

**Temeka Brown, Principal**

September 2024

Dear Dickinson JH Families,

As we move into September, I want to express my gratitude for your ongoing support and involvement in your child's education. We've had a strong start to the year, and it's been a joy to witness the growth and progress your child is already making.

August brought us a whirlwind of new beginnings, and we're proud of how smoothly our students have settled into their routines. Our teachers have been dedicated to creating a positive and productive learning environment, and your children have been active participants in shaping our school community. Their enthusiasm in the classroom is contagious, and we appreciate your efforts at home in supporting good study habits and fostering a positive attitude toward learning.

Positive relationships are essential to student success, and they remain a cornerstone of our approach at Dickinson Junior High. Restorative practices are embedded in every classroom, where students have collaborated on creating treatment agreements and will engage in activities designed to build strong connections with their peers and teachers throughout the year. We believe that social and emotional well-being is just as important as academic success, and we are committed to ensuring that every student feels supported by trusted adults they can rely on at school. Next week, we will have grade level assemblies to build on these relationships and remind students of the expectations here at DJHS.

Each grade and subject area has specific essential standards that students need to master to progress to the next level. Both staff and students will monitor these standards closely throughout the year. It's crucial for students to understand their strengths and areas for improvement. In the coming weeks, we will initiate our Gator Grow time, during which teachers will focus on addressing any gaps in grade-level standards.

We are confident that every student can and will learn at high levels each day. We look forward to partnering with you this year to help your child reach their fullest potential. Thank you for your continued commitment to our school community. Let's work together to make this a fantastic year! Please don't hesitate to reach out with any questions or concerns.

Gator Proud,

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## Student Attendance

Regular school attendance is vital to student achievement. Our goal is a minimum of 96% each day! Students will be recognized for prompt and regular attendance throughout the school year.

### EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS

Don't miss out on the education you deserve.



## Dickinson Junior High PTO

Sign up for DJHS PTO!! Contact Tranika Tottenham at [tranikat@yahoo.com](mailto:tranikat@yahoo.com) if you have any questions. The PTO will have a table set up at games and events this semester.



SIGN UP FOR  
DJHS PTO

## Campus Fundraiser-Vertical Raise

We are continuing our efforts to promote our campus wide fund raiser. Thank you for your support. Please continue to share! We have a few more days to go. We will close out the fundraiser on Friday, September 6th!  
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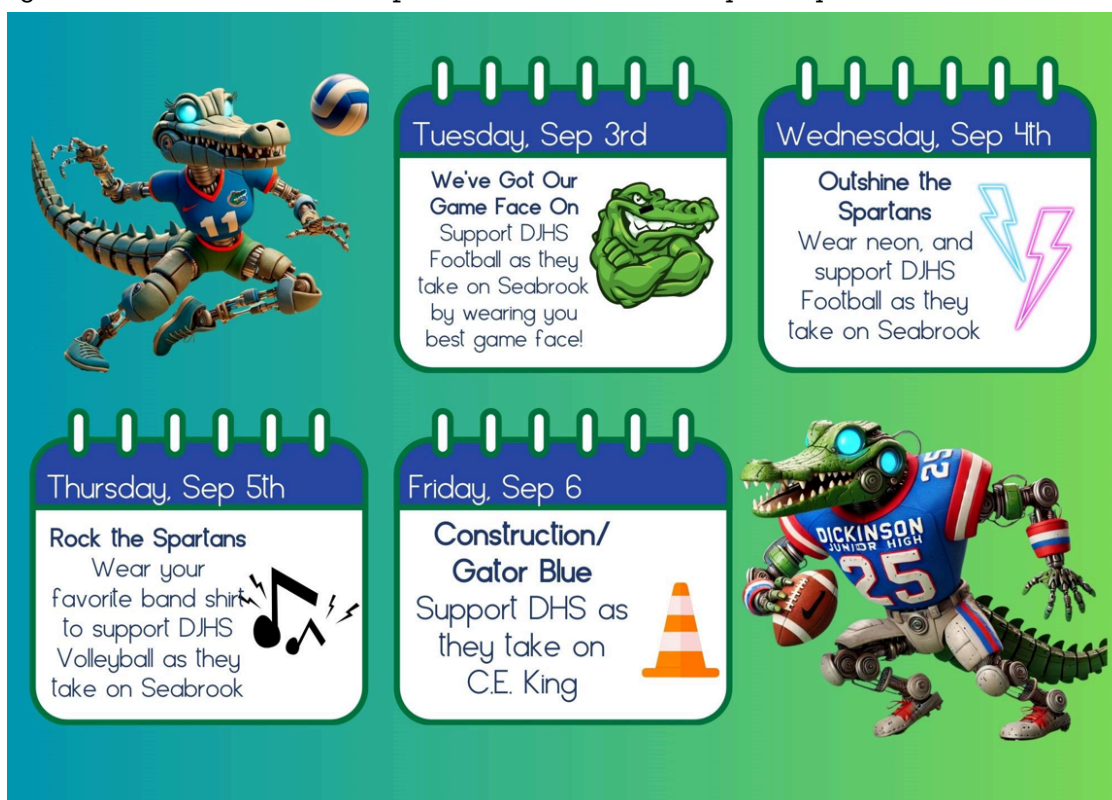
## Weekly Dress Up Days

