

**Temeka Brown, Principal**

April 1, 2025

It's hard to believe we're already a week into the 4th nine weeks of the 2024–2025 school year! This final stretch is an important time for our students to stay focused, keep working hard, and finish strong. Our teachers are continuing to deliver engaging, meaningful lessons each day, and we encourage every student to give their best effort. Your support in promoting consistent routines, strong study habits, and the value of learning makes a world of difference — we truly couldn't do this without our amazing DJH families!

We also want to take a moment to highlight the importance of regular school attendance. Every day counts, and valuable instruction happens each and every day — especially on Mondays and Fridays, which tend to be lower in attendance. Let's work together to make sure students are here and ready to learn all week long.

As we continue our commitment to academic excellence, students will soon begin standardized testing. We're confident that their hard work and preparation will shine through! These assessments help us better understand student progress, guide instruction, and ensure we're meeting our goal of providing a high-quality education for all. You can support your child by making sure they get a good night's sleep, eat a nutritious breakfast, and arrive at school on time. A little encouragement goes a long way in helping them feel confident and ready to succeed!

With just two months to go, we're also gearing up for some fun and exciting end-of-year activities and celebrations — stay tuned for more details soon! You'll find a few important dates listed at the bottom of this message.

Thank you, as always, for your continued partnership and support. If you have any questions, feel free to reach out. Let's finish the year strong — together!

Sincerely,

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### **Student Attendance**

We are continuing to focus on regular school attendance each day! Our campus goal is 96% each day! Please strive to get your students to school every day! We miss them when they are not here. Please send any absent notes to our attendance office at the email address below. Thank you for partnering with us to ensure every child makes progress!

- Jacqueline C Rodriguez [jrodriguez@dickinsonisd.org](mailto:jrodriguez@dickinsonisd.org)



### **"Where are you going Wednesdays?"**

Students and Staff are encouraged to wear College or Military shirts every Wednesday!

### **"Pop Into April!" – Attendance Challenge**

April is a big month at DJH! We're gearing up for STAAR testing, the school musical, UIL competitions, and so much more. Every day counts, and we need our Gators here and ready to shine! Students who achieve **95% or better attendance** and have **fewer than 5 tardies** in April will earn an invite to our **"Pop Into April" Popcorn Social**—a celebration packed with video games, music, open gym, snacks and fun!!

Let's finish strong! Please encourage your student to be at school every day and get to class on time—we're ready to celebrate their commitment and hard work!

### **Last Chance to Order Your Yearbook!**

Don't miss out on securing your copy of this year's yearbook! The last day to purchase online is April 19. We're only ordering a limited number of yearbooks, so to guarantee you get one, be sure to order through our link:

<https://yearbookordercenter.com/job/25784>. Once they're gone, they're gone! Order today!

### **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.

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- 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.

### **Upcoming Assessments**

- **STAAR 2025**- STAAR assessments will be given over a 4 week period beginning on April 9th. All students will take STAAR online.
  - April 9th- Reading STAAR all grades
  - April 15- 8th Science STAAR (8th Grade and 7th Grade STEAM Science Honors)
  - April 22- 8th Social Studies STAAR
  - April 29th- Math STAAR all grades
- **Parent Resources**- Please see the link below for parent resources for STAAR and STAAR ALT 2. There are several helpful resources that parents can use to help their students at home.
  - Access previous STAAR scores to see your student's individual scores
    - You will need your student's unique access code. You can also look it up at the link below. You will need their date of birth, social security number, and First name. (Contact the school if you need help accessing your student's access code)  
<https://tx-familyportal.cambiumast.com/#/accesscode>
  - Access practice tests to allow students additional practice at home
  - Book tools to help students choose books that are right for Lexile measure
  - Information for students that receive services through special education
  - Information for students that are emergent bilingual  
<https://www.texasassessment.gov/families.html>

