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Introducing: DCPS Perks Program!

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At Daviess County Public Schools, we recognize the hard work and dedication that you put in every day!

In an effort to give back to you and your family, the DCPS district has partnered with Perks®! The Perks Program allows DCPS employees to access hundreds of discounts to national and local merchants. The best part ... this wonderful benefit is completely FREE to you, simply

for being an employee of DCPS!

Benefits of the Perks Program

- Personalized website and mobile app
- National and local discounts
- Discounted travel
- Free Snazzy Traveler membership
- More than 120 discounted gift cards
- Cash back rewards program
- Discounted event tickets
- Search by zip code from anywhere in the country



In the coming weeks, you will see more information about the Perks Connect program, and how to access these great discounts.

Discounts through national merchants will be available first, while local merchant discounts will be added on an ongoing basis. This allows employees the earliest access possible.

What's even more exciting is YOU have a say in what local merchants you would like to see discounts from! An initial list has been provided, but if you have a specific local merchant you would like Perks® to reach out to, simply send an email to info@perksconnect.com and their team will reach out to that merchant/business with an invitation to join the Perks Connect program.

Additional details are featured on the flyer on the next page, with more information coming soon!

We are so excited to offer this amazing benefit to you!

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Local Discounts

Perks will be building out an exclusive network of local businesses right in your community!

Where Would You Like To Save? Email us your favorite suggestions.

info@perksconnect.com

Coming Soon...

The Daviness County Public Schools Perks® Program!

Dear Future Perks® Member,

We are pleased to offer you an exclusive benefit that will help you save both time and money on many of your everyday purchases.

THE SAVINGS FOLLOW YOU WHEREVER YOU GO!

When you print out your PerksCard®, you'll be able to save money on things you buy everyday. Things like movie tickets, dry cleaning, cell phones, restaurants, car repairs and even professional services! Plus you'll receive a discount on your special-occasion purchases including gifts, travel and entertainment.

SAVE AT THOUSANDS OF LOCAL AND NATIONAL RETAILERS!

Your Membership allows you to save 5 ways...

Show and Save – These merchants will honor the discount as long as you show your printable card at the time of your purchase. You can also show them your cell phone and redeem the discount.

Mobile - Use your Smart Phone and download the PerksConnect™ Application and view various discounts in your neighborhood!

Online Savings - are available from over 100 internet based vendors. These discounts are accessed through a link on your organizations custom Perks webpage. Receive special pricing offers or use various promotional codes.

Cash Back Rewards - Perks members will now be able to shop online at more than 1,400 retailers and earn cash back just for doing so. No points, no rewards, no gimmicks. Just cash!

Gift Cards - Purchase gift cards from more than 100 of the nation's top retailers. The gift card (s) will arrive through the mail within seven business days and you will be able to use it just like cash. Must be purchased through your custom Perks webpage.

Travel & Entertainment - Save up to 50% on entertainment events or locations like museums, zoos, sporting events, concerts and more. You can also save up to 70% at more than 400,000 hotels and resorts worldwide plus big discounts on cruises and rental cars!

SAVE YOURSELF TIME AND MONEY!

We know that you will enjoy all the savings the Perks Program has to offer to you. Once your program is complete. Your organization will provide you with information on how to register for your Perks Program. You will also be provided information on how to download the PerksConnect Plus smartphone application so you can find discounts on your mobile device while you are on the go! You will then have access to thousands of local and national discounts!

Once you have registered online, you may return to the website as often as you like to view special promotions that give you access to even more great discounts and exclusive offers.

Happy Savings!!!

Introducing: DCPS Digital Backpack



The DCPS district and school websites now feature a new “**Digital Backpack**” page that will allow us to share news and information about special events and learning opportunities sponsored by local non-profit organizations. This is a great way for DCPS to support the many organizations in our community who

support our students and families ... but without requiring our staff to sort and distribute flyers in paper format.

Non-profit organizations are invited to submit flyers as PDF documents to contact@dcps.org. Information will be reviewed to ensure eligibility. When approved, a link will be posted on the Digital Backpack page, and weekly updates will be sent to school administrators to be shared with families via Infinite Campus Messenger.

