DOUGLAS BYRD MIDDLE SCHOOL

HAWK HAPPENINGS

OCTOBER

2026



SPIRIT. CULTURE. COMMUNITY.

Your guide to what is happening at DBMS.

PINK WEDNESDAYS — **Wear pink in October for Breast Cancer Awareness Month.**

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

07 — **Court interest form due**
Submit in Canvas.

09 — **FBLA calendars due**
Return to Mr. Donnelly.

13–15 — **Hispanic Heritage Spirit Week**
Celebrate with dress-up days.

16 — **Voting and FBLA events**
Court vote, speaker and fundraiser.

19–23 — **Homecoming Spirit Week**
Game Oct 22 • Dance Oct 23.

21 — **Hispanic Heritage Night**
6:00–7:30 PM.

24 — **Walk to End Alzheimer's**
Segra Stadium • 7:00–11:30 AM.

26–30 — **Red Ribbon Week**
Student holiday October 26.

28 — **Skate Night**
Round-A-Bout • 5:00–7:00 PM.

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Homecoming tickets

CULTURE

Celebrate together

Hispanic Heritage celebrations • Flavor, rhythm and culture





Join us for Hispanic Heritage Night

Wednesday, October 21 • 6:00–7:30 PM
Celebrate the rich culture, traditions and contributions of our Hispanic community. See Mrs. Reese or Ms. Deas for more details.

HAWK PRIDE

Homecoming 2026

Homecoming Spirit Week • October 19–23, 2026



This week

Monday Oct 19 • Twin Day
Wear matching outfits with a friend.

Tuesday Oct 20 • Pajama Day
Wear your pajamas to school.

Wednesday Oct 21 • Decade Day
Dress in styles from the 80s or 90s.

Thursday Oct 22 • Blackout
Wear all black.

Friday Oct 23 • Student Teacher Swap
Students dress like teachers; teachers dress like students.

Homecoming Court

Oct 7: Interest form closes in Canvas. **Oct 8:** Candidate review and final selection. **Oct 9:** Candidates announced; contracts and campaign rules reviewed. **Oct 12–16:** Campaigning. **Oct 16:** Student voting. **Oct 22:** Court announced at the game against Westover.

Homecoming • 10/22/2026 against Westover
Tickets can be purchased using the QR code located in **Inside This Issue** on the cover.

Homecoming Dance • Friday October 23

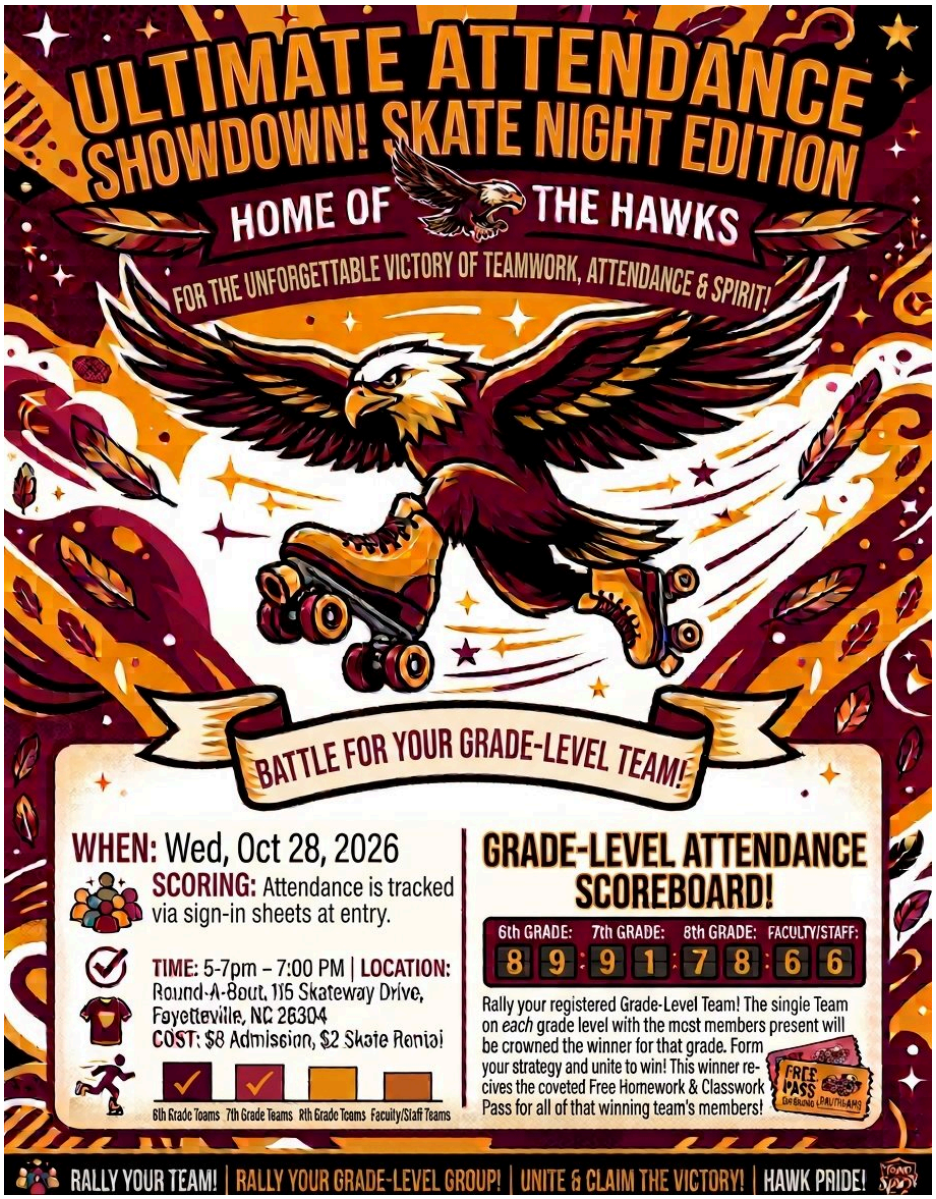
2:40–4:00 PM • $5 prepaid only
Sponsored by sixth grade. Snacks available at the concession stand; cash only. See the sixth-grade team for details.


