



NEWSMAKERS

The Character word for December is "CARING"



DECEMBER 2020

Upcoming Events

HS SBDM Council Meeting
Thursday, Dec. 3

FRYSC Advisory Council Meeting
Thursday, Dec. 10

Elementary Principal Advisory Council Meeting
Wednesday, Dec. 16

Board of Education Meeting
Monday, Dec. 21

Winter Break
Monday, Dec. 21 - Friday, Jan. 1
Students tentatively return Mon., Jan. 4



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It's a Great Day to be a Panther!

DUE TO ESCALATING COVID19 CASES AND BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR, WE WILL CONTINUE WITH VIRTUAL REMOTE INSTRUCTION UNTIL JAN. 4, 2021. *Supt. Whalen*



Get all school information first, including closings & delays, by following Supt. Whalen on Twitter
@DSSuptWhalen

The Dawson Springs Class of 2021 is currently seeking family favorite recipes for a **School Cookbook**. If any student, parent, staff or community member has a favorite recipe they would be willing to share, please email your recipe to

ashley.mcknight@dawsonsprings.kyschools.us

The deadline to submit recipes is quickly approaching so get those recipes to Ashley ASAP. The Class hopes to have the cookbook published and on sale soon.



Senior Class Discount Cards will be on sale beginning soon. The cards are \$10 and contain lots of area savings for food, products and services. See any Class of 2021 member to purchase yours.



A discount card makes a great gift that keeps giving for an entire year!

PARENT ACCESS TO INFINITE CAMPUS

Parents can stay on top of their child's work through the Infinite Campus website. Instructions on how to set up your account are available from your school



office. Once you have created your account, you can click on the Infinite Campus link found on the District or your school's home webpage under "Resources" to login & access your child's information.

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION



Support our schools by participating in the



Box Tops fundraiser. Download the new Box Tops app to scan your receipt OR you can still clip the Box Top logo on participating General Mills brands and send them to the school offices. Every valid Box Tops scan or clip is worth 10¢ to our school.



Kentucky Children's Health Insurance Program

Staying healthy is an important part of education. If your child doesn't have health insurance, you may qualify for KCHIP, **Kentucky Children's Health Insurance Program**. It provides comprehensive coverage at no cost. To find out more, see page 7, go to kidshealth.ky.gov or call (877) 524-4718 – because every child needs health insurance.

The Pennyrile Forest State Park has been selected as the recipient of the **Dawson Springs Planters Bank Season of Giving Fundraiser** this holiday season. Stop by our Oak Heights branch for details on how you can help.



IN THE SPOTLIGHT



Hopkins County Happy Feet representatives came to the Dawson Springs Ind. School District and fitted about 60 students with brand-new, name-brand shoes in November. Shoe Sensation employees helped the students pick out a pair of shoes with help from the FRYSC. The shoes made the kids and workers smile! Thanks for providing this opportunity!

Dawson Springs Preschool teacher **Kammie King** has graduated from Murray State University with her Doctorate of Education in P-20 Education and Community Leadership with a specialization in preschool through 12th grade.



YOU DID IT!
Congratulations



Elizabeth Robinson, a high school social studies teacher, has earned her Rank I degree in Education Specialist (Principal) at the University of the Cumberlands in Williamsburg, Ky.



The Knights of Columbus Blessed Trinity Council of District 6, a Catholic men's service organization, gave 24 boys and girls coats to our school district's Family Resource and Youth Service Center. Presenting the coats to FRYSC Director Jonathon Storms and FRYSC program assistant Melinda Coates are Father Jojo Joseph, District Deputy George Barber and Grand Knight Tony Sicari. Thank you on behalf of our students!

Dawson Springs Family Resource and Youth Service Center has received news of a **Technology Grant** that will help them buy heavy-duty headphones for student use. The grant is sponsored by TC Energy, which has a program designed to enhance educational access. The grant totals \$6,500 to go toward the purchase of Brenthaven headsets. Thanks for investing in our schools!



