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Daviess County Public Schools Staff Newsletter
April 9-13, 2018

Wearing **RED** for Public Ed!

Update from Supt. Matt Robbins —

On Monday, April 9, Gov. Matt Bevin vetoed the budget and tax reform bills passed by the legislature on March 30.

Legislators are on recess right now and will be back in session on Friday, April 13. They have reserved both Friday and Saturday as the final two days they are allotted to consider the vetoes and potential overrides. We need to remain vigilant in ensuring that our message of support for the vital work of education continues to be heard in our community and in Frankfort!

I encourage you to talk to family, friends and neighbors, and utilize social media to share positive messages about the work we do and WHY we love public education! YOU are the voice and the face of public education to our community – and beyond!



DCPS educators and supporters traveled to Frankfort last week to show their support for public education. Pictured from left are Daviess County Middle School teachers Jennifer McFadden, Philip Kriesle, Leslie Hall, Brooke King and Kelsey Dever.

All DCPS staff members are encouraged to wear “Kids First” apparel on Wednesday, April 11; school spirit shirts on Thursday, April 12; and **RED** for public education on Friday, April 13!

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Focus on the Core



DCPS assistant superintendent for teaching and learning Jana Beth Francis is pictured on March 28, helping to redefine our district instructional coach position as we continue to focus district work on asking if our students are cognitively engaged in standards-based work.

DCPS offers summer Driver Ed course

The Daviess County Public Schools district is now accepting applications for the Driver Education classes scheduled



from June 11 to June 29. Registration deadline is May 25 with payment of \$100 due by June 1.

This class is open to all eligible student drivers (not limited to DCPS students). Space is limited; class will be filled on first-come, first-served basis.

Classes are scheduled from 8 to 11:30 a.m. at Apollo High School. Students will be assigned written work to complete outside of class; internet access is required.

A driving schedule will be shared on June 11. From June 12-28, students will be required to attend class only on days they are assigned to drive. A final exam will be administered on June 29. DCPS dress code will be enforced.

For more information or to submit an application, visit <http://www2.dcps.org/summer/>

AHS Choral Program to host Princess Tea



The Apollo High School Choral Program will host a Princess Tea from 3 to 4:30 p.m. Sunday, April 22, in the Commons Area. Tickets are \$8 per person and includes performances by the Princesses, light refreshments and photo opportunities. Everyone is invited to dress up as their favorite princess or “dress to impress!”

Members of the high school choral program will be dressed as classic princesses and will perform their various “theme songs.”

Everyone is invited to attend this magical event and enjoy an afternoon of tea and a special visit with princesses!

Proceeds from this event will be used to purchase music and assist with travel and other expenses. For more information, contact AHS choir director Shelby Wooldridge at Shelby.wooldridge@daviess.kyschools.us

Office of Teaching and Learning Update

This monthly feature provides information and updates about progress and activities in our DCPS Office of Teaching and Learning, shared by assistant superintendent Jana Beth Francis.



Jana Beth Francis

April 2018

April 17 – Board luncheon

April 19 – Board meeting

April 19 – Office of

Teaching and Learning meeting

April 24-25 – Future Leaders Academy Cohort 2

April 25 – Family Resource/Youth Service Centers coordinators meeting

April 26 – Administrators meeting

Know someone who wants to make a difference in the lives of kids? DCPS to host Teacher Recruitment Fair

The Daviess County Public Schools district will continue our recruiting adventure with the 2018 Recruitment Fair! Last year's event was a huge success, and many of our schools connected with candidates who found their way to teaching positions in our schools.

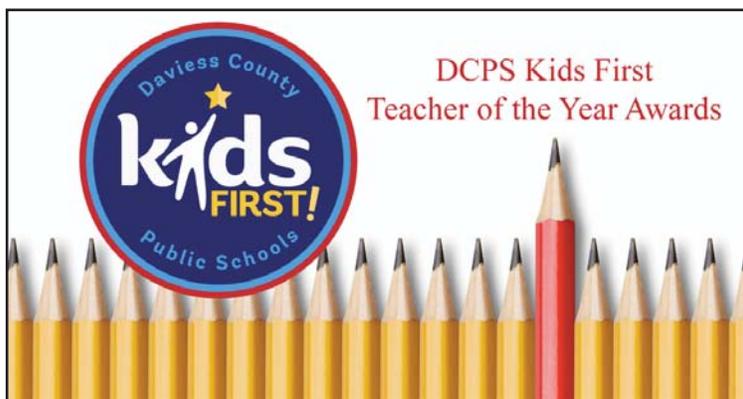
This year's event is scheduled from 4:30 to 6 p.m. Tuesday, April 17, in the Burns Middle School gym. Job candidates should plan to arrive by 5:30 p.m. to ensure adequate time for networking and are encouraged to take several copies of their resumes.

