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The Double Creek Courier

May 8, 2026

A letter from the Principal

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Hello Double Creek Cougars!

I want to say **THANK YOU** for all of the staff appreciation gifts that you poured onto our teachers and staff! Let me be the first to tell you that we are humbled and grateful for what you've done. You and the PTO are absolutely amazing!


Speaking of amazing, YOU have really stepped up with attendance. We ended the week right at a 95% average. I'm going to challenge you to help us reach a **98%** average next week. We can do this!

Just in case there is any misunderstanding, Field Day next Thursday and Friday is **open to parents as well**. For safety and security reasons, we ask that there is one parent per student and little ones who aren't at school yet stay home. We can't wait to see you.

Have a great weekend!

Dr. Wilson

NEW: ATTENDANCE ABSENCE FORM ON THE WEBSITE

There is now  70 presences.
You can upload parents and doctor excuses there as well. Please begin using [this form](#).



This Week's Attendance Rate: 94.92%

Great job, Kinder and Grade 5!!

Pre-K - 93.27%

Kinder - 94.49%

Grade 1 - 94.23%

Grade 2 - 95.18%

Grade 3 - 95.95%

Grade 4 - 94.63%

Grade 5 - 95.39%

YOUR CHILD'S ATTENDANCE SUPPORTS COMPETITIVE SALARIES FOR HIGHLY QUALIFIED TEACHERS. THIS MEANS HIGHER QUALITY EDUCATION.

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Why Attendance Matters

Remember that attendance is *mandatory* and we need to see your kids every day. Your child's attendance affects ALL of our ratings.

When your child misses two or more days a month from school, it is the same as missing *an entire month of learning.*

Our state accountability rating is also based on the attendance of every single student, whether in a testing grade or not. Our rating last year was negatively impacted by student absences.

Please be at school every day, on time, every time.

NEW! ATTENDANCE INCENTIVE FOR THE REST OF THE YEAR!

Weekly Giveaways for Perfect Attendance

We will continue to have a drawing at the end of each week to give two prizes away.

If your child is here every day of the week, they will be in the drawing for some cool Summer Fun Baskets or prizes.

- Sports Equipment
- Summer Art
- Board Games and Puzzles
- And Many More



We will reset the chance each week, so if you miss a day, you can try again the next week.

LET'S DO THIS!

A partir de este lunes, realizaremos un sorteo al final de cada semana para entregar dos premios.

Si su hijo asiste todos los días de la semana, participará en el sorteo de unas fantásticas «Cestas de Diversión de Verano» u otros premios.



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- Equipo deportivo
- Materiales de arte para el verano
- Juegos de mesa y rompecabezas
- ¡Y muchos más!

Reiniciaremos las oportunidades cada semana; así que, si faltan un día, podrán volver a intentarlo la semana siguiente.

¡VAMOS A LOGRARLO!





Honoring Our Past Bringing Forward Our Future

With community support through the 2023 Bond Program, Jarrell ISD is celebrating a milestone in its long-term vision—improving safety and visibility while advancing facilities that reflect commitment to community history, staff, early childhood education, and student safety.



Rendering shows improved visibility, safety, and traffic flow benefiting both Jarrell Middle School and the historic 1916 Building upon completion.



Current condition

Learn more about campus improvements and timelines



PRESERVING HISTORY

Highlighting the reconstructed 1916 Building as a celebrated Jarrell centerpiece



IMPROVING SAFETY

Clear sightlines and better traffic flow for both JMS and 1916



PURPOSE-BUILT PROGRESS

New early childhood facilities designed to better serve students, staff, and families

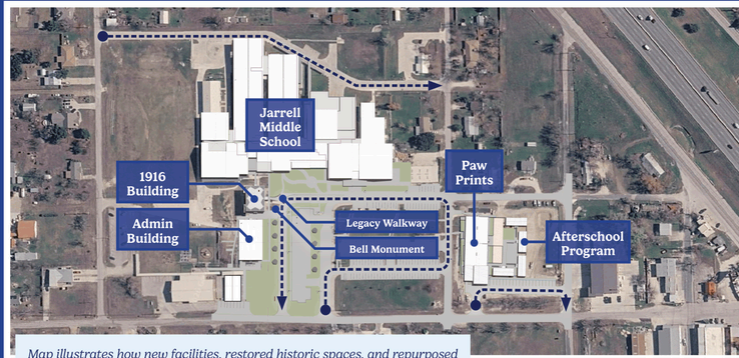


TIMED FOR MINIMAL DISRUPTION

Work begins when school lets out & roadwork completes before start of school.



How All Pieces Fit Together



Map illustrates how new facilities, restored historic spaces, and repurposed areas work together to improve safety, visibility, and circulation.

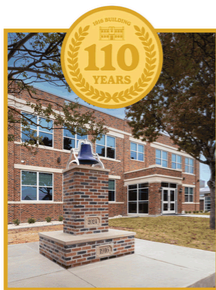
THE FINAL STEPS OF A BIGGER PICTURE

With new, purpose-built facilities now in place, Jarrell ISD is completing the campus plan by clearing three 40-year old buildings. This step supports improved safety, visibility, and functionality across the campus while allowing both Jarrell Middle School and the 1916 Building to operate more effectively.

