

Dunlap Unit District #323

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Summer 2016



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Mrs. Michaela Rychener, Assistant Principal

WILDER-WAITE GRADE SCHOOL

Mrs. Stacy Berg, Principal

Board President's Message

Greetings,

On behalf of the Dunlap School District Board of Education, I would like to let you know what an honor and privilege it is to serve you and the students of this community. Dunlap is fortunate to have an outstanding team of Teachers, Staff, Administrators, and Board Members who work together to make Dunlap schools even better.

The Board of Education is made up of seven non-paid citizens who are elected to serve for a 4-year term. The board serves as the body that reviews and develops policy for the district within the framework provided by law. The board holds regular meetings every 3rd Wednesday at 7pm at Dunlap High School (Town Center).

Striving to provide the best possible education for every student in the Dunlap School District is the board's overall focus. While the board makes many decisions which affect the school community, considering what's in the best interest of our students... is first!

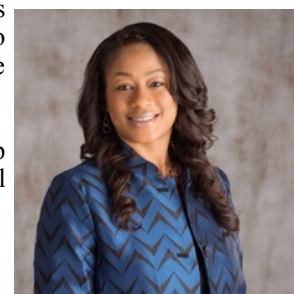
In an effort to maintain a successful, positive school environment, it is important for the school community to participate through observing meetings, taking part in surveys, asking questions, and sharing opinions and ideas.

This Board has approved the new 5-year strategic plan, which will act as a road map to continue our students on the path to success. Please take time to review the strategic plan, the mission, goals, and the indicators which will help us to monitor the district's progress. During the 2015-16 school year, the Board oversaw a budget in which the Education Fund expenditures finished at 93% of the budget amount. The 7% under budget equates to approximately \$1.8M being rolled into the Education Fund reserve at the end of the FY16 year.

Your interest and support is important to the continued success of Dunlap School District as we work towards our mission of "Empowering all students to reach their individual potential".

Best Regards,

Mrs. Dawn Bozeman, Board of Education President



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DISTRICT MISSION

The Dunlap School Community empowers all students to reach their individual potential.

Superintendent's Message

Greetings Dunlap Community!

The 2016-17 school year is upon us, as we get ready to open our doors to over 4,400 students. The main focus of the past year was to update our Strategic Plan which guides our decision making and defines the vision and mission of our school district. We received input from members of our community in writing the plan within several work sessions and a survey sent to parents and students, and we look forward to the plan's implementation. You will find a copy of the new Strategic Plan on page 3. You will notice that our new mission statement is "The Dunlap School Community empowers all students to reach their individual potential." This statement is intended to communicate our primary purpose within the district.

Another highlight of the year was the members of the collective bargaining unit, the Dunlap Education Association, and the Board of Education ratified the 2016-2019 teacher contract in May following a brief negotiating session of approximately six weeks. The contract provides a 1% increase on the base in the first year and then 1.75% on the base for year 2 and 3. The average increase for our full-time certified staff over the 3-year contract is \$2,055/year.

We are continuing our focus on improving communication within the school district. Last summer we launched a Facebook page for our district at www.facebook.com/CUSD323. If you haven't done so, please like our Facebook page to receive important information regarding the district. We have also begun posting videos on YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/channel>. This is another tool for everyone to view our students and staff featuring activities, workshops, and classroom visits. We continue to use our web site, online surveys, and the district two-way interactive blog to improve on communication and relationships within our Dunlap community.

This year we will launch a school climate survey to be administered to parents, staff and students in the district. More information on this will be provided at a later date, and we look forward to reviewing the results to focus upon improving our district.

There has not been a better time to be part of the exciting things within the Dunlap School District. We have extremely highly qualified, hard-working teachers and staff, supportive parents and an administrative team and Board of Education who all work tirelessly to ensure that the students receive the best education available. Students come first in all of our decision making. I look forward to our work in the upcoming school year. Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can be of any assistance to you or your family.



- Dr. Lisa Parker, Superintendent

STRATEGIC PLAN 2016-2021

The Board of Education approved the revised Strategic Plan for 2016-2021 in April. This document outlines many of the priorities and activities that our district will pursue over the next five years. It is designed as a framework to both organize and focus our efforts, while still allowing us the flexibility to pursue untapped opportunities in areas relevant to our mission, "...empowering all students to reach their individual potential."

The plan, which incorporates valuable input from a committee of 45 teachers, students, parents, administrators, board members and community members, highlights the goals and indicators in the Plan on a Page. It also contains specific measures in the Balanced Scorecard. This will be a fluid document to help us track our programs as a district and indicate new educational trends we want to pursue.

For more information please visit the Strategic Planning information at <http://www.dunlapcusd.net/StrategicPlan/Pages/default.aspx>

SUPPORT SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Submitted by Karen Beverlin

Our Support Services Department Leadership Teams (Food Services, Transportation and Buildings and Grounds) have worked this summer to develop their department's Plan-On-A-Page. Each department has created their own mission, goals and action plans that will drive the activities of each department as the whole Dunlap School Community works toward our mission of empowering individual potential. The plan will be reviewed at quarterly meetings with the team throughout the year to monitor progress and success.

Dunlap Community Unit School District #323

STRATEGIC PLAN

2016-2021

DISTRICT MISSION

The Dunlap School Community empowers all students to reach their individual potential.

DISTRICT VISION

Dunlap Students will reach their individual potential as:

- Motivated life-long learners
- Creative critical thinkers
- Effective communicators
- Collaborative problem solvers
- Responsible and culturally aware citizens

VALUES & BELIEFS

- Accountability
- Diversity
- Excellence
- Health and Well-Being
- Honesty
- Individual Growth
- Integrity
- Open Communication
- Respect
- Safety
- Teamwork
- Trust



Adopted by Dunlap School
District Board of Education
on April 6, 2016

GOALS

- Promote growth and achievement in the Dunlap School Community
- Manage resources in a responsible, efficient, and effective manner
- Provide a challenging and positive learning environment in the pursuit of excellence
- Foster partnerships to benefit the overall development of the school community

FINANCIAL/HUMAN RESOURCES UPDATE

Submitted by Karen Beverlin

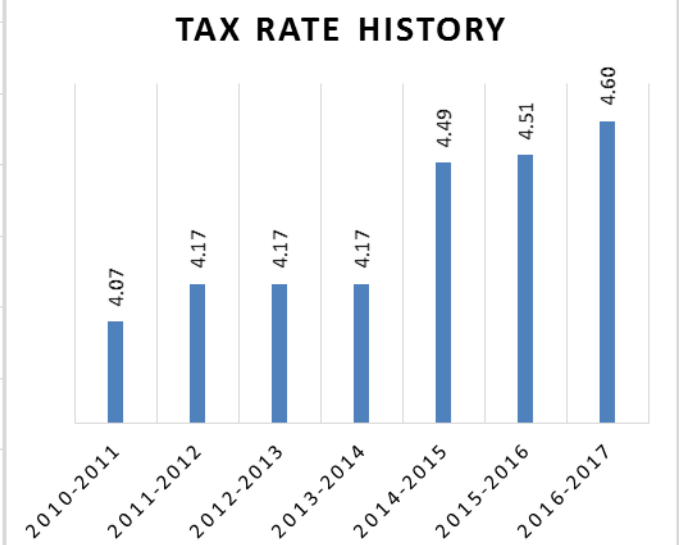
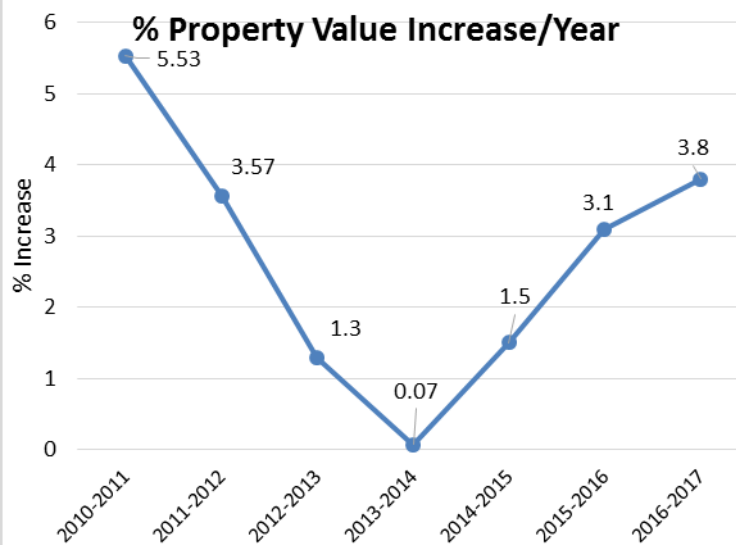
While Dunlap Schools can't predict or control every aspect of local, state, or national financial conditions, we believe we can keep our community informed while being proactive on property tax matters, enrollment projections, state funding, and other factors that affect our school district finances.