All DCPS schools will be represented by members of their leadership team and a teacher.

District staff members will be on hand to provide support in applying for jobs in TalentEd, as well as sharing information about current job openings. Refreshments and giveaways are also planned at this exciting event. We are looking forward to meeting our future teachers!

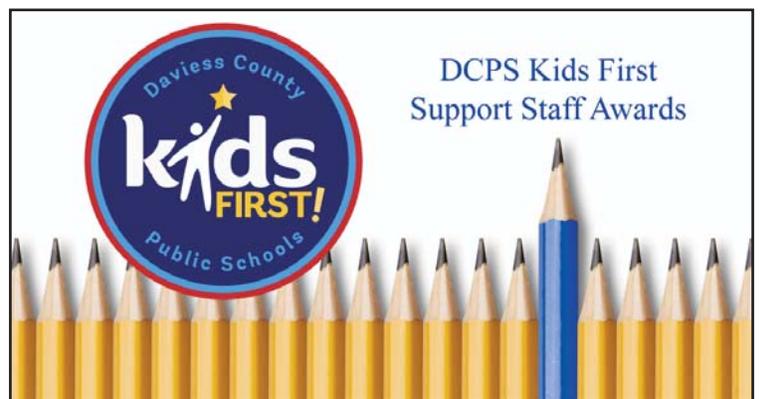


For more information, contact the DCPS Personnel Department at 270-852-7000 or write to assistant superintendent for human services Dr. Amy Shutt at amy.shutt@daviess.kyschools.us



DCPS Kids First Teacher of the Year

Nominate an outstanding for the 2018 DCPS Kids First Teacher of the Year Award! Elementary, middle and high school level winners will be announced at Opening Day. Nominations may be sent to kidsfirst@dcps.org by 3 p.m. Monday, April 16. For more information or to download a nomination form, click [HERE](#) or visit our website at <http://www.daviesskyschools.org/News/kidsfirsttoy#sthash.Bwf025KE.dpbs>



DCPS Kids First Support Staff

Nominate an outstanding for the 2018 DCPS Kids First Support Staff Awards! Customer service and office professional winners will be announced at Opening Day. Nominations may be sent to kidsfirst@dcps.org by 3 p.m. Monday, April 16. For more information or to download a nomination form, click [HERE](#) or visit our website at <http://www.daviesskyschools.org/News/kidsfirstsupport#sthash.Y5Nk1Djb.dpbs>

Click [HERE](#) to view video describing the DCPS Kids First Teacher of the Year, Customer Service and Office Professional Awards nomination and selection process!

Ready, Set ... Gmail!



Steve Burton
Computer Ops Manager

Our migration from Outlook to Gmail was successfully implemented on March 22.

Congratulations and thanks to our DCPS staff or your work in preparing for this move!

If you need assistance or more information, remember that your building has a technology rep who is ready and willing to help! Look [HERE](#) to find your support

person. That page is also where you will find step-by-step information videos; look under the “Training” tab in the upper-right corner.

I am especially proud of the “people helping people” spirit demonstrated in the Gmail Support Chat Room. Look for it [HERE](#) to review questions asked (and answered) by your colleagues, or to post questions of your own.

We were ready! We got set! ... Now, let's Gmail!



EVES Guys in Ties

East View Elementary School is looking for neckties and bow ties! If you have some you are no longer wearing, please consider donating them to the EVES “Guys in Ties” project.

Family Resource Center coordinator Kelly Bland said the project supports the school’s overall lessons in leadership, maturity and meeting expectations, “Our goal is to have enough ties for every boy to wear on Friday if they would like to,” she said. Ties may be sent through the courier or delivered to EVES, attention Kelly Bland, anytime during the school year.



