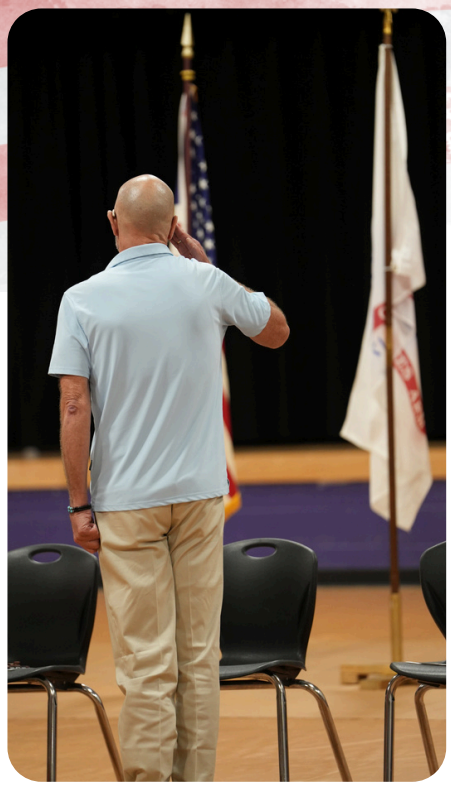
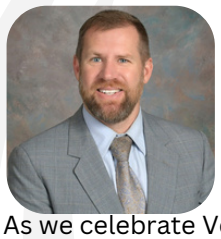
School Matters NEWSLETTER

November 2026







From the desk of

Dr. Heath Belcher, Superintendent

As we celebrate Veterans Day this week, I want to personally thank the men and women who have served our country. To the veterans among our families, staff and community, we are grateful for your service and sacrifice. It is an honor to welcome so many of you into our schools for our annual Veterans Day celebrations.

I recently had the privilege of hearing a presentation from The Heroes Center, a Triad organization that supports veterans through housing, resources and fellowship. Their work made a lasting impression on me, and I wanted to share this resource with our community. If you are a veteran or know someone who could benefit from their support, please visit HeroesCenter.org to learn more.

We have had a strong first quarter of the school year, and I appreciate the partnership of our families and staff. Thank you to everyone who participated in last month's parent and teacher advisory meetings. We had 22 parents and 30 teachers share feedback and ideas to help us better serve our students and support our schools.

With the holiday season approaching, please keep an eye on school calendars and communications for upcoming events and breaks. Additionally, inclement weather is something to think about, even though we don't want to! We've added a link to our weather plans on page 3 of this newsletter.

We hope the weeks ahead bring opportunities to rest, enjoy time with loved ones and celebrate the people and traditions that matter to you.

Thank you for being part of Davie County Schools.





Important Dates

Board of Education Meeting
December 1 at 6 p.m.

Holidays

November 26-28
No School For Students

Dec. 21- Jan. 1
No School For Students

Thanksgiving Lunch
November 24

Join your student at school for roasted turkey with gravy, cornbread stuffing, green beans, mashed potatoes, and peach cobbler.



Advanced Manufacturing Lab

Davie County High School broke ground Oct. 29 on the new Advanced Manufacturing Lab , opening the door to more hands-on learning and career exploration. Supported by The Golden LEAF Foundation and state funding, equipment donations and our partnership with Davidson-Davie Community College, the lab will bring advanced technology and college courses directly to campus. Students helped mark the occasion, with the high school robotics team's robot scooping the first dirt!

Completion is scheduled for fall 2027. You can read more about the event here at the DCHS Weekly Talon.







IGNITE DAVIE
A College Promise Program

IGNITE DAVIE is a place-based, last-dollar scholarship program, meaning students must both live in and attend high school in Davie County to qualify. All eligible graduates, regardless of financial need or academic performance, can take advantage of this opportunity to continue their education or job training. The scholarship covers in-state tuition, required fees, and provides a book stipend for students attending Davidson-Davie Community College (DDCC) full-time.
Learn more at www.ignitedavie.com

Inclement Weather

Follow Us For More

As cooler weather starts to arrive, we encourage families to review our DCS inclement weather procedures located on our website. Weather-related decisions about school operations involve careful consideration, and we recognize that each decision affects the daily routines of our families and staff. Please ensure all Infinite Campus contact information is updated, download our DCS app, and follow our social media accounts.

Class of 2027

SAVE THE DATES!
We can't wait to celebrate the hard work, accomplishments, and exciting next chapters of our graduates alongside families, staff, and community!



