



Astronaut News

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Duval Early Learning Academy

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From the Desk of the Principal, Christiana Robbins

Greetings Duval Families,

We have completed the first nine weeks period, and are a week into the second nine weeks. Report cards will be available in Skyward on Thursday, November 12th. Hard copies of report cards will not be sent home with students, so it is imperative that each parent has Skyward Family Access account activated.

If you do not yet have a Skyward Family Access account set up, you can email the school OR email familyaccessrequest@gm.sbac.edu. In the email, please include the following information:

- Your full name
- Your student's full name
- Your student's date of birth
- Your student's grade level
- Your student's school name
- A picture of parent ID (for identification purposes) such as a Driver's License

If your child is in special education with an IEP, your child's quarter IEP Progress Reports will be:

- available as an attachment in Skyward Family Access (same as report cards).

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me via telephone or via email at robbincl@gm.sbac.edu.

~ Ms. Robbins

Congratulations to
Patricia Phillips,
Duval Early Learning Academy's
Teacher of the Year!

Ms. Phillips is the school's Art Teacher, and has served in Alachua County Public Schools since 2016. We are happy for her and this honor!

Important Dates

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November 11th

No School

November 12th

Reports Cards Available in Skyward

November 20th

Parent Engagement Activity

Awards Ceremony (via Zoom)

- Star of the Month
- Honor Roll

November 23rd – 27th

No School, Thanksgiving Holiday

Reminders

Breakfast

7:10 – 7:40 daily

School Hours

M, T, Th, F: 7:40 AM – 1:37 PM

W: 7:40 AM – 12:22 PM

Late Arrivals

Students who are tardy to school (arriving after 7:40 AM) must be signed in at the front office. School staff will walk your child to class.

Sign-In & Check Out

Checking students out prior to dismissal time is highly discouraged. We ask that you check students out no later than 1:10 on M, T, Th & F and no later than 12 noon on Wednesday.

SCHOOL COUNSELOR/

For the month of November, I will be making my way into classrooms for guidance lessons. The first lesson will be based on the *Safer Smarter Kids* curriculum, which addresses body safety, personal space, and trusted adults. Parents will be notified about this lesson in advance and will be involved throughout the process via follow-up letters. At the conclusion of these lessons, students will be able to identify adults they feel safe with, personal boundaries, and have a deeper understanding of general safety. If you have any questions, please remember that I'm available via email, phone, or in person.

-Ms. James

How to contact me*:

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Title 1 Information

Can you believe it? We have completed first nine weeks of school!! The children are making progress and are excited about their accomplishments! We see your children working hard and making gains to prove it. Some of that learning that is occurring is based on Florida Standard LAFS.K.RF.2.2. It states that your child will **demonstrate understanding of spoken words, syllables, and sounds (phonemes)**. That means that your child can recognize and make rhyming words. EX: cat, hat; count syllables in spoken words, EX: clap out the syllables in the word teacher, tea/cher, 2 syllables; hear 3 sounds in a 3-letter word, EX: cat, c/a/t; and add or substitute a sound in one syllable words to make a new word, EX: change the c in cat to h to make the word hat. At home or in the car, you can reinforce these skills by playing word games with your child. Also, as mentioned previously, we have many resources available for checkout in our **Parent Resource Room**.

-Debbie Nichols

Assistant Principal Corner

Robin Bourg

Hello, Duval Families. This year is going by so quickly, and we have been very busy at Duval. Our students have been taking many ELA and Math assessments, and we have been able to work on specific student needs. If you have not had a chance to talk to your child's teacher about their progress, please make an appointment with them to do so.

We just celebrated our first Positive Behavior Intervention Support Event. Many of our students joined us for a movie and a cookie party. Students had to have 10 "Duval Dollars" to join. These "Dollars" are given to students who are showing positive behavior and following our school expectation and rules throughout the school day. Our school expectations and rules are:

Expectations	Rules
S peak Kindly	I will use kind and helpful words.
O pen-Minded	I will be ready to explore new ideas.
A chieve	I will try my best and succeed.
R espectful	I will follow directions the first time they are given.

We had a lot of fun! There will be many more activities this year, so if your child did not get to attend this event, they will be able to join us for the next one.

We have also started our Astronaut of the Week and Star of the Month recognitions. Each week, each teacher chooses an Astronaut of the Week for their class, based on the character skills we are working on that week. Each student then receives recognition on a video shown each month, made by Ms. Robbins and Ms. Bourg. Each student also receives a certificate from Sonic for a treat and as well as a pencil. Once a month, the teacher chooses the Star of the Month. Those students will receive a certificate at our awards ceremonies and other special treats.

Thank you for your continued support and Happy November!!

-Ms. Bourg