Honoring JARRELL'S STORY



Historic Mexia bricks saved from the interior structure of the 1916 building will be incorporated into a new Legacy Walkway, honoring the generations of families and students who shaped Jarrell ISD.



YOU'RE INVITED 1916 BUILDING Birthday Party

Join us to celebrate the 1916 Building's 110th birthday!

Fall 2026 Check jarrellisd.org for updates

1916 Legacy Walkway Presentation + Paw Prints Ribbon Cutting

Adopt a brick honoring your family or business here:



Jarrell ISD is respecting its past, supporting its present, and planning responsibly for the future.

Watch This Awesome Video (Click Here)

We Need Your Proof of Residency for Next Year

A Note from Ms. Briones, our Registrar

Filling out the Google Form below is required for all students, whether you are returning or not returning to JISD for the upcoming school year. This information is essential for planning and, for returning students, it is necessary in order to be assigned a teacher. All families must provide proof of address. If the proof of address is not in the parent or guardian's name, an affidavit will be required. Please call the DCES Registrar's Office to discuss the next steps in this process. We're here to help make it as smooth as possible.

Acceptable proof of residency

- electric, water, gas, internet bill or mortgage statement within the last 30 days

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Es obligatorio que todos los estudiantes completen el formulario de Google que se encuentra a continuación, independientemente de si regresarán o no a JISD para el próximo año escolar. Esta información es esencial para la planificación y, en el caso de los estudiantes que regresan, es necesaria para que se les asigne un maestro. Todas las familias deben presentar un comprobante de domicilio. Si el comprobante de domicilio no está a nombre del padre, madre o tutor legal, se requerirá una declaración jurada. Por favor, comuníquese con la Oficina de Registro de DCES para consultar los siguientes pasos de este proceso. Estamos aquí para ayudar a que todo transcurra de la manera más fluida posible.

Prueba de residencia aceptable

- Factura de electricidad, agua, gas o internet, o estado de cuenta hipotecario con una antigüedad no mayor a 30 días
- Contrato de arrendamiento vigente
- Documentos de cierre, en caso de haber comprado una vivienda en los últimos 30 días

[Intent to Return](#)



IN JARRELL ISD!

JISD accepts transfers!

Did you know? JISD is...

- open to transfers for elementary and secondary!
- opening a 4th elementary school, Berry Creek Elementary, in August 2026!
- opening an alternative education campus, Achieve Academy, in August 2026!
- a TIA approved district!
- recognized as a CTE District of Distinction!

For more information,
email us at
studentservices@jarrellisd.org,
visit Jarrellisd.org, or
scan the QR Code.



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Home of the Proud Cougars!

Exciting Changes for Field Day!

I'm excited to let you know that Field Day will now be over **2 days** so that we can include you in the fun! See the flyer below.

Thursday, May 14th for **Grade PK-2**

Friday, May 15th for **Grades 3-5**

Both days are from 8:15 AM - 12:30 PM

Because of our size, and for security reasons, we ask that only one parent attend and that little siblings stay at home.

To make this event smooth, we are also looking for volunteers to help run each station. If you are able to help, feel free to reply to this message and i will let the PE teachers know.

DOUBLE CREEK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
FIELD DAY!
THURSDAY, MAY 14
FRIDAY, MAY 15

MAY 14: PRE-K, KINDER, 1ST, 2ND, ECSE, SLC
FROM 8:15 TO 12:30
MAY 15: 3RD, 4TH, 5TH, BEH. FROM 8:15-12:30

WHAT TO BRING:
CAP
SUNSCREEN
WATER BOTTLE
CHANGE OF CLOTHES (SWIMSUITS MUST BE WORN UNDER CLOTHING)
THERE WILL BE WATER GAMES

ONLY ONE PARENT PER STUDENT IS ALLOWED. SIBLINGS ARE NOT ALLOWED.

IF YOU DECIDE TO TAKE YOUR CHILD HOME WHEN YOU'RE FINISHED, YOU MUST DO SO AT THE MAIN OFFICE.

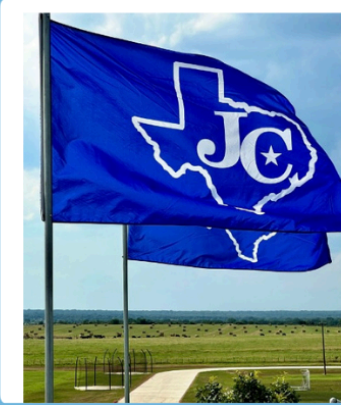
A SACK LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED IF YOU CHOSE THAT OPTION FOR YOUR CHILD, OR YOU CAN SEND YOUR STUDENT WITH A LUNCH

