

Paw Prints

Welcome to Your New DES Newspaper



Hello D.E.S students! Great News! We now have a school newspaper! This paper was created and produced by and for the students of Dade Elementary School. We will be publishing the paper once each month and are hoping to print original stories, poems, and art work, as well as articles about all of the wonderful learning and activities going on everywhere in our school. Our staff is made up of 16 fourth graders: Amelia Anderson, editor, Claire, Abigail, and Braylin Holmes, (yes, they are triplets!), Taylin Hodge, Trent Dunn, Georgia Marter, Ellie Burick, Rylan Whitehurst, Summer Holden, Bella Beers, Evan Avans, H Garmany, Gavin Wright, Owen Brooks, and Lydia English. Thanks for participating in our Christmas songs survey and thanks to Mr. Bill Bankson for the title of our paper! See you next month! -Editor Amelia Anderson



Staff Spotlight: Principal Tracy Blevins

Q: How many years have you been in education? and how many years as Principal of DES?

A: I have been in education 25 years (8 years as assistant principal & principal of DES).

Q: Where are you from?

A: I am from Trenton, Georgia. I attended Dade Elementary as a child.

Q: What is your favorite part about being a principal?

A: I enjoy all the interactions with children.

Q: What is a typical day for you?

A: I arrive at 7:15, and I stand in the hallway to greet students. I watch the cameras, visit classrooms to see what children are learning. I meet with teachers and parents to discuss how I can help their children.

Q: If you could wave a magic wand, what would you wish for DES?

A: I would love a computer for every child.

Q: What do you do when you are not a school?

A: I love traveling around with my two daughters to watch them play sports. I enjoy playing with my dogs: Gurley & Jack.

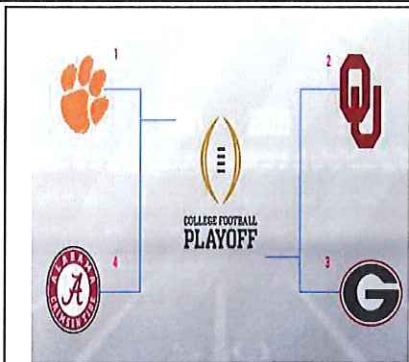
Written by: Bella Beers and Abigail Holmes

College Playoffs

January 1, 2018

Georgia vs. Oklahoma: 5:00 est.

Alabama vs. Clemson: 8:45 est. - Gavin Wright and Owen Brooks



The Georgia vs. Oklahoma game is going to be a classic showdown between the Oklahoma Sooners and the Georgia Bulldogs. Oklahoma has the Heisman winner on their team, but I think Georgia's mighty defense can hold strong. If Georgia can stay focused, they just might make it to the championship.

Alabama

The Alabama vs. Clemson game will be played in the Superdome in New Orleans. The 2018 game will be the 43rd game hosted by the Dome. Alabama is rolling, so I hope Clemson is ready. This is going to be a great game! -Owen Brooks



Student Favorites!

An informal poll conducted among DES students revealed "Silent Night" as a favorite Christmas song. Next month's survey will be about animals so grab a copy & check out the results.

- Georgia Marter and Evan Avans

i-Ready Superstars

Most Reading Lessons Passed in December

Kindergarten	Mary Anne Stewart	10 lessons
1 st grade	Jetta Higdon	10 lessons
2 nd grade	Wyatt Mertz	12 lessons
3 rd grade	Grey Dean	9 lessons
4 th grade	Miracle Crowder	8 lessons
5 th grade	Warren Dagnan	6 lessons

Data submitted by Rylan Whitehurst

i-Ready Superstars

Most Math Lessons Passed in December

Kinder.	Harrison Barjas & Mary Anne Stewart	8 lessons
1 st grade	Robert Case	38 lessons
2 nd grade	Caleb Charles	12 lessons
3 rd grade	Haven Moore & Kenneth Brown	7 lessons
4 th grade	Madi Page	8 lessons
5 th grade	Jordan Castellanos	6 lessons

Data submitted by Rylan Whitehurst

Take a Trip on the Education Express! Featuring First Grade



During this happy holiday season, first grade has been working on a Polar Express unit. As part of their unit, first graders learned about sequencing stories and story elements. They also worked at home to make dreamy train cars of their own. Mrs. Nelson, first grade teacher, said, "Creating these beautiful cars enriched our learning." These works of art have also added their own magic to our time at school. Thanks, first graders! Be sure to check them out as you walk through the hallway! Article by: Ellie Burick

Meet Lydia English

Lydia English is the embodiment of our character trait for this week: generosity. She brought enough money during a school fundraiser to share some with every member of her class.

- Q: What made you decide to donate?
A. I wanted everyone to have a chance to participate.
- Q: What's your favorite subject in school? Why?
A. Math because it's challenging and fun...
- Q: What's your favorite book?
A. Ramona and Beezus because it's funny...
- Q: What's your favorite food? Why?
A. Cake...because it's so good!
- Q: Who's your favorite teacher? Why?
A. My favorite teacher is Mrs. Rose because she's nice and doesn't yell.



Written by: Claire Holmes and Summer Holden

AR Reading Rockets



Pictured above are the 5 students who have earned the top point totals in Accelerated Reader this year. Anne Cravatt 167.8 points, Chessie Alsobrook 134.6 points, H Garmany 263.3 points, Julian Ramirez de Arellano 378.7 points & Amelia Anderson 153.5 points. Data compiled by: Rylan Whitehurst

Shout Outs to Remember!

1. Kudos to Brook Gilbert for taking care of Payton White when she broke her arm. Mrs. Gilbert even visited Payton in the hospital.
2. Christian and Savannah Dennis volunteered at the Bone Saw Farm Haunted House helping to raise \$7,000 for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

Chosen by: Rylan Whitehurst