Thanks to Lisa Dismang-Bigham and Walmart Supercenter-Princeton for a hefty **donation of schools supplies** to our schools. The store gave FRYSC five pallets of calculators, pencils, three-ring binders, folders, notebooks and much more. The donation was worth about \$6,000. We appreciate the support!



DECEMBER EVENTS **



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Nov 29	30	Dec 1	2	3 3:15 HS SBDM Council Meeting 5:30 MS Girls Bas- ketball @ Trigg Co. 5:30 MS Boys Bas- ketball @ Lyon Co.	4	5
						
6	7 5:30 7th Girls & Boys Basketball @ Crit- tenden Co.	8 ASVAB	9	10 12:00 FRYSC Advi- sory Council Meeting 6:00 MS Girls Bas- ketball @ home	11	12
						
13	14	15	16 3:30 Elementary Principal Advisory Council Meeting	17	18	19
						
20	21 First Day of Winter 6:00 BOE Meeting	22	23	24	25 Christmas Day	26
						
	- - - - - Christmas Break - - - - -					
27	28	29	30	31	Jan 1 New Year's Day	2
						
	- - - - - Christmas Break - - - - -					

** The KHSAA Board of Control has voted to move the start of JV/V basketball games to January 4th. **

** ALL OTHER EVENTS LISTED ARE TENTATIVE DUE TO COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS **

DECEMBER 2020

Dawson Springs Independent Schools

BREAKFAST

LUNCH

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

1

Poptarts, Juice & Milk

BBQ Sandwich, Baked Beans,
Chips, Fruit & Milk

2

Cereal, Juice & Milk

Chicken Drumstick, Mashed
Potatoes, Green Beans, Roll,
Fruit & Milk

3

Mini Pancakes, Juice & Milk

Hamburger, Chips, Pork-N-
Beans, Fruit & Milk

4

Mini Bagels, Juice & Milk

Pizza Puff, Carrots w/Ranch,
Fruit, Cookie & Milk

7

Cinnamon Roll, Juice & Milk

Rib Sandwich, Coleslaw,
Chips, Fruit & Milk

8

Muffin, Juice & Milk

Gen.TSO's w/Veg.Fried Rice,
Veg. Egg Roll, Fruit & Milk

9

Cereal Bar, Juice & Milk

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

10

Mini Pancakes, Juice & Milk

Crispito w/Queso, Salsa,
Chips, Fruit & Milk

11

Mini Bagels, Juice & Milk

Calzone w/Marinara, Fruit,
Cookie & Milk

14

Mini Cinni, Juice & Milk

Chicken Wings, Carrots
w/Ranch, Roll, Fruit & Milk

15

Poptarts, Juice & Milk

Lasagna, Peas & Carrots,
Breadstick, Fruit & Milk

16

Cereal, Juice & Milk

Chicken Tenders, Mashed
Potatoes, Green Beans, Roll,
Fruit & Milk

17

Mini Pancakes, Juice & Milk

Nachos, Salsa, Fruit & Milk

18

Mini Bagels, Juice & Milk

Pizza, Corn, Fruit, Cookie &
Milk

21

NO
SCHOOL

22

NO
SCHOOL

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SCHOOL

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SCHOOL

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NO
SCHOOL

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SCHOOL

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SCHOOL

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NO
SCHOOL

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NO
SCHOOL

Menu is subject to change without notice



December Birthdays



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
December Birthday Cake Winners: Vanessa Williams & Ethan L. Johnson Present your certificate at our local Dairy Queen for a FREE Ice Cream Cake.		1 Jim Hicks Michelle Hill	2 Kendra Payne Conner Poe Rachel Payne	3 Ivory Tackett Skye Bratcher Abigail Garrett Landon Smiley Patience Loney	4 Shaley Menser 	5 Logan Nosbusch
6 Lexus Mankle	7 	8 Logan McKnight Vanessa Tackett Millie Cotton Gage Hayden Brenna Nash Caleb Midkiff	9 Annalise Pacheco Ethan L. Johnson Caine Hildebrand	10 Morgan Hart	11 Jill Bratcher	12 Bailey Heaton Jeff Miller Amy Hunter
13 Wesley Oden Karla Mitchell	14 Jacob Bruce Melissa Dulin Shannon Garrett Erik Peyton	15 Ethan S. Johnson Hayden Rudd Elizabeth Bloodworth	16 Rachel Young Myla Virgin	17 Vanessa Williams Alieah Cook Alexis Adams	18 Jaxon Hawkins 	19 Trinity Randolph