2015-16 At-A-Glance

Dunlap CUSD #323 ended the school year in the black in all of its operating budgets. The positive cash flow for 2015-16 was made possible through continued efficiencies and process changes the district has made over the past few years.

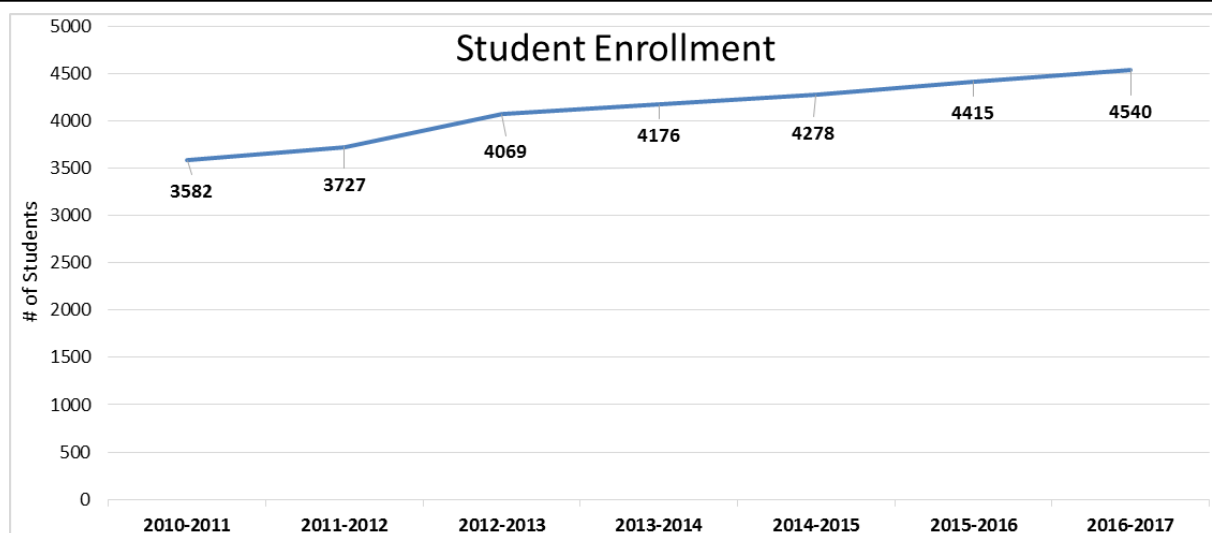
Highlights

- The district combined the Business Services and Human Resources Department into one department resulting in a savings of \$82,000.
- The district completed its first full fiscal year using the new Financial/Human Resources software – Infinite Visions.
- The district expanded its bulk purchasing and central warehousing program to include office supplies; resulting in a savings of \$58,000.
- The district continued putting out competitive bids for projects and materials resulting in over \$53,000 in savings on our utilities and building maintenance projects.
- A series of four school finance seminars focusing on the school budgeting process were presented throughout the school year and are available on the district web site.
- The new hire paperwork process was converted to an electronic format resulting in a more efficient use of staff time and direct new hire costs.
- Workers' compensation reports were reported electronically directly to the insurance company resulting in more efficient case management.
- Position control was implemented.
- Streamlined Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA) processes.
- Certified staff evaluation data was put into the Infinite Visions system, resulting in all certified staff employment information being centralized in one database.
- Job descriptions were created for every position and included in job postings.
- Handbooks were revised or created for every department in the district.
- Employee evaluations were developed for all non-certified positions within the district.
- Job postings were expanded beyond our web page and professional educator sites to include Facebook, LinkedIn, U of I, ISU, NIU, Bradley University, and the Illinois Small College Placement Association.
- Implemented a payroll audit process.
- The administration continued to work with our local and state government representatives to share necessary information about how property development and legislative decisions positively and negatively affect the district's financial stability.



FINANCIAL/HUMAN RESOURCES UPDATE

Submitted by Karen Beverlin



2016-17 and Beyond

The district has made many changes over the past few years to implement processes and procedures that have resulted in protecting the district's financial stability. These changes have resulted in balanced budget projections through 2020. As the chart above shows, our property values are beginning to grow again and our student enrollment is continuously increasing. 89% of our district's revenue will come from local sources for the 2016-17 school year, enabling our district to maintain financial stability. While the local property tax payer is footing most of the bill to educate students in Dunlap, our 2016-17 school year tax rate of 4.60% is still the second lowest of Peoria County Schools.

The district will continue to watch projected student enrollment, local property values and action in Springfield, so that we can proactively respond to any changes that may impact the school district's funding. The legislation we are watching at the state-level that could negatively impact our district financially are pension reform, property tax freeze, and a new school funding formula. As we look to the future, we will continue to be diligent with and good stewards of Dunlap School District resources while we continuously improve our educational programs to empower all students to reach their individual potential.

Dunlap Education Foundation

The Dunlap Education Foundation received its Articles of Incorporation on May 24, 2016 and will be its own 501c3 entity whose sole purpose is to raise funds to support our district's educational programs. The Board of Directors will direct the work of the foundation and will consist of 1 district employee, 1 board of Education member and 7-11 other members of the Dunlap School Community chosen through an application process. The 2016-17 year will be the inaugural year for the Dunlap Education Foundation.

August-September 2016 Foundation Board Member Applications released and accepted.

October 2016 Foundation Board Members Selected

November 2016 Foundation Board members seated.

Winter 2017 Planning of First Annual Fundraising event.

Spring 2017 First Annual Dunlap Education Foundation fundraising event – Date TBD.

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING DATES

2016-17 Board Meeting Dates and Locations

The Dunlap Board of Education recently approved the schedule for the 2016-17 regular board meetings. The regular meetings will be at Dunlap High School. The meeting schedule is depicted to the right and posted on the district website.

All regular meetings are open to the public, with the exception of the closed session portion of the meetings as outlined in the Open Meetings Act. The public is invited to attend the meetings to learn more about the work of the Board.

Date	Time	Location
August 10, 2016	7:00 PM	Dunlap High School
September 21, 2016	7:00 PM	Dunlap High School
October 19, 2016	7:00 PM	Dunlap High School
November 16, 2016	7:00 PM	Dunlap High School
December 14, 2016	7:00 PM	Dunlap High School
January 18, 2017	7:00 PM	Dunlap High School
February 15, 2017	7:00 PM	Dunlap High School
March 15, 2017	7:00 PM	Dunlap High School
April 19, 2017	7:00 PM	Dunlap High School
May 17, 2017	7:00 PM	Dunlap High School
June 21, 2017	7:00 PM	Dunlap High School

ATHLETICS

Submitted by Greg Crider

Athletic Leadership Team

The Dunlap High School Athletic Department has developed a new team, The Athletic Leadership Team. The purpose of this leadership team is to help improve and grow the athletic department. The department took its lead from the newly created District Strategic Plan, and we are excited to see where this leadership team can take the department.