PLEASE JOIN US FOR
Douglas Byrd Middle School's
HOMECOMING DANCE
OCTOBER 23
2:40 UNTIL 4:00
TICKETS $5 PER STUDENT

SKATE NIGHT

Battle of the Teams

Wednesday October 28, 2026 • Rally your grade-level team!



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WEDNESDAY
OCTOBER 2026

5:00–7:00 PM

Round-A-Bout
Located beside 71st Classical and Loyd Auman.

Battle of the Teams!
Which team will have the most attendees? Roll on out to help your team win!

RED RIBBON

Dream big. Live drug free.

October 26–30, 2026 • Be kind. Be brave. Be drug free.



Healthy choices matter

Red Ribbon Week encourages students to make healthy choices and commit to a drug-free life. The red ribbon represents hope, courage and a promise to live drug free.

This week

Monday Oct 26
Student holiday. No school.

Tuesday Oct 27
Dress for your dream career.

Wednesday Oct 28
Wear as much red as possible.

Thursday Oct 29
Crazy hair, crazy socks and/or a crazy outfit.

Friday Oct 30
Halloween-themed pajamas.
No slippers!

Keep the conversation going: Talk with your student about their goals, healthy choices and trusted adults they can turn to for support.

FBLA

Lead. Learn. Give back.

Leadership opportunities, fundraisers and upcoming experiences

CALENDAR FUNDRAISER

Due Friday October 9 to Mr. Donnelly
Donors choose an available day and donate that dollar amount: day 5 = $5, day 15 = $15, day 25 = $25 and day 31 = $31. Keep your assigned calendar safe. Donors may also use the QR code on the letter side.

$496

Raised by one fully sponsored calendar

FRIDAY OCT 16

PROVEN BY RUBEN
Guest speaker • 1:00–2:00 PM
Learn, ask questions and develop your leadership skills.

PANDA EXPRESS
Raeford Road • All-day fundraiser
Help needed 4:00–8:00 PM. Volunteer for part of the evening; aim for 2–3 students helping at a time.

22
THU / OCT

BELL'S SEED STORE CTE FIELD TRIP

Only 10 FBLA spots
The 30 total spaces are shared with other CTE classes. Watch Canvas for permission slips, eligibility and how FBLA students will be selected.

24
SAT / OCT

WALK TO END ALZHEIMER'S

1-mile walk, run or jog • 7:00–11:30 AM
Segra Stadium, downtown Fayetteville.
Chick-fil-A breakfast will be provided.
Scan the DBMS FBLA QR code for event information.



STAFF CORNER

Monitor annual leave and sick-day balances as the holidays approach. Annual leave will be needed; staff without available annual or sick leave may need to take leave without pay. — Mrs. Tiffany

OCTOBER UPDATES

Important reminders & athletics

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

OCT 14	Fall Pictures
OCT 20	2-Hour Early Release
OCT 23	Report Cards Go Home
OCT 26	Student Holiday / System Wide PD (Required Workday)

ATHLETICS

Athletic Schedules >

FOOTBALL

OCT 8	vs. John Griffin
OCT 15	@ Grays Creek
OCT 22	vs. Westover - Homecoming
OCT 29	@ Mac Williams

BOYS SOCCER / VOLLEYBALL

OCT 7	@ John Griffin
OCT 14	Grays Creek
OCT 21	@ Westover
OCT 28	@ Mac Williams

GIRLS TRACK

OCT 6	@ South View High School
OCT 13	@ Reid Ross
OCT 19	@ Reid Ross
OCT 27	Division Meet @ Reid Ross

@ indicates an away event.

MILITARY CHILD OF THE YEAR®



Help us find Operation Homefront's next award recipients!

WHAT

Operation Homefront's Military Child of the Year Awards celebrate and recognize the tremendous achievements of outstanding military children.

WHEN

The Awards Gala will be held in Washington, D.C. in April 2027 during the Month of the Military Child.

WHO

Each year, hundreds of military teens (ages 13–18) are nominated by a parent, teacher, mentor or guardian. Candidates for the Military Child of the Year Awards demonstrate resilience, strength of character, and the ability to thrive in the face of the challenges of military life.

RECIPIENTS

Military Child of the Year Award recipients receive a $10,000 cash award, a laptop, and are flown with a parent or guardian for a 3-night stay in Washington, D.C.

Nominations accepted September 2 to December 1, 2025

For more information, scan the QR code or visit **operationhomefront.org/mcoy**