We look forward to



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RETURNING STUDENT VERIFICATION — REQUIREMENT FOR K- 11TH GRADE



WWW.JARRELLISD.ORG/ENROLLMENT



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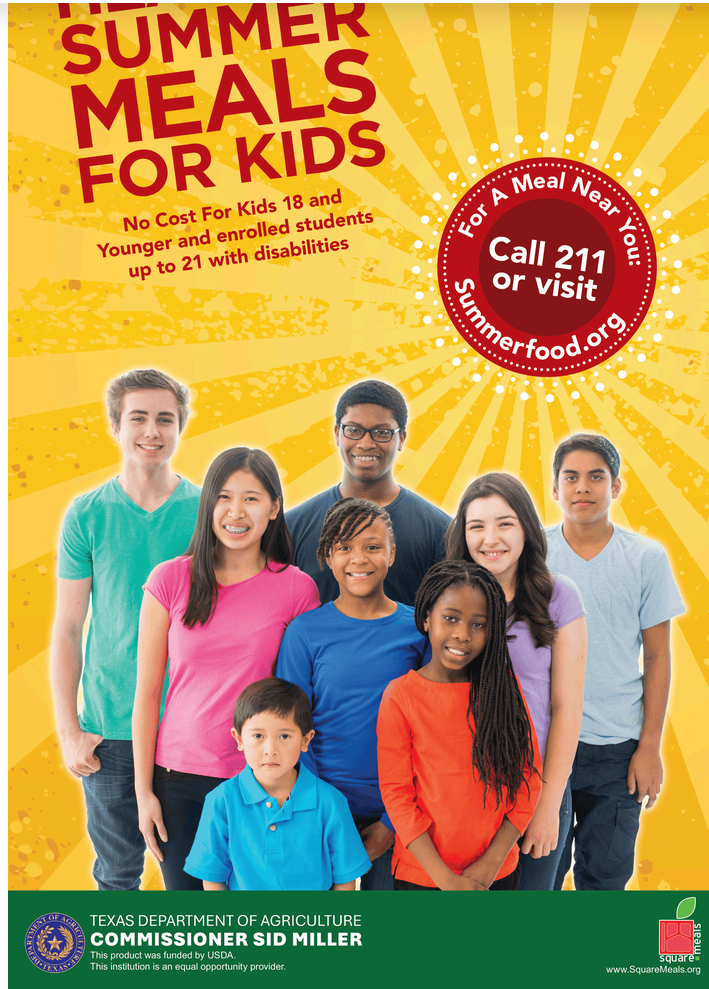
NEW STUDENT REGISTRATION

is open

register now at

www.jarrellisd.org/enrollment






SUMMER MEALS FOR KIDS
No Cost For Kids 18 and Younger and enrolled students up to 21 with disabilities

For A Meal Near You:
Call 211
or visit
Summerfood.org

TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
COMMISSIONER SID MILLER
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www.SquareMeals.org

The poster features a group of diverse children and teenagers smiling against a bright yellow background with sunburst rays. A red circular callout contains contact information. The bottom section is a green banner with logos and text.

COMIDAS SALUDABLES PARA NIÑOS EN EL VERANO
Sin costo para los niños de 18 años y menores y estudiantes matriculados con discapacidades de hasta 21 años

Para encontrar un sitio que sirve comida:
Llame 211 o visite Summerfood.org

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Esta entidad es un proveedor que brinda igualdad de oportunidades.

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www.SquareMeals.org

The poster features a group of diverse children and teenagers smiling against a bright yellow background with sunburst rays. A red circular graphic contains the contact information for finding food sites. The bottom of the poster is a green banner with the Texas Department of Agriculture logo and text.



Para garantizar que los niños continúen recibiendo comidas deliciosas y nutritivas durante todo el verano, el Distrito Escolar Independiente de Jarrell (Jarrell ISD), en colaboración con el proveedor de nutrición infantil del distrito, SFE, ofrecerá su programa anual de comidas gratuitas de verano. Estas comidas gratuitas son posibles gracias al Programa de Servicio de Alimentos de Verano, financiado con fondos federales. Las familias participantes no tienen que presentar una solicitud, registrarse ni mostrar identificación. El Departamento de Agricultura de los EE. UU. (USDA) financia el Programa de Comidas de Verano, el cual incluye el

Programa de Servicio de Alimentos de Verano (SFSP) y la Opción de Verano Continua (SSO). Desde el 25 de mayo hasta el 25 de junio, los niños de hasta 18 años y los adultos con necesidades especiales de hasta 21 años podrán recibir desayuno y almuerzo de cortesía. Las comidas se servirán de lunes a jueves.

Jarrell Ranch Middle School
Dirección: 5401 FM 487, Jarrell TX
Desayuno: 7:30 a. m. – 8:30 a. m.
Almuerzo: 11:30 a. m. – 12:30 p. m.

Double Creek Elementary
Dirección: 855 CR .07, Jarrell TX
Desayuno: 7:00 a. m. – 8:00 a. m.
Almuerzo: 10:30 a. m. – 12:30 p. m.