Mr. Greg Crider, the District Athletic Director, developed a one-page application for coaches. There were four coaches selected from the high school. Joining the team during these initial stages were two school board members and the assistant principals from each middle school. The next part of the process was the selection of community members. An application was put on the athletic webpage and communicated to the public for anyone interested in applying to be a part of the team. The Athletic Department received 25 applications. Seven community members were chosen anonymously to be a part of the team based upon their applications. The remaining members of the team were chosen to help give the team diversity between the middle and high schools and representation of all sports. Here is a list of the team members:

Greg Crider - District Athletic Director
 Dawn Bozeman - School Board President
 Bryan Zowin - School Board Member
 Holly Creel - DMS Assistant Principal
 Antonio Johnson - DVMS Assistant Principal
 Rod Hatch - DHS Baseball Coach
 Brett Cazalet - DHS Football Coach
 Chris Friedman - DHS Cross Country and Track
 Pat Gornik - DHS Tennis Coach
 Jake Brosman - DMS Basketball Coach, DHS Football
 Whitney Carver - DMS Cheer
 Scott Vogel - DVMS Baseball/Basketball Coach
 Rob Jockish - Parent
 Jill Zoz - Parent
 Mike Wisdom - Community Member
 Christopher Korger - Community Member
 Chad Kleine - Community Member, Booster Club Representative
 Trent Fairfield - Community Member
 Dan Smith - Community Member, Special Olympics Representative
 Beth Unes - Community Member
 Damilola Taiwo – Alumni

The team met several times in May. Each session lasted 3 hours and was facilitated by Dr. Eileen Ruby. Dr. Ruby has a significant background in leading groups that want to see their organizations improve. She led the group and helped them develop the new Athletic Department philosophy and mission statement. Over the three sessions, the group discussed athletics as whole. What is the purpose of athletics? Where do we want to go? What are the pathways to success? When the sessions came to a close, the group had developed an outline for their “plan on a page” and their “principles and elements.” The Athletic Leadership Team also believed a sub-group should be developed to aide in the process of creating a final document and implementing the next steps. The sub-group is made up of 11 individuals.

The sub-group took the final report and notes that Dr. Ruby had created and put together a plan. The group met to help finalize and write out all of our documents. The plan will be to place these documents in the coaches’ handbook. The sub-group of the leadership team plans to start meeting again in August and work on the “Next Steps.” Some of these topics include middle to high school transition, athletic code, best practices, and how to measure success.

The Dunlap Athletic Department is extremely excited about this process and where it is leading. We have accomplished much in a short time but have a lot of work ahead of us. Please do not hesitate to contact Greg Crider with questions.



ATHLETICS

Submitted by Greg Crider

Dunlap High School Athletics

This has been an exciting, successful year for Dunlap High School Athletics. During the fall of 2015, DHS teams achieved the following: 3rd place in state for boys' golf, 6th place in state for girls' cross country, the varsity football team made the state playoffs, and girls swimming and diving went undefeated and won sectionals. Six fall athletes signed to play collegiately.

This winter, boys' swimming went undefeated and were sectional champions, and four winter sports athletes signed to play collegiately.

During the spring of 2016, DHS was conference champion in girls' track and boys' tennis. Girls' track earned a 4th place finish at State. The DHS Tennis team sent several individuals to state. Nine spring athletes signed to play collegiately. Student participation numbers are at an all-time high.

Communication

The Athletic Department website (www.dunlap eagles athletics.com) is the best source for all information. On the website you will find alerts that you can sign up for, schedules that you can sync, articles about teams, and links to our Twitter (@DunlapAthletics) and Facebook pages. The Athletic Department uses Twitter constantly to update games, push out information and updates, and keep everyone informed of what is going on.

New Drug Testing Policy

Dunlap High School will begin a new form of drug testing in the fall. In the past, DHS has used urine testing. We will now be using hair strand for drug testing. The reason for the change is simple: hair testing is less intrusive, more reliable, and will allow the district to test more students randomly at the same cost of urine testing. There will be roughly 20-25 kids tested randomly each month.

OPERATIONS

Submitted by Tom Grimm

Summer in the district's support services departments is one of our busiest times of the year.

Aside from the normal summer activity of cleaning the schools, preparing our kitchens, and routine maintenance on our bus fleet, we have a number of special projects underway, including:

- New bleachers, sound system, concrete walkways, and press box at the DHS football field.
- The entire Dunlap High School roof was replaced with the exception of the new addition and the swimming pool area.
- Four modular classrooms were added at Dunlap Middle School to create more classroom space for our growing student population.
- Wilder-Waite had several projects going on, including a drainage project, deep cleaning of the school, and upgrading three classroom bathrooms.
- Dunlap Valley Middle School improved a drainage near the concession stand.
- Dunlap Grade School had a roofing project and begin phase 1 of the multi-year window replacement project.
- The Food Services Department was busy working on menus and completing their annual inspections, so they will be ready to serve 350,000 meals next school year.
- The Transportation Department updated our fleet by trading in older buses for newer used buses that will require fewer repairs and provide greater reliability and safety.



BANNER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Submitted by Greg Fairchild

Banner had another fantastic year! The Banner Community is dedicated to working hard to be successful in both academics and philanthropy.

Diversity Awareness

Our staff was very fortunate to learn about two cultures that are represented at Banner. We had two parents from India and one parent from Hong Kong present to our teachers information about their cultures (schools, religion, traditions, food, etc.). It was a great experience and enlightened our staff as they also were able to ask questions.

Retirement

Banner is going to miss 2nd grade teacher Mrs. Linda Phillips, who retired after 35 years of teaching at Banner. Linda was an outstanding teacher whose presence will be greatly missed!

Giving Back

The students, parents, and staff at Banner continue to give back to our community in a variety of ways. We are so proud of the generosity displayed to the following organizations:

- Southside Mission – We collected over 2,600 boxes of macaroni and cheese, creating a “macaroni mountain.”
- Children’s Home of Peoria – We collected over \$6,000! The money was then used to purchase toys, books, clothes, games, etc. for the Children’s Home.
- St. Jude – We had two fundraisers for St. Jude this year. Our students collected money in a “Quarters For a Cause” in the fall, and participated in “Laps for Life” in the spring. In total, Banner donated over \$6,000 with these two collections.
- Midwest Food Bank – 2nd graders at Banner facilitated a canned food drive for about two weeks as part of their community unit.



Healthy Lunchtime Challenge and Kids State Dinner

Congratulations to Maggie Smith who was named the Illinois winner of the Healthy Lunchtime Challenge Kids State Dinner Competition. Kids, ages 8-12, submitted recipes and Maggie was selected to represent Illinois. There were over 1,200 entries submitted! Maggie attended a Kids "State Dinner" at the White House hosted by Mrs. Obama. Congratulations, Maggie. Dunlap School District is proud of you! Maggie is 11-years-old and will be in the 6th grade in the fall.

PTO

Thank you to our PTO who continues to support our teachers and students in so many ways! The money raised this year was used to purchase the following:

- Books for classroom libraries
- Adapted swings for the playground to be used by our Life Skills students
- PTO shed (to be purchased and built this summer)
- Math Assembly
- Additional classroom supplies for teachers
-and much more!



DUNLAP GRADE SCHOOL

Submitted by Mandy Ellis

Each year, DGS staff and students consistently demonstrate what it means to be a Royal. In our halls, staff and students follow our decree to Respect Others, Respect Yourself, and Respect Learning.

