

DAAS NEWS

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CEO SPOTLIGHT

Let's Celebrate Our DAAS History

As one of the first Charters in the region, we are celebrating over 26 years of educating Detroit's scholars. We are only a week from Black History month, a time to celebrate the many and great achievements of African Americans throughout history. Recognizing such achievements is important for our scholars because learning about others who look like them serves to motivate them.

However, we can also look to the many achievements of our own scholars here at DAAS. Last week, I was contacted by a former scholar who shared his recording contract with me. This week, I watched a movie that featured 2 of our scholars. This is just more evidence of great things our DAAS scholars are doing in the world. We have artists, doctors, lawyers, entertainers, teachers, scientists and many others who all are graduates of DAAS.

We should be proud of our history. When discussing Black History we should take time to also talk about the accomplishments of our former scholars. Let them see and hear what past scholars have achieved so that they know, they can do the same. It is because of your work and commitment that we can celebrate being a part of Black History.

Happy DAAS & Black History!

Yours,

Maurice G. Morton

Athletics Update:

Our Boys Basketball season is about to kick off! Our Varsity and JV Boys are hard at work getting ready for the upcoming season.



Our Jaguar cheerleaders are back for the first time since the pandemic! We are excited to be hosting Varsity (7th and 8th grades) and Junior Varsity (5th and 6th grades) Cheer Teams.

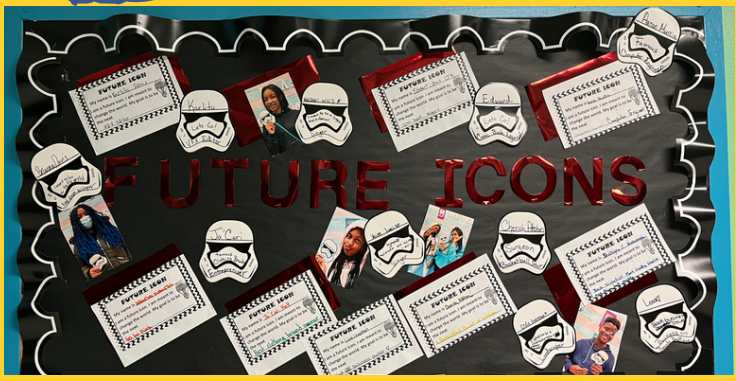
Thanks to our cheer coaches, Ms. Bankhead, Ms. Willis and Ms. Guider!



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



Lower Elementary (K-2)

- Our January character education focus has been making good choices. Scholars have learned that it is wise to think about the choice you will make, as some can help and others can cause harm.
- All staff participated in a door decorating contest. The winner was our Reading Specialist Ms. Neblett. Congratulations!
- Thank you to all of our parents who attended last month's coffee talk.
- Scholars of the month and those with the highest class dojo percentage, will now have the opportunity to receive more prizes at our STAR store!

Upper Elementary (3-5)

- Our Honors Assembly will occur next Friday
- 3-5 scholars were rewarded with a trip to Sesame Street Live for achieving a major increase on the A-Net test.
- Our Scholars completed their mid-year i-Ready test this week in math and will take reading next week.
- January Health and Wellness Month was a great success. Wellness Tips and Healthy food was provided to staff and scholars weekly. Thank you Ms. Guider, Coach Walker, Ms. Manthiram and Ms. Mathews for organizing the weekly activities.
- Over 60 3-5th grade scholars applied to be scholar PRIDE Ambassadors and will interview this week!
- Ms. Kee was recognized as a "Game Changer" by the Detroit Pistons! Congratulations to her!

JOIN US! FAMILIES CAN SIGN UP FOR:

- K-8 PAC Parent University
- Free Karate
- Chess Club
- STEAM and E-Sports

Time: 9:00am until 1:00pm
Saturday, February 11, 2023



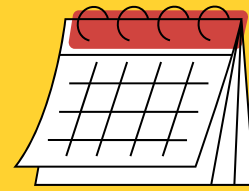
The next DAAS Saturday Academy will occur Saturday, February 11, 2023 between 9 and 1 pm. Pre-registration is required:

<https://forms.gle/u6ApeRMZyFq5P5EV7>
Space is limited, so register today!

Middle School (6-8)

- Our 2nd Quarter Awards Ceremonies will take place in February. We are excited to celebrate our scholars' and teachers' excellence in Quarter 2!
- Ms. Minus has been hosting our Middle School Hydroponics Club Every Friday
- Congratulations to Ms. McCullough, our Middle School Spotlight Teacher of the Month!
- Our first annual "Careers in Science" Career Day will occur on February 17th. Thanks to our science teachers, Ms. Minus, Ms. Thomas, and Ms. Brown for planning this!
- Scholars are receiving LIVESCHOOL bucks for showing DAAS PRIDE every day!

Parents of the Month



Lower Elementary (K-2)

Our January Parent of the Month is Ms. Hutchinson! Ms. Hutchinson is always very supportive and caring when it comes to DAAS. Her willingness to donate and volunteer when needed is greatly appreciated. Thank you for all that you do, Ms. Hutchinson!



Upper Elementary (3-5)

Mrs. Boyd is a 3-5 parent, a DAAS Choir mom since 2018, and currently serves as lead chaperone. Ms. Kee notes that, "From day one, Mrs. Boyd has jumped right in to assist with monitoring choir members on performance field trips. If I need to step away for a moment, I know the scholars are in the hands of a parent who truly cares about each child as her own. I believe that's why we have a great parent volunteer team. Everyone is synch with ensuring the choir has a safe and enjoyable experience each time." She is the exemplar for an effective and responsible chaperone"



Middle School (6-8)

Taira Davis a proud VIP parent of three Middle School scholars in 6th, 7th, and 8th grade. She is a mother who has always been active in her children's education and works diligently with teachers and staff to ensure their success. Such parents go beyond communicating their expectations, but practice what they preach by being a positive role model for their children to emulate. With this, Mrs. Davis brings a wealth of ideas to improve DAAS. Thank you Mrs. Davis for being an advocate for healthy growth by bringing a loving, supportive, firm, consistent, and involved spirit to DAAS.



Upcoming Dates to Remember!

- **Wednesday, February 1st** - Black History Month begins
- **Wednesday, February 8th** - COUNT DAY
- **Saturday, February 11th** - Saturday Academy
- **Wednesday, February 15th** - PAC Parent University
- **Friday, February 17th** - Excellence in STEAM - Careers in Science Celebration
- **Monday, February 20--Friday, February 24** - NO SCHOOL - MID WINTER BREAK!
- **Tuesday, February 28th** - PAC Black History Bowling



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