



The Double Creek Courier

Week 25 - February 14, 2025

THIS WEEK'S ATTENDANCE RATE: 93.45 %

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

A letter from the Principal

February 14, 2025

Happy Valentine's Day, Cougars!

This was a really fun week! We had parents and students come in during the evening to complete their Growth Posters and the Growth Parade was an absolute blast. This will definitely be an annual tradition. Thanks to Ms. Hurley, our Instructional Coach, for coordinating this event. And our Valentine's Day celebrations were fun as well.

Please remember that there is no school on Monday in observance of Presidents Day. We'll see you on Tuesday. Don't forget about the PTO meeting next Thursday - We Need You There!!

And you know it would be out of character for me if I didn't remind you that we need to get the kids to school on time, every time. We slipped a bit this week, but I'm confident next week will be better.

Enjoy your long weekend with your family!

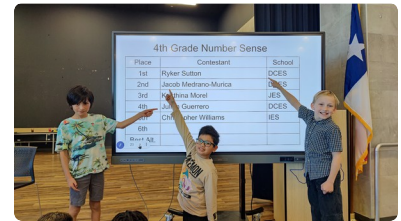
Dr. Wilson



FYI

UIL Competition Results

We had a fantastic turnout at the district Elementary UIL Academics competition last weekend. Out of the 149 possible places (1st - 6th and Alternate), Double Creek Cougars took home **62 medals!** Our second through fifth graders turned it up and swept the competitions. For a list of winners, download the PDF below.



DCES Elementary UIL Meet Results 2025 - Community Copy.pdf

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68.6 KB

Upcoming Events



February 2025

Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	S
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February 1st - 28th - Black History Month

February 1st - 28th - Kindness Month

February 17th - Student/Staff Holiday

February 20th - PTO Meeting

February 24th - 28th - Book Fair



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Reminder



Staff/Student Holiday Monday, February 17th No School



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. No changes can be made after this time for the safety of all students and staff.

2:30 p.m. Any student checking out early for an appointment, must be picked up 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!

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Attendance Matters
Every student. Every day.

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 popped by PTO Volunteers!
5. Popcorn given to students at the end of the day to go home



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

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From time to time, your local jurisdictions require us to hold elections in the City of Jarrell, and we rely on the support of local residents to make these elections run smoothly. Being a Poll Worker is a wonderful way to get involved in the community, meet new people, and gain insight into our democratic process.

If you are interested in being a Poll Worker, click the link or scan the QR code below.

[Wilco Elections Team Link](#)



