



# Principal’s Message



Dear DBES Parents,

As crazy as this may sound.... we are now officially into the fourth, and last quarter of the 2023-2024 school year. We are also quickly approaching our May testing season for all our students kindergarten through 5th grade. Please understand, these assessments DO COUNT and will determine student promotion to the next grade. This is our tentative testing calendar (subject to change):

- Tuesday, May 7th – 3rd, 4th, and 5th Grade ELA (Reading) test
- Thursday, May 9th – Kindergarten, 1st, and 2nd Grade ELA (Reading) test
- Tuesday, May 14 - 3rd, 4th, and 5th Grade Math test
- Thursday, May 16th - Kindergarten, 1st, and 2nd Grade Math test
- Wednesday, May 22nd – 5th Grade Science Test

What can you do in the meantime to best support your child and their educational process? Great question! There are two ways you can best support your child as we finish our last month prior to testing. One, please have your child read consistently. It's part of their daily homework and part of the principal challenge. Two, get your child on i-Ready for at least 50 minutes of math and 50 minutes of reading a week. This is great practice aligned directly with their areas of weakness!

Please remember that DBES is a unified dress code school. Multiple students are now coming to school out of uniform. Please understand the window to apply for a waiver is closed and will not be accepted until next year. If your child is out of uniform, you will receive a communication from your teacher. If they have sent you a communication, please understand we will need your child to wear the appropriate clothing. If they come out of uniform, they will be sent to the office, and you will be expected to bring them a change of clothes. If you cannot, then we will have them change into one of the uniforms we have in our nurses' office.

We will quickly be coming up on our staff appreciation week. Please look out for communications via phone, text, email, and our website. Our staff has worked so hard this year to best meet the needs of our students! As a community, let's go over and beyond to recognize them! From thank you letters, to pictures, to other tokens of appreciation, our staff will appreciate your love and recognition. Please let me thank you in advance for you taking the time out of your busy schedules to recognize them!

Thank you for your time and we look forward to finishing the year on a wonderful note!

Sincerely,

Mr. Drew Gerlach  
Proud Principal of Deerfield Beach Elementary School



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**ART SHOW**

Art Show Start: Apr 17, 2024 04:30 PM  
Art Show End: Apr 17, 2024 07:00 PM  
Location: Cafeteria

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Online Art Show End: Apr 19, 2024

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## DBES Calendar

- April 11th
  - 3-4 Conference Night
  - KG Roundup 6 PM
- April 16th
  - Report Cards Issued
- April 17th
  - Art & Music Show 7 PM
- April 19th
  - 3-5 Honor Roll
- April 24th
  - PTA Meeting 6 PM

# A Word From Our Teachers

Did you know that Autism affects 1 in every 44 elementary school students?!

Here at DBES, we are recognizing our differently abled students throughout the whole month. DBES has kicked off Autism Awareness month by students and staff wearing blue to spread awareness for the annual Light it up Blue day on April 2nd.

We will continue to celebrate AUTIMS AWARENESS MONTH with a variety of activities for our students to participate in to bring awareness and understanding to Autism Spectrum Disorder.

Stay tuned for other inclusive events happening during the month of April.

## Upcoming Events

- Every Wednesday during the month of April wear a kindness shirt, your Autism awareness shirt, or a blue to show your support and understanding and acceptance of students on the spectrum.
  - **Personal ponies on campus** April 16 (Therapeutic animals)
  - **A Team parent night** April 24 (make and take activities you can implement at home).
- **Autism Walk** April 26 School wide activity to raise awareness and funds for the Autism Special Program.

Please watch for agenda notes and flyers to keep in the loop of other activities to promote awareness!