We invite everyone to check this page often to stay informed about upcoming activities taking place in Daviess County! Events currently listed include those from Building Stronger Families, Bluegrass Music Museum, Owensboro Symphony Orchestra, RiverPark Center, Owensboro Community and Technical College, Green River Area Development District, 4-H and Junior Achievement.


Visit www.dcps.org or any school website to learn more!

DCPS Snow Calls

When DCPS schools are closed, delayed or dismissed early because of inclement weather or other reasons, staff and families will be notified through Infinite Campus Messenger. Be sure your contact information remains updated in that system.

All changes to employee names, addresses or phone numbers must also be submitted to the Personnel Department with a Change of Status form; click [HERE](#) to download and print that document.

Please take the time to review and become familiar with information on [THIS DOCUMENT](#) regarding DCPS procedures regarding cancellations, delays and early dismissals so you are aware of our district procedures and can help communicate accurate information to parents.



Make-Up Day
for Nov. 15
Monday, Feb. 18

Community Needs Survey



DCPS Family Resource and Youth Service Centers are partnering with the SPARK-ODC network (Social Partners Advocating for a Resilient Kentucky) to identify community needs in areas such as transportation, food and other services so we can focus our efforts to help. This brief

survey will identify gaps in service or help us understand reasons why existing services are not being used, such as cost, lack of transportation etc. Your voice is important. Please click [HERE](#) to complete this survey by March 1 to let your voice be heard!



Send information about your school fundraisers and special events to

grapevine@dcps.org



Show Your “Kids First” Spirit!

DCPS Kids First apparel is available now through midnight Jan. 30. A variety of styles and colors are available for children/youth, men and women, including short and long-sleeve T-shirts, hoodies and sweatshirts.

If you have questions regarding apparel or orders, please contact: Seth Daugherty at Central Screen Printing, SethD@centralscreenprinting.com or 270-977-8393. Please look at the sizing chart before ordering, as orders cannot be returned.

Orders will be delivered to the location selected at checkout. Tentative date for deliveries will be Feb. 18.

Click [HERE](#) to order Kids First apparel!

Healthy Lifestyle Tip of the Week

IT'S ALWAYS WALKING WEATHER SOMEWHERE

And if it's not outside, take it inside this Monday.



#MoveItMonday

MoveItMonday.org

MOVE IT MONDAY!

These weekly fitness reminders are brought to you by the DCPS Food Services Department. We care about you! Learn more at www.healthymonday.org

Operation Warm Hands



“Operation Warm Hands” is collecting donations of new or gently used gloves, mittens and hand-warmers. The project is sponsored by the Daviess County Public Schools district, students at Sorgho Elementary School, Smucker’s, WBKR radio and Whitakers.

These items may be delivered to sent through the courier to any DCPS Family Resource/Youth Services Center, Central Office or the WBKR station office at 3301 Frederica St. Gloves and handwarmers will be donated to local shelters in Daviess County.

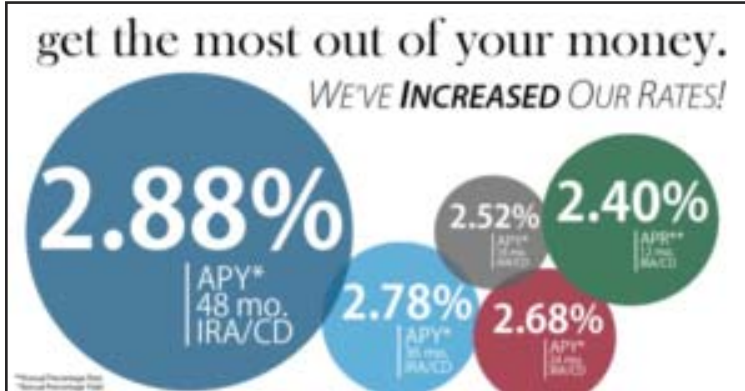


Heather Haynes

In addition, a group of DCPS food services leaders will attend the national School Nutrition Legislative Action Conference in Washington, D.C., in February, where they will meet with elected officials. As part of this visit, our team will work with homeless shelters in our nation’s capital to donate gloves and hand-warmers, along with handmade cards and letters from Sorgho Elementary School students.

