

DAAS NEWS

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Welcome!

We are excited to share the first issue of our monthly DAAS Community Newsletter where we will share news and updates about what is happening in the district.

CEO SPOTLIGHT

Dear Parents, Scholars and Staff:

I would like to wish everyone a safe and enjoyable Happy Holidays. It has been a great year thus far and we are so happy to have you as a member of our DAAS family. You deserve this break and I wish great health, great times, and great rest for each of you.

As we go into the New Year, we are excited about new programming that will enrich and improve the academic achievement of our scholars. We look forward to having everyone back in January. Once again, enjoy your break and Happy Holidays and Happy New Year to you all.

*Yours,
Maurice Morton*

The DAAS Girls Varsity Basketball Team closed out their season with a 5-8 record; the JV Girls ended the season with a 5-6 record. We are so proud of our Jaguars!

Thanks to generous donations from staff and friends of DAAS, the Varsity Team was able to celebrate with a special dinner, pictured below.

Congrats to the Athletic Department!!



The DAAS Choir directed by Ms. Kee performed in this year's annual America's Thanksgiving Day Parade singing "You Are the Sunshine of My Life" by Stevie Wonder. Watch their performance here!

<https://bit.ly/DAAS-Parade>



Head to <https://anointedpressedwrittenllc.com/collections/daas-collection> to purchase some new DAAS Swag! A portion of all proceeds will be donated to the athletic department.

What's Happening around the District



The District Holiday Show was a huge success! Thank you to all of our scholars, staff and families who made this exciting celebration of our scholars' talents possible for the first time in-person since 2019!

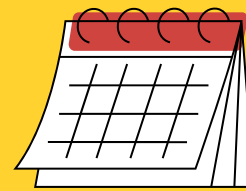


- ## Lower Elementary (K-2)
- We had a wonderful Spirit Week!!
 - ELA Benchmark testing started Dec 12
 - Our December character education focus has been rooted in having **integrity**. We have discussed fairness, equality, honesty, and respect.
 - All staff participated in a door decorating contest. Our student council will be judging the doors soon. Stay tuned for the winner!
 - This month our healthy initiative was to track our steps. As a team we accumulated almost two million steps!

- ## Upper Elementary (3-5)
- Our math challenge was fun and exciting! The winners were Mr. Grayson's class, Ms. Liggins' class, and Ms. Caldwell's class!
 - 3-5 Parent restorative Zoom talks have been uplifting, parent initiated, and solution-oriented!
 - Scholars will do candy gram exchanges to spread Love and Joy this week (Thank you Ms. Guider!)
 - Holidays Around the World activities was created and displayed by 3-5 teachers and scholars. Scholars will travel to see holiday traditions showcased in each classroom

- ## Middle School (6-8)
- We celebrated scholar success at our 1st Quarter Awards ceremony in November
 - Scholar Math Night was a huge success (Thanks Parents and Staff)
 - Kings and Queens Parent Night was Royal Success
 - Parent Coffee Chats began this month and our parents shared some great information & feedback
 - Scholars have had opportunities to attend field trips to Blakes Orchard, the movies, MSU Museum and Wayne State University Museum of Natural History

Parents of the Month



Lower Elementary (K-2)

Our December Parent is Sergeant Jasmine Pratt. Sgt. Pratt led the way in partnering us with the Marine corps to provide toys for our scholars through the Toys for Tots program!



Upcoming Dates to Remember!

- Mon. December 26-Fri. January 6th - WINTER BREAK (No School)
- Mon. January 16th - MLK Jr. Day (No School)
- Wed. January 18th - PAC Parent University (4pm)
- Mon. January 23rd-Fri. January 27th - National School Choice Week
- Tues. January 24th - Scholar iReady Reading Test
- Weds. January 25th - Scholar iReady Math Test
- Fri. January 27th - Last Day of Quarter 2

Upper Elementary (3-5)



Ms. Tina Skinner is a very passionate and dedicated parent who is very supportive and volunteers for after-school events. Ms. Skinner is the 3-5 Student Council parent fundraiser champion this year. More scholars were able to get uniforms with the funds raised!

PARTNER UPDATE!

We have recently partnered with the Cook Center for Human Connection and [ParentGuidance.org](https://www.parentguidance.org) where you can access on-demand virtual courses, professional support, and a safe community for parents to learn how to support their children and get answers to mental health questions. There are courses on anxiety, depression, self-worth, grief and loss, suicidal ideation and other mental health concerns. All courses are created by therapists, psychiatrists, psychologists and other certified mental health practitioners. There is even a portal where you can "Ask a Therapist" your tough questions, as well as see questions and answers from other parents.

Middle School (6-8)

Mr. and Mrs. Bradley are two VIP parents who are always involved in our DAAS activities and events. They bring a wealth of knowledge and are always supportive. We appreciate you both!



The Cook Center for Human Connection has made these resources available to help increase hope in a time of continuing uncertainty and growing mental health concern. There are good people in our community working to provide solutions and help for those who are struggling.

If you or anyone you know is in a mental health emergency, reach out immediately to the suicide prevention lifeline here: **1-800-273-TALK (8255)** or text **HOME** to **741741**.



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