 **Positions pay up to \$15/hour.**

 www.wilcotx.gov/PollWorkers

 pollworkers@wilco.org

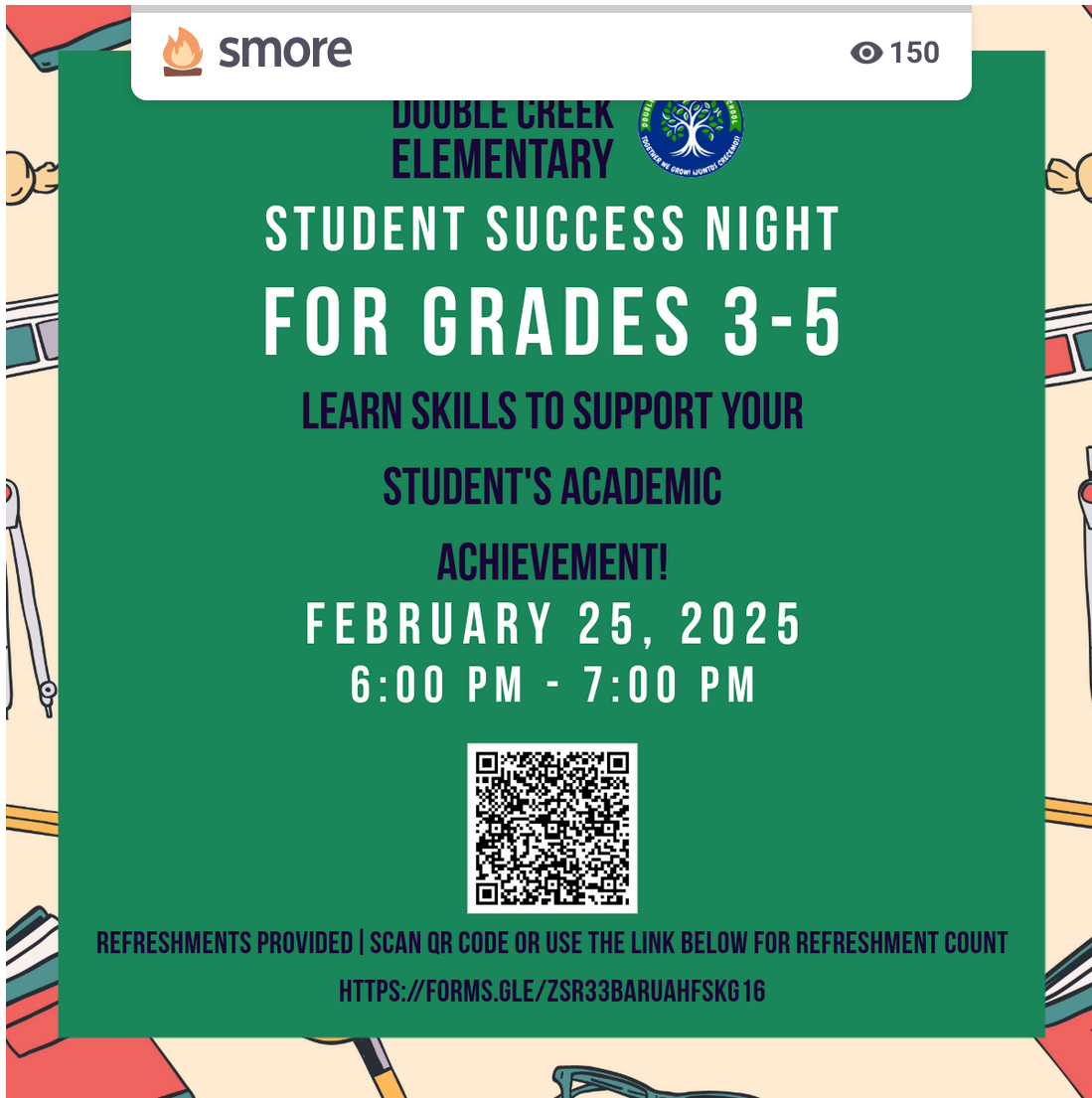
 512-943-1630



Student Success Night at DCES

Join us at Double Creek Elementary for our Student Success Night! Enjoy a light meal and win some door prizes while also learning skills to support your student's academic achievement. Scan the QR code or use the link below for a refreshment count.

[Student Success Night Refreshment Count](#)



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](#)

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.

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



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



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



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.



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.



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.



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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.

Zoo Crew at DCES

Zoo Crew is coming to our school March 4, 2025! For an order form, click the link or scan the QR code below.

[Zoo Crew Order Form](#)

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ZOO CREW
We bring the Zoo to You!
ZOO CREW
IS COMING TO
YOUR SCHOOL SOON!

ZOO CREW IS SIMILAR TO THE "BUILD YOUR OWN ANIMAL" LAYOUT IN MALL STORES, EXCEPT WE ARE MOBILE AND COME TO YOUR LOCATION IN OUR UNIQUE MOBILE ZOO!

ZOO CREW
We bring the Zoo to You!
ZOOCREWCLUB.COM

ORDER FORMS WILL BE SENT OUT ONE WEEK BEFORE THE SCHEDULED EVENT DATE!

