

# DAAS NEWS

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## CEO SPOTLIGHT:

Dear DAAS Family,

We are just a little over a month away from the end of the school year. It has been amazing having your scholars and watching them as they grow and achieve! Remember that the last day of school is June 16th. Please be sure that your scholar attends regularly until the last day. We still have important learning occurring on a daily basis, and it is important that they are present, especially on our testing days! Note that Kindergarten, 5th grade and 8th grade graduations will be held on June 15, 2023 at the Masonic Temple again this year. Finally, Teacher Appreciation Week will be May 8 thru May 12; we have lots of exciting plans, so please be sure reach out and let your child's teachers know how much they are appreciated.

Yours,

*Maurice G. Morton*

## Athletics Updates:

DAAS Athletes took our very first Athletics Department Field Trip to see the Detroit Tigers play at Comerica Park!



We will have an **intramural basketball league** for **grades 2nd- 4th**. Tryouts are Tuesday May 10th for all 2nd graders interested and 3rd grade girls. Thursday May 11th tryouts will be for 3rd grade boys and all 4th graders.

**Scholars must have a permission slip for tryouts!**

Practice will continue on those days, from 4pm-6pm.

Games will be played at our schools' gymnasium on Saturdays from 10 am to 12 pm. Please encourage your young scholars to come out and participate! This will be a co-ed league.

**Contact Coach Walker for more information**  
[Duwalker@daask12.com](mailto:Duwalker@daask12.com)/313-739-3079



The next DAAS Saturday Academy will occur Saturday, May 13, 2023 between 9am and 1pm. Pre-registration is required: <https://forms.gle/DPdzrrCPUgYEQm1m7>  
Space is limited, so register today!

# What's Happening around the District



- ## Lower Elementary (K-2)
- April was STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) month. We had a wonderful time throughout Earth Week learning how to save our planet (Reuse, Reduce, and Recycle). Shout out to Ms. Coleman for doing such a wonderful job exposing scholars to STEM.
  - April's character education focused around being RESPONSIBLE. We talked about sharing, taking turns, and having patience. The one I would like for parents to highlight with your scholar is patience. It means to wait without getting upset.
  - Thank you to all of our parents who attended Literacy night! You can continue to support these efforts by encouraging your scholar(s) to complete their iReady reading lessons.
  - May will be healthy habits focused. It's also a big month for standardized testing. You can help increase scholars' scores by making sure they get a good night's sleep before testing!



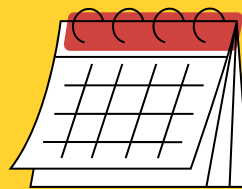
- ## Upper Elementary (3-5)
- Our DAAS Athletes participated in a field trip to a Tigers game in April
  - 3-5 scholars participated in the Pistons STEAM field trip (Thank you Ms. Bennett for organizing!)
  - 3rd grade scholars visited the Michigan Science Center on 4/27/23 (Thank you Ms. Guider!)
  - 3-5 M-Step Boot Camp prepared scholars for the test. Scholars have been taking the test and all testing will wrap up in early May.
  - The PAC Family Dance was a great success!!



- ## Middle School (6-8)
- Our Middle School Dancers led by Mr. Nance performed on stage at Wayne State University's spring dance performance and did an incredible job!
  - The 8th graders planted flowers in our courtyard to celebrate Earth Day. (Thanks Ms. Minus!)
  - The Hydroponics Club is growing kale and lettuce, thanks to collaboration with Planted Detroit.
  - In the next 2 weeks all 3 grade levels will take a field trip to visit the wetland area at Milliken State Park to discuss and observe the characteristics and benefits of wetland habitats for people and for wildlife.
  - Congrats to our 8th Graders who completed the PSAT. Next stop: High School! (But let's finish this year strong!)



# Parents of the Month



## Lower Elementary (K-2)

K-2's April Parent of the Month is Mr. Pratt! He not only works with our parents, but his willingness to support, donate, and volunteer when needed is greatly appreciated. If there is one parent we can count on to show up for our events, such as literacy night, it is Mr. Pratt. Thank you for all that you do!



## Upper Elementary (3-5)



Latisha Calloway is a Student Council and scholar leader parent who is very supportive of the 3-5 Academy. Ms. Calloway attends the DAAS Saturday Academy and family events. Thank you Ms. Calloway for being one of the most dedicated parents of the 3-5 Academy.

## Middle School (6-8)

Our Middle School Parent of the Month for April is Ms. Corey Wheeler! Ms. Wheeler was nominated for this honor by our 6th grade teachers--Ms. Hannon shared, "She is super engaged with her child's learning experience, has regular check-ins with all of us, and has volunteered to help and support us countless ways." Thanks for being awesome, Ms. Wheeler!

## Upcoming Dates to Remember!

- Tuesday, May 2nd - K-2 Muffins with Mom
- Tuesday, May 2nd - Grades 3-7 MSTEP MATH
- Thursday, May 4th - Grades 4-7 MSTEP ELA
- Wednesday, May 10th - Kindergarten SignUp
- Mon. May 8th - Fri. May 12th - Teacher Appreciation Week
- Saturday, May 13th - Saturday Academy
- Monday,
- Tuesday, May 23rd - iReady ELA Test
- Wednesday, May 24th - iReady Math Test
- Monday, May 29th - Memorial Day (No School)
- Tuesday, June 13th - K-2 Donuts with Dad
- Thursday, June 15th - K, 5th, & 8th Graduation
- Friday, June 16th - Last Day of School

**SAVE THE DATE!**  
Kindergarten Signing Day

Do you have a scholar who will be 5 by December 1st, 2023? We are now enrolling Kinder scholars! Come complete enrollment paperwork, meet your teachers and school leaders, and learn about our program!

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