Some highlights from our year included:

- Attainment of goals related to Student Growth Percentiles on STAR Reading and STAR Math Assessments.
- Completion of the Great Kindness Challenge during February. During this week we received a Kindness Proclamation from Mayor Ardis, a motivational assembly on respect from Carl Cannon, and activities and lessons throughout the week that promoted, encouraged, and fostered kindness and empathy.
- Celebration of the Global School Play Day in which students took the chance to simply be a kid and learn through play. Research supports the important aspects of play that develop skills in social-emotional learning, creativity, and problem-solving!
- A chance for students to choose their own adventures at Explore More Day! This year, staff and teachers provided students with 16 unique sessions to choose from that ranged from the Abe Lincoln, The Peoria PlayHouse and Forrest Park Nature Center to Stage Makeup, Stop Motion Animation, and Makey Makey devices! We were thankful to maintain partnerships during this event with the Dunlap Fire Department, Dunlap Public Library, Gladys Martin, and Jump Start Gymnastics as well as our many volunteers! The day is always at the top of the lists of our students as favorite memories of DGS.
- Field Trips to the Challenger Learning Center, Abraham Lincoln Museum, Hult Center for Healthy Living, Peoria Zoo, Fondulac Farm Park, Linden Hills Farm, Peoria PlayHouse, Federal Courthouse, and Camp Big Sky!
- Inclusion in the Jingle Bell Run and Inaugural HGES/DGS 5K by our Running Club Members!
- Recognition on the National Renaissance Learning Honor Roll for student and teacher performance on independent reading in Accelerated Reader.
- Recognition of our Third Grade Team, Mrs. Lanser and Miss Mahrt, as Distinguished Young Educators of the Year.
- Deployment of Whole Brain Teaching Strategies in all classrooms to increase student engagement and cognition!
- Professional learning opportunities for teachers and development of personal learning networks that included face-to-face interactions with Authors Dave Burgess and Donalyn Miller.
- Numerous events hosted by our Parents' Club that included a Movie Night, Carnival, Book Fair, Muffins with Mom, Donuts with Dad, and fundraisers!

Go Be a Royal!



HICKORY GROVE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Submitted by Jeremy Etnyre

The 2015-2016 school year was a year of success and celebration at HGES. We are very proud of the accomplishments of our students and teachers.

School Ranking - HGES was recognized by School Digger as one of the top elementary schools in Illinois. HGES was ranked #96 out of 2,051 schools, placing HGES in the top 5% of all elementary schools in the state. The rankings were based on the 2015 PARCC scores. Congratulations to the students, teachers, and parents on this outstanding achievement! Additional information on this special recognition can be found at <http://www.schooldigger.com/go/IL/schoolrank.aspx>.

Culture Fair - Each year the HGES Culture Fair attracts hundreds of people to experience a unique look around the world. This year, HGES celebrated their Culture Fair on Saturday, March 19, 2016. The theme was "Reading Takes You Places," emphasizing the importance of literature and language around the world. The participating countries were Brazil, India, Laos, France, Pakistan, China, Bangladesh, Romania, Egypt and Tanzania. The HGES Culture Fair is a unique opportunity to learn about each other and bring the diverse HGES community together.



Laps for Life/Jump Rope for Heart - During PE classes, the students at HGES participated in Jump Rope for Heart and Laps for Life to raise money for the American Heart Association and St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. The students raised a combined total of over \$19,000 to donate to these two organizations. Thank you to the Dunlap community for supporting these special causes.



Grants – Several HGES teachers were awarded a grant during this past school year. We sincerely appreciate their extra effort to secure outside resources to enhance our school. Mrs. Begner received a Speer Bank Grant in the amount of \$350 to purchase supplemental mentor texts for her classroom. Mrs. Bailey received a Speer Bank Grant in the amount of \$1,100 to purchase a leveled library for her ESL classroom. Mrs. Wooden received a Peoria County Waste Management Grant for \$295 to support the recycling program at HGES. She has been awarded a total of \$1,731.90 over the last four years.

The HGES teachers and staff are excited to welcome the students back to school in August. We are looking forward to the 2016-2017 school year!



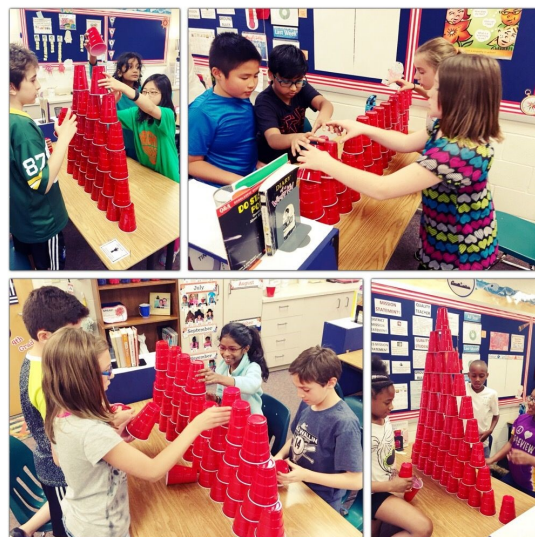
RIDGEVIEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Submitted by Todd Jefferson

The 2015-16 school year was full of learning and growth for Ridgeview students. Students scored in the upper average range of expected growth on our STAR spring benchmark assessments. A Student Growth Proficiency (SGP) range of 35 to 65 is considered expected growth and RES students earned a SGP score of 54 in both reading and math. While students made strong academic gains, growth in overall development was also made. Teachers and support staff worked diligently throughout the year to provide opportunities for students to be engaged and active learners through collaboration, creativity, and problem solving.

Some of the many highlights of the year included the following:

- Raising over \$1,300 for Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF) as a part of our Spirit Day contributions.
- A visit from the Bradley University men's basketball team as they read to students and performed drills for students.
- Fourth graders taking on the role of past presidents during the Wax Museum project.
- Fifth graders learning engineering basics through our World in Motion unit.
- Carl Cannon from the Peoria ELITE program visiting Ridgeview to talk to students about the importance of respect.
- Second graders learning about the life cycle of the butterfly and releasing them into nature.
- Students in Mrs. Loser's class having an opportunity to experience learning in a 1:1 environment using Chromebooks.
- Students working with our therapy dog "Izzy" each Tuesday during the year.
- Engaging and creative music programs and concerts.
- Continued growth of our World Language program into 4th grade next year.
- Kitchen staff earning perfect scores from the Peoria County Health Department.



We continue to be fortunate to have an engaged and active PTO. Volunteers provided a wide variety of support in areas such as our annual International Fair, Rock the House, overseeing operations in our library, helping students at lunch, and much, much more. The focus of fundraising efforts for our PTO next year will be, among other things, plans to enhance and expand our Ridgeview playground.

Ridgeview teachers and staff continue to push ourselves to model lifelong learning and continuous improvement for our students. We look forward to growing as educators and helping our students reach their fullest potential during the 2016-17 school year.



WILDER WAITE GRADE SCHOOL

Submitted by Stacy Berg

Learning and Growing at Wilder-Waite

Wilder-Waite has continued to be a great school community where students come to learn and grow within our school family. Wilder-Waite students showed growth in their learning as seen in the PAARCC scores for the 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade students. All Wildcats also celebrated increased growth percentiles on STAR benchmarking which significantly exceeded the reading and math goals identified on our Plan on a Page. Way to go Wildcats!

Supporting Our Larger Community

The Wilder-Waite community also partnered with numerous local groups to support our larger community. The entire school took part in making blankets for Project Linus as well as making a \$600 donation through a “penny wars” competition. Every student took a part in creating the blankets which were



donated to a local hospital. Relay Recess was organized by Mr. Corry's 4th grade class and along with learning about healthy life styles and supporting those who have been affected by cancer, students raised and donated nearly \$2000 to the American Cancer Society. Additionally, staff members supported activities at the Peoria Dream Center volunteering at the Hope Store and supporting the PROMise of Hope program and donated to the Autism Society in April as well.



Community Partnership

During the 2015-16 school year, a number of staff members were honored with grants and awards to support their work. Sarah Urbanc and Leanne Lorts were awarded grants from Speer Bank. Sarah used the award to supplement reading books for ESL students and Leanne added materials to the school-wide sensory library. Stephanie Dean won a \$1000 One Class at Time grant from WHOI/WEEK. She used the money to add equipment and materials to encourage movement in the classroom.



