

Important Dates to Remember

April 26- 3-hour early out

April 26 – Secretary’s Day

April 27 – Student Progress Reports

April 27 – 8th grade Step Up Day –
Visit to the High School

April 28- 5th grade Step Up Day

May 1 – Testing Begins – See Schedule
Below

May 1-5- Teacher Appreciation Week

May 11- Special Olympics Competition

May 12- Nurse’s Day

May 23- Camden Park Trip

May 24-26 8th Grade Trip

May 25- Annual Art Show and Family
Game Night

May 29 – No School – Memorial Day

May 30-June 1 – 7th Grade Trip

May 30 – June 2 – 6th Grade Trip

June 2 – 8th gr. Graduation 10:30 a.m.

Last Day for Students

WV GENERAL SUMMATIVE ASSESSMENT

May 1-5- 3rd and 6th Grades

May 8-12- 4th and 7th Grades

May 15-19- 5th and 8th Grades



DUVAL PK-8

4TH 9 WKS. NEWSLETTER

LEADER IN ME

Next year our school plans to engage in the “Leader in Me” process. It is designed to foster leadership in students and is based upon The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People by Stephen Covey. Several teachers and both administrators completed a book study on The Leader in Me. Asst. Principal Mrs. Brown, and teachers Mrs. Belcher (2nd grade), Ms. Tuck (4th grade), and Mr. Smith (elem. Art) visited West Teays Elementary during their Leadership Day to learn more about the program. Mrs. Patton and middle school teachers Mrs. Dudley (Math and ELA), Ms. Berry (Math and ELA), and Mrs. Pritt (ELA) visited Poca Middle School during their Leadership Day to learn more about The Leader in Me for middle school students. The Leader in Me process began with principal Muriel Summers of A. B. Combs Elementary in Raleigh, North Carolina. It is now internationally acclaimed. Mrs. Patton, Mrs. Stewart (kindergarten teacher), and Mrs. Dunlap (middle school ELA teacher) attended A.B. Combs’ Leadership Day in the fall. We are very excited about becoming a Leader in Me school. You will be hearing a lot more about this process, and ways you as parents and family members can be involved next school year!

HALLWAY DISPLAYS / STUDENT RECOGNITION



We have improved the look of our hallways by adding some great displays that spotlight students and staff. One of those displays is an acronym using our school name. It states... *At Duval We Dream, Unite, Venture, Achieve, Lead*. We plan to update our Mission Statement next year using these 5 key words. Around this acronym, are framed photos of students who have won competitions at the county or state level. We also have a Kindness Tree and a caption that says “Kind People are the Best Kind of People.” Staff members can recognize students and other staff members for random acts of kindness. The name and grade level/job description of the “kind” person being recognized is written on a leaf and added to the tree. The names are announced daily. The tree started out with just bare limbs, but quickly started blooming. The tree is so popular, we had to expand to a garden with names now being on flower petals. Each week a “kind” student is selected at random to win a \$10 Walmart gift card. Our speech teachers Hannah Robinette and Emma Austin, always have an “eye-catching” bulletin board in our main hallway. The picture on the left is an example of their colorful creations.

NATIONAL JUNIOR HONOR SOCIETY



On April 4, 2017, we held our first National Junior Honor Society induction. We had thirty-one students who were inducted. The inductees are as follows: 7th grade- Savannah Burton, Aliyah Cyrus, Ayden Cooper, Madison Griffith, Roger McCallister, Brody Pinson, Emma Ryan, Jessica Sansom, Megan Stanley, Sarah Stephens, Emma Williams, and Taylor Williamson. 8th grade- President/ Kaylyn Elswick, Vice President/ Alayna Cyrus, Secretary/ Makayla Pauley, Treasurer/ Natalie Fout, Ty Buchko, Karrah Johnson, Tori Linville, Katie Long, Madisyn Midkiff, Kaylee Miller, Nautica Miller, Koree Roberts, Olivia Smith, Gabriella Stephenson, Alyssa Tudor, Madison Pauley, Makayla Pauley, Ally Welch, and Dylan Williamson. These students represent Duval well and make us very proud. They completed the NJHS pledge which states, "I pledge myself to uphold the high purposes of the National Junior Honor Society to which I have been selected; I will be true to the principles for which it stands: I will be loyal to my school and will maintain and encourage high standards of scholarship, service, leadership, character, and citizenship." A special thank-you goes out to Beverly Brown for all her work as sponsor. A thank you also goes out to the teachers on the selection committee (Jeremy Lawson, Ashley Pritt, Sarah Dunlap, and Sabrina Ruth) and to the teachers who helped during the ceremony (Sarah Dunlap, Ashley Pritt, and Jacob Terry).