To ensure that children continue receiving delicious and nutritious meals throughout the summer, Jarrell ISD in partnership with the district's child nutrition provider, SFE, will offer its annual free summer meals program. The free meals are made possible through the federally funded Summer Food Service Program.

Participating families do not have to apply, register or provide identification. The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) funds the Summer Meals Program – including the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) and the Seamless Summer Option (SSO).

Starting May 25 through June 25, children up to age 18 and adults with special needs up to age 21 can receive complimentary breakfast and lunch. Meals will be served Monday through Thursday.

Jarrell Ranch Middle School

Address: 5401 FM 487, Jarrell TX

Breakfast: 7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.

Lunch: 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Double Creek Elementary

Address: 855 CR .07, Jarrell TX

Breakfast: 7:00 a.m.- 8:00 a.m.

Lunch: 10:30 a.m. -12:30 p.m.

For more information visit www.summerfood.org or call 211.

Per the 2025-2026 Student and Teacher Handbook, the following is stated:



Homework (All Grade Levels)

Homework policies are developed by each campus. If you have any questions about your campus homework policy, please contact your campus principal.

Regular homework is an extension of the learning in the classroom. It is intended to reinforce current learning and provide additional practice. It is also an opportunity for parents to support learning and understand the current instruction. The rigor and amount of homework should match the age and grade of the student. For example, a Grade 5 student would be expected to have more homework that takes more time to complete than a Kindergartener.

Your classroom teacher has been instructed to provide your child with homework that follows these guidelines. Most teachers give a packet of homework at the start of the week to be completed over time.

Homework 

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in a timely manner will result in a lower grade on the report card.



End of year Celebrations!

It's that time of the year to celebrate! Below are important dates to keep in mind.

Upcoming Events



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4	5	6	7	8
11	12	13	14	15
18	19	20	21	22
25	26	27	28	29
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- May 13** - GT Showcase
- May 14** - PTO Meeting
- May 14** - Field Day (PK-2)
- May 15** - Field Day (3-5)
- May 18** - Senior Walk
- May 19** - PK/K Preview Night
- May 20** - Kindergarten Graduation
- May 21** - Grade 5 Graduation
- May 21** - Last Day of School!



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- April 30 - Spring Choir Concert
- April 17 - Kinder Grad Pictures
- May 4-8 - Staff Appreciation
- May 14 - PK-2 Field Day
- May 15 - 3-5 Field Day
- May 18 - JHS Senior Walk
- May 20 - Kindergarden Graduation
- May 21 - Grade 5 Graduation
- May 21 - Last Day of School

Paw Prints Registration

If you are interested in signing up your little one (6 months to 3 years old), click on the information below.



2026-2027 PAW PRINTS flyer.pdf

Download
312.1 KB

Our Attendance Policy! Please Read!

Absences

Our attendance bell this year will ring at 9:20 AM. Any student not physically on campus at that time will be considered absent. If you leave before that time, or arrive after that time, you will need to bring a doctor's note or parent note for the absence to be considered excused.

We can only accept notes (parent or doctor) to excuse the absence up to 3 days after your child returns to school. After 3 days, the absence will be considered unexcused.

Parent notes cannot exceed three days. Only 3 parent notes can be accepted per semester. After that, the absences will be considered unexcused.

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If your child is not in attendance for at least 90% of the year, they may not receive credit and/or may be retained in the current grade level.

Tardies

For every 3 tardies, a child will receive a mark.

- 3 Marks will be one day of after school detention (9 tardies)
- 6 Marks will be 2 days of after school detention (18 tardies)
- 9 Marks will be 2 days of after school detention, a conference with administration and form an action plan to prevent future tardies. (27 tardies)

Ausencias

Nuestro timbre de asistencia este año sonará a las 9:20 a. m. Cualquier estudiante que no esté físicamente en el campus en ese momento se considerará ausente. Si sale antes de esa hora o llega después de esa hora, deberá traer una nota del médico o una nota de los padres para que la ausencia se considere justificada.

Solo podemos aceptar notas (de los padres o del médico) para justificar la ausencia hasta 3 días después de que su hijo regrese a la escuela. Después de 3 días, la ausencia se considerará injustificada.

Las notas de los padres no pueden exceder los tres días. Sólo se pueden aceptar 3 notas de los padres por semestre. Posteriormente, las ausencias se considerarán injustificadas.

Si su hijo falta más de 15 días injustificados durante el año escolar, no podrá asistir a la excursión de nivel de grado ni a los eventos del día de campo.

Tardanzas

Por cada 3 tardanzas, un niño recibirá una nota.

- 3 marcas serán un día de detención después de la escuela (9 tardanzas)
- 6 Las marcas serán 2 días de detención después de la escuela (18 tardanzas)
- 9 Las marcas serán 2 días de detención después de la escuela, una conferencia con la administración y la formación de un plan de acción para evitar futuras tardanzas. (27 tardanzas)

For more information, please see the approved JISD Student Handbook, The DCES Student Handbook addendum, and Board Policy posted on our website.

