

DAAS NEWS

February/March 2023



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A NOTE FROM MR. HOOD:

DADS--WE NEED YOU!

WE ARE PREPARING TO LAUNCH OUR DADS PROGRAM. PLEASE JOIN US ON 3/17 @1:00PM IN THE DAAS MEDIA CENTER.

Our DADs (fathers, grandfathers, step-fathers, uncles, and other caregivers) program will help provide positive male role models for the scholars, demonstrating by their presence that education is important. As a result, we will also provide extra sets of eyes and ears to enhance school security, reduce bullying and provide a greater sense of campus safety allowing scholars and teachers to focus on learning and building lasting relationships.

Athletics Update:

Our Boys Basketball season is underway! Check out the [Varsity](#) and [Junior Varsity](#) schedules and come out to cheer on our Jaguars!



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, Ms. Guider and Ms. Harris!



What's Happening around the District



The next DAAS Saturday Academy will occur Saturday, April 15, 2023 between 9 and 1 pm. Pre-registration is required: <https://forms.gle/u6ApeRMZyFq5P5EV7> Space is limited, so register today!

Lower Elementary (K-2)

- Our black history program was a great success because our scholars and school had your support. Shout out to Ms. Bankhead for putting that program together!
- February's character education focused around being engaged which is a core value here at DAAS. We talked about active listening, which is whole body listening.
- Thank you to all of our parents who attended last month's coffee-talk and to those of you who signed up to be a Class Rep. Coffee-talks are held on the first Tuesday of the month at 7:45 am and are a great way for you to engage with the school.
- March is reading month and our interventionists have sent home a calendar to engage parents and scholars in a reading activity. Also each class is competing in a March Madness Reading Challenge. Parents can help by encouraging their scholars to complete their iReady reading lessons.

Upper Elementary (3-5)

- General Manthiram kicked off M-Step Boot Camp this month. Manthiram passed out books and Scholars are hyped to take the M-Step in April!
- Scholars participated in Pi Day activities during math lab on March 14th (3.14)
- The DTE Energy Safe Kids Program was very informative and engaging. The 3-5 scholars had a great time!
- Former Detroit Lions player Alex Lewis and College Basketball player Jon Sutherlin brought smiles, positive energy, inspirational messages and small gifts of love to our scholars!
- 3-5 will participate in Spirit Week for March reading month

Middle School (6-8)

- All Middle Schoolers participated in our school-wide Spelling Bee in February!
- We celebrated Valentines Day with candy and Sing-o-grams
- Scholars have earned LiveSchool Rewards for continuing to show DAAS PRIDE
- We are so proud of all of our performers in the various Black History celebrations and Culminating Performance
- We celebrated Pi Day (3.14) with school-wide celebrations, including "Pie an Admin in the Face!"

Parents of the Month



Lower Elementary (K-2)

Our February/March Parent of the Month is Ms. Victoria Sims! Ms. Sims has supported all of the PAC outings and has volunteered throughout the month of February to assist her child's class with their black history wax museum presentation. Thank you Ms. Sims!

Upper Elementary (3-5)



Ms. Geraldina Morgan is a 3-5 Student Council and Choir parent. Morgan serves as the secretary of the DAAS (PAC) Parent Advisory Committee. She is always involved and supports DAAS school activities. Ms. Morgan goes above and beyond to make sure all scholars and parents are included in DAAS initiatives. We appreciate the love and Joy she brings to our school community.

Middle School (6-8)

Ms. Kartika Sims has been a joy to have on our team. She actively engages in our school related activities and always volunteers to assist as needed. She supports us by researching and connecting us with community partners to develop activities for our scholars. Ms. Sims gives valuable feedback to help us improve our proactive as is always asking if there to provide support as we need it. She brings a wealth of knowledge and ideas to DAAS and we value her input. Her heart is to see all of DAAS scholars excel, not just her own. Thank you Ms. Sims for being one of our Middle School VIP's (Very Important Parents).

Upcoming Dates to Remember!

- **Friday, March 17th** - DAD's Meeting
- **Tuesday, March 21st** - Degree Forward Partnership Launch
- **Monday, March 27th - Friday, March 31st** - NO SCHOOL (Spring Break)
- **Friday, April 7th** - NO SCHOOL (Good Friday)
- **Saturday, April 15th** - Saturday Academy
- **Monday, April 10th-Friday, April 15th** - Scholastic Book Fair
- **Wednesday, April 12th** - PSAT (8th grade)
- **April 17th** - MSTEP Begins



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