### Happy April!

We are SPRINGING into 4th quarter! As we approach the end of the year, we are looking for mastery in many different areas. We want our (almost) first graders to be able to read and write basic sentences, add and subtract within numbers 1-20, and understand basic scientific principles. Please reach out to your child's teacher soon to schedule a conference! We look forward to updating you on your scholar's progress!  
Love, The K-Team

### Third Grade:

Wow! We cannot believe that we are already into the 4th quarter of the year- it has flown by, and we have learned so many new things. The students had a blast at field day a few weeks ago - it was great to get outside, get some exercise, and practice good sportsmanship towards their friends. In science we have been talking about matter and the three states of matter. For math we have been working hard on fractions and now we are comparing and ordering fractions! FAST PM3 tests for ELA are coming up Tuesday 5/7 and MATH will be Tuesday 5/14. We are doing our final push to make sure all of our students are ready and will be successful on their next round of testing. At home, please continue to make sure students are reading every night and filling out their Beanstack or paper reading logs. Students must also continue to study their multiplication and division facts. We are in the process of scheduling our 4th quarter conferences, please be on the lookout for communication from your child's teacher. As always if you have questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out to us. Looking forward to ending the year off on a great note!

First graders are blossoming this time of year as we begin the 4th quarter. In literacy we are reading and comparing selections about United States history and its preservation to understand why it is important to remember the past. The students will develop the enduring understandings such as how knowledge of the past is important to understand the present and plan for the future, and how people use tools, such as timelines and maps, to help organize and understand events of the past. In Math we practiced time and money and began geometry. In writing we are composing opinion, narrative, and how-to stories focusing on using proper conventions and story elements. Keep reading at home every night!

What a year! We have reached the 4th and last quarter of the school year. Your child has learned many new things this year! Testing is right around the corner. The ELA FAST test is on May 7th and the Math FAST Test is May 14th. Please have your students continue doing their homework every night. Please have them continue practicing their multiplication facts. Above all please have them say every night that they can do it! Half of the battle of during well during testing is having the student believe that they can do it! Positive thinking goes a long way!

April is a busy month at DBES. We are recognizing and celebrating Autism Awareness Month.

Our 5th grade Parrot Pals will be assisting schoolwide in educating their peers by presenting an activity called 'take a walk in someone else's shoes'. Stay tuned for further exciting activities planned for the month of April.

As we begin the fourth quarter, second grade has a lot going on. We took the STAR Reading/Math tests as practice to prepare for the FAST PM3 in May. We also took the Topics 1-11 Math Assessment. Second-grade teachers are in the process of scheduling conferences to review their growth/progress. We are finishing up Unit 7 in Benchmark (Reading). Phonics skills include compound words, silent letters (wr, kn, gn), and related root words (reading, reread, redo, undo). Comprehension skills include identifying the central (or main) idea and relevant details, retelling the information using the central idea and details, explaining how text features contribute meaning, and identifying/explaining similes. In enVision Math, topic 12 is focusing on measurement. Our students are learning how to the estimate and measure the length of an object to the nearest inch, foot, yard, centimeter or meter by selecting and using an appropriate tool. Topic 13 covers shapes and their attributes.

Don't forget to check our website daily for any new information!

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## Guidance Counselor's Corner

i-Ready, FAST, and STAR, oh my! We are quickly approaching the end of the year, which means Progress Monitoring 3 is coming up. Your child may be worrying about questions being too hard, their mind going blank during the test, disappointing themselves/others, or more. Here are some coping skills you can begin working with your child on leading up to testing: positive self-talk, talking out their worries, and calm down skills such as deep breaths and grounding techniques to use during or leading up to testing. You can also share and help them with some test taking tips: eating a healthy breakfast on testing day, getting a good night's sleep the night before, focusing only on themselves and not their classmates during the test, focusing on keywords in questions and passages, going back to check their work, and challenging those negative thoughts that may pop up. Our students have worked hard this year and I wish them the best on upcoming tests!



## PTA News

Our Spirit Night at PDQ raised **\$120** for the school!  
Thank you everyone who attended!

**Yearbooks are going on sale NOW!**

Be on the lookout for flyers coming home this week!  
Stop into the front office to pickup an extra flyer!



## DBES Families:

**If you see something, say something!**



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