Instruction Enhancement Supported by Our WW PTO

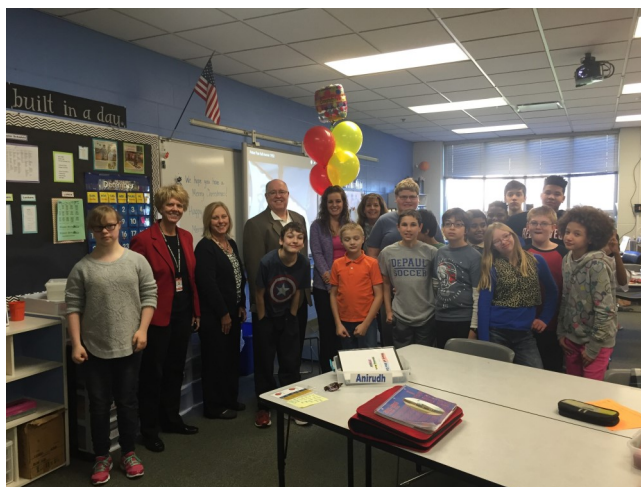


This year the WW PTO supported individual classrooms and families through their generosity and fundraising efforts. The kindergarten team received nine OSMO systems to use with their iPads, the first grade team received equipment to add alternative seating to their classrooms, and new drums and xylophones were purchased to support music instruction. These are just a few of the special projects PTO supported. For our Wilder-Waite families, PTO hosted an all-school roller skating night, Pastries with Parents for over 700 participants, and ended the year with the biggest Picnic on the Playground ever! Wilder-Waite students and staff are grateful and feel fortunate for the support of PTO and their efforts in planning and organizing special events for our school community.

DUNLAP MIDDLE SCHOOL

Submitted by Zac Chatterton

Dunlap Middle School had a year of growth during 2015-2016. With the support of the local McDonalds franchise, a raised garden bed was built to be used and maintained by DMS Panther Pals. The Panther Pals program has many on campus and some off-campus activities that foster strong relationships amongst our diverse DMS learners. They tilled the soil, grew the plants from seedlings, and were eventually able to harvest some vegetables before school dismissed for Summer break.



Dunlap Middle School students had some new and unique opportunities to embrace literature. On December 13th Barnes & Noble hosted a book fair for the community with a portion of the proceeds going to our library. We had our orchestra and some of our speech students participate in the event. On March 8th, Dunlap Middle School hosted our first literacy night for the community. Students presented various novels, books and short stories via different media. Orchestra also performed.



The annual biome and consumer fair was on April 7th with the biome theme being *Ocean Life*. All 7th graders thoroughly enjoyed transforming the science lab into an ocean. Our consumer fair provided parents and other community members with valuable



information about the products we use every day. The 8th grade students did a wonderful job and learned a great deal about product research and testing. The culminating event for our 6th graders was the multicultural fair that was held on May 20th. One of the highlights of the event was having a group of Native American dancers come in and lead our students in a festive dance.

DUNLAP VALLEY MIDDLE SCHOOL

Submitted by Jason Holmes

Dunlap Valley Middle School hosted its annual Family Reading Night on Tuesday, March 1, 2016. Leading up to the night, the entire student body at Dunlap Valley participated in a "Book Battle" contest to decide on the most popular book or book series throughout the building. Students were also able to enter a bookmark in the annual bookmark contest. The top three bookmarks were produced and distributed to students.

During Family Reading Night, Dunlap Valley students and their families were provided with a light dinner and participated in an engaging and fun family night of various reading and writing activities. Families were also given reading and writing resources to use at home with their child. Our guest speaker was local author Sylvia Shults, who spoke about reading and told some of her non-fiction stories that inspired her books.

The night ended with a raffle for Valley students of a few gift cards and two brand new Kindle Fire HDs! Dunlap Valley Middle School was also able to ensure that every Valley student in attendance received a brand new book and bookmark as a way to further promote reading. Thanks to all students, families, staff members, and parents that attended. Also, a special thank you to our Parent's Club and Title 1 for helping fund this event.



The 2015 8th grade girls' basketball season was a special season! Congratulations to the 8th grade girls' basketball team on their 4th place finish in the IESA class 3-A state tournament series. The girls defeated Hillsboro 34-27 in the first round to guarantee themselves a top four finish. The state tournament was played at Germantown Hills Middle School. The team finished the season with an overall record of 18-6, and their hard work and commitment was evident throughout the course of the season. Congratulations 8th grade Lady Spartans and coaches on a great season!

On Wednesday, April 13th Dunlap Valley Middle School welcomed award winning storyteller and author Brian "Fox" Ellis to our school. His visit marked the second consecutive year students had the opportunity to see their curriculums come to life to celebrate history, science, and literature through storytelling. The performances pertained to human impact (pollution, recycling, and daily personal decisions), "Steamboat Coming" (river systems and Mark Twain), and "Classic Tales of Terror" (literature and setting the stage in poetry). Mr. Fox expressed to students "My goal is to inspire folks to awaken to a deeper understanding of who they are within their relationship to human history and the natural world around them. I hope to evoke the storyteller within you." A special thank you to Ms. Grantham and our parents club for making this opportunity a reality.



The students and staff of Dunlap Valley Middle School celebrated Red Ribbon Week October 26-30. Everyone participated in the Spirit Week and drug free activities both in and out of the classroom. Thanks to a donation from the DVMS Parent's Club, students received drawstring bags which stated "I am a Drug-Free Spartan." In addition, our 5th annual "Canned Food Drive" was held during the week. This year, students and staff collected 978 food items making it the highest total in the history of the school!! All of the food will be donated to the food pantry at Prospect United Methodist Church in Dunlap. We are proud of our students and teachers who made it a great week. Thank you to Mrs. Patterson for her hard work in organizing Red Ribbon Week!



DUNLAP HIGH SCHOOL

Submitted by Tom Welsh

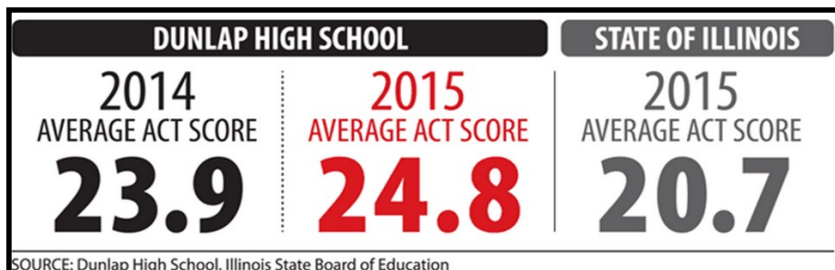
Dunlap High School Excels in Academics

Dunlap High school students achieved an average composite score of 24.8 on the ACT. This achievement represents the highest score in our school's history and far exceeds the State of Illinois average of 20.7.

In addition, Dunlap High School is one of 425 school districts in the U.S. and Canada being honored by the College Board with placement on the 6th Annual AP® District Honor Roll for increasing access to Advanced Placement (AP) course work, while simultaneously maintaining or increasing the percentage of students earning scores of three or higher on AP Exams.

Reaching these goals indicates that the district is successfully identifying motivated, academically prepared students who are ready for the rigors of Advanced Placement.

Dunlap High School is committed to expanding the availability of Advanced Placement courses among prepared and motivated students of all backgrounds.



Successful Theatre Year at Dunlap High School

Dunlap High School's "Stage 323" has been very busy with five theatrical productions during the 2015-2016 school year. In October, we performed a murder-mystery play called *13 Past Midnight*. In January, we had three sold out performances of the Disney classic, *Mary Poppins*. Our DHS productions of *Elephant's Graveyard* and *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Nighttime* qualified for the State level of the IHSA Drama Competition.

