



The Double Creek Courier

Week 18 - December 13, 2024

THIS WEEK'S ATTENDANCE RATE: 92.38%

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

A letter from the Principal

Happy Friday the 13th! This week was filled with lots of excitement with the All-City Choir performance, the Grade 5 Musical, the Kindergarten field trip, and UIL practices. Next week will be short, but it's full of fun as well. There is a sing-along on Wednesday, but, with respect, this is only for students and staff.

Wednesday is a full day for students. Let's try to make it to school every day and on time to support our attendance and ensure that your children can benefit from all of the activities. The bug got us bad this week and our attendance was low. Let's finish strong!

Your children are doing amazing on their mid-year assessments! I'll have more to share with you next week, but so far we are seeing DOUBLE DIGIT GROWTH in both reading and math. Way to go!

Enjoy this weekend. Don't forget the Very Merry Jarrell celebration happening downtown tomorrow.

¡Feliz viernes 13! Esta semana estuvo llena de mucha emoción con la presentación del coro de toda la ciudad, el musical de quinto grado, la excursión al jardín de infantes y las prácticas de UIL. La próxima semana será corta, pero también estará llena de diversión. Hay un canto el miércoles, pero, con todo respeto, esto es sólo para estudiantes y personal.

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beneficiarse de

todas las actividades. El bicho nos afectó mucho esta semana y nuestra asistencia fue baja.
¡Terminemos fuertes!

¡A sus hijos les está yendo excelente en sus evaluaciones de mitad de año! Tendré más para compartir con ustedes la próxima semana, pero hasta ahora estamos viendo un CRECIMIENTO DE DOBLE DÍGITO tanto en lectura como en matemáticas. ¡Así se hace! Disfruta este fin de semana. No olvide la celebración de Very Merry Jarrell que tendrá lugar mañana en el centro.

Dr. Wilson



FYI

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!



December '24						
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January 25						
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December 3rd - 18th - 12 Days before Christmas Attire

December 17th - Quarterly Assembly

December 18th - DCES Christmas Sing-a-long

December 19th - Student Holiday/Staff PD Day

December 20th - January 3rd - Student/Staff Holiday

January 6th - Student Holiday/Staff PD Day

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.

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.**

Williamson County Brown Santa

Williamson County Brown Santa applications are available for families residing outside the Jarrell city limits. Apply for assistance or make a donation at the following link:

<https://www.wcbrownsanta.com/home>



National Bus Safety Poster Contest

Jarrell ISD is participating in the National School Bus Safety Poster Contest. For more information about the contest click the link below.

[National School Bus Safety Poster Contest Information](#)



NATIONAL SCHOOL BUS SAFETY POSTER CONTEST

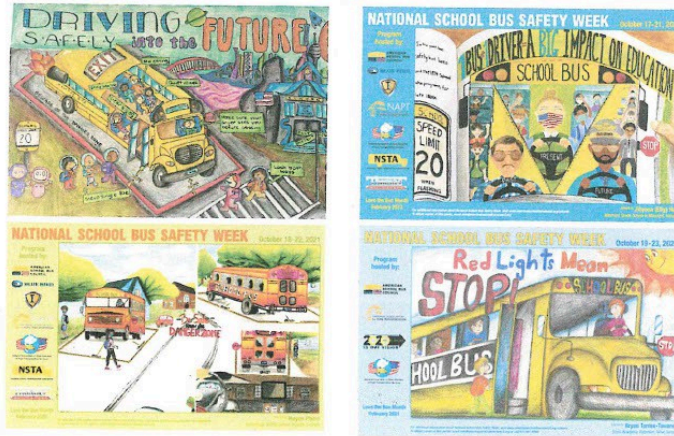
Every year, thousands of school districts in over 40 states participate in local and state-level competitions to select artwork that depicts school bus safety-related themes and encourages and promotes school bus safety. The winning posters are used to promote safer school transportation for everyone. State winners advance to the national contest.

The 2024-25 National Poster Contest aims to select poster that best depicts the theme:

Safety First - Safety Always

The National School Bus Safety Poster Contest is sponsored by the National Association for Pupil Transportation, the National Association of State Directors of Pupil Transportation Services, and the National School Transportation Association.

Past National Overall Winners



HOW CAN POSTERS BE DRAWN?
Posters are accepted for drawing from October 1, 2024 - April 1, 2025.

FOR NATIONAL COOPERATION:
The National Association for Pupil Transportation (NAPT) is a national organization that represents the interests of school bus drivers and passengers.

CONTEST DEADLINE:
All entries must be received by the contest deadline of April 1, 2025.