### **Upcoming Events:**

- **April 1**- Quiz Bowl vs McAdams 4pm-5pm at DJHS
- **April 2**- Paraprofessional Appreciation Day!
- **April 2**- 8th Grade Summer Bridge Presentation during Gator Grow time
- **April 3**- Boys Tennis at DJH
- **April 3**-Dance Spring Show @ 6pm in DJH Auditorium
- **April 4**- Librarian Appreciation Day!
- **April 4**-UIL Concert and Sight Reading Evaluation at McAdams Concert Band 8am Symphonic Band 10am
- **April 7-11**- Assistant Principal Appreciation Week!
- **April 7**-Girls District Tennis Tournament at Bayside/Clear Falls
- **April 7**-Soccer vs McAdams at DJH
- **April 9**-RLA STAAR
- **April 9**- Emeralds Tryout Clinic After School in Gym

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- **April 10-** UIL Concert and Sight Reading Evaluation at McAdams
- **April 10-** Boys District Tennis Tournament at Bayside/Clear Falls
- **April 10-** Emeralds Tryout Clinic After School in Gym
- **April 11-** UIL Concert and Sight Reading Evaluation at McAdams
- **April 11** Emeralds Tryouts in Gym
- **April 15-SCIENCE STAAR (8th Grade and 7th Grade STEAM Science Honors)**
- **April 15-** Purple Up for Military Families
- **April 15-** Cheer Tryout Clinic After School in Gym
- **April 16-** Soccer at Kranz
- **April 16-** Cheer Tryout Clinic After School in Gym
- **April 17-** Girls Athletics Banquet in Cafe 5:30pm-7:30pm
- **April 17-** Cheer Tryouts After School in Gym
- **April 18- Good Friday NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS AND STAFF**
- **April 22-SOCIAL STUDIES STAAR (8th Grade ONLY)**
- **April 22-** National School Bus Driver Appreciation Day
- **April 23-** Administrative Professionals Day
- **April 24-** Mandatory Cheer Parent Meeting F101
- **April 28-30-** BOGO Book Fair
- **April 29-MATH STAAR**
- **April 29-** Percussion Concert in Auditorium at 6pm
- **April 30-** Soccer vs McAdams at DJH

**Other Important Dates:**

- **May 5-9-** Teacher Appreciation Week
- **May 10-** 8th Grade Dance 5:30pm-8:00pm
- **May 13-** 7th Grade Celebration
- **May 16 -** 6th Grade Celebration
- **May 19-** School Wide Carnival
- **May 20-** Campus Awards Ceremony
- **May 21-** Yearbook Signing Party
- **May 22-** Talent Show and Last Day of School

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## APRIL 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Goals
		1 Quiz Bowl vs McAdams	2	3 Boys Tennis @ DJH Emeralds Spring Show	4 UIL Band for Concert & Symphonic at McAdams <b>Librarian Appreciation Day</b> NJHS Meeting After School	5 Beginner Band Instrument Fittings	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> 
6	7 Girls District Tennis Tournament at Bayside Boys and Girls Soccer vs McAdams at DJH	8	9 <b>RLA STAAR</b> Dance Tryouts Clinic	10 UIL Band at McAdams Boys District Tennis Tournament at Bayside Dance Tryouts Clinic	11 UIL Band at McAdams Dance Tryouts	12	
<b>Assistant Principal Appreciation Week</b>							
13	14	15 <b>Science STAAR</b> 8th Grade & STEAM Honors Cheer Tryout Clinic	16 PROGRESS REPORT 7 Boys and Girls Soccer at Kranz Cheer Tryout Clinic	17 Girls Athletic Banquet Cheer Tryouts	18 <b>Good Friday</b> (School Holiday)	19	
20 <b>Happy Easter</b>	21	22 <b>Social Studies STAAR</b> 8th Grade Bus Driver Appreciation Day	23 Secretary Appreciation Day	24	25	26 Beginner Band Instrument Fittings	
27	28	29 <b>Math STAAR</b>	30 Boys and Girls Soccer vs McAdams at DJH				
<b>B O G O Book Fair in Library</b>							<div>Notes</div>