Two students, Adam Raso and Elizabeth Duckworth were recognized as members of the All State Cast. Our final production is the culmination of our Summer Theatre Camp where 70 Dunlap elementary students will join 30 high school students onstage after a weeklong camp for *Annie, Jr.*



Award Winning Fine Arts Year at DHS

Our music department finished the 2015-16 school year in 4th place of Class A IHSA Music Sweepstakes Contest for the State of Illinois. The orchestra also placed 2nd in the Orchestra Solo and Ensemble division for Class A.

In March of 2015, the "Key Campaign" began to fund the refinishing and refurbishing of the auditorium's Mason & Hamlin Double C Concert Grand piano. Purchased from ICC in 2005, the piano was in great need of interior and exterior repairs. The Music Boosters provided the down payment needed to get the year-long process started. Parents, teachers, and students worked on a fundraising plan to raise the remaining amount. Families and businesses were able to "purchase" keys and pledge donations toward an honorary plaque to be hung in the auditorium, a benefit spaghetti dinner and concert was held, and a "Middle C" auction concluded the event. In total, over \$26,000 was raised! In March of 2016, our beautifully restored and glorious sounding piano was welcomed back to the stage with several concerts and performances. Please join us for a concert sometime soon! Calendars can be found at www.eaglemusic.net.

Dunlap High School Welcomes Project Purple Founder Chris Herren

Former NBA basketball player Chris Herren visited Dunlap High School in an all-school assembly to share his story in collaboration with the school's chapter of Project Purple. Project Purple is an initiative of The Herren Project, a nonprofit foundation established by the NBA basketball player that assists individuals and families struggling with addiction. The initiative was launched to break the stigma of addiction, bring awareness to the dangers of substance abuse, and encourage positive decision making to navigate life's challenges.



DIRECTOR OF STUDENT SERVICES

Submitted by Ali Bond

Special Education

The Dunlap Special Education program continues to grow and improve. As we continue to grow, we make changes in our programs to improve the services we provide for our students. One of the programs that has improved throughout the years is our transition program. The Pathways Program is the name of our Dunlap transition program for students ages 18-22. This program is designed to meet the needs of students with disabilities who have completed four years of high school, but still need an opportunity to develop vocational and community living skills. To ensure maximum learning, skills are taught in the environment where they are needed, over an extended period of time. Students are in the classroom part of the day and then spend time in the community learning skills, as well as participating in volunteer projects, fitness, and recreational opportunities. A large focus is placed on development of vocational skills. Students work in community based job sites, with job coaches available to assist with skill development. Students exit the program when parents and IEP team determine they are ready or they turn 22 years of age.

Students have also created a monthly newsletter that includes articles and pictures highlighting the activities in which students participate each month.

Person Centered Planning is an important part of the Pathways Program

Annual meetings are held to determine individual goals for each participant. Goals are based on program curriculum and the skill priorities identified by the student and his or her family. Each family completes a transition assessment each year, to help in identifying those priorities.

We appreciate our Community Partners

We collaborate with many community partners, including:

- Illinois Department of Vocational Rehabilitation (STEP program) helps provide funding and support for job training
- EP!C provides training in computer skills, greenhouse work and packaging
- HOPE Store at the Peoria Dream Center provides both a weekly volunteer experience and practice in a retail setting
- Camp Big Sky provides outdoor education and accessible recreation and leisure opportunities
- Dunlap School District Elementary and Middle Schools allow us to come sell cookies at their schools. We manage the entire process, including baking, inventory and selling and our proceeds help to provide funding for community based instruction.

Please visit the Student Services website for more information and access to resources: <http://www.dunlapcusd.net/StudentServices/Pages/default.aspx>

Camp Big Sky

Another opportunity in which Dunlap has continued to participate is the Life Skill Education Program at Camp Big Sky. Dunlap secondary life skills classes have been fortunate to take advantage of this opportunity to engage students in lessons while enjoying the great outdoors. This program is provided for 8-10 weeks in the fall and includes lessons on weather, fire safety, making choices and informed decision making, kitchen fundamentals, basic navigation skills and many more topics. The students and staff enjoy the instruction in the great outdoors and see increased engagement in many students.

Response to Intervention (RtI) for Academics and Social Emotional Learning

Dunlap provides RtI to students in all buildings throughout the school district. We continue to make improvements to our processes, procedures and supports each year. During the 2015-16 school year we focused on providing a more systematic approach to providing RtI for Social Emotional Learning primarily at the elementary level. During the 2016-17 school year, our focus will extend to the secondary level as we refine these processes. Please see the Dunlap website for information about RtI and the revised Dunlap RtI Plan which includes the process, decision making matrix and referrals specific to Academics and Social Emotional Learning. You will find these and other resources on the Student Services page under the departments tab or click on the link that follows: <http://www.dunlapcusd.net/StudentServices/Pages/default.aspx>

DIRECTOR OF STUDENT SERVICES

Submitted by Ali Bond

Nursing/Medical

Dunlap School District recognizes the need to ensure student safety at all times. As student enrollment increases each year, so does the number of students with medical and health concerns. Dunlap continues to increase the number of nurse aides that will assist and support student medical and health needs for the 2016-17 school year.

The nursing department is working to develop and maintain a districtwide system of documentation, processes and procedures. We continuously work to streamline systems to ensure safety and consistency in all buildings.

English as a Second Language

The number of students who receive English as a Second Language (ESL) support has increased by 200 students since 2008. Dunlap has worked to maintain a quality ESL program to ensure appropriate support to our students from Preschool to grade 12. We have increased the number of ESL teachers to 5.75 FTE for the 2016-17 school year in order to continue to improve the services we provide to our students.

It has become a tradition for our District to provide elementary students, qualified for placement in English as a Second Language, class during the academic year with an opportunity to continue learning the language during the summer. This summer, Hickory Grove Elementary School hosted almost 90 participants in the 2016 ESL Summer Program funded by a federal Title III grant.

The Dunlap English as a Second Language team started their four-week summer enrichment program on Monday, June 13 at Hickory Grove Elementary School. This year transportation was offered to families and the enrollment increased to almost double the number of students from last year. Although there are 90 students, there are two sessions and 9 teachers. Therefore, the groups are able to be kept small. Many groups have a 1 to 4 teacher to student ratio. These small groups allow the teachers to target the specific reading, writing, speaking, and listening goals for each student. Some topics being discussed include geographic locations, U.S. symbols, presidents, and holidays. Technology is being incorporated into each session in order to increase engagement as well as track student progress.

The students were divided into groups based on their grade level and current ACCESS Test scores. In the case of a newcomer, WIDA Placement Test scores were taken into consideration. The students were then placed into smaller groups based on their individual needs. Each group spent approximately 30 minutes in each key area 4 times a week (Monday - Thursday) for four weeks from June 13th to July 7th. Students benefited from this targeted support during small group instruction.

Families were provided with resources to support learning at home including leveled A- Z books, and useful web resources.

In addition to the ESL Summer Program, we provide after school tutoring during the school year for students in grades 6-12. The goal of ESL Summer School and the after school tutoring is to increase English proficiency of the English learners by focusing on reading, writing and vocabulary.

Dunlap Gives Back

The student services department has been very busy this year. We have initiated a new program, Dunlap Gives Back, developed by Alyssa Hart. Dunlap Gives Back is based on a basic needs assessment to help provide students and families with school supplies, birthday treats/valentines, hygiene products, clothes, food and other needed items throughout the school year. This program protects families' privacy and maintains confidentiality by directing families, teachers, and staff to an online form to make requests. The requested items are then posted on the Dunlap Facebook page for individuals to provide donations. The Dunlap community has been very generous in providing food, a camera for a photography class, clothes, hygiene products, gift cards, 2 complete Thanksgiving dinners for Dunlap families and much more. In addition, the DHS Book Club collected books to give to students within the district. Dunlap Gives Back also received information from families to assist with gifts for the holidays.

