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# The Double Creek Courier

Week 32 - April 11, 2025

**THIS WEEK'S ATTENDANCE RATE: 94.37 %**

Hours: Monday - Friday 7:00 AM - 3:30 PM  
(512) 746-4852

## A letter from the Principal

April 11, 2025

We made it through the first round of STAAR testing. The kids, staff, and parents did a great job of supporting each other for success. Way to go!

Next Tuesday is Fifth Grade's turn. They will be taking the Reading STAAR. I'll send out a reminder as we get closer. Let's shoot for 100% attendance on Tuesday.

Registration opens up on Monday for all returning and new students. Please ensure that you fill out the form to let us know if you are returning. Also, please help us get the word out to new families that they can begin registering their children now. This helps us have a better picture of how many students to expect next August.

Have a great weekend!

Dr. Wilson





Upcoming Events

April '25						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	S
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
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27	28	29	30			
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April 14 - New Student Registration Begins  
April 15 - 5th RLA STAAR Testing

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**April 21 - Student Holiday****April 24 - 3rd/4th Math STAAR Testing****April 29 - 5th Math STAAR Testing**

## STAAR Testing Days

STAAR Testing will begin on Thursday, April 10th, 2025. On STAAR testing days, no visitors are allowed on campus. This includes lunch with students. Also, please be sure to not schedule any appointments on those days to avoid having your student do any make up tests. The STAAR testing days are below:

**Thursday, April 10 - 3rd/4th RLA STAAR Testing****Tuesday, April 15 - 5th RLA STAAR Testing****Thursday, April 17 - 5th Science STAAR Testing****Thursday, April 24 - 3rd/4th Math STAAR Testing****Tuesday, April 29 - 5th Math STAAR Testing**

New student registration begins **April 14th**, 2025. Scan the QR Code or click the link below to set up an appointment with our campus registrar.

**\*\*Please make sure to fill out the new student registration form on Parent Portal before signing up for an in-person appointment.**

[New Student Registration Form](#)

[DCES Registrar Appointment Link](#)

Double Creek Elementary

# NEW STUDENT REGISTRATION

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NEW STUDENT REGISTRATION FORM  
QR CODE AND LINK



[HTTPS://WWW.JARRELLISD.ORG/PAGE/223](https://www.jarrellisd.org/page/223)



REGISTRAR APPOINTMENT  
QR CODE AND LINK



[HTTPS://CALENDAR.GOOGLE.COM/CALENDAR/U/0/APPOINTMENTS/SCHEDULES/ACZSSZ3HKXILFX1JTXJY9JYIUUZ7NDTCXDKJSFT9IDTOV3XY4EAM5GOX-YO4QWREBWORO1PQV\\_ZS9TN-](https://calendar.google.com/calendar/u/0/appointments/schedules/ACZSSZ3HKXILFX1JTXJY9JYIUUZ7NDTCXDKJSFT9IDTOV3XY4EAM5GOX-YO4QWREBWORO1PQV_ZS9TN-)



## Intent to Return

Filling out the Google Form below is **required for all students**, whether you are **returning or not returning** to JISD for the upcoming school year. This information is essential for planning and, for returning students, it is necessary in order to be **assigned a teacher**. All families must provide **proof of address**. If the proof of address is not in the parent or guardian's name, **an affidavit will be**



required. Please call  
here to help make it



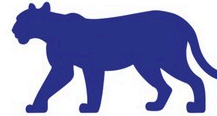
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## 25-26 Intent to Return to JISD

### Join PTO



**D.C.E.S.**



**Are you fed up with  
wasting your time in line  
to pick up your child at  
the end of the day?**

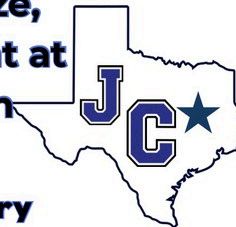
**We invite you to become  
a member of the PTO and  
be part of something  
bigger!**

**Register for the PTO by  
04/16 to enter a drawing  
on 04/17 for a chance to  
bypass the line.**

**To qualify for the prize,  
you need to be present at  
the PTO meeting on  
04/17.**



**Double Creek Elementary**



### Daily Deadlines

Monday morning at 7:00 AM, we want to see a full parking lot with students ready to start the school day! In order for our systems to run smoothly and safely, please observe the following daily deadlines times.