DC-bay!

Deadline for next DC-bay! feature is Friday, April 20. Send brief description of items for sale, price, your name, school/site and home/cell phone number to grapevine@dcps.org



I have six NASCAR tickets for sale for the Talladega race on Sunday, April 29. The seats are very good, located at the entrance of the pit area. Cost is \$55 each; will sell as many as you want (while they last). Susan Hagan (CVMS), 270-993-0557.

Healthy Lifestyle Tip of the Week

MUSIC MONDAY: GET YOUR GROOVE ON

Start the week on the right foot. According to recent studies, learning a new dance, such as a waltz, engages the mind and body in a way that could slow the aging process. Not to mention, practicing new dance steps is a fun way to workout. So kick up those heels!



**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

Kids First in Career Inspiration



DCPS Superintendent Matt Robbins was among special guests who visited Highland Elementary School on March 27 for a “Leaders in the Workplace” event. Matt talked to students about some of his responsibilities, including the “hows and whys” involved in making decisions to close school on snow days.

HES guidance counselor Laura McCain said the event was designed to inspire kids to think about potential careers and their path in preparing for their goals. “Our goal is for our students to begin developing a vision for finding a 21st century career that is not only life-sustainable but one that they love and have a passion for making Daviess County and our world a better place,” Laura said.

Safety Pay\$!



Safety Pay\$! Click [HERE](#) to watch this video, then send an email to dcpsafetyteam@daviess.kyschools.us with your answer to the following question:

What is one “safe practice” lesson you learned from watching this video?

One winner will be selected by random drawing from all correct responses received by noon Friday, April 13, for a restaurant gift card sponsored by our DCPS loss control partners and the DCPS Safety Committee.

Graduation Schedule

The Daviess County Public Schools Class of 2018 will graduate on the following schedule:

Daviess County High School
6 p.m. Thursday, May 31, Owensboro Sportscenter

Heritage Park High School
3 p.m. Friday, June 1, Owensboro Convention Center

Apollo High School
6 p.m. Friday, June 1, Sportscenter

The last day of school for DCPS students is Thursday, May 31.

DCHS Lunch Ladies Dare to Be Different!



Daviess County High School lunch ladies shared a fun but important message on their T-shirts recently. The shirts featured a field of traditional chocolate Easter bunnies ... and one blue “Peep” bunny! ... along with the message, “It’s Okay to Be Different!”

Save the Date

The Foundation for Daviess County Public Schools
and Paul Wagner Films
present a sneak preview of

Black in Blue

July 28, 2018

Sponsorships available for the
VIP Reception, Dinner and
Sneak Preview of "Black in Blue."



For sponsorship information,
contact Vicki Quisenberry at 270-231-5583 or
vickiq@FoundationforDCPS.org

Schedule of Events

Friday, July 27

Induction into the Walk of Fame
as part of Friday After 5

Saturday, July 28

RiverPark Center
VIP Reception
Dinner Movie

Hotel Information for July 27-29

Hampton Inn & Suites Downtown Waterfront
270-685-2005
Booking link: www.hamptonowensborodowntown.com
Group: Foundation for DCPS

Double Queen or King – \$119
King Studio/Non-Waterview – \$139
King Studio/Waterview Balcony – \$159

Holiday Inn
270-683-1111
Booking link: <http://bit.ly/2EdhSAk>
Group Code: DCP

Double Queen or King – \$112

All rooms must be guaranteed with your credit card before June 13. Room rates do not include tax.



Thinking About Retiring Soon?

If you are considering retiring soon, here are some things you should know:

■ DCPS payroll employees will complete your retirement paperwork after you receive your packet from your Retirement System, but in addition, you must notify your supervisor of your intended retirement date and you must fill out the DCPS retirement form for our Personnel Department.

■ It is best to contact your appropriate Retirement System and make an appointment with a retirement counselor in Frankfort to get the most up-to-date information regarding your benefits. For Teachers' Retirement, the number is 1-800-618-1687. For Classified (Support) Retirement, the number is 1-800-928-4646. Both retirement systems have web sites that give you some important information – <https://trs.ky.gov/> for Certified employees; <https://kyret.ky.gov/> for Classified employees.