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Destination Life Transition Contest

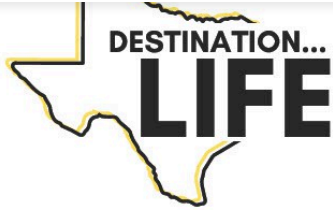
Preparing and supporting students with disabilities and their families for life beyond high school.

Click the link or scan the QR code below to RSVP for this event.

[Destination Life Transition Conference](#)



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SAVE THE DATE

TRANSITION CONFERENCE



Job Training Resources |
Vendors | Inclusive Post-
Secondary Education |
Independent Living Options |
Speaker Sessions | Community
Agencies & Organizations

**SATURDAY
MARCH 1st,
2025**

9:00 AM - 1:30 PM

at McNeil High School

5720 McNeil Drive
Austin, TX 78729

HOSTED BY 10+ AREA SCHOOL DISTRICTS

*Preparing & supporting students with disabilities and
their families for life beyond high school.*

**FREE Event!
RSVP & more info**



**2025 Destination Life
Transition Conference**

bit.ly/destinationlife ★

- Select number of sessions are in Spanish.
- Request special accommodations and ASL interpretation through RSVP form on website.

JARRELL ISD CONTACT INFORMATION:
Natasha Jones, Transition Specialist; natasha.jones@jarrellisd.org



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DESTINO A LA... VIDA

RESERVAR LA FECHA

CONFERENCIA DE TRANSICIÓN

Recursos de capacitación laboral | Vendedores | Educación Postsecundaria Inclusiva | Opciones de Vida Independiente | Sesiones de Oradores | Agencias y Organizaciones Comunitarias

SÁBADO 1^{ro} DE MARZO 2025

9:00 AM - 1:30 PM

at McNeil High School
5720 McNeil Drive
Austin, TX 78729

ORGANIZADO POR VARIOS DISTRITOS ESCOLARES DEL ÁREA

Preparando y apoyando a estudiantes con discapacidades y sus familias para la vida después de la preparatoria.

¡Evento GRATUITO!
RSVP y más información

2025 Destino a La Vida Conferencia de Transición
bit.ly/destinationlife

- Un número selecto de sesiones serán en español.
- Solicite adaptaciones especiales e interpretación de ASL a través del formulario de confirmación de asistencia en el sitio web.

JARRELL ISD INFORMACIÓN DEL CONTACTO:
Natasha Jones, Transition Specialist; natasha.jones@jarrellisd.org

From the DCES PTO...

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

Our next meeting will be February 20th, 2025 from 5:30-6:00 pm in the cafeteria. We have some exciting things to discuss, so come join us!

President Gutierrez will be moving out of the area. Ms. Humphrey will be taking over as President. We need to select or elect a new Vice President at our next meeting. If you're interested, please let us know!

PTO Officers

Destiny Humphrey, Vice President

Vacant, Vice President

Cortney Johnson, Secretary

Rebel Sanders, Treasurer



All our PTO inform <https://www.jarrellisd.org/Domain/494>

[Treasurer's Report](#)

From the Community...



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?](#)

Reading Intervention Tips for Home

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Show your love for reading. Plan to read a book before watching the movie.



Demuestra tu amor por la lectura. Planea leer un libro antes de ver la película.

Math Intervention Tips for Home

Telling The Time Activity

Time is one of those things many children find tricky, but this game will help your child tackle this topic.

What you need to play:
Chalk

How to play:

Step 1: Try drawing a clock on the ground with chalk.

Step 2: Then, get your child to use their body to make the hands of the clock. They could show just the hour or minute hands by lying straight, or they could use their body to make the hour and the minute hands, with their legs (the longer part) being the minute hand and their torso (the shorter part) the hour hand.

Actividad para saber la hora

La hora es una de esas cosas que a muchos niños les resulta complicada, pero este juego ayudará a tu hijo a abordar este tema.

Qué necesitas para jugar:
Tiza

Cómo jugar:

Paso 1: Trata de dibujar un reloj en el suelo con tiza.