Meet ParentSquare – our Family Communication Tool

We have an exciting tool for teachers and parents to connect! It's called ParentSquare. By this point, you should have received an invitation to download the app onto your phone or connect on your computer. But don't worry if you haven't received it yet! Your homeroom teacher will be sending you an invitation to join his or her class as well.

 ParentSquare



ParentSquare allows you and the teacher to communicate effectively. You will receive newsletters, photos, and messages about your child. You can also use ParentSquare to send a direct message and attach files and photos to the teacher. Our teachers have been directed to use ParentSquare, *not their Jarrell ISD email address*, to communicate with you.

[CLICK HERE](#) to learn more about ParentSquare!

SRP Information

Below is the Standard Response Protocol flyer with information on the language used during emergencies. There is also a link included with more information about the SRP flyer.

[SRP Information Link](#)

STANDARD RESPONSE PROTOCOL

INFORMATION FOR PARENTS AND GUARDIANS

Our school has adopted The "I Love U Guys" Foundation's Standard Response Protocol (SRP). Students and staff will be training, practicing, and drilling the protocol.

COMMON LANGUAGE

The Standard Response Protocol (SRP) is based on an all-hazards approach as opposed to individual scenarios. Like the Incident Command System (ICS), SRP utilizes clear common language while allowing for flexibility in protocol.

The premise is simple - there are five specific actions that can be performed during an incident. When communicating these, the action is labeled with a "Term of Art" and is then followed by a "Directive." Execution of the action is performed by active participants, including students, staff, teachers and first responders. The SRP is based on the following actions: Hold, Secure, Lockdown, Evacuate, and Shelter.

HOLD "In Your Classroom or Area"

- Students** are trained to:
- Clear the hallways and remain in their area or room until the "All Clear" is announced
 - Do business as usual

- Adults and staff** are trained to:
- Close and lock the door
 - Account for students and adults
 - Do business as usual



SECURE "Get Inside. Lock outside doors"

- Students** are trained to:
- Return to inside of building
 - Do business as usual
- Adults and staff** are trained to:
- Bring everyone indoors
 - Lock the outside doors
 - Increase situational awareness
 - Account for students and adults
 - Do business as usual



LOCKDOWN "Locks, Lights, Out of Sight"

- Students** are trained to:
- Move away from sight
 - Maintain silence
 - Do not open the door
- Adults and staff** are trained to:
- Recover students from hallway if possible
 - Lock the classroom door
 - Turn out the lights
 - Move away from sight
 - Maintain silence
 - Do not open the door
 - Prepare to evade or defend



EVACUATE "To a Location"

- Students** are trained to:
- Leave stuff behind if required to
 - If possible, bring their phone
 - Follow instructions
- Adults and staff** are trained to:
- Bring roll sheet and Go Bag (unless instructed not to bring anything with them, dependent on reason for evacuation.)
 - Lead students to Evacuation location
 - Account for students and adults
 - Report injuries or problems using Red Card/Green Card method.



SHELTER "State Hazard and Safety Strategy"

- Hazards** might include:
- Tornado
 - Hazmat
 - Earthquake
 - Tsunami
- Safety Strategies** might include:
- Evacuate to shelter area
 - Seal the room
 - Drop, cover and hold
 - Get to high ground
- Students** are trained in:
- Appropriate Hazards and Safety Strategies
- Adults and staff** are trained in:
- Appropriate Hazards and Safety Strategies
 - Accounting for students and adults
 - Report injuries or problems using Red Card/Green Card method.



SAFE GUN STORAGE SAVES LIVES

Help protect our kids, prevent accidents, and keep our guns from criminals.

FOLLOW THESE 3 STEPS TO SAFE GUN STORAGE

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| 1 | 2 | 3 |
| <p>Store Firearms</p> <p>Store unloaded and secured by using a trigger lock, biometric lock, gun case, strong box, gun cabinet or gun safe.</p> | <p>Store Ammunition</p> <p>Store and lock ammunition safely.</p> | <p>Restrict Access</p> <p>Keep others from getting access to stored firearms 24/7. That includes family, friends, children, or other visitors.</p> |



LEARN MORE ABOUT HOW YOU CAN HELP KEEP 'EM SAFE, TEXAS!

SafeGunStorageTexas.com

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From the DCES PTO...

[Double Creek PTO Facebook Page \(Click Here!\)](#)

[Double Creek Elementary PTO Parent Square Page \(Click Here!\)](#)



PTO OFFICER ELECTIONS IN APRIL!

Calling all Volunteers!!

Teacher & Staff Appreciation Week is next week and we need your help! We have so many fun events planned for our staff at DCES, and we need your help to make these events a big success.

Check out the flyer below for opportunities to help us shower our staff and teachers with the appreciation and thanks they deserve. You can help with 1 event or as many as you like! Remember, all grownups that are part of our school are automatically members of PTO and every extra hand makes a big difference!