**7:30 a.m.** Tardy Bell. PLEASE DO NOT DROP-OFF STUDENTS AFTER 7:30. ***You will need to walk your child into the building.*** They must be signed in by a parent or guardian.

**1:00 p.m.** ALL transportation changes must be made by 1:00 by emailing or calling Carina Rodriguez at (512)-746-4852 or [carina.rodriquez@jarrellisd.org](mailto:carina.rodriquez@jarrellisd.org). No changes can be made after this time for the safety of all students and staff.

2:30 p.m. Any student



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prior to 2:30.

## Attendance Matters!

Our goal this year is to have at least a **96% Student Attendance Average**. But this can only happen with your support!



**Reminder:** The attendance bell rings at **9:20 AM**.

**Absences Notes:** When a student is absent, the student must bring a note to the attendance office within **three days of the absence**. After three days, parent notes may not be accepted and the absences will be considered unexcused. A **maximum of three (3) parent notes per semester** will be accepted as excused.

Regular school attendance is essential for a student to make the most of his or her education to benefit from teacher led and school activities, to build each day's learning on the previous day's, and to grow as an individual.

### More info about attendance!

Attendance Works Informational Flyers - Click [HERE](#)

ENGLISH VIDEO: <https://vimeo.com/101425388>

SPANISH VIDEO: <https://vimeo.com/130556839>

## Lunch with Your Children

Parents: We welcome you to come eat lunch with your children! For the safety and privacy of all students, we ask that you eat at the tables on the stage. Also, we can only allow you to eat with your child. Thank you for your understanding.



Padres: ¡Les invitamos a venir a almorzar con sus hijos! Para la seguridad y privacidad de todos los estudiantes, les pedimos que coman en las mesas del escenario. Además, solo podemos permitirle comer con su hijo. Gracias por su comprensión.

## POPCORN FRIDAYS ARE HERE!

### 100% of Profits go to YOUR PTO!

Students can now buy popcorn on Fridays to support our PTO. Here's how it works:

1. Bags of popcorn cost \$0.50 each
2. Students can buy up to 2 bags of popcorn (\$1.00 maximum)
3. Students give money to the teacher on Friday morning

4. Popcorn poppe

5. Popcorn given



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Please do not send large bills (\$5, \$10, or \$20) with your child.  
Exact change greatly appreciated!



## SRP Information

Below is the Standard Response Protocol flyer with information on the language used during emergencies. There is also a link included with more information about the SRP flyer.

[SRP Information Link](https://secure.smores.com/n/eanbs)



**STANDARD  
RESPONSE PROTOCOL**

**INFORMATION FOR PARENTS AND GUARDIANS**

Our school has adopted The "I Love U Guys" Foundation's Standard Response Protocol (SRP). Students and staff will be training, practicing, and drilling the protocol.

**COMMON LANGUAGE**

The Standard Response Protocol (SRP) is based on an all-hazards approach as opposed to individual scenarios. Like the Incident Command System (ICS), SRP utilizes clear common language while allowing for flexibility in protocol.

The premise is simple - there are five specific actions that can be performed during an incident. When communicating these, the action is labeled with a "Term of Art" and is then followed by a "Directive." Execution of the action is performed by active participants, including students, staff, teachers and first responders. The SRP is based on the following actions: Hold, Secure, Lockdown, Evacuate, and Shelter.