Dunlap Gives Back hosted a Garage No Sale on Wednesday, May 25 from 10:00-2:00. It was overwhelming to experience the appreciation of all of those who came to the garage no sale to choose items and food that will support families this summer. There were about 50 families who were able to benefit from the generous donations that the Dunlap community provided throughout the school year. After this first year of the Dunlap Gives Back program we have many ideas to organized and structure the program to improve the program next year.

We greatly appreciate the generosity of the Dunlap community to support students and families in need!

CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

Submitted by Heather Bowman

The Dunlap Community Unit School District continues to strive for academic success for all our students. Our main goals center on increased student achievement, a K-12 culture of student success, strong school and community partnerships and effective use of resources to better meet the needs for all. This past year students took the Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC) Assessment for the second time. The test replaces the ISAT and PSAE tests. We have and will spend considerable time analyzing the results of this assessment and others to determine whether we are meeting the needs of all learners. It is our belief that assessment informs practice. The results help us to understand where we need to improve our curriculum and instruction. The results shown below are from our first year (Spring 2015) of administering the PARCC Assessment. We will share our next round of results when they are officially released to us.

Dunlap School District is proud to offer a wide variety of student activities that allow each student the opportunity to pursue personal interests. Students participate in music and theater programs, athletics, FFA, robotics and Advanced Placement courses to name a few. We want Dunlap students to develop a keen interest in their academic and extra-curricular programs.

Raising student achievement for all continues to be our top priority. Our focus will be on improving our curriculum and instruction so that every student Dunlap finds personal success through a challenging, rewarding school experience.

Dunlap CUSD #323 PARCC Results Summary (administered Spring 2015)								
Grade	Subject	Performance Level					Comparative Data	
		Level 1 Did Not Meet	Level 2 Partially Met	Level 3 Approached	Level 4 Meets	Level 5 Exceeds	District Meets & Exceeds	State Meets & Exceeds
3rd	ELA	8.8%	11.4%	22.3%	52.8%	4.8%	57.6%	34.0%
	Math	7.7%	10.0%	20.6%	50.3%	11.4%	61.6%	36.0%
4th	ELA	5.5%	9.8%	23.0%	52.5%	9.2%	61.7%	37.0%
	Math	5.5%	15.3%	23.9%	46.2%	9.2%	55.4%	28.0%
5th	ELA	4.0%	7.6%	23.8%	57.0%	7.6%	63.6%	37.0%
	Math	3.3%	12.9%	31.5%	41.7%	10.6%	52.3%	27.0%
6th	ELA	3.6%	14.1%	28.5%	46.8%	6.9%	53.8%	33.0%
	Math	7.2%	15.0%	24.6%	43.2%	9.9%	53.2%	26.0%
7th	ELA	4.1%	8.2%	29.0%	46.8%	11.9%	58.7%	37.0%
	Math	1.4%	11.3%	31.5%	46.9%	8.9%	55.9%	27.0%
8th	ELA	7.2%	11.4%	21.6%	48.0%	11.7%	59.8%	38.0%
	Math	6.90%	13.50%	19.20%	47.10%	13.2%	60.4%	28.0%
H.S.	ELA	12.5%	9.6%	17.2%	37.0%	23.8%	60.7%	31.0%
	Math	5.2%	18.9%	31.9%	39.3%	4.8%	44.4%	17.0%
District	ELA	6.6%	10.4%	23.6%	48.8%	10.6%	59.4%	38.0%
	Math	5.5%	13.7%	25.7%	45.2%	9.9%	55.1%	28.0%

CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

Submitted by Heather Bowman

Dunlap CUSD #323 Administration, Faculty and Board of Education are excited to announce the approval of our 1:1 Initiative. The 1:1 Initiative will supplement the district's strategic plan in order to procure:

- ◇ Motivated, lifelong *digital* learners
- ◇ Creative, *resourceful* critical thinkers
- ◇ *Technologically* effective communicators
- ◇ *Efficient*, collaborative problem solvers
- ◇ Responsible and culturally aware *digital* citizens

We understand that simply providing students with a new device does not guarantee increased understanding of content or the ability to acquire information, collaborate effectively or communicate clearly and concisely. We understand that the success of any technology integration initiative rests on positive, differentiated and meaningful professional learning structure with a focus on best practices for teaching and instruction and not just technology. Therefore, in the first year of this initiative, we are committed to offering teachers the opportunity to be continuous learners through training at Institute Days, School Improvement Days and PLC meetings in preparation for the first wave of device rollout in the 2017-2018 school year.

Finally, the district has purchased and is implementing Canvas, a learning management system, for teachers and students to use. Canvas will provide the opportunity for 24/7 access to course content and information. In addition, students will have the ability to communicate with one another and quickly receive teacher feedback on their work. As familiarity with the Learning Management System grows by all stakeholders, we are excited to see continual enhancement in regards to student learning.

District Retirees

Freddy Campbell	Transportation	9 Years
Lois Carmody	District Office	33 Years
Judy Eckstein	Dunlap Middle School	19 Years
Jim Everett	Buildings and Grounds	30 Years
Dawn Gorsuch	Ridgeview Elementary	17 Years
George Montgomery	Transportation	13 Years
Linda Phillips	Banner Elementary	36 Years
Katie Starnes	Dunlap Valley Middle School	18 Years

District Leadership Team

Dunlap School District is looking for students, staff, community members and parents to serve on the District Leadership Team for the 2016-17 school year. If you are interested, please contact Renata Tavares (rtavares@dunlapcusd.net) for an application. Deadline to apply is August 15. Click [here](#) to apply online.

NEW FOR 2016-17

Karen Beverlin: Assistant Superintendent

We proudly announce Karen Beverlin as our new Assistant Superintendent. Karen prides herself in the strong relationships she creates with the entire school community. She joined our administrative team in January 2013 as our Director of Business Services. In that position, she has provided leadership for our District through some difficult financial times and developed strategies and processes that have created financial stability to our district. She has 20 years of experience in education ranging in scope from student support services to grant administration, freshman academy coordinator and business management. She received her Superintendent license in 2011 and completed her Masters of Education and Chief School Business Official Licensure program in May 2014.

Karen is an active member of Illinois Association of School Business Officials and serves on the professional development committee for that organization. Karen lives in Dunlap and enjoys spending her free time with her family (husband Jason and son Joe (18)) and friends. Karen is passionate about children and bases her decisions and planning on what is best for our students, teachers, and school community.



Marcus Belin: Dunlap High School Assistant Principal

We welcome Marcus Belin as the Dunlap High School Assistant Principal. Mr. Belin is originally from the Southside of Chicago. He prides himself in the strong relationships he creates with parents, students, staff and the school community. A 2010 graduate of Bradley University with a Bachelors of Science in Elementary Education with middle school endorsements, Marcus also received a Master's Degree in Education Administration in May of 2014. He is currently beginning his doctoral degree at National Louis University. He began his teaching career as the 5th and 6th grade social studies teacher when Quest Charter Academy opened in August of 2010. He taught for two years before being promoted to Dean of Students when the Quest High School program started in 2012.

Marcus is an active member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. Alumni Chapter, serving as the Program Director of the fraternity's Go to High School Go to College Mentoring program. He is a very active member of St. Paul Baptist Church. He is a recipient of numerous awards, his most notable are earning the Bradley University Black Alumnae of the Year Award in 2013 and named one of Peoria's 40 Leaders Under 40 in November of 2014. Marcus is passionate about education, vision-driven, and dedicated. When not helping to educate and inspire area youth, Belin and his wife, Monique, are raising two future leaders—two young daughters—of their own.