AWARD INFORMATION:
Winning posters will be displayed in schools and used in national campaigns.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:
Visit the National School Bus Safety Poster Contest website for more details.

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Pre-Order Jarrell Cougars XL Blanket

Preorder your custom Jarrell Cougars XL Blanket for this winter! Link is below and we will reach out to the email you provide for payment. Go Cougars!

<https://sites.google.com/spectatorblankets.com/jarrell-cougars/home>



From the DCES PTO...

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

The PTO purchased an additional popcorn machine and it has been very helpful with Popcorn Fridays! We'd like to give a huge shout out to Ms. Karen Peace for being here every Friday to help make popcorn. And thank you to the rest of the parents who help when they can on Friday mornings. There's always room for a few more!

PTO Officers

- Rick Gutierrez, President
- Destiny Humphrey, Vice President
- Cortney Johnson, Secretary
- Rebel Sanders, Treasurer

All our PTO information can be found by going to our dedicated webpage:

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

Our next meeting will be January 16th, 2025 from 5:30-6:00 pm in the cafeteria. We have some exciting things to discuss, so come join us!

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>

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.rodriguez@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.



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**

[SCHOOL COUNSELING WEBSITE](#)

Reading Intervention Tips for Home

How to
**Read
 a
 winter
 book.**



How to
**Leer
 a
 invierno
 libro.**

Math Intervention Tips for Home

Five To One

This game not only tests children's verbalisation and problem solving skills, but it also brings an element of competition into doing maths at home, and we all know how much children love to 'win'!

What you need to play:

Cards with maths with 5 statements about a concept written on them
 Two players

How to play:

Step 1: The first person picks a card containing five statements. Each of the five statements provide a clue to the final answer, starting with a vague clue for the first statement, through to an easy clue for the fifth statement.

Step 2: Player one picks a card and reads out the first statement. E.g. 'This shape has four sides'.

Step 3: Player two can choose to give an answer and score the maximum five points, if they are correct, but risk scoring zero if they are wrong. Alternatively, they can choose to hear the four point question. They keep on going until they get a question wrong, or they choose to pass to hear the next question until they get to the final one point question.

Cinco contra uno

Este juego no sólo pone a prueba las habilidades de verbalización y resolución de problemas de los niños, sino que también aporta un elemento de competición a las matemáticas en casa, ¡y todos sabemos cuánto les gusta "ganar" a los niños!

Qué necesitas para jugar:

Tarjetas matemáticas con 5 afirmaciones sobre un concepto escritas en ellas
 Dos jugadores

Cómo se juega:

Paso 1: La primera persona elige una tarjeta que contiene cinco afirmaciones. Cada una de las cinco afirmaciones proporciona una pista para la respuesta final, empezando con una pista vaga para la primera afirmación, hasta una pista fácil para la quinta afirmación.

Paso 2: El jugador uno elige una tarjeta y lee en voz alta la primera afirmación. Por ejemplo: "Esta forma tiene cuatro lados".

Paso 3: El jugador dos puede elegir dar una respuesta y conseguir el máximo de cinco puntos, si acierta, pero arriesgarse a conseguir cero puntos si se equivoca. Alternativamente, pueden elegir escuchar la pregunta de cuatro puntos. Siguen adelante hasta que se equivocan en una pregunta, o eligen pasar a escuchar la siguiente pregunta hasta llegar a la pregunta final de un punto.

Dyslexia

Home for the Holidays - encourage your student to keep reading! There are so many fun ways to incorporate reading at home while preparing for the upcoming holidays.

* Read recipes while helping prepare meals

* Help read directions

* Read menus for 1



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* Activate closed captioning on televisions, tablets, or computers when watching movies or videos

* Create a family read along - everyone reads the same story and takes turns reading aloud

* Read the lyrics to favorite holiday songs

* Read favorite stories from your childhood

HERE'S THE IMPACT OF READING 20 MINUTES PER DAY!

A student who reads



minutes per day

will be exposed to **1.8 MILLION** words per year and is more likely to score in the **90th PERCENTILE** on standardized tests

A student who reads



minutes per day

will be exposed to **282,000** words per year and is more likely to score in the **50th PERCENTILE** on standardized tests

A student who reads



minute per day

will be exposed to **8,000** words per year and is more likely to score in the **10th PERCENTILE** on standardized tests

Source: Nagy, Anderson and Herman, 1987



Pre-K Updates

ELAR: I can compare and contrast stories.

Phonics: I can learn about the letters Jj,Ll,Vv.

Math: I can learn about 3-D shapes.

Science/S.S: I can learn about wind and movement.

Homework: Read c

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Kinder Updates

Reading: We are focused on identifying rhyming words and describing the main events in a Nursery Rhyme.