**LOCKDOWN**  
"Locks, Lights, Out of Sight"

**Students are trained to:**

- Move away from sight
- Maintain silence
- Do not open the door

**Adults and staff are trained to:**

- Recover students from hallway if possible
- Lock the classroom door
- Turn out the lights
- Move away from sight
- Maintain silence
- Do not open the door
- Prepare to evade or defend




**HOLD**  
"In Your Classroom or Area"

**Students are trained to:**

- Clear the hallways and remain in their area or room until the "All Clear" is announced
- Do business as usual

**Adults and staff are trained to:**

- Close and lock the door
- Account for students and adults
- Do business as usual




**EVACUATE**  
"To a Location"

**Students are trained to:**

- Leave stuff behind if required to
- If possible, bring their phone
- Follow instructions

**Adults and staff are trained to:**

- Bring roll sheet and Go Bag (unless instructed not to bring anything with them, dependent on reason for evacuation.)
- Lead students to Evacuation location
- Account for students and adults
- Report injuries or problems using Red Card/Green Card method.




**SECURE**  
"Get Inside. Lock outside doors"

**Students are trained to:**

- Return to inside of building
- Do business as usual

**Adults and staff are trained to:**

- Bring everyone indoors
- Lock the outside doors
- Increase situational awareness
- Account for students and adults
- Do business as usual



**SHELTER**  
"State Hazard and Safety Strategy"

**Hazards might include:**

- Tornado
- Hazmat
- Earthquake
- Tsunami

**Safety Strategies might include:**


- Evacuate to shelter area
- Seal the room
- Drop, cover and hold
- Get to high ground

**Students are trained in:**

- Appropriate Hazards and Safety Strategies

**Adults and staff are trained in:**

- Appropriate Hazards and Safety Strategies
- Accounting for students and adults
- Report injuries or problems using Red Card/Green Card method.