20 Bradley Latham Christian Moore Noelle Young	21 Kimberly Burbage Jennifer Ward	22 Jackie Gordon	23 Mark Taylor Lucas Johnson	24 Haiden Richardson	25 Payton Garrison	26
27 Dylan Dawson Michael Blanton Elizabeth-Marie Harris	28 Corbin Jennings Zachary Creekmur Tristen Hoglo	29 	30	31 Austin Skinner Micah Washburn Carter Teague	Anyone whose name ap- pears 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.	





Family Resource Youth Services Center **Dawson Springs Independent School District**

Staff members in the district stepped up to sponsor Thanksgiving meals in lieu of the annual food drive. FRYSC aimed to raise \$400 to provide 40 families with food baskets. Funds from the USDA were already secured by Magistrate Charlie Beshears, and school staff exceeded the \$400 goal in less than a day. Thanks to the staff for donating the money to provide meals for these families and to Magistrate Beshears for his constant action on our behalf!

“We have a small school with a big heart,” said FRYSC Director Jonathon Storms. “It was touching to hit send and a few minutes later hear the phones and see the emails roll in. On days like today, I know how fortunate I am to work here. Thank you all so much.”

FRYSC seeks Sponsors, Donors and Volunteers for the Christmas Adoption Program

If you would like to sponsor a student for Christmas through the annual Christmas adoption program please contact the FRYSC office at 270-797-3811 #3. Sponsors will receive the child’s age, size, interests and other suggestions. Purchased gifts should be delivered to the FRYSC office at 317 Eli St. no later than Dec. 10, 2020.

Sponsors may shop for a student or donors can contribute money for staff and volunteers to shop for a student. To become a volunteer call the center, the program this year will be different because of the COVID-19 pandemic. Many volunteer shoppers may choose to sit out this year or order their choices online. Others may shop in the stores following COVID-19 protocols including hand-washing, social-distancing and mask-wearing.

Typically, sponsors spend \$125 or more on a student; however, any donation or assortment of gifts is accepted.

Monetary contributions may be mailed to FRYSC at 317 Eli Street or dropped off at the Board of Education at 118 E. Arcadia Ave.



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.

2020-2021 SCHOOL CALENDAR

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District: Dawson Springs

Part I ☒ Traditional Calendar ☐ Year-round Calendar Schools: Elementary/Jr.Sr High Schools

July 2020

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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August 2020

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September 2020

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27	28	29	30			21

October 2020

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November 2020

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December 2020

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January 2021

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February 2021

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28						19

March 2021

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28	29	30	31			22

April 2021

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May 2021

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June 2021

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13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

Opening/Closing Days-8/31/20 & 6/1/21

Holidays-9/7/20, 11/26/20, 12/25/20 & 1/1/21 Teacher Required Work Days 8/13-8/24/20

Break Days-10/7-10/9/20, 11/3/20, 11/25/20, 11/27/20, 12/21-12/31/20, 1/18/21, 4/5-4/9/21

Make-Up/PD/Break Days-11/2/2020, 12/21/20, 2/15/21 & 3/12/21

Mandatory Make-Up Days-6/1-6/14/21

Professional Development 8.25-8/28/2020