■ Depending upon which retirement option you choose, both TRS and KRS will need certain documents from you. In most cases, you will need a copy of your Social Security card and a legal copy of your birth certificate. Some options will require a copy of your marriage certificate and your spouse's or beneficiary's birth certificate. To obtain a Kentucky birth certificate, contact the Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services at chfs.ky.gov/dph/vital/. To replace your Social Security card, you can go to the Social Security Administration website at <https://www.ssa.gov/ssnumber/>. It may take several weeks to receive replacement copies of either of these documents, so apply early.

■ If you have accumulated sick days and are intending to send your payout for these into a 403b, 457 or 401k, you need to have your account set up with a DCPS approved provider at least two months BEFORE your retirement date. If you already have an account set up with a provider, you need to notify them of your intent to defer your sick day payout ahead of time. There are regulations concerning when DCPS must be notified in order to process this payout before your retirement date.

■ It is best to plan ahead and not wait until the last minute to get all your information together for retirement.

CPR/First Aid Training

Classes are being scheduled for CPR and first aid training to take place this summer. Classes are open to all DCPS staff members; registration deadline is May 10.



Click [HERE](#) to view schedule of class times, dates and locations; classes will be held at Burns or Country Heights elementary schools and Daviess County High School. Classes are planned from 9 a.m. to noon; 1 to 4 p.m.; and 5 to 8 p.m. to make it easy for you to find a class that is convenient for your schedule.

Sign-up sheets are available at all DCPS schools/sites. Cost of CPR is \$7; Heart Saver Student books are \$3 each. Make checks payable to DCPS or purchase order payable to Owensboro Health Medical Group CPR.

Instructors are Michelle Jones RN, Nicole Bryan RN and Dana Burch RN. For more information, contact school nurse Michelle Jones or district health coordinator Wendi Kozel RN at michelle.jones@daviess.kyschools.us or wendi.kozel@daviess.kyschools.us

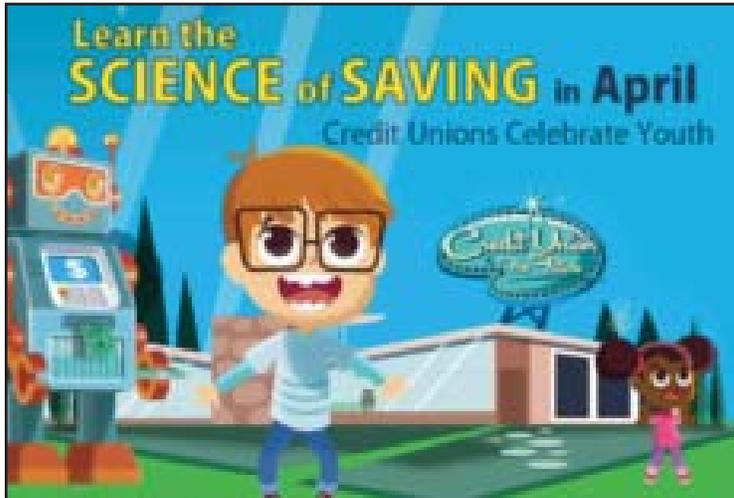
Plan now to dedicate three hours of your time to learn skills that may save the life of someone you love!

Ready. Set. 

Go365 Screenings

Mark your calendar and be ready for Go365 screenings that are now in progress, thanks to our partnership with the Green River District Health Department.

Audubon Elementary School — April 18
East View Elementary School – April 12
Meadow Lands Elementary School – April 24
Sorgho Elementary School – April 17
Southern Oaks Elementary School – April 26
Tamarack Elementary School – April 10
Whitesville Elementary School – May 3
West Louisville Elementary School – April 18
Heritage Park High School – April 19
Valley School – April 11
Owensboro Day Treatment – April 19
Learning Center — April 11
Central Office – April 25