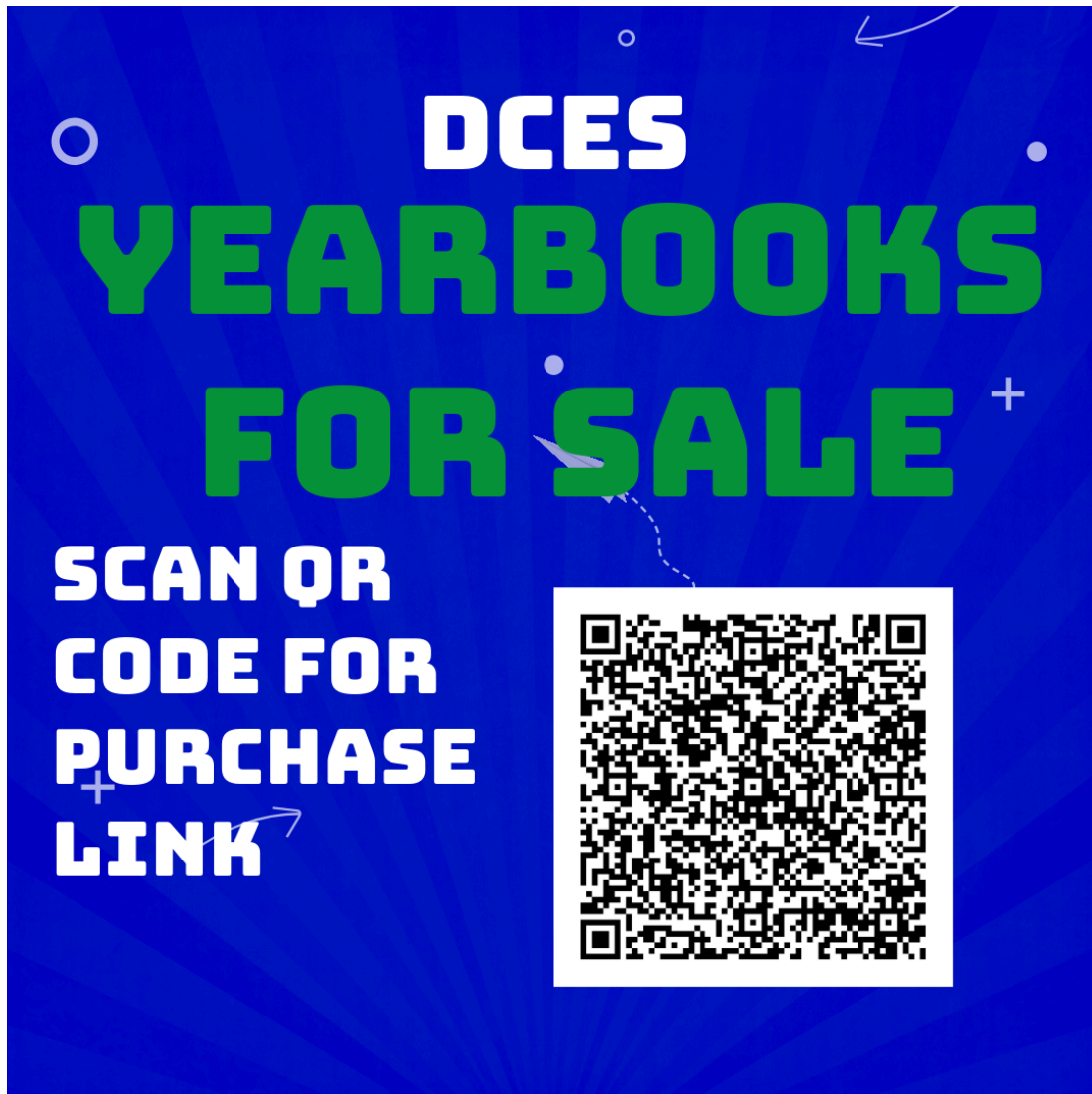


**Yearbook for**

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The DCES Yearbook

link below.

[DCES Yearbook Purchase Link](#)

## Campus Bookstore

DCES is now accepting book donations for our Campus Bookstore! If you have any used children's books that are in need of a new home, please bring them to Double Creek Elementary School and give them to the front office.



# Books Wanted

**Double Creek Elementary is  
still accepting book donations  
for the rest of the school year!**



**Please give all book donations  
to the Front Office.**

**Month of the Military Child Fest**






FUTURISTIC FUN  
FORT CAVAZOS 2025

4:30 - 7:30 P.M.  
**APRIL 11<sup>TH</sup>**

**MONTH OF THE  
MILITARY CHILD  
FEST**

**BRONCO YOUTH CENTER**

**FREE & OPEN TO THE  
FORT CAVAZOS COMMUNITY**

Climbing Wall, Bounce  
Houses, Gaming Truck,  
Face Painting,  
Arts & Crafts,  
And Much More...

**Plus Meet  
An Astronaut,  
Star Wars  
Characters, &  
A Mandalorian  
Group**




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SignatureCare Emergency Center, Stylecraft Builders  
No Endorsement Implied

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**Practice Information**

April 22nd: Sign Up and Practice (5:30-7:00pm)  
Where: Cougar Stadium



**Weekly Games (at Cougar Stadium):**

April 28 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup> & 6 <sup>th</sup> grade teams: 5:30pm-6:30pm
May 5 <sup>th</sup>	7 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup> grade teams: 6:30pm-7:30pm
May 12 <sup>th</sup>	

**League Championship (at Cougar Stadium):**  
**CHAMPIONSHIP NIGHT**

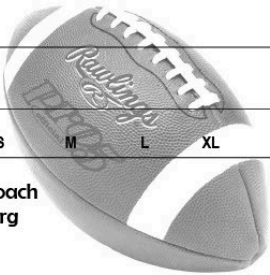
May 12 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup> & 6 <sup>th</sup> grade teams: 5:30pm-6:30pm
	7 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup> grade teams: 6:30pm-7:30pm