For more information, contact Heather Haynes, SES cafeteria manager, heather.haynes@daviess.kyschools.us

**Looking for a great place to SAVE?
Our IRA and CD rates have INCREASED!**



DCTFCU 48th Annual Meeting



Mark your calendars for the 48th Annual Meeting on Tuesday, March 26, in the Daviess County High School cafeteria. We will be giving away \$1,000 in cash prizes and a free giveaway to every member that attends as well! Come enjoy a

delicious meal catered by Old Hickory and meet with the Board and staff of DCTFCU! You will also have the opportunity to vote for your Board of Directors so take advantage of your Credit Union membership! Tickets will go on sale Feb. 18.



Start Erasing Debt!

For the month of January, we are offering incentive for you to make a move towards eliminating your debt! Transfer all your high interest debt to our one low interest Visa and get 5,000 Reward points! Our cards have no annual fee and fixed rates as low as 7.9 percent. Don't miss out! Must meet credit requirements. Points given to any new or current platinum credit card account with a minimum \$500 transferred balance.

Credit Union Corner



Don't Miss your chance to take advantage of this amazing FREE financial curriculum!

The free financial curriculum we currently offer to all Owensboro/Daviess County area schools has been upgraded to feature a model using more technologically current banking practices. The Banzai curriculum offers a real-world approach to learning to manage money and can help students prepare for the responsibilities that come with adulthood. We are passionate about the value and impact this curriculum brings and are so proud of the educational value it offers our community. Other upgrades can be seen under our BANZAI Direct program offered on our website. Here you can find different levels of educational financial curriculum offering basic principles and advanced principles that can be stopped and started at any time. We are so excited to offer you a product that evolves with the fast-paced changes of our day! Check out www.dctfcu.teachbanzai.com to see how this curriculum is impacting our community already and how to get started offering it to your students today! For FREE! If you have any further questions, feel free to contact Tina Payne at 270.684.8954.

Don't forget the Courier!

Send your deposit through DCPS Courier. The Courier drops off and picks up mail at the Credit Union on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Include your account number. Contact us or log on to your online account after 4 p.m. to verify receipt of your deposit or loan payment.



Direct Deposit and Payroll Deduction save you time and money!



Now is the perfect time to save! Sign up for DCPS Direct Deposit and Payroll Deduction today! Open as many special savings accounts as you need and name them yourself! Have your pay automatically deposited and distributed each pay period. You'll save time and money!

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Scholarship Applications Available NOW!

Each year, Daviess County Teachers Federal Credit Union gives away two \$500 scholarships to members interested in furthering their education: The William E. Morris Continuing Education Scholarship for those 21 and older and the Richard E. Skaggs Scholarship for those 21 and younger.

Scholarship applications are now available to be picked up at the Credit Union or available to download and print from our website at www.dctfcu.com/scholarships

Please note: Applicant must be eligible to enter an accredited U.S. college, university or technical school in the fall of 2019. Applicants for Richard E. Skaggs Scholarship must be attending college for the first time in the fall of 2019 and/or must be under the age of 21 by application deadline. Applicants for William E. Morris must desire to further his/her education in the fall of 2019 and must be an adult (21 years or older) by application deadline. Previous scholarship winners are not eligible.

The deadline for submission is March 18 and the scholarships will be awarded at the 48th DCTFCU Annual Meeting. Please feel free to contact the Credit Union at 270-684-8954 for additional information.

Don't Miss Out: Great Rate, Great Rewards!

Take a break from high interest credit cards and transfer your balances to your DCTFCU Visa. DCTFCU offers our members a fixed, low-rate Platinum Visa that can be used for transferring all of your debt or for everyday purchases! Enjoy a fixed rate as low as 7.9 percent annual percentage rate and bonus point rewards on all purchases! There's no annual fee, plus enjoy these additional benefits:

- Identity theft insurance – \$1,000
- Identity theft victim assistance
- 90-day product protection

Stop by the Credit Union to fill out an application and receive your Visa credit card!

Holiday Closing

The Credit Union will be closed on Monday, Feb. 18, for President's Day.




Members Save Up To \$15 on TurboTax and Get a Chance to Win \$25K!

This year, get your biggest possible tax refund and the chance to win \$25,000! And, as a credit union member you can save up to \$15 on TurboTax this tax season.

