

**Temeka Brown, Principal**

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DJH Families,

As we step into March, we're excited to see the continued learning and growth happening at Dickinson Junior High. With spring just around the corner, new opportunities await for our students to thrive academically, socially, and emotionally. Each day, they are making strides toward success, building character, and achieving personal milestones.

This spring semester, we are focused on meeting grade-level expectations across all core subjects. Our students have been working hard, and I am confident in their readiness to excel. To help you stay informed, we've included all of our spring testing dates in the upcoming events section below. Please remember that on testing days, we have a strict policy of no visitors or lunch deliveries. However, students are welcome to bring snacks or their lunch from home if they prefer.

We truly appreciate your commitment to getting your child to school each day. Regular attendance plays a crucial role in their success, and we are striving for a 96% attendance rate daily. Every day of instruction is valuable. If your child needs to be absent, please provide a note so we can accurately document their absence.

After spring break, we'll dive into the essential standards for the fourth nine weeks. It's inspiring to see our students growing each week, and I couldn't be prouder of their hard work. Their dedication is paving the way for incredible achievements. Let's continue to encourage them, knowing their potential is limitless.

Thank you for trusting us with your child's education. Here's to a strong finish to the third nine weeks and an exciting start to the spring semester!

Sincerely,

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### 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)



### PreSTAAR Benchmark Test

- **Tuesday, March 11th (Science) & Wednesday March 13th (SS) 8th Grade ONLY**
  - The testing session will last during the morning, with students immersed in a dedicated testing environment
  - Please have your students here on time to maximize the testing time for your student.
- **Wednesday, March 26th-All Students Math**
  - All students are scheduled to participate in the Math Benchmark, designed to assess their progress on grade-level Math standards.
  - The testing session will last the majority of the day, with students immersed in a dedicated testing environment.
  - For lunch, students will have a sack lunch in their respective classrooms, and it's important to note that outside food will not be permitted during this period.
  - Teachers may give students a process grade on the work shown on the test. Teachers are not giving a grade on the accuracy of the test; yet the thinking/defense to get to the answers.

### STAAR 2025

STAAR assessments will be given throughout the month of April. Please note the following dates:

- April 9th-RLA STAAR (All Grades)
- April 15th- Science STAAR (8th Grade and 7th Grade Science Honors)
- April 22nd- Social Studies STAAR (8th Grade ONLY)
- April 29th- Math STAAR and Algebra (All Grades)

### Read Across America

Get ready to celebrate Read Across America with a fun-filled week of dress-up days and a special reading challenge! From March 3rd-7th, students can participate in themed dress-up days connected to different states and reading adventures:

- **Monday, March 3rd: Hollywood, CA – Lights, Camera, Read!** Dress as a character from a book that became a movie.

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- **Tuesday, March 4th:** *Kansas – Off to See the Wizard!* Dress as a character from *The Wizard of Oz*.
- **Wednesday, March 5th:** *Washington, D.C. – Leaders are Readers!* Dress as a historical figure or famous author.
- **Thursday, March 6th:** *New Orleans, LA – Bayou Books & Beads!* Wear Mardi Gras colors and beads.
- **Friday, March 7th:** *Seattle, WA – Rainy Day Reads!* Wear rain boots or flannel like a true Pacific Northwest reader.

 **Read Across America Reading Challenge:** Throughout March, students can log reading minutes in **Beanstack** to earn rewards! Help encourage participation by reminding students to track their reading and celebrate their milestones.

#### **Book Fair Next Week-March 3-7**

The Scholastic Book Fair will be open all week! Parents can set up an eWallet at [Scholastic Book Fair](#). The Book Fair will also be open the evening of March 4th during Curriculum Night!

#### **Curriculum Night-March 4-5:00-6:30**

Discover the exciting strategies and activities we've been using throughout the year to elevate learning. We'll also provide valuable information about Title I and highlight the incredible talents of our fine arts departments. We look forward to seeing you there!

#### **Spring Fling Dance/Student vs. Teacher Volleyball Game-March 14th**

We will have a during the day dance and student vs. teacher volleyball game on March 14th. The criteria for the students participation is as follows:

- Students will be allowed to dress up! All attire must be school appropriate.
- Students who have received lunch detentions (issued by administrators), a total of 5 or more tardies, ISS, or OSS between the dates of March 2nd-March 14th will not be allowed to attend.