We accept cash or checks payable to Jarrell 7-on-7      Cost \$25.00

**Player Information**

Player Last Name, First Name	
Grade Level	
Parent's name	
Parent's phone (cell/home)	
Shirt Size	Circle one (adult sizes):    S    M    L    XL



If you have any questions you may contact:  
Alan Haire, Athletic Director/Head Football Coach  
512-746-2188 ext. 2188 or alan.haire@jarrellisd.org



\$25.00 payable to: Jarrell 7-on-7

**Early Drop-Off Registration – Now thru April 22<sup>nd</sup>**

Monday–Friday  
8am–4pm in the Jarrell High School Athletic Office

**Registration & 1<sup>st</sup> Practice April 22<sup>nd</sup>**

5:30pm–7:00pm



Jarrell 7-on-7

5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade League  
Release of Liability

State of Texas  
County of Williamson

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (print name), am a parent/legal

guardian of \_\_\_\_\_ (print player's name) who will be  
allowed to participate in the Jarrell's 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade 7-on-7 League of 2025.

I hereby release the school and the directors of the league from any and all liability as a result of  
any injuries which may occur during my child's participation in this event.

I fully understand that as a parent/legal guardian, I am responsible for any and all medical  
expenses which may be incurred as a result of any accidental injuries.

(Please Sign and Date below)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

## From the DCES PTO...

JOIN OUR PTO! IT'S FREE! [CLICK HERE!](#)

See all the great things happening above in this newsletter!

Our next meeting will be April 17, 2025 from 5:30-6:00 pm in the cafeteria. We have some exciting  
things to discuss, so come join us!

### PTO Officers

**Destiny Humphrey**, Vice President

**Monica De Leon**, Vice President

**Cortney Johnson**, Secretary

**Rebel Sanders**, Treasurer



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<https://www.jarrellisd.org/Domain/494>

[Treasurer's Report](#)

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## From the Community...

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## COUNSELOR CORNER

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### from the Counselor...

Welcome to Double Creek Elementary School! I would like to encourage ALL students and caregivers to utilize services made available through the school counseling program. Throughout the year, a variety of activities are conducted to support personal social, educational and career awareness needs of ALL students. **Please access the link below for easily accessible and up-to-date school counseling information including news, counselor contact information, services provided and resources.** I look forward to working with you and your child to help ensure that their experience at DCES is a positive one. If you have questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out. I am here to help! –Laura Lake, DCES School Counselor

[What's New?](#)

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## Reading Intervention Tips for Home





## How to... Home.

**Be your child's #1 fan.**

**Ask your child to read aloud what he or she has written for school. Be an enthusiastic listener.**



**Sea el fan número uno de su hijo.**

**Pídale a su hijo que lea en voz alta lo que tiene escrito para la escuela. Sea un oyente entusiasta.**

## Math Intervention Tips for Home

### Counting Collections

(number sense, grouping, counting)

- Get a group of objects (120–1,000 items) to count (Ex: beans, cereal, paper clips, marbles, buttons, pennies, seeds, M&Ms, etc.).
- Practice counting the items
- Encourage students to use grouping strategies by asking them did you make any groups? How many are in each group? Could you make any groups of 10? Could you make any groups of 100?



\*\*\*By the end of the year students need to be able to count to 1,000 in a variety of ways (by 1's, 5's, 10's, 100's, etc.). So practice counting whenever you can!!

### Contando Colecciones

(sentido numérico, contando, grupos)

- Consige un grupo de objetos (120–1,000 cosas) para contar. (Ej: frijoles, cereal, clips de papel, botones, monedas, semillas, M&Ms, etc.).
- Practica contando los objetos.
- Anime a los alumnos utilizar estrategias de agrupación preguntándoles ¿hizo algunas grupos? ¿Cuántos hay en cada grupo? ¿Podría hacer grupos de 10? ¿Podría hacer grupos de 100?



\*\*Recuerden que antes del fin de año tendrán que contar hasta 1000 en una variedad de maneras (por 1, por 5, por 10, por 100). Por eso es importante que ellos mucha practica contando!!