Michaela Rychener: Assistant Principal

Dunlap School District introduces Michaela Rychener as the Hickory Grove Elementary School and Ridgeview Elementary School Assistant Principal. Originally from northwest Georgia right across the line from Chattanooga, TN, Michaela Rychener discovered her love of working with children early on and decided to pursue a degree in early childhood education as she began her college career. In 2010, she received her Bachelor's of Science Degree: Magna Cum Laude in Early Childhood Education from Toccoa Falls College, in Toccoa, GA, where she was named an NCCAA Scholar Athlete her junior and senior year. She spent her first years teaching at Battle Academy, a magnet school in downtown Chattanooga, TN. In 2012, she moved to Galesburg, IL and taught at Bright Futures Preschool. Mrs. Rychener began teaching at Steele Elementary in 2013. Across her years of teaching experience, she taught preschool, kindergarten, and first grade, as well as led several professional development sessions at the school, district, and regional level. Mrs. Rychener shared in leading the charge to affect district change through school improvement initiatives such as the joint committee for student growth, district evaluation committee, and the report card committee. Mrs. Rychener wrote and received a CenturyLink Clark and Williams Foundation Teachers and Technology grant for her kindergarten class to receive a set of 12 iPads while at Steele Elementary. In December of 2014, she completed her Master's in Educational Leadership from Western Illinois University and completed her administration endorsement in May 2015. Mrs. Rychener was also awarded the John D. and Mary Denise Ranger Scholarship for Improvement of Educational Achievement while enrolled at WIU. She is currently a member of the Illinois Principal Association and the ASCD. Mrs. Rychener presently lives with her husband, Jon, and daughter, Arianna, in Peoria.



NEW FOR 2016-17

Scott Adreon : Dunlap High School Principal

Dunlap School District announced that Scott Adreon was named the principal of Dunlap High School starting in August. Mr. Adreon joins the district after serving as the principal at Maroa-Forsyth C.U.S.D. #2 in Maroa, Illinois, since 2006. Before working in Maroa-Forsyth, Mr. Adreon was the assistant principal/athletic director at Mahomet-Seymour C.U.S.D. #3 from 2003-2006. He has also served as a Director of Extra-Curricular Activities and physical education/health teacher and coach.

Mr. Adreon graduated from Elmhurst College with a Bachelor of Science. He received his Master of Educational Administration from the University of Illinois in Springfield, and received his Educational Specialist from Eastern Illinois University. He was the 2016 Illinois Vocational Agriculture Teacher's Association – Ag. Education Support Winner and also serves on the IHSA Board of Directors as the Vice-President.

During his time in Maroa-Forsyth, Mr. Adreon led numerous staff development opportunities for his staff and also helped to achieve the highest ACT score at his school of 23.1.

Mr. Adreon is married to his wife Heidi and has two sons, Brody and Brant.



Back-to-School Nights

Kindergarten Orientation (Parents/Students)	Thursday, August 11	6:30 pm
Grades 1-5 Open House (Parents/Students)	Monday, August 15	6:30 pm
Pre-K Open House for Bright Futures and ECSE (Parents/Students) - AM Students	Tuesday, August 16 Hickory Grove Elementary School	5:00-5:45 pm
Pre-K Open House for Bright Futures and ECSE (Parents/Students) - PM Students	Tuesday, August 16 Hickory Grove Elementary School	5:45-6:30 pm
Middle Schools	Monday, August 22	6:30 pm
Dunlap High School	Tuesday, August 23	6:30 pm
K-5 Elementary Back-to-School Night (Parents Only)	Tuesday, August 30	6:30 pm

View the complete 2016-17 District Calendar
on our website at www.dunlapcusd.net.



2016-17 CALENDAR

Monday, August 8 thru Tuesday, August 9	New Teacher Orientation
Monday, August 15	First Day for Teachers: Institute Day
Monday, August 15	Freshmen Orientation
Tuesday, August 16	Teacher's Institute Day
Wednesday, August 17	First Day of School for Students
Monday, September 5	Labor Day - No School
Wednesday, September 14	School Improvement Day - Half-Day for Students
Monday, October 10	Columbus Day - No school
Thursday, October 20	Conferences - No School
Friday, October 21	Conferences - No School
Friday, November 11	Veteran's Day - No School
Wednesday, November 23 thru Sunday, November 27	THANKSGIVING VACATION
Thursday, December 22 thru Tuesday, January 3	WINTER VACATION
Wednesday, January 4	Teacher's Institute - No School
Monday, January 16	Martin Luther King's Birthday - No School
Wednesday, February 1	School Improvement Day - Half-Day for Students
Monday, February 20	President's Day - No School
Tuesday, February 28	District Kindergarten Registration
Wednesday, March 8	School Improvement Day - Half-Day for Students
Saturday, March 18 thru Sunday, March 26	SPRING VACATION
Wednesday, March 29	Elementary/Middle/High School Registration packets sent home with student
Friday, April 14 thru Monday, April 17	No School
Wednesday, April 12	Elementary/Middle/High School Registration packets due back to school
Wednesday, April 26	School Improvement Day - Half-Day for Students
Monday, May 29	Memorial Day - No School
Thursday, June 1	Last Day for Students
Friday, June 2	Last Day for Teachers: Teacher's Institute

NOTE: The above dates assume the use of all five "snow days." If days are NOT used, the last day for students will be moved one day for each snow day not used. If snow days are not used the last day for students will be Wednesday May 24 and Thursday May 25 for teachers

2016-17 CALENDAR

BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHTS

Thursday, August 11	Kindergarten Orientation (Students/Parents)	6:30 p.m.
Monday, August 15	Grades 1-5 Elementary Open House (Students/Parents)	6:30 p.m.
Monday, August 22	Dunlap Middle School/Dunlap Valley Middle School	6:30 p.m.
Tuesday, August 23	Dunlap High School	6:30 p.m.
Tuesday, August 30	K-5 Elementary Back to School Night (Parents Only)	6:30 p.m.

EIGHTH GRADE ORIENTATION

Thursday, January 5	Dunlap High School	6:30 p.m.
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GRADUATION/HONOR AWARDS NIGHTS

Thursday, April 27	Dunlap High School Awards Night	7:00 p.m.
Thursday, May 11	Dunlap High School Baccalaureate	7:00 p.m.
Sunday, May 14	Dunlap High School Graduation	3:00 p.m.
**May 16/18	Dunlap Middle School/Dunlap Valley Middle School 8 th Grade Recognition/Awards Ceremony	7:00 p.m.

PROGRESS REPORTS/REPORT CARDS

	First Grading Period: Wednesday, August 17 to Friday, October 14
Friday, September 9	Progress Reports Issued
Friday, October 14	End of First Grading Period
Thursday, October 20	Report Cards: Conferences
Friday, October 21	Report Cards: Conferences
	Second Grading Period: Monday, October 17 to Wednesday, December 21
Friday, November 18	Progress Reports Issued
Wednesday, December 21	End of Second Nine Weeks: 1 st Semester (High School Semester Exams: Monday December 19, to Wednesday December 21)
Tuesday, January 10	Report Cards Issued
	Third Grading Period: Thursday, January 5 to Friday, March 10
Friday, February 10	Progress Reports Issued
Friday, March 10	End of Third Nine Weeks
Friday, March 17	Report Cards Issued
	Fourth Grading Period: Monday, March 13 to Thursday, June 1
Friday, April 21	Progress Reports Issued
Thursday, June 1	End of Fourth Nine Weeks: 2 nd Semester

** These dates are tentative based on the number of snow days used. The final date will be announced from the middle school in March, 2017.

NOTE: Last day for graduating high school seniors is Tuesday, May 9, 2017



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 Hickory Grove Elementary School http://www.dunlapcusd.net/hges		2514 West Hickory Grove Road Dunlap, Illinois 61525		309-243-8711	309-243-1075
 Ridgeview Elementary School http://www.dunlapcusd.net/Ridgeview		3903 West Ridgeview Drive Peoria, Illinois 61615		309-692-8260	309-692-8357
 Wilder-Waite Elementary School http://www.dunlapcusd.net/wilderwaite		10021 North Pacific Peoria, Illinois 61615		309-243-7728	309-243-5272