April is National Credit Union Youth Month

All youth ages 0-17 can earn up to \$20 deposited into your account by completing a challenge book! We will also draw for a \$50 prize so don't miss your chance! This year, we are giving every child a monetary prize. \$15 will be deposited to all youth accounts who EARN the prize by completing their respective Challenge books. These booklets consist of five challenges; completing all five challenges anytime this month will be worth \$15. To verify the completion and receive the deposit, you will need a stamp of approval by an employee, which can be administered either in the Credit Union lobby or by phone call from a parent verifying completion of all challenges by the child. You will be required to give the answers to the completed challenges during this phone call. An extra \$5 will be awarded to the child who gains their stamp of approval by coming into the Credit Union so don't miss your chance to earn the full \$20! The booklets are separated into two age ranges: 0-10 and 11-17. Each book contains challenges that are tailored to teaching basic financial concepts for the child's age. You may need to assist your child if they fall in the lower end of either range. You have two ways to gain access to the booklets. Feel free to pick up a ready-made copy in the lobby or at the drive-thru. You can also find the booklets available to print out and create yourself on the website. Please pick up or print the booklet that pertains to your child's age. We are still offering the National Savings Challenge as well! Anyone under 18 who makes a single deposit of \$5 or more to their DCTFCU savings account during Youth Month will automatically be a part of the savings challenge and be placed in the drawing for a cash prize of \$50! (Automatic payroll deposits do not apply unless one is set up during April.)

Credit Union Corner

Save the Date! Member Appreciation Day is June 4!

This is our day where we celebrate YOU so come out and join the fun at your Credit Union on Monday, June 4! We will have two bounce houses, giant bubbles, face painting, lunch, free giveaways and more so mark your calendars because you won't want to miss it!

Save up to \$15 on TurboTax!

DCTFCU has teamed up with TurboTax to save you up to \$15 on TurboTax federal products. TurboTax translates taxes into simple questions about your life, so you don't need tax knowledge – or an appointment – to get your taxes done right.

Don't Let Time Slip Away!

Open an IRA before the April 17 Deadline!

Tax season is here! Sign up for a DCTFCU IRA today and reap the tax benefits. Tax deadline is Tuesday, April 17, so open your Traditional or Roth IRA or a Coverdell ESA for a child today! For more information on IRA investments, please contact a Credit Union representative.

Don't forget the Courier!

As we move into the final weeks of the school year, you might not have time to stop by the credit union to make a deposit before closing. Send your deposit through DCPS Courier. The Courier drops off and picks up mail at the Credit Union on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Be sure to include your account number with any information you send. Contact DCTFCU or log on to your online account after 4 p.m. to verify receipt of your deposit or loan payment.



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**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! Call DCTFCU for details!



**Switch to DCTFCU Checking —
Open your account TODAY!**

Now is the time to take advantage of DCTFCU's convenient checking account. If you've been paying high rates and fees at another financial institution, switch to a DCTFCU checking account today!

- No Minimum Balance
- No Monthly Service Fee
- No Per-Check Fee
- ATM Access Nationwide
- Online Banking
- Mobile Banking
- Bill Pay
- First Box of Checks Free
- Direct Deposit Available
- MasterCard Debit Cards
- Duplicate Checks
- Courtesy Protection

Banzai has been updated!

The free financial curriculum we offer to all Daviess County area schools has been



upgraded! If you loved the previous material through Banzai, you will LOVE their new updated version. This update is completely free and features a newer model that uses more technologically current banking practices. We are so proud of the educational value this curriculum offers our community and 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 questions, feel free to contact Tina Payne at 270.684.8954.

Don't miss out on a great rate with 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 that also offers the chance to accumulate bonus point rewards on all purchases! There's no annual fee, plus enjoy these additional benefits:

- No cash advance or balance transfer fees
- No over limit fees
- 25-day grace period on purchases
- Free travel accident insurance with VISA purchase of common carrier tickets including a lost luggage reimbursement and an auto rental collision damage waiver

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

**Daviess County Teachers
Federal Credit Union**

1900 Southeastern Parkway 270-684-8954

www.dctfcu.com

Drive-Through Hours

Monday-Thursday — 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Friday — 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Lobby Hours

Monday-Thursday — 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Friday — 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.



**DCHS
Band of
Pride
Golf
Scramble**

The Daviess County High School Band of Pride is hosting a golf scramble on Saturday, May 5.

Registration begins at 7:30 a.m. with shotgun start at 8 a.m. Fee is \$60 per player or \$240 per team. Prizes and door prizes will be awarded.

For more information, contact Dan Stemple at 270-695-7710 or Jeff Hamilton at 270-570-4807.