BATMAN

Elementary students, PK through 5th grade, had the opportunity to meet one of their favorite super heroes this month – BATMAN. He had a positive message for our students about not bullying and not doing drugs. BATMAN is pictured here with one of his top fans – 5th grader Jeremiah Tuck.



CLASSROOM FEATURES

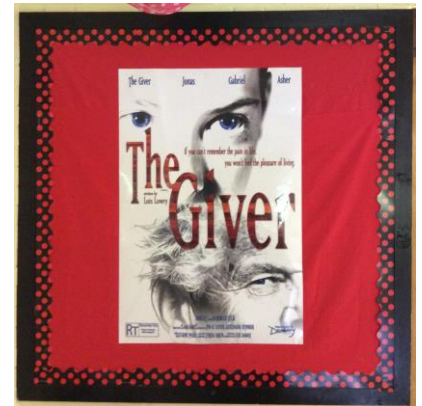
2nd GRADE – CHRISTY BELCHER



Christy Belcher's 2nd grade is our featured elementary classroom this edition. Christy has been teaching for 8 years, and has taught grades kindergarten to second grade. This year she has engaged her students in several very creative activities, including a Lorax theme for Dr. Seuss week. The children absolutely love being around her fun and energetic personality. Christy said that her favorite thing about teaching would have to be getting to know each and every one of her students.



7th/8th GRADE ELA and SPANISH – SARAH DUNLAP



Sarah Dunlap's classroom is our featured middle school classroom this edition. Sarah has been teaching 22 years, with this being her 6th year at Duval. Sarah serves as a member of our school's leadership team and also as the faculty senate president. Sarah was recently chosen by the faculty as Duval's teacher of the year. Her students love her for her genuine kindness and love of learning. Her favorite part of teaching is watching students learn and mature into young adults.

SERVICE EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR

Duval's service employee of the year is Mary Bell. She is 68 years old and has been in the custodial field for 30 years. Mary is very dependable. She has always arrived early to help the staff with the little things like unlocking all doors and turning on copying machines so they are ready to go for teachers. If you need someone to listen or be there for you, Mary is that person. Her favorite part of her career is the children. She loves to get to know them and ask about their day. Their stories keep her motivated and make her day better. Mary says that her experience in this field has been great and rewarding.

PI DAY



Pi is the circumference of any circle divided by its diameter. The number **Pi**, denoted by the Greek letter π - is one of the most common constants in all of **mathematics**. **Pi** is a number that is approximately equal to 3.14. That is why we celebrate Pi Day on March 14th (3.14). This year, students purchased a chance to throw an actual pie at some of the teachers and administrators. We also had a contest to see how many digits of Pi the students could memorize. Our winners for Pi Day and the number of digits they memorized are as follows: 5th Grade- Cameron Lovejoy (75) (pictured above), 6th Grade-Nevaeh Wood (41), 7th Grade – Leigh West (85), and 8th Grade – Garrett Caldwell (87). Each student won a TI-73 Graphing Calculator.

ACADEMIC LEADERS



8th grader Natalie Fout is 1 of 4 students in the county to be selected as a Golden Horseshoe winner this year!!! She also won 2nd place in the 7th/8th grade division of the Young Writers contest. She is pictured here with her Young Writers award. Congratulations Natalie!



6th grader Jaylon Huffman won 3rd place in the 5th/6th grade division of the Young Writers competition. She is picture here with her award.

Congratulations Jaylon!



Under the direction of Jacob Terry, the band received a rating of “2” this year, on a scale of 1-5, with 1 being the highest rating. Last year the band only received a rating of “3”. Congratulations on your continued success! Pictured: Front row –Aleigha Saul, Daka Sigmon, Emily Cooper, Garrett Caldwell, Jacob Nida, Damon Voshall, Back Row – Erica Watkins, Madison Snodgrass, Melody Keeling, Micah May, Justin White, Brianna Stickler, Michael Stanley: Not Pictured: Abbigail Cooper, Hannah Pauley, Elijah Goodwin



Congratulations to Maggie Price for receiving the highest possible score on the WV ELA Interim Comprehensive Assessment. This is the online practice test for the End-of-Year WV General Summative Assessment. Teacher Beverly Brown said Maggie is her only student to have ever achieved this score. She received a surprise \$10 Walmart gift card.