To sign up to help us out click on the link in the flyer or use the link here:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScDkFCynyVrr_CaliDVMSKJpTtbh2gfFb_bG8fp_cGyO9rm4w/viewform?usp=header


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- Michaela Barton, President
- Kendal Smith, Vice President/President Elect
- Shannon Horton, Co-Secretary
- Faiza Shah, Co-Secretary
- Alonzo Tisdale, Treasurer**

Our next meeting is May 14, 2026 at 5:00 PM in the Teacher Dining Room.

PTO MEETING 

Double Creek Elementary
Thursday,
May 14
5:00 PM
Teacher Dining Room

 **Come Join Us to see how you can help with all the End of Year Activities!**

Attendance Matters!

Our goal this year is to have at least a **97% Student Attendance Average**. But this can only happen with your support!

Please read the following information regarding our attendance policy. More information is also available in the Jarrell Independent



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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.

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.

More info about attendance!

Attendance Works Informational Flyers - Click [HERE](#)

ENGLISH VIDEO: <https://vimeo.com/101425388>

SPANISH VIDEO: <https://vimeo.com/130556839>

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 damos la bienvenida 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 permitirles comer con sus hijos. Gracias por su comprensión.

Daily Deadlines

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 walk your child into the building.*** They must be signed in by a parent or guardian.

9:20 a.m. Attendance Bell. Any child leaving before - or arriving after - 9:20 a.m. will be considered an **unexcused absence** for the day without a parent note. If your child is at a doctor or dentist appointment, bring in a note and the absence will be considered **excused**.

1:30 p.m. ALL transportation changes must be made by 1:30 by emailing or calling Carina Rodriguez at (512)-746-4852 or carina.rodriquez@jarrellisd.org. No changes can be made after this time for the safety of all students and staff.

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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.**

UIL Academics

Camp Invention

Use the promo code SHARE35 to save \$35 off instantly! Scholarships are also available, so reach out for more information!

SPARK SUMMER FUN
CAMP INVENTION

A.M. BASE CAMP: Start the day with creative games.

- FUR-ENSICS™**
Campers build confidence and critical thinking skills as they explore forensic science and the inner mechanics of their adorable take-home robotic copybara!
- THE INFRINGERS™**
Inspired by real-world STEM superheroes, campers work together to invent creative solutions for challenges in their community and around the world.

GAMES & LUNCHEON: Play action-packed games & relax with lunch!

- MAKE WAVES™**
Diving into entrepreneurship, campers design an eye-catching billboard boat to hook beachgoers and practice persistence as they discover the science that keeps it afloat!
- SPACE MORPHERS™**
Campers build a DIY rocket and practice problem solving as they grow a dazzling crystal tree and hatch an animal egg in the Space Lab.

P.M. BASE CAMP: Wind down with problem-solving games.

SECURE YOUR SPOT TODAY!
Grades: Rising 1st - 6th
Campers are grouped by grade
Location: Jarrell ISD - Double Creek Elementary School
855 CR 307, Jarrell, TX 76537
Dates & Time: June 22 - 25, 2026 | 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM
Cost: \$285 (before discount)
Payment Plans Available up until 4/23/2026
Sibling Discounts at [INVENT.ORG/CISAVE](https://www.invent.org/cisave)
Camp Director: Julie Woods | julie.woods@jarrellisd.org

SAVE \$25
WITH CODE **FUN25**
AT [INVENT.ORG/CISAVE](https://www.invent.org/cisave)
Offer expires March 31, 2026

Register at
[Invent.org/cisave](https://www.invent.org/cisave)
or 800-968-4332

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Inventors in Creativity and Innovation
Army Educational Outreach Program
General Motors
Northrop-Corporation Foundation
Cherokee Family Foundation

The Red Backpack Foundation by Sara Blahnik
Shantago Technologies, LLC
U. S. Department of Defense (DoD) STEM
Walton Family Foundation
The Women's Family Charitable Fund

LEARN MORE AT [INVENT.ORG/CAMP](https://www.invent.org/camp)

A fourth grader practices persistence while building and testing their unique invention.
An instructor empowers a third grader as they design their robotic copybara costumes.
A fifth grader has fun exploring hands-on physics experiments.

From the Counselor...

National Museum of the Mounted Warrior Museum Field Trip

Double Creek Elementary and Igo media club and safety patrol participants recently traveled to the National Museum of the Mounted Warrior at Ft. Hood. In addition to learning about mounted warfare from horses to high tech tanks, students got to watch a live demonstration of the horse cavalry unit and tour the stables. Our Ft. Hood Adopt-A-School unit was also on hand and participated in various interactive activities as part of the experience. Media Club and Safety Patrol are coordinated through the school counseling program as activities to build confidence and promote the messages of our character education curriculum.





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COUNSELOR CORNER

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. 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**

Middle School Course Selection Parent Nights Coming Up!
Click on the link below for more information

[SCHOOL COUNSELING WEBSITE: WHAT'S NEW?](#)

****SB12 (2025) requires informed parental consent for students to access school counseling services. Click the link below for more details and to access the consent form.****

Reading Intervention Tips for Home

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**Play games
that help with
reading.**



**Juegue juegos
que le ayuden
con la lectura.**

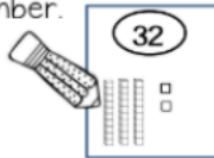
Math Intervention Tips for Home

WEEK 34

How Many Ways?