Skills: We are focused on spelling cvc words , the tricky word: Little reviewing letter names and Introducing rhyming

Math: We are focused on Comparing using "more than" "the same as" "fewer than"

SS/Science: We are back Science and we are learning about Cause and Effect.

1st Grade Updates

Reading: We have become astronomers, studying outer space in our Astronomy unit. This coming week, we will focus on the history of space exploration, the moon, and our solar system. With our new knowledge, we will create new thoughts and add complete sentences daily to our Astronomy Journal.

Writing: We will create complete sentences that start with a capital letter, end with a period, and have space in between each word. We will also review letters and sounds and practice reading our sight words.

Math: We will use tens and ones to create numbers and turn these numbers to expanded, pictorial, and written form. For example, 25, 2 tens and 5 ones, $20+5=25$, twenty-five.

Science: We will begin discussing day and night to go along with our Astronomy unit. We will discover what causes day and night and the differences/similarities between them.

2nd Grade Updates

Dear families,

It's been another FANTASTIC week in 2nd grade! Students have been busy completing their middle of the year assessments in both reading and math. We love seeing all the growth our students have made over this semester and are so proud of everyone's hard work. In reading students finished up another unit and continued to work on generating questions about text before, during, and after reading to deepen their understanding and gain information. Ask your student what they enjoyed learning about as we used informational text about the Westward expansion. In math, students have completed their unit assessment over addition and subtraction word problems. In science, students continued to learn about sound energy. Challenge your student at home and ask them to

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tudents continued

On December 18th, all second graders will have a class Winter Holiday Party. This celebration will be exclusive to students, and parents will not be permitted to attend. However, there will be opportunities for parental involvement in the upcoming year. Your child's teacher sent home this information last week. If you need more information or have questions, please reach out to your child's teacher.

Have a WONDERFUL weekend!

3rd Grade Updates

Math: In math this week we will be continuing to develop our understanding of multiplication with a focus on 2 digit by 1 digit multiplication. The homework this week will be continuing to work on fact fluency with multiplication facts and solving 2 x 1 digit multiplication problems. The focus TEKS for this week are 3.4K and 3.4F.

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: In Language Arts this week we will continue our work in Unit 5. We will continue to explore light and sound and practice identifying the central idea of a text. Our focus TEKS for this week is 3.9D, and the homework will focus on suffixes.

4th Grade Updates

In Reading this week, we typed out our cause and effect essay from Unit 4, which we finished last week. Then, we moved on to learning about holidays around the world. We are also writing an essay about resilience, which is our character trait of the month. Students will have an opportunity to submit their essay for a chance to read it at our monthly board meeting! What a cool opportunity! Lastly, we completed our middle of the year iReady screeners! We are excited to share scores with you.

In math, we finished our unit on tenths, hundredths, and a little bit of financial literacy. We learned about money, bills, and things such as fixed expenses, variable expenses, change, and profit. We also learned how to add and subtract decimals. Ask your child about the most important step when adding and subtracting decimals! Next week, we will complete our middle of the year screener in math.

In science, we finished up our unit on energy. We were able to take the parts of a circuit (load, battery, wires) and create a simple circuit in class. We also talked about the transfer of energy,

conductors, and in



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5th Grade Updates

Reading: write essays, unit 4 exam, iReady MOY assessment

Math: subtract fractions greater than 1, use benchmark fractions to assess reasonableness and solve multistep word problems

Science: explain how the sun and ocean interact through the water cycle

Social Studies: explain when, where, and why groups of people explored, colonized and settled the United States



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 pe

- **Cougar Stage**



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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

- Come January we will be learning about weathering, erosion, and deposition in the Science Lab: and we are in need of soil (topsoil or potting soil) for conducting investigations. Please donate a few bags. Any donations are helpful. THANK YOU!

Library - Mrs. Howard - kate.howard@jarrellisd.org

- Please remember to bring back all books to the library for returns.

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DCES MUSIC PERFORMANCE DATES

2024 -2025 MORE PERFORMANCES WILL BE ADDED THROUGHOUT THE YEAR!

