



The Cheetah Pause ...

A note from Dr. Stacy Dobbs, our principal

At DCS we continue to focus on our growth. There are many ways that we continue to make progress and we could not do it without the collective efforts of the students, faculty, staff and families. As we inch towards the end of the year – which has gone by so quickly – I would like to highlight some of the ways we have achieved our goal of growth and what we are looking forward to. This year we:

- **Increased our academic growth scores, thus increasing our proficiency.** Students set their academic goals and work with our teachers and staff to achieve them. In some areas, we have doubled our scores from last year! Our ultimate goal is to have school wide academic proficiency at 80% or higher. We are on our way!
- **Reduced our building behavior referrals by over 50%.** At DCS, we focus on being proactive and helping students self-regulate their behavior. We believe that they are always trying to do the right thing and we understand that sometimes they may not make the best choice. We are here to help teach and reteach the expectations aligned with the 3 Bs: Be Safe. Be Respectful. Be Responsible. Our students are doing a phenomenal job at following the 3 Bs! Last year we filled two Cheetah ticket containers. This year we have filled 4! In addition, the number of student leaders has increased substantially.
- **Held more parent and family evening events.** In addition to our wonderful PTA events, our teachers and staff planned and supported two additional evening events this year: STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) Night and Literacy Night. Both of these events are being planned again for next year. Parent and family engagement are critical to the success of our students and we value working with you as a team.



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SAVE THE DATES!

April 29-May 3	Spirit Week
May 1	NYS Science test for Grade 5
May 7	NYS Math test for Grades 3-5
May 8	NYS Math test for Grades 3-5
May 16	BINGO Night at DCS; 5:30 p.m.
May 24-29	No school, Memorial Day Recess
May 30	Back to school

LITERACY WEEK A HUGE SUCCESS

We had an amazing literacy week at DCS in March! From mystery readers, to dress as your favorite character/author day, to reading buddies, to trips to the Delaware Public Library to the Family Literacy Night celebration.

Seeing all of our students, families, faculty, staff, district employees and community partners collaborate with us with amazing! Thank you to all who came to read, dress up and celebrate with us. We are super grateful!



GET READY FOR SPIRIT WEEK!

Delaware Community School's Spirit Week is next week — April 29-May 3. During Spirit Week, students, faculty and staff show their support for our school by dressing in a different theme each day.

Monday, April 29:

Positivi-TEE Day

Wear a t-shirt with a positive message that promotes positive thinking, kindness and love

Tuesday, April 30:

Twin Day

You and a friend wear the same (or similar) clothes

Wednesday, May 1:

Favorite Color Day

Wear clothes or accessories in your favorite color or colors

Thursday, May 2:

Favorite Team or Favorite Sport Day

Wear clothes or accessories that tell us your favorite sport or team

Friday, May 3:

School Spirit Day

Wear our school colors: blue and gold



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As we move through the last few months of school we will keep growth at our forefront. We have plans to:

- Increase academic growth scores and proficiency by increasing student voice and engagement.
- Increase student leadership and continue to focus on providing positive behavior support to all of our students.
- Increase our parent/family involvement. We have been working on creating a Parent Resource Center. We have identified a space in the building as well as purchased a washer and dryer and refrigerator with this in mind.

This is just a brief overview of how we have been growing. It is exciting that there is still more to come! I appreciate working together alongside you in order to make DCS the best place it can be! Please consider supporting our students' growth by volunteering in the PTA, being a mystery reader, communicating with your child's teacher, and sharing your own idea!

We value your support!!

Breakfast starts: 8:40 a.m.
Classes start: 9 a.m.
Pre-K students dismissed: 3 p.m.
All others dismissed: 3:30 p.m.

OUR SCHOOL DAY

Who's who at Delaware Community School

Dr. Stacy J. Dobbs, Principal
Ayanna Hunter Nurse
Lorraine Ruiz-Rios, Home School Coordinator
Rachel Burnetter, Social Worker
Brittani Griffin, Psychologist
Jennifer Vigo, Behavior Specialist

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