

After a tour of Independence Hall, Congress Hall, the Liberty Bell, and a walking tour in the rain, our group has eaten authentic Philly cheesesteaks and our chorus had an impromptu performance at Christ Church. Now, we're at the Franklin Institute! We will be heading to the "Rocky" steps n... See More

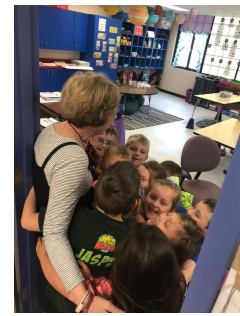


April 15, 2019

Message from the Superintendent

Dr. Jan Irons Harris

Word of the Week:
Traditions



Strategic Plan Goal 5: Student Achievement & Safety

Congratulations, Ruth and Amelia, DCS Optimist Oratorical Contest Winners!

In the last few weeks, I shared an update about each of these goals from the DCS Strategic Plan: [fiscal accountability](#), [college and career readiness](#), [engaging stakeholders](#) and what we are doing to maintain a [highly qualified, motivated workforce](#). Today, I want to share an update about our final and most important goal: **teaching and learning in a safe, caring and challenging**

environment.

Safety First! You told us you wanted a School Resource Officer at each school and our partnership with law enforcement made this a reality. We are thankful to have a School Resource Officer at each of our schools. We are thankful to have extra security with the latest technology at each school, provided by the [COPS grant](#) written by Chief Deputy Tommy Bradford and Sheriff Ray Cross's team.

Research tells us that successful schools rest upon two pillars: a Caring Culture and Academic Rigor. As such, we are working for improvement in these essential areas with professional learning for [Positive Behavior Intervention Supports \(PBIS\)](#) and the [Learning-Focused Instructional Framework](#). We are adding honors and advanced classes. We have a district-wide Character Education Plan that helps teach our students how to make wise decisions. We want them to be ready for the workforce and ready to be good citizens.

Our principals, James Fahrney, Jr., Dr. Sandra Spivey, Tracy Blevins and Josh Ingle, are doing an excellent job leading the way at each school. We have dedicated teachers and support staff who make our students their number one priority each day.

In conclusion, we are excited about our efforts for continual improvement, especially in the areas of climate and instruction. We invite you to [Watch Us Climb](#). Thank you for supporting and encouraging our team as we work for the benefit of our deserving students!

Thank you, Ms. Haston, Ms. Chance and Mr. Chance, and all the chaperones for taking our Band and Choral Students to Philadelphia!

Dade County Bands
March 29 at 4:57 PM · 🌐

Wrapping up our tour at Washington's headquarters at Valley Forge....where you can touch the same bannister George and Martha Washington touched when they lived here!
#PhillyTour2019 #DadeFineArts



Check out a few of my favorite tweets:

What Character Means to Me~Sandra W. Spivey, Ed.D.

As a leader, I like to ask people who work under my supervision to think about what they would like for people to say about them at the end of their careers (or even at the end of their lives.) I ask them to think of one word ...

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Thank you for replying to my survey about my weekly message. **96% of you said YES,** the content of my message was helpful information.

<  Cheryl Hodges is with RalphShirley Hodges and Valerah Painter Hodges. ...
Tuesday at 9:21 PM · 👤

Way to go Noah Hodges 🏆🏆🏆
1st in 800meter 2:19 PR
2nd in Triple Jump 36.5 (Ridgeland 1st)
3rd "Overall" in 300hurdles (1st in his heat)
49:19

WAY TO GO KID 🙌
#DCHSTRACKANDFIELD2019
#SOPHMORESEASON
#BIGDADDYJR



Our art field trip to the Hunter Museum of American Art was a success! We did a little art therapy and chalk art before we headed to the museum, where we were able to visit our own exhibit! #dchsvisualarts



display our student work at the @HunterMuseum of art! Big thanks to Heidi and @DCHSVisualArts for sharing your board with us! We have some incredibly talented students! Come check us out the whole month of April!
@Dade_Middle
@JanIHarris



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Week 32 Character Theme/Word of the Week Understanding/Traditions

EQ: What is a tradition?

Quotes by Dade County Young Authors

April 15th, Monday: Board of Ed Regular Meeting at 5:00 p.m., DMS Baseball H, DCHS Soccer H

Traditions are things people do based on what they are taught by others close to them. We should respect others traditions. We are all different. Alannah Gray, DMS

April 16th, Tuesday: DCHS Band Concert at 7:00 p.m. DCHS Soccer H

Almost every family has some sort of tradition. For example, my family doesn't use the words, "Shut up." Anna Ballard, DMS

April 17th, Wednesday: DCHS on KWN's "Reading, Writing & Arithmetic" at 1:00 p.m.

In my family, we never take the Lord's name in vain. That's a tradition. Ayden Miles, DMS

**April 18th, Thursday: Progress Reports, Golf at Trenton Golf Club, DCHS
Baseball H, Girls Soccer H, DMS B & G Soccer Home**

One of my Christmas traditions is on Christmas Day we will go to both of my grandparents' houses. While we are there, we'll open presents, play games and just have a good time. Eli Barron, DMS

April 19th, Good Friday: NO SCHOOL

I love to read. Maddie Cuzzort, DMS

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