Paso 2: Luego, haz que tu hijo utilice su cuerpo para hacer las manecillas del reloj. Puede mostrar sólo las manecillas de las horas o los minutos tomándose recto, o puede utilizar su cuerpo para hacer las manecillas de las horas y los minutos, siendo sus piernas (la parte más larga) la manecilla de los minutos y su torso (la parte más corta) la manecilla de las horas.

Pre-K Updates

ELAR: I can learn about things that move.

Phonics: I can learn about the letters and sounds: A,B,C.

Math: Recognize



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Science/S.S: I can learn that living things move and non living do not.

Homework: Read to your child daily.

Kinder Updates

This week in kindergarten we are focusing on the following:

Reading: This week we are focused on reviewing what we have learned about the life cycle of a plant and starting our very own Plant Experiments.

Skills: This week we are focused reading words with the following double-letter spellings: 'ss', 'tt', 'zz', 'nn', 'pp', 'rr', 'll', 'ck', 'ch', 'sh', 'th', 'ng', 'qu', 'ck', 'ff.'

Students will practice reading with purpose and understanding.

Students will begin working on End of Unit Assessments.

Math: We are focused on working with decomposing numbers 8 and 9

SS/Science: Next week we will be in Science. We are going to be learning about Plant parts. We are going to explore the structure of plants including roots, stems, leaves, flowers, and fruits.

1st Grade Updates

Reading: We're studying habitats

Phonics: We're working on inflectional endings (ed, s, es) and r controlled syllables

Math: We're using dimes and pennies to help us understand tens and ones place value spots

Science: We are bringing the study of habitats into science

Social Studies: we are finishing our study of customs and traditions

2nd Grade Updates

Happy Fri-YAY!

It was a fun-filled week that ended with a fabulous Valentine's exchange and an awesome Growth Parade. This week in math, we learned about creating equal groups and relating it to repeated addition. In reading, we've been evaluating key ideas in informational text and completed our Unit 8 assessment. Challenge your student today and ask them what our informational text has been about. In science, we've started learning about the earth and its natural resources. Ask your student if they learned any new vocabulary during science such as conserve or resource. Social studies has

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Please remember there is no school on Monday, February 17th. I can't wait to see everyone back on Tuesday!

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 reading, we continued and finished our poetry unit. We worked on tone, stanzas, lines, and more figurative language.

In math, we finally finished our fraction unit! We made it! Fractions were hard. Please take every opportunity possible to continue talking about fractions with your child. Now, we are working on our geometry unit. Geometry is a lot of new vocabulary for our kids. We wrote a total of 12 vocabulary words over the last two days and learned how to apply them in action. We talked about lines, rays, line segments, acute angles, right angles, and obtuse angles.

In science, we discussed the water cycle and how it repeats over and over again. We created water cycle diagrams and in the science lab, Mrs. Garcia showed us snow! Next week, we will work on other patterns on earth such as landforms and slow changes to Earth's surface.

5th Grade Updates

Reading: Memorize and recite Puck's speech from Shakespeare's: A Mid Summer Night's Dream and Unit 6 Assessment on Friday

Math: Balance a simple budget, Define income, payroll, sales and property taxes and interpret numerical expressions

Science: Study Organisms and Energy in Ecosystems



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

PE - Coach Stanley - 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

- **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

- 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

- 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

- **Book Fair:** The book fair is scheduled for **February 24-28.** If you are interested in volunteering to help work the book fair please email Mrs. Howard for more details.

Book Fair: February

The book fair is coming soon! Be sure to sign up for an eWallet before or during the fair for a cash free experience. Details for signing up for an eWallet are below.



Create a **Book Fair eWallet** for cash-free shopping.

Convenient and secure, eWallet lets your child choose books they want to read.

Plus, you can share your eWallet link so friends and family can help your child find even more to read. **Unspent funds from a past Fair?** To transfer them to this Fair, log in to your Scholastic account and create a new eWallet—then your previous balance will be available to transfer as an eGift Card.