- Get a chance to win \$25K. Just try TurboTax Online for free by Feb. 14 (and provide a valid email address) to be automatically entered to win the TurboTax \$25,000 Sweepstakes.¹
- TurboTax has you covered. TurboTax is up-to-date on the latest tax laws and guarantees 100 percent accurate calculations, so you can be confident your taxes are done right.
- Real CPAs review your return. With TurboTax Live, you can talk with a CPA or EA onscreen for unlimited advice and a final review of your return.

To enter the sweepstakes and access the member discount, click on the TurboTax web banner located on our credit union's website. Start today and save!

Visit <http://turbotax.intuit.com/lp/yoy/guarantees.jsp> for TurboTax product guarantees and other important information.

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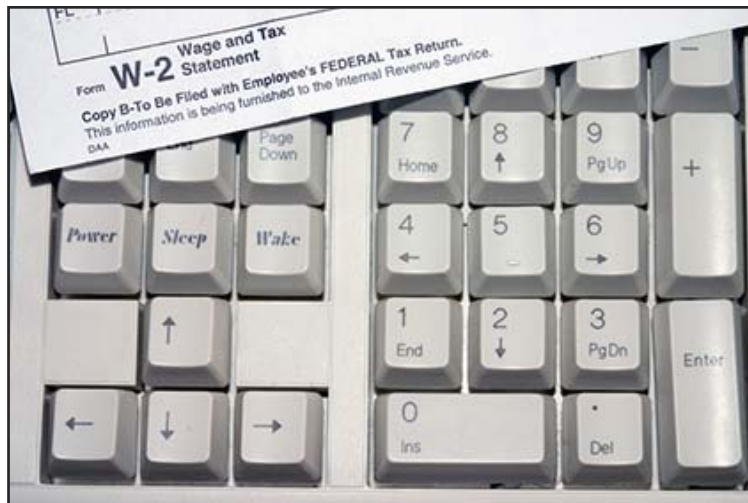
1900 Southeastern Parkway 270-684-8954



Nominate a DCPS Star!

Click [HERE](#) to fill out a simple nomination form to recognize a DCPS Star – someone who goes above and beyond to put Kids First and provide service and support to others! Stars will be selected based on criteria such as empathy, passion, relationships, team player, creativity, communication and growth. Winners will receive a special “You’re a Star” T-shirt and will be featured on district social media sites.

The Stars We Look Up To Reflect What’s Within Us.



2018 Form W-2 Distribution

The DCPS Finance Department distributed the 2018 Form W-2's (annual federal/state tax statements) by e-mail on Thursday Jan. 17.

If you did not receive this document, contact payroll bookkeeper Holly Boarman at Central Office, 270-852-7000 ext 212 or holly.boarman2@daviess.kyschools.us

Form IRS 1095-C Distribution

DCPS distributed IRS Form 1095C's to all employees who were eligible for Health Insurance coverage through the Kentucky Employees Health Plan anytime during calendar year 2018. Anyone who was eligible (full time employees) received a form even if they did not choose Health coverage. Only those who had Health coverage or the regular Waiver HRA will show on the form as actually being covered.

The form was distributed to most employees by email on **Tuesday evening, Jan. 22**. The emails are similar to the Form W-2 and Paycheck e-mails you receive now and are from julia.hobbs@daviess.kyschools.us. The 1095C forms are intended to be printed on 8 ½ x 14 paper, but may be re-sized to fit 8 ½ x 11 paper if so desired. If you receive your paycheck on paper delivered to your work location, your 1095C will also be delivered to you there in that format.

If you worked for another school district or employer during 2018, you will receive a 1095C from that employer in addition to the one from DCPS. The 1095C form you receive from DCPS includes health coverage ONLY for the appropriate periods you were covered through DCPS. If you were covered for only half of any month, that

month will show you NOT having coverage.

Please check your personal information under **Part I** at the top of the page and also check the information under **Part III** for anyone who was

covered at any time during 2018 on your health plan. If any information seems to be incorrect, please contact Julia Hobbs immediately so that it can be corrected. If you are an employee who cross-references with another state employee, please note that all the covered individuals will appear ONLY on the Primary plan holder's form; the Secondary plan holder will receive a form with only their own personal information listed.

The 1095C form should be shared with the employee's income tax preparer and kept with the employee's 2018 personal tax information for audit purposes.