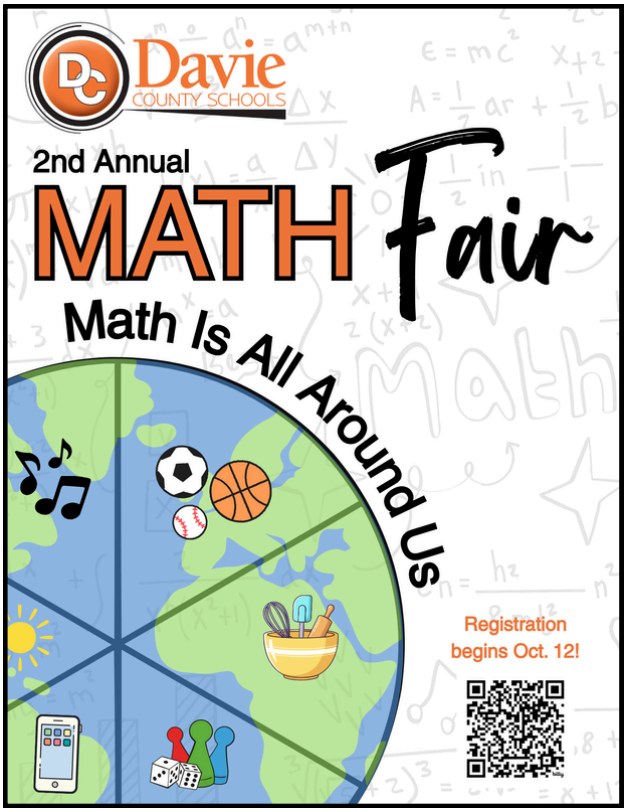
The Nutcracker Highlights

More than 40 dancers from schools across the county will showcase their talent in the Davie Dancing Boots' Winter Showcase and highlights from The Nutcracker on Sunday, November 22nd. For all the details, see the PDF below and order tickets HERE.





Registration is OPEN for our 2nd Annual DCS Math Fair! Students in all grade levels are invited to join the fun, put their math skills to work, and show us what they can do.





Congrats!

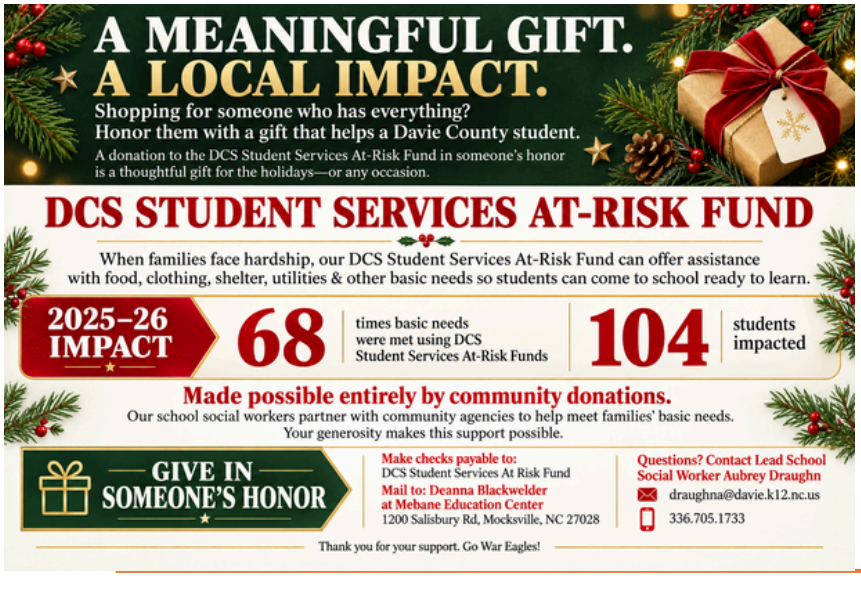
William Ellis Middle School has been named the our district's Signature School for 2026! This honor recognizes schools across the Piedmont Triad Education Consortium's 17 districts that exemplify excellence in education. Ellis will be recognized at the annual Signature Schools Award Breakfast on Thursday, Dec. 10.



In Her Vision

Last week, Durham Technical Community College and In Her Vision brought a mobile vision unit to Mocksville Elementary to provide eye exams and glasses at no cost to students needing follow-up vision care. Thank you to the Mocksville Lions Club for pledging $1,000 to support this visit and a future visit. A total of 36 students from all different schools in DCS were fitted with 65 pairs of glasses!





Year-End Donation Idea

Supported entirely by donations, the DCS Student Services At-Risk Fund helps meet students' basic needs, including clothing, food, temporary shelter, utilities and certain medical needs.

This fund helps school social workers and student services staff support families during difficult times. As community needs grow, every donation can help keep a family stable and a child connected to school.





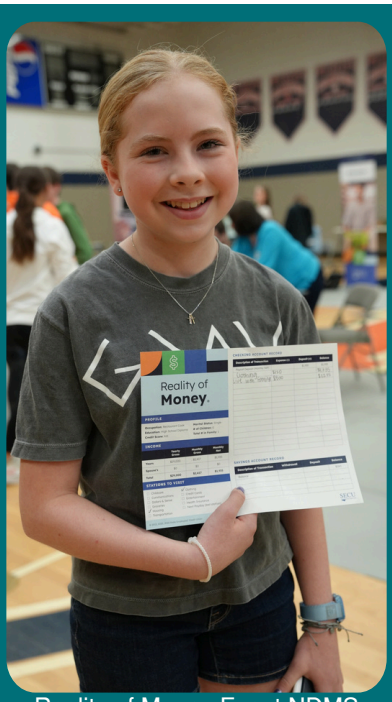
Photos From Across the District



DCECHS Passion Projects



Career Day at Mocksville Elementary



Reality of Money Event NDMS



DCHS Masonry lessons in action



Transportation keeps buses rolling



Math and space at SGES



Manufacturing Day for our middle schools



SDMS Band



Enjoying lunch at PES