- "Motivation Monday"
  - Students and Staff are encouraged to wear shirts with motivation words or quotes every Monday!
- "Where are you going Wednesdays?"
  - Students and Staff are encouraged to wear College or Military shirts every Wednesday!
- Every Friday is GO Gator Friday!! Students are encouraged to dress in football themes and wear gator blue.

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### Football and Volleyball Starts This week!!

- To celebrate our volleyball and football teams we will have a few fun theme days to celebrate the start of a winning season!! Feel free to dress up in the themes Wednesday-Friday.



### Games on Campus

- We're excited to host our first football games on campus! Here are a few important details to keep in mind:
  - Students must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.
  - The building will open at halftime for restroom access.
  - Please bring lawn chairs, as the bleachers tend to fill up quickly.
  - Concessions and cold drinks will be available for purchase from student organizations and the PTO.

### Food and Nutrition

- Breakfast is available to all students at no cost to families.
- Lunch will be \$2.75 per meal. Students wishing to purchase their lunch will need to have money to put in their accounts.
  - Students who qualify for "reduced" lunch will get free lunch this year.
- To add money to your student's lunch account, [click here](#)
- Please fill out [this](#) meal application for internal purposes; regardless of the results, your student will continue to receive breakfast.
- Students may also bring money from home to purchase additional snack items.

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### **Lunch Visitors**

We are taking visitors to have lunch with our students. We love welcoming you into the building. Please call 281-309-3800 to make a reservation. Remember that you must be on the student's skyward in order to have lunch. Please contact the school if you have any questions.

### **Lockdown Drill-September 6th**

Students will participate in a lockdown drill to practice if there is ever a threat inside the building. Students will have a lesson during Gator Grow time going back over the Standard Response Protocol the day before to ensure that students know that it is a drill. Mr. Molina will also send a message via skyward to parents reminding you of the upcoming lockdown drill.

### **Hispanic Heritage Month- September 15-October 15**

We will begin celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month on **Monday, September 16!** At DJHS, we believe that it is important to celebrate all of the cultures that are represented in our school. We will have the following spirit days to celebrate Hispanic Heritage!

- **Monday, September 16-** Jersey Day Fútbol is the #1 sport in Latin America. Wear your favorite jersey.
- **Tuesday, September 17-** Flag Day Wear the colors of the Mexican Flag! Red, White, and Green
- **Wednesday, September 18-** Culture Day Hispanic culture is full of traditions. Wear an appropriate traditional outfit from your culture.
- **Thursday, September 19-** Go Tejano Dress as a vaquero or vaquera. Western Wear!
- **Friday, September 20-** Gator Pride Day We may all come from different backgrounds, but we are all gators. Wear your Gator spirit gear!

### **Upcoming Events-September Calendar**

- **September 2 Labor Day-** No school for staff or students.
- **September 3-** 7th Football vs Seabrook-A Team Away B Team Home
- **September 4-** 8th Football vs Seabrook-A Team Away B Team Home
- **September 5-** Volleyball vs Seabrook-8th Home 7th Away
- **September 6-** Campus Lockdown Drill
- **September 10-** 7th Football vs Creekside-A Team Away B Team Home
- **September 11-** 8th Football vs Creekside-A Team Away B Team Home
- **September 12-** Volleyball vs Creekside-8th Home 7th Away
- **September 17-** 7th Football vs Friendswood-A Team Home B Team Away
- **September 18-** 8th Football vs Friendswood-A Team Home B Team Away
- **September 18-Pep Rally: Rope the Mustangs-Wear your Western Gear**
- **September 19-** Volleyball vs Friendswood-8th Away 7th Home
- **September 23-Staff Development Day-** No school for students!
- **September 24-** 7th Football vs Victory Lakes-A Team Away B Team Home
- **September 25-** 8th Football vs Victory Lakes-A Team Away B Team Home
- **September 26-** Volleyball vs Victory Lakes-8th Away 7th Home

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# HISPANIC HERITAGE *Spirit Week*

MONDAY | 9.16

**Jersey Day**  
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TUESDAY | 9.17

**Flag Day**  
Wear the colors of the Mexican Flag! Red, White, and Green.



WEDNESDAY | 9.18

**Culture Day**  
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THURSDAY | 9.19

**Go Tejano**  
Dress as a vaquero or vaquera. Western Wear



FRIDAY | 9.20

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