If you have any questions, please contact Julia Hobbs at Central Office at 270-852-7000 ext. 249 or julia.hobbs@daviess.kyschools.us





DCPS News in the Spotlight

Click links in summaries below to read articles spotlighting the DCPS district and other items relating to local education.

IMPORTANT NOTE: These articles are posted with permission from news organizations with credit given to media outlets, reporters and photographers. If articles are shared or forwarded to others, credit lines **MUST** be included. Articles may **NOT** be posted online, including Facebook and other social media sites.

AHS team qualifies for Vex Robotics state contest, Owensboro Times, Dec. 19, 2018.

EVES student featured on KET, Renee Beasley Jones/Greg Eans, Messenger-Inquirer, Dec. 24, 2018.

DCPS announces “You’re a Star” Awards, Meghann Richardson, Owensboro Times, Jan. 6, 2019.

DCHS senior nominated for Inspiring Teens magazine, Meghann Richardson, Owensboro Times, Dec. 30, 2018.

Public Life Foundation is committed to ensuring that all children are supported with quality learning experiences, David Boeyink, Messenger-Inquirer, Jan. 6, 2019.

DCPS among partners with EMA in reviewing safety issues, James Mayse, Messenger-Inquirer, Jan. 6, 2019.

DCPS to host Dual Credit Information Night programs, Bobbie Hayse, Messenger-Inquirer, Jan. 5, 2019.

MLES hosts Bluegrass in the Schools assembly, Alan Warren, Messenger-Inquirer, Jan. 8, 2019.

DCPS to host Dual Credit Information Night programs, Melody Wallace, Owensboro Times, Jan. 10, 2019.

Old National Bank donates car to FRYSCs, Bobbie Hayse/Alan Warren, Messenger-Inquirer, Jan. 10, 2019.

AHS to host DanceBlue marathon, Melody Wallace, Owensboro Times, Jan. 11, 2019.

AHS hosts Engineering Academy Showcase, Owensboro Times, Jan. 11, 2019.

AHS hosts Engineering Academy Showcase, Bobbie Hayse/Alan Warren, Messenger-Inquirer, Jan. 11, 2019.

Spark-ODC releases community services survey, Renee

Beasley Jones, Messenger-Inquirer, Jan. 12, 2019.

AES hosts Cardboard Challenge, Owensboro Times, Jan. 11, 2019.

KDE releases dyslexia “toolkit” for parents, Bobbie Hayse, Messenger-Inquirer, Jan. 13, 2019.

Thank you, Boards of Education, Matt Robbins and Dr. Nick Brake, Messenger-Inquirer, Jan. 12, 2019.

Bill authorizes superintendents to hire principals, Bruce Schreiner/The Associated Press and Renee Beasley Jones, Messenger-Inquirer, Jan. 12, 2019.

DCHS grad works at National Institutes of Health, Renee Beasley Jones, Messenger-Inquirer, Jan. 14, 2019.

AHS to host DanceBlue marathon, Bobbie Hayse, Messenger-Inquirer, Jan. 14, 2019.

DCPS announces “You’re a Star” Awards, Bobbie Hayse, Messenger-Inquirer, Jan. 14, 2019.

OCTC announces Innovation Lab, Owensboro Times, Jan. 21, 2019.

HPHS students learn with virtual reality, Meghann Richardson, Owensboro Times, Jan. 20, 2019.

High school students have early college, dual credit opportunities, Libby Johnson, Owensboro Times, Jan. 20, 2019.

AHS student enjoys swim, dance as member of teams, Erinn Williams, Owensboro Times, Jan. 19, 2019.

KDE opens School Report Card website, Owensboro Times, Jan. 18, 2019.

Nominations open for Kentucky Teacher of the Year, Owensboro Times, Jan. 18, 2019.

AHS, DCHS students named to All-District High School Bands, Owensboro Times, Jan. 12, 2019.

KDE announces Student Ambassador Initiative, Marlys Mason, Owensboro Times, Jan. 17, 2019.

KDE announces Student Ambassador Initiative, Bobbie Hayse, Messenger-Inquirer, Jan. 21, 2019.

DCHS graduate becomes successful author, Marlys Mason, Owensboro Times, Jan. 22, 2019.