

DAAS NEWS

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NETWORK NEWS

DAAS Families,

We are excited to announce a few improvements to the district coming in the 23/24 School Year. We've heard feedback from staff, scholars and families and want to be responsive to the needs of more **consistency**, **collaboration** across all grades, and better **communication**.

Next year, we will move to a **K-8 model across the district**. Instead of being siloed by grade bands with separate principals, we will have a unique K-8 structure.

Ms. Manthiram will lead our school teams as the Executive Principal, supported by **Ms. Chulevski** as the Principal of ELA and Science and point-person for grades K-3 and **Mr. English** as Principal of Math and Social Studies and point-person for grades 4-8.

We have also decided to change the configuration of our buildings. We will move grades **2-4 into the EAST Building**. We are in the process of repainting, purchasing new furniture, and revitalizing the building in preparation for this move. **PreK-K will remain in the South building**. **1st grade** will move to the 2nd grade wing in the **West building**. **Grades 5-8 will occupy floors 2-4 in the West building**. This will provide for adequate space for all of our scholars to flourish and to provide better spacing for collaboration amongst peers.

We are excited about how this re-organization will allow us to maximize our district capacity and build upon our strengths in the 23/24 school year! We will keep you informed as we further develop these plans. If you have questions or additional feedback, please reach out to your principal!

In partnership,
DAAS District Team

Athletics Updates:

Join us for the Athletics Awards Ceremony



Monday, June 5th
5:00-7:00 pm
DAAS West Building Gymnasium



BREAKING NEWS!

Detroit Academy of Arts and Sciences just took things to another level for teachers and students.



Model Teachers
make \$100,000/year

daasdistrict.org #BestInClass

Last week DAAS announced our exciting and ambitious "Best in Class" plan, an approach to address the national teacher shortage and staff DAAS with the most highly effective teachers. We are so excited about this initiative and have high expectations for how we will improve scholar outcomes.



Check out some of the news coverage in the [Free Press](#), [Metro Times](#), [Detroit News](#) and more!

What's Happening around the District



Lower Elementary (K-2)

- May was Healthy Habits month. All scholars and staff participated in events, such as our walk to the River-Walk, that promoted a healthy lifestyle. Parents can encourage healthy habits by making sure your child gets 30-60 minutes of exercise per day. Shout out to Mr. Smith for doing such a wonderful job exposing scholars to some Healthy Habits.
- May's character education focused on being a person with integrity. It is one of the core values here at DAAS being the "I" in PRIDE. We talked about citizenship, forgiveness, loyalty, and trustworthiness. The one I would like for parents to highlight with your scholar is trustworthiness. Trustworthiness is a trait that describes someone who is reliable and deserving of confidence.
- Thank you to all of our parents who attended Muffins with Mom. Don't forget Donuts with Dad is coming up on Tuesday June 13th 8:15-8:45am.



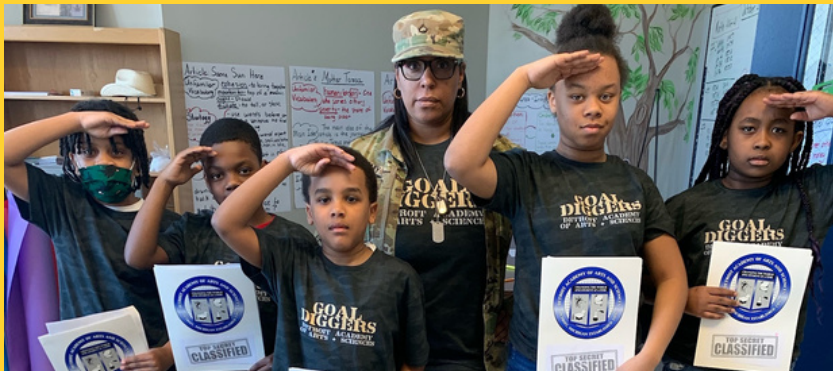
Upper Elementary (3-5)

- We reached 95% completion rate in M-Step testing. Congrats to all of our scholars who completed testing and did their best work!!
- Our Trip to the Science Center was fun! Scholars got to interact with many exhibits and explore connections to their science curriculum.
- iReady testing was a success. Many scholars reached or exceeded their goal!
- We are excited for Career Day on June 13, 2023
- Our end of the Year DAAS Pride Glow Celebration is June 9th!



Middle School (6-8)

- Ready Spring Diagnostic Test were completed in May. Many of our scholars met or exceeded their goals. Congratulations!
- Middle Schoolers visited Miliken State Park to discuss and observe the characteristics and benefits of wetland habitats for people and for wildlife in our community
- 6th grade visited the Detroit Zoo
- Final Exams are underway
- Summer School July 5th- August 4th



Caregivers of the Month



Lower Elementary (K-2)

K-2's May Parent of the Month is Ms. Cherel Brown! Ms. Brown has volunteered for and donated to activities throughout the school year. She is also a great example of what it means to partner with her children's teachers to support their learning. Whether it is a phone call, a meeting, or a personal scheduled visit, she is always available to the staff in the best interest of her children. Thank you for all that you do!



Upcoming Dates to Remember!

- Monday, June 5th - Athletics Awards Ceremony
- Thursday, June 8th - K-2 Spring Concert
- Tuesday, June 13th - K-2 Donuts with Dad
- Tuesday, June 13th - 3-5 Career Day
- Thursday, June 15th - K, 5th, & 8th Promotion
- Friday, June 16th - Last Day of School
- July 5th - August 4th - Summer School

Upper Elementary (3-5)



Kenneth Morgan is a strong parent volunteer. Mr. Morgan is very nurturing and he talks to the 3rd grade boys about accountability. Thank you Mr. Morgan for being an excellent DAAS chaperone. You Make A Difference!

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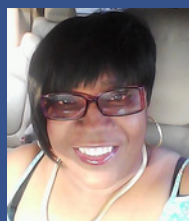
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Middle School (6-8)

The Middle School parent of the month is Mrs. Beverly McCorvey. She is a dedicated grandmother who works relentlessly to raise her and support her granddaughter while partnering with our school to nurture and grow her holistically. In her endeavors, Mrs. McCorvey is often calling and texting to keep us informed regarding her child as well as anything she hears that may be of concern with other scholars. Her continued support helps us maintain a healthy and safe school environment where our scholars can continue to learn and grow. Thank you Mrs. McCorvey for being a valuable asset to our school and being the epitome of "A Village Raising Children." You are truly a treasure and we honor you for going over and beyond to share your love and support each day.



Welcome to Kindergarten!

Do you have a scholar who will be 5 by December 1st, 2023? We are now enrolling Kinder scholars! Visit DAAS in person or complete an application online. Once your application is accepted we'll set up a time to tour the school and get your official sign up photo!



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