

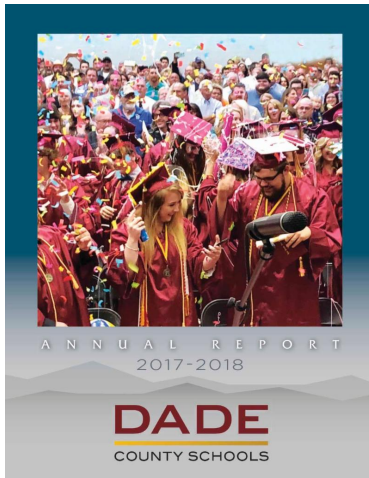
March 11, 2019

Message from the Superintendent

Dr. Jan Irons Harris

Reading, Writing & Arithmetic! Pictured l to r: Jan Harris, Jan Ingram (the example of Humility in our Character Ed Plan), Abby Moore and Madison Rhoden

Word of the Week: Attitude



The Mission of the Dade County School System is to ensure that students have the opportunity to become independent, hardworking, lifelong learners capable of succeeding in a changing society through:

Dedicated Teachers and Staff

Community and Parent Commitment

Safe and Orderly Environments

Strong Leadership Committed to Excellence

Our Strategic Plan guides us as we seek continual improvement in all areas of our school system. The

Five Year Strategic Plan was developed through a collaborative effort of Dade County School System Stakeholders.

There are five goals within the Strategic Plan: Fiscal Accountability, College and Career Readiness, Highly Qualified Staff, Engaging Stakeholders, and Creating Nurturing, Safe Climates that Promote Learning.

Goal Five is related to **Fiscal Accountability**. It states: Ensure fiscal accountability through efficient and productive use of resources and by being trustworthy stewards of taxpayers' money.

We are good stewards of the funds entrusted to our care for the benefit of our deserving students. Our team seeks ways to reduce costs and enhance productivity. During the last two years, as employees resigned or retired, 11 positions were eliminated. LED lights and HVAC units working at optimal levels reduce power costs by several thousand dollars each month.

We have a balanced budget, and continue to have a *perfect audit*. We are proud to maintain a *healthy reserve fund recommended by the Georgia Department of Education*. The *Board of Education rolled back the millage rate* this fall from 15.509 to 15.323, saving taxpayers dollars. We utilize federal dollars to provide resources for our students and staff.

We actively seek grants in order to increase resources for our students. Congratulations to those who received grants totaling more than \$450,000 since 2018 such as: Major Tommy Bradford/Sheriff Ray Cross and Josh Ingle: COPS Grant (\$249,000), Josh Ingle: McRELSafety Grant (\$150,000), Dr. James Cantrell: Solar Panels (\$50,000), Patti Johnson: Tag, You're It! Grant (\$2250), Shenea Hill: STEM grant (\$5000), and Beverly Adkins: Robotics Grant (\$3000).

Currently, we are pursuing grants for afterschool care and technology/CTAE. Our Director of Finance provides a monthly update at each board meeting. Additionally, Budget Hearings will be held in the upcoming months as we prepare for the 2019-2020 school year. The public is always invited to attend. Thank you for your support of Dade County Schools.

Jan

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Thank you, Mrs. Shenea Hill, for securing a \$5,000 grant for the DMS Skills USA Team! This money will... Continue Reading



Dade Middle School: DMS
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Thank you, Mrs. Beverly Adkins, for securing a \$3,000 grant for the DMS Robotics Club! This m... Continue Reading



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March 11-15, 2019 Character Quotes by DCS Young Authors

EQ: What does it mean to have a good attitude?

Monday: DC Chorus Festival - DCHS, 7:00 p.m. *When people have a bad attitude, I know that something must have happened to cause it, so I talk to them and ask, "What happened?"* Eli Barron, DMS

Tuesday: Tennis - H at 3:30 p.m., DMS Baseball H, DCHS Soccer H at 5:00 p.m. *You often have to have a good attitude to have a good life.* Maddie Cuzzort, DMS

Wednesday: *To 8th graders: As you begin to walk these halls, try hard in your classes, focus on where you want to go in life, play sports, join clubs and go to school events because one day you will no longer have the opportunity. Don't miss the chance to make a memory.* Abby Moore, DCHS

Thursday: DMS Soccer H at 4:30 p.m., DCHS Baseball H at 5:30 p.m. *To 8th graders: As I approach the end of my senior year, I want you to know that high school was the best experience of my life. I encourage you to make the absolute most of it. Study hard, but remember to go out and have fun. Go to all the school activities you can because that will create the fondest memories for you.* Madison Rhoden, DCHS

Friday: Library Media Specialists Professional Learning, DMS Sock Hop *To 8th graders: What I've learned after four years of high school is that school is not the most important factor. Your education is. School and education are very different things. Focus on your education: your exploration of subjects and hobbies you personally take*

pride in, your developing perspectives, and your growth as an individual. In classes, strive to truly understand and engage with the material instead of a grade. Beyond the classroom, make time for your own passions, and spending time with friends. Lastly, don't take yourself too seriously and have a little fun! Karen Zheng, DCHS

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DAVIS
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Pre-K and Kindergarten Registration for 2019-2020 School Year
March 14, 2019
Kindergarten - 8:00 AM - 3:30 PM | Pre-K - 8:00 AM - 3:30 PM

Davis Elementary School



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DADE
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
Building Greater Futures

Pre-K and Kindergarten Registration for 2019-2020 School Year
March 12, 2019
Kindergarten - 12:00 Noon - 1:00 PM | Pre-K - 1:00 PM - 6:00 PM

Dade Elementary School



Our team proudly presents the **2018 Annual Report to you**, our valued stakeholders. **Read it online** or come by the Board of Education to get a copy. *Our schools are safer, our students are better prepared for college and careers, and our community and parents are supportive of our combined efforts.*