Tickets will be sold in the cafeteria before school and during lunches the week of March 10th for \$5.00 for the dance and \$2 for the volleyball game.

#### **Cell Phones**

- To ensure high levels of learning for ALL students, we require that cell phones be turned off and put away **out of sight** in a purse or backpack during the hours of 7:45-3:15 pm daily.
- Cell phone messages may be checked by students during lunch.
- We ask that you support our efforts to ensure your student's academic success by reinforcing our expectations regarding cell phones.
- **If a cell phone is confiscated by a staff member, the student's parent/guardian MUST pick the phone during the hours of 7:30-3:30pm.**

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### **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](#)
- Students may also bring money from home to purchase additional snack items.

### **Campus Federal Report Card is Available**

- Dickinson Junior High's federal report card is available on the campus website-
- If you have difficulty accessing the information from the website, hard copies of the reports are available in the front office. If you have questions about the information, please contact me.

### **Upcoming Events:**

- **March 1-** UIL Academic Competitions at DJH 7am-4pm
- **March 3-7-Book Fair**
- **March 3-**Girls Tennis at Creek HS
- **March 4-Curriculum Night at DJHS**
- **March 5-**Boys Track Meet at CBHS; Girls Track Meet at DHS
- **March 6-**Boys Tennis at Creek HS
- **March 7-**8th Grade STEAM Field Trip to UHCL
- **March 10 -**District Track Meet at Challenger Boys Field Events and 2 mile; Girls Running Prelims
- **March 11-Social Studies PreSTAAR Benchmark (8th Grade ONLY)**
- **March 11-**District Track Meet at Challenger Boys Running Prelims; Girls Field Events and 2 mile
- **March 12-**District Track Meet at Challenger Running Finals
- **March 13-Science PreSTAAR (8th and 7th Honors)**
- **March 13-**Girls Tennis at Kranz HS; Boys Tennis at DHS
- **March 13-**Pre UIL Band Clinic and Concert @6:00pm in DJH Auditorium
- **March 17-21 - Spring Break**
- **March 24-**Instructional Planning Day (No School for Students)
- **March 25-**Quiz Bowl at Kranz 4pm-5pm
- **March 26-Math PreSTAAR Benchmark (All Students)**
- **March 26-**Girls Tennis at DHS, Boys Tennis at Victory Lakes
- **March 29-DISD Family Engagement Summit**
- **March 31-**Girls Tennis at DHS

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**FEATURING:**

- RESOURCES TO FINISH THE SCHOOL YEAR STRONG
- 2025-2026 COURSE VERIFICATION WITH COUNSELORS
- FINE ARTS PERFORMANCES
- POP-IN VISITS WITH YOUR CHILD'S TEACHERS

**TUESDAY - MARCH 4TH**

**5:00 - 6:30**

Families who pop in will collect stamps from various sessions  
and will receive delicious popcorn as a thank you.

Additionally, students will receive a wristband to wear  
pajamas, hats, or a pass to eat in the courtyard on Wednesday  
March 5th!



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## TESTING DATES



DJHS

FEBRUARY <b>13</b>	<b>RLA STAAR</b> CAMPUS WIDE SHUT DOWN
FEBRUARY <b>18-20</b>	<b>TELPAS-READING/WRITING</b> 18th- 6th 19th- 7th 20-8th
FEBRUARY <b>24-26</b>	<b>TELPAS- LISTENING/SPEAKING</b> 24TH- 6TH GR 25TH-7TH GR 26TH- 8TH GR
MARCH <b>11</b>	<b>SOCIAL STUDIES PSBM</b> 8TH GRADE SHUT DOWN-ONLY
MARCH <b>13</b>	<b>SCIENCE PSBM</b> 8TH GRADE SHUT DOWN AND 7TH STEAM HONORS
MARCH <b>26</b>	<b>MATH/ALGEBRA PSBM</b> CAMPUS WIDE SHUT DOWN
APRIL <b>9</b>	<b>RLA STAAR</b> CAMPUS WIDE SHUT DOWN
APRIL <b>15</b>	<b>SCIENCE STAAR</b> 8TH GRADE & 7TH STEAM HONORS SHUT DOWN
APRIL <b>22</b>	<b>SOCIAL STUDIES STAAR</b> 8TH GRADE SHUT DOWN-ONLY
APRIL <b>29</b>	<b>MATH AND ALGEBRA STAAR</b> CAMPUS WIDE SHUT DOWN