office 24/7 | Account Balance View your child's meal account balance | Automatic Payments Schedule automatic payments based on account balance | Email Notification Receive low balance email reminders | Cafeteria Purchases View a report of daily spending and cafeteria purchases | View Menu View the menu of your school's cafeteria |

Current Users:

Tips for the beginning of the school year:

1. Login to the site at least one week before the beginning of the school year. Check that your credit/debit card on file has not expired, your email address is updated, and that your automatic payment plan's stop date has not expired.
2. **Forgot Password:**
If you previously registered with PayPAMS but forgot your password, click on the [Forgot Password](#) link on the home page of PayPAMS.com. If you were unable to retrieve the password through the Forgot Password link, contact customer support from the 'Contact Us' page. Do not register again. Note: passwords are case sensitive.
3. **Balance Transfer from Year to Year:** Any remaining student meal account balance will automatically transfer to the next school year.
Important note: If your child moved from one school to another within the same school district, it may take a day or two from the beginning of the school year to transfer the remaining balance from the old school to the new school. During that time period, the balance on PayPAMS may show as \$0.00. If you are not sure if your child's account had remaining balance from the previous school year, we recommend you make a payment.
4. **Refunds:** PayPAMS processes refunds only for the exact payment amount. If the student has already used some of the money, or has graduated, please contact the school district.
5. **Moved to a different school district:** If you moved to a different school district you can keep the same username and password information. Login to your account, go to Help/Contact Us and select subject 'Moved from District'. Do not register again. Note: PAMS cannot transfer money from one school district to another. Contact your previous school district for refunds.



New Users:

Register Now:

1. Go to PayPAMS.com and click on the 'Register Now!' button on the home page.
2. Select your state, then select your school district.
3. Create a username and password and enter your contact information.
4. Add children to your account.
5. Make payments or set up automatic payments based on low balance.

Helpful Tips when Registering:

1. **Username:** Create a unique username. If the system indicates that the username is taken, select a different username.
2. **Duplicate Accounts:** If the system indicates that an account already exists with the same phone number or email address, contact customer support from the 'Contact Us' page.
3. **Meal Account Balance and Cafeteria Purchases:** It takes 1-2 school days before balances and cafeteria purchases information for new registrants can be displayed. However, you can make payments immediately upon registration. If you cannot view balances two days after you added the student to the account, contact customer support from the 'Contact Us' page.