## Pre-K Updates

**ELAR:** I can learn fun facts about reptiles.

**Phonics:** : I can learn about the letters and sounds: Bb, Dd, Kk, Pp.

**Math:** I can understand that numbers 0-10 can be composed and decomposed in various ways to represent a quantity.



Science/S.S : I can



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**Homework:** Please read to our child daily

## Kinder Updates

This week in kindergarten we are focusing on the following:

**Reading:** This week we are focused on learning about researching and following a research plan to create a story.

**Skills:** This week we are focused on continuing reading stories from our unit reader and answering questions about the stories with both an oral and written response. We will introduce new sounds /ee/ and new tricky words: 'he,' 'she,' and 'we.'

**Math:** We are focused on counting by tens to 100 with say the ten way and regular counting.

**SS/Science:** We will be in Social Studies next. We will be able to identify how geographic location influences human characteristics of places such as shelter, clothing, food, and activities.

## 1st Grade Updates

**Reading:** We are finishing up our study on how The United States became a country and the Constitution.

**Phonics:** We are working on the /s/ sound and the different ways that is spelled in different words.

**Math:** We are learning how to tell time to the nearest hour and half hour.

**Science:** We are learning about insects and their life cycles.

**Social Studies:** We are working on needs versus wants.

## 2nd Grade Updates

It's been a SPECTACULAR week in second grade! Students have been busy working on their comprehension skills and learning new vocabulary words during reading. Ask your student to define what the words suffrage, abolitionists or human rights. Students have also been creating free verse poems on their own and as a class. Ask your student what they wrote their free verse poem about! Math has been filled with counting a collection of coins up to a dollar and writing the total with the cent symbol and dollar sign. You can help your student in math by counting coins at home. Students have enjoyed learning about the significance of celebrations. This week students focused on learning about Memorial Day, Veterans Day and Independence Day. In science, we've been investigating the unique life cycles of animals where young animals do not resemble their

parents, including k  
most this week!



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Please reach out to your child's teacher if you need anything.

Have a great weekend!

## 3rd Grade Updates

**Math:** In math this week we will investigate fractions and identify parts of a fraction. The focus TEKS are 3.3C and 3.3A. Our homework will be focused on representing fractions using concrete and pictorial models.

**Science:** In science this week we will continue studying force and motion. We will be investigating pushes, pulls, magnetism, and gravity. Our focus TEKS for this week are 3.7A and 3.7B.

**ELAR:** We will conclude our unit on The Solar System this week as we will plan, draft and finalize our narrative writing about life in space. Our main TEKS for the week will be 3.11B

## 4th Grade Updates

This week in 4th grade, we've finished up our Reading STAAR Review and took our STAAR test! After STAAR is done, we will begin a book study during the last few weeks of school.

In math, we began our rockin' review and played a bunch of different games! Our STAAR test is April 24th!

## 5th Grade Updates

5th grade is reviewing for upcoming STAAR tests:

Reading April 15

Science April 17

Math April 29

Mark your calendar for field trip **May 12** to the Mayborn Museum, Waco, TX



CLICK the image above to check out information from our DCES Specials teachers:

**PE - Coach Stanley - [jennifer.stanley@jarrellisd.org](mailto:jennifer.stanley@jarrellisd.org)**

- Parents please be sure to have your child wear appropriate gym attire when they are scheduled to have PE for specials. Students are also welcome to bring a change of clothes, shoes, and a water bottle.