OCTOBER 24	3 RD	Rock 'n Roll Forever Program Time: 6:00pm
NOVEMBER 14	4 th	Portraits of America Program Time: 6:00 pm
DECEMBER 5		Choir Holiday Concert
DECEMBER 12	5 th	Snow Biz Program Time: 6:00 pm
DECEMBER 18		School Holiday Performance - ONLY for students during school hours
MARCH 13	2 ND	Peanut Butter Jam Program Time: 6:00 pm
APRIL 3	1 ST	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

Holiday Musical Bonza



**HOLIDAY MUSICAL
BONZA**

Date: Wednesday, December 18th
Location: Double Creek Elementary
Time: 8:30 am

****Performance for students and teachers ONLY!
There will not be enough seats for parents to attend.
A recording will be shared on Parent Square for each
grade level performance for everyone to watch!**



Holiday Dress Up Schedule for December

DECEMBER 3-18

- 12/3 Reindeer Dress Up
- 12/4 Hawaiian Holiday
- 12/5 Holiday Shirt Day
- 12/6 Cozy Day
- 12/9 Holiday Accessory
- 12/10 Holiday Twin Day
- 12/11 Dress like an Elf
- 12/12 Texas Christmas
- 12/13 Grinch Day
- 12/16 Ugly Sweater
- 12/17 Candy Cane (Red and White)
- 12/18 PJ Day

Happy Holidays

Sponsored by Student Council

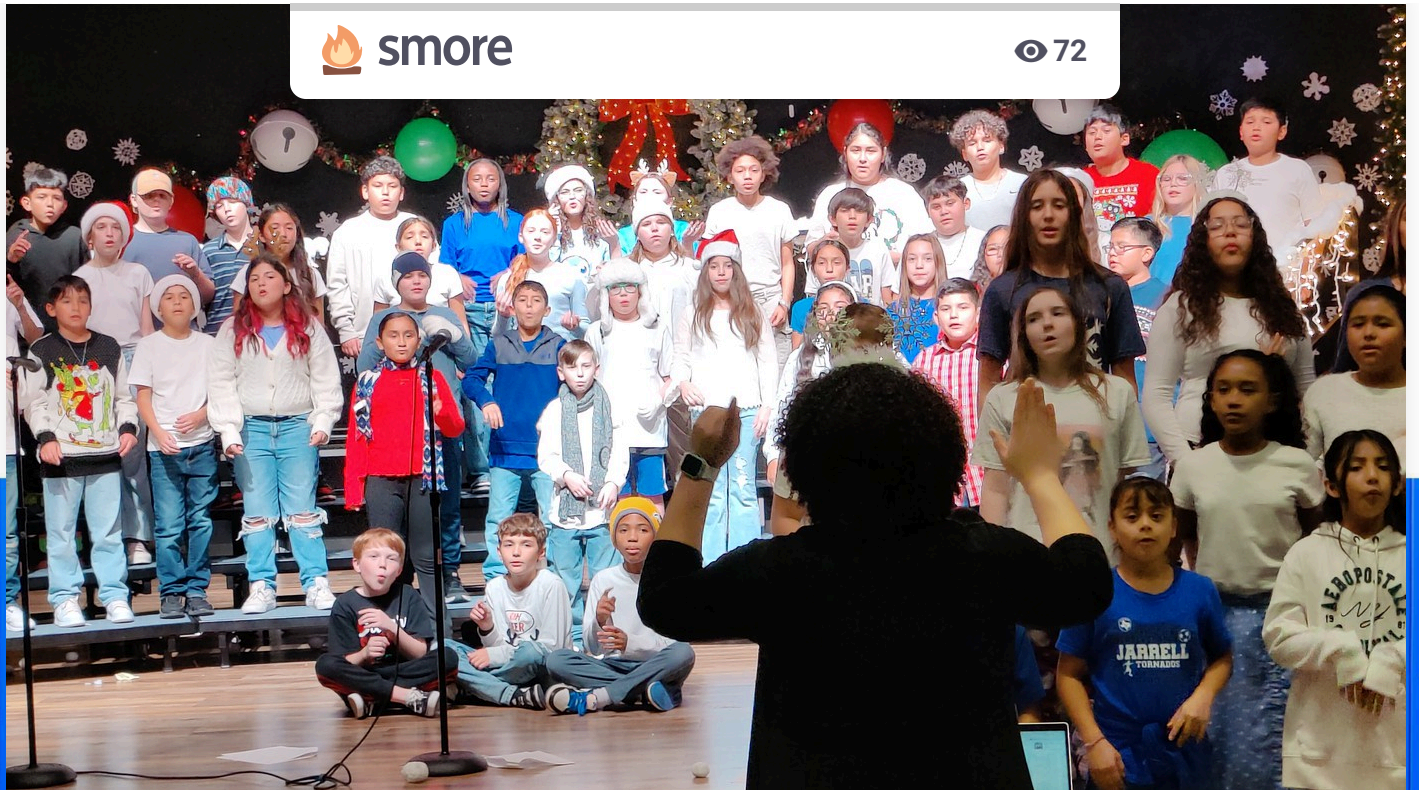


Holiday Fun at Double Creek





5th Grade Snow Biz Program



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

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