(building number sense)

- Draw 2 cards to make a 2-digit number (i.e. 3 & 6 = 36)
- Write the number at the top of your paper and circle it. Record at least 5 different ways to show/make the number.



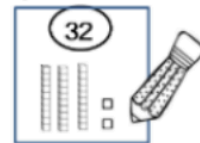
****Hint:**

You can use dollars, coins, base ten blocks, pictures, number sentences, tally marks, etc. to show it!

¿Cuántas Maneras?

(sentido numérico)

- Escoge 2 tarjetas para formar un número de 2 dígitos (ej: 3 y 6 = 36)
- Escribe el número en la parte arriba de tu papel y circúlalo. Escribe por lo menos 5 maneras diferentes que puedes demostrar o crear el número.



****Ayuda:**

Puede utilizar dólares, monedas, bloques de base diez, imágenes, oraciones numéricas, palitos, etc. para mostrarlo!

Dyslexia


 **1 in 5** Americans is **DYSLEXIC**



3 out of 5 prison inmates in the U.S. cannot read
*Literacy Project Foundation

 **DYSLEXIA** is the most common learning disability

 **DYSLEXIA** occurs across all ethnicities, SES and IQ ranges

 **DYSLEXIA** causes persistent difficulty with reading, writing and spelling

85% of children in **Special Education** are estimated to be **DYSLEXIC**



EARLY ID and **intervention** can reduce the percentage of children reading below basic in 4th grade by **33%**.
- Reid Lyon, Former Chief of the Child Development and Behavior Branch, NICHD

Most teachers in the US have not had the opportunity to develop **basic knowledge** about the structure of the English language, reading development, and the nature of **reading difficulties**.

ALTA is the national credentialing association for **Academic Language Therapists and Practitioners**.
www.altaread.org



ALTA IS A SOURCE OF HELP EVERY DAY ACROSS AMERICA

Pre-K Updates

May

THEME: Changes

LETTERS: Review Letters/sounds, ABC order, Blending, Reading

MATH: Measuring Time

STEAM: Living Things

May 11-15



REMINDERS:

Check field day tips!

***PLEASE send water bottles everyday**

***PLEASE SEND YOUR CHILD'S FOLDER EVERYDAY**

***PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR CHILD IS HERE EVERYDAY
AND ON TIME. WE BEGIN LEARNING AT 7:30**



Kinder Updates

🎓🌞 KINDERGARTEN END-OF-YEAR NEWSLETTER 🌞🎓

📅 Week of May 11, 2026

📖 abc Phonics & Reading Focus This Week 🎓

Students will:

🌻 Continue practicing silent e

🌻 Begin end-of-year assessments

🧠📖 Knowledge Focus This Week 🌴

Students will:

📖 Develop and follow a research plan

📖 Gather information from a variety of sources

1 2 3 4 🧩 Math Focus This Week 🌞

Students will:

📦 Describe the systematic construction of flat shapes using ordinal numbers

📦 Build flat shapes with varying side lengths and record with drawings

📦 Classify and sort three-dimensional shapes



In Science,



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cluding size,

shape, color, and texture.

Important Dates & Reminders

Senior Walk: May 18 at 10:15 AM

Parents are welcome to attend the Senior Walk; however, visitors will not be permitted inside the building. Families may stand outside near the flag poles for viewing.

All students will make a round outside during the Senior Walk so parents and families will still have an opportunity to see them participate.

Kindergarten Graduation – May 20

- Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Kelm, Ms. Kunz – 8:45 AM
- Mrs. Swanson, Mrs. Perez, Ms. Miller – 9:15 AM

Summer Vacation Is Almost Here!

We are so proud of all the growth our students have made this year! As we head into summer, please continue to:

Read daily

1st Grade Updates

First grade has had another wonderful week! We are completing iReady End of Year testing and working through our reverse ABC countdown days. Next week, we will continue testing and: ELAR: We will continue working on reading with fluency and writing complete sentences. We will decode words with inflectional endings, including -ed, -s, and -es.

Math: We will identify U.S. coins, including pennies, nickels, dimes, and quarters, by value and describe the relationships among them.

Science: We will compare how external structures help different animals live, move, and meet basic needs for survival.

Social Studies: We will identify examples of choices families make when buying goods and services.

2nd Grade Updates

Good afternoon,

We've had an AWESOME week in 2nd grade! This week, students began taking their I-Ready math and reading assessments. In reading, students have continued to explore nonfiction text and work on responding to what they read by completing different exit tickets. Ask your student about the books we've read in class this week. Students have enjoyed working with shapes and starting to learn about fractions in math. In science, students have been learning how some plants depend on other living things such as wind water for pollination and to move their seeds around. Social studies has been filled with reviewing and completing our last assessment about cultural celebrations. Ask your student what they enjoyed learning about most this week!