Acceptable Gym Attire:

- T - Shirt
- Athletic Shorts (Hem should reach the ends of fingertips)
- Skorts (Hem should reach the ends of fingertips)
- Tennis Shoes

**Art - Ms. Adams - [karina.adams@jarrellisd.org](mailto:karina.adams@jarrellisd.org)**

- **Art Club Information:** Art Club will begin **Monday September 9th from 3:45 - 4:15 PM.** Students must have a **signed permission slip** to attend and the club will be **capped at 30 students per semester.**

**Music - Ms. Nicholes - [deidre.nicholes@jarrellisd.org](mailto:deidre.nicholes@jarrellisd.org)**

- All musical performance dates will be shared through Parent Square!
- **Cougar Stage Crew:** If you are interested in theater or creating stage props, come sign up!
- If you have any large tin cans that you would like to donate to music, it would be greatly appreciated!

**Science Lab - Mrs. Garcia - [dora.garcia@jarrellisd.org](mailto:dora.garcia@jarrellisd.org)**

- If you would like to donate any pencils or crayons to the science lab, it would be greatly appreciated!

**Library - Mrs. Howard - [kate.howard@jarrellisd.org](mailto:kate.howard@jarrellisd.org)**

- Please make sure to return all books to the library.

## DCES Art Show





# DCES MUSIC PERFORMANCE DATES

➡ 2024 -2025

➡ MORE PERFORMANCES WILL BE ADDED THROUGHOUT THE YEAR!

OCTOBER 24

3<sup>RD</sup>

Rock 'n Roll Forever Program  
Time: 6:00pm

NOVEMBER 14

4<sup>th</sup>

Portraits of America Program  
Time: 6:00 pm

DECEMBER 5

Choir Holiday Concert

DECEMBER 12

5<sup>th</sup>

Snow Biz Program  
Time: 6:00 pm

DECEMBER 18

School Holiday Performance -  
ONLY for students during school hours

MARCH 13

2<sup>ND</sup>

Peanut Butter Jam Program  
Time: 6:00 pm

APRIL 3

1<sup>ST</sup>

Oceans of Fun Program  
Time: 6:00 pm

MAY 1

Choir Spring Concert

ALL PERFORMANCES WILL BE HELD AT  
DOUBLE CREEK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

✉ DEIDRE.NICHOLAS@JARRELLISD.ORG

🌐 FOR MORE INFORMATION GO TO  
WWW.PARENTSQUARE.COM





# FECHAS DE PRESENTACIONES MUSICALES DEL DCES

➡ 2024-2025 ➡ ¡SE AÑADIRÁN MÁS ACTUACIONES A LO LARGO DEL AÑO!

24 DE OCTUBRE

3<sup>RD</sup>

Programa Rock 'n Roll Forever  
Hora: 6:00 p. m.

14 DE NOVIEMBRE

4<sup>th</sup>

Retratos de América  
Hora del programa: 6:00 pm

5 DE DICIEMBRE

Concierto de vacaciones del coro

12 DE DICIEMBRE

5<sup>th</sup>

Programa Snow Biz  
Hora: 6:00 p. m.

18 DE DICIEMBRE

Actuación durante las vacaciones escolares - SOLO para estudiantes durante el horario escolar

13 DE MARZO

2<sup>ND</sup>

Programa de mermelada de mantequilla de maní  
Hora: 6:00 p. m.

3 DE ABRIL

1<sup>ST</sup>

Programa Océanos de Diversión Hora: 6:00 pm

MAYO 1

Concierto de primavera del coro

📍 TODAS LAS ACTUACIONES SE LLEVARÁN A CABO EN LA ESCUELA PRIMARIA DOUBLE CREEK.

✉ DEIDRE.NICHOLS@JARRELLISD.ORG 🌐 PARA OBTENER MÁS INFORMACIÓN, VISITE [WWW.PARENTSSQUARE.COM](http://WWW.PARENTSSQUARE.COM)



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# Congratulations to our DCES "Of the Year" Award Winners!



## DCES Website

Use buttons to direct readers to different pages, Google Drive files or any other URL. Buttons are great for the important things you want people to click on.

## Double Creek Elementary Principal

Double is using Smore to create beautiful newsletters

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Communicate quickly and effectively with interactive newsletters.

Smore empowers educators to connect with their community, streamline school communications, and increase engagement.

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