When you fund an eWallet, you can also contribute to **Share the Fair**, the giving program that **benefits kids in your school** who need help buying new books.



Create account



Add funds



Share link



Your child shops

Visit our school's Book Fair homepage to get started:

<https://www.scholastic.com/bf/doublecreekelementary>

Cree una **eWallet** para hacer compras en la **Feria del Libro** sin dinero en efectivo.

Con eWallet, una cuenta de pago digital segura y práctica, su niño o niña puede elegir los libros que quiere leer.

Además, puede compartir el enlace a su eWallet para que los amigos y la familia puedan contribuir a que su niño o niña encuentre más libros para leer. **¿Quedaron fondos sin gastar de una Feria anterior?** Para transferirlos a esta Feria, ingrese a su cuenta de Scholastic y cree una nueva eWallet. Entonces, su saldo anterior estará disponible para ser transferido como una tarjeta de regalo eGift Card.

Cuando agrega fondos a su eWallet, también puedes contribuir a **Share the Fair**, el programa que **beneficia a los niños de su escuela** que necesitan ayuda para comprar libros nuevos.



Visite la página web de la Feria del Libro de nuestra escuela para comenzar:

<https://www.scholastic.com/bf/doublecreekelementary>



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DCES MUSIC PERFORMANCE DATES

2024 -2025

MORE PERFORMANCES WILL BE ADDED THROUGHOUT THE YEAR!

OCTOBER 24

3RD

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

NOVEMBER 14

4th

Portraits of America Program
Time: 6:00 pm

DECEMBER 5

Choir Holiday Concert

DECEMBER 12

5th

Snow Biz Program
Time: 6:00 pm

DECEMBER 18

School Holiday Performance -
ONLY for students during school hours

MARCH 13

2ND

Peanut Butter Jam Program
Time: 6:00 pm

APRIL 3

1ST

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

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FECHAS DE PRESENTACIONES MUSICALES DEL DCES

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

24 DE OCTUBRE	3 RD	Programa Rock 'n Roll Forever Hora: 6:00 p. m.
14 DE NOVIEMBRE	4 th	Retratos de América Hora del programa: 6:00 pm
5 DE DICIEMBRE		Concierto de vacaciones del coro
12 DE DICIEMBRE	5 th	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 ND	Programa de mermelada de mantequilla de maní Hora: 6:00 p. m.
3 DE ABRIL	1 ST	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.NICHOLAS@JARRELLISD.ORG 🌐 PARA OBTENER MÁS INFORMACIÓN, VISITE WWW.PARENTSQUARE.COM

All City Choir Concert



**All City Cougar Choir
Concert**

Featuring all Elementary Choir Students

Saturday, March 8 2025	06:00PM	Free Entry
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Jarrell ISD Performing Arts Center at
Jarrell High School

Guests
Sean Mann - Clinician
Charles Mallory - Accompanist

Come out to hear the wonderful
sounds of all elementary school choir
students live in concert!

The poster features a yellow background with musical notes at the top. The title 'All City Cougar Choir Concert' is in large purple and blue font. Below it, the text 'Featuring all Elementary Choir Students' is in a smaller purple font. A central table with a dashed border lists the date, time, and entry information. Below the table, the venue is listed. A 'Guests' section in a purple box lists Sean Mann and Charles Mallory. At the bottom, there is an illustration of two people clapping and a purple curved shape containing the invitation text.



**Coro All City Cougar
Concierto**

Presentando a todos los estudiantes del
coro de primaria

Sábado 8 de marzo 2025	6:00 p.m.	Entrada libre
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Centro de artes escénicas de Jarrell ISD
en la escuela secundaria Jarrell

Huéspedes
Sean Mann - Clínico
Charles Mallory - Acompañante

¡Ven a escuchar los maravillosos
sonidos de todos los estudiantes del
coro de la escuela primaria en
concierto en vivo!

Growth Parade



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.

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