Have a WON



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3rd Grade Updates

3rd Grade:

Math: Next week we will be finishing up our student created math game boards and playing each others. We will also take our end of the year math iReady test beginning on Tuesday.

Science: Next week we will explore life cycles of various organisms in science stations. Some organisms include wasps and oak trees.

Language Arts: This four day week for students has been very productive! In language arts, we learned about a family who took a very long, and at times, heartfelt journey during the Western Expansion. Additionally, we are working on the iReady end-of-the-year testing. So many are amazed at their growth and we are so proud!

4th Grade Updates

This week in 4th, we are working on our end of year iReady diagnostics! We are working on device sharing to get testing completed by the end of next week and then reports will be sent home!

In math, we have begun our vacation budget project. Students will be given an opportunity to explore and plan a vacation of their choosing. Check back next week and see how it's going!

In reading, we are continuing our book study of Hello Universe.

5th Grade Updates

May 11-15

Math- We are working on a dream vacation project. Students will create a slide show and will present their slide show

ELAR- We will continue our novel study over *Shiloh* focusing on character development, making inferences, and rewriting the ending.

Science- We are working on our research for our biome project and beginning to create our dioramas.

If your child
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If your child will be attending **JRMS** next school year, please complete the form using the link below and upload your proof of residency:

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Specials Schedule 25-26 School Year

The Specials rotation schedule has changed for the 25-26 school year. There will now be six (6) sections for each grade level class. Please refer to your teacher's newsletter for your assigned Specials day.

Sunday/Domingo	Monday/Lunes	Tuesday/Martes	Wednesday/Miércoles	Thursday/Jueves	Friday/Viernes	Saturday/Sábado
Teacher Appreciation Week May 4 - May 8 / Semana de agradecimiento a los profesores: del 4 al 8 de mayo						1 School Hero Lunch Day/ Día del almuerzo del héroe escolar
					F	2
3	4 No School/ No hay clases	5 A CINCO DE MAYO	6 B	7 Star Wars Day/ Día de Star Wars	8 C	9 D
10 HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY	11 E	12 F	13 GT Showcase/ Muestra GT	14 Field Day PK - 2 / Día de campo PK - 2	15 Field Day3 - 5/ Día de campo 3 - 5	16
17	18 Senior Walk/ Paseo de los Graduandos	19 E	20 Kindergarten Graduation/ Graduación de jardín de infantes	21 Fifth Grade Graduation/ graduación de quinto grado	22 SUMMER	23
24	25 MEMORIAL DAY	26	27	28	29	30
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PE - Coach

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- 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 is collecting recyclables (cereal boxes, paper rolls, water bottles, and eggs cartons). Please donate between now and February 27th. The donation box is located in the office foyer. The Art Show is happening on April 17th. If your student would like to bring a project from home to display instead of their work made in class, please bring it to Ms. Adams in the art room by March 27th. All students will have one artwork in the Art Show, even if they do not bring an artwork from home.

Music - Ms. Nicholes - deidre.nicholes@jarrellisd.org

- All musical performance dates will be shared through Parent Square!
- **Cougar Stage Crew:** If you are interested in theater or creating stage props, 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 - Ms. Webb - sabrina.webb@jarrellisd.org

- If you would like to donate any pencils or crayons to the science lab, it would be greatly appreciated!

Library -

- Please make sure to return all books to the library.

DCES MUSIC PERFORMANCE DATES

MORE PERFORMANCES WILL BE ADDED THROUGHOUT THE YEAR!

OCTOBER
23 **Third Grade Program**
Time: 6:00 pm

NOVEMBER
13 **Fourth Grade Program**
Time: 6:00 pm

DECEMBER
4 **Choir Holiday Concert**
Time: 6:00 pm

DECEMBER
8-11 **School Holiday Performances**
Grade level performances TBA

DECEMBER
11 **Fifth Grade Program**
Time: 6:00 pm

MARCH
5 **Second Grade Program**
Time: 6:00 pm

APRIL
2 **First Grade Program**
Time: 6:00 pm

APRIL
30 **Choir Spring Concert**
Time: 6:00 pm

 VISIT WWW.PARENTSQUARE.COM FOR MORE INFORMATION  DEIDRE.NICHOLE@JARRELLISD.ORG



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FECHAS DE PRESENTACIONES MUSICALES DEL DCES

¡SE AÑADIRÁN MÁS ACTUACIONES A LO LARGO DEL AÑO!

23

Programa de tercer grado

Hora: 6:00 pm

13

Programa de cuarto grado

Hora: 6:00 pm

4

Concierto de vacaciones del coro

Hora: 6:00 pm

8-11

Actuaciones durante las vacaciones escolares

Actuaciones por nivel de grado por confirmar

11

Programa de quinto grado

Hora: 6:00 pm

5

Programa de Segundo Grado

Hora: 6:00 pm

2

Programa de Primer Grado

Hora: 6:00 pm

30

Concierto de primavera del coro

Hora: 6:00 pm

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Double Creek Elementary Principal

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