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District Provides COVID Dashboard for Active Cases



Active COVID Cases

The purpose of this data is to provide Duncanville ISD families and staff with a transparent and up-to-date snapshot of active lab-confirmed positive cases of COVID-19 in our district. The webpage includes the total number of students and staff currently with lab-confirmed positive COVID-19 cases. It also shows the total number of active cases at each campus and the district office. This information will be updated each school day.

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Covid Cases : COVID Cases



Duncanville ISD is dedicated to making this a successful and safe school year.

We have launched a webpage to display the current active COVID-19 cases in the school district to provide accurate information to all of our stakeholders.

The webpage lists the number of students or staff with active lab-confirmed positive cases. It also shows the total number of active cases at each campus. This information will be updated each school day and is available on the front page of the district website.

View the active COVID-19 webpage [here](#).

Read message from Duncanville ISD Superintendent Dr. Marc Smith [here](#).

Reed Teacher Engages, Entertains Science Students



During this time when all Duncanville ISD students are learning virtually, Karl Michael Jones is doing whatever he can to get his students to engage in their lessons. The 7th grade science teacher suits up every day in goggles and other gear, like he's prepared to get in the laboratory, to grab students' attention.

"The classroom is a stage. You are the director and the actor or actress," Mr. Jones said. "I'm just trying to create the atmosphere of science."

The Reed Middle School teacher, who has 14 years of teaching under his belt, wears an apron that says 'Science Rocks.' He has huge photography lights set up to make sure students can see him. While he's teaching, Mr. Jones uses elements of suspense and surprise to keep his students interested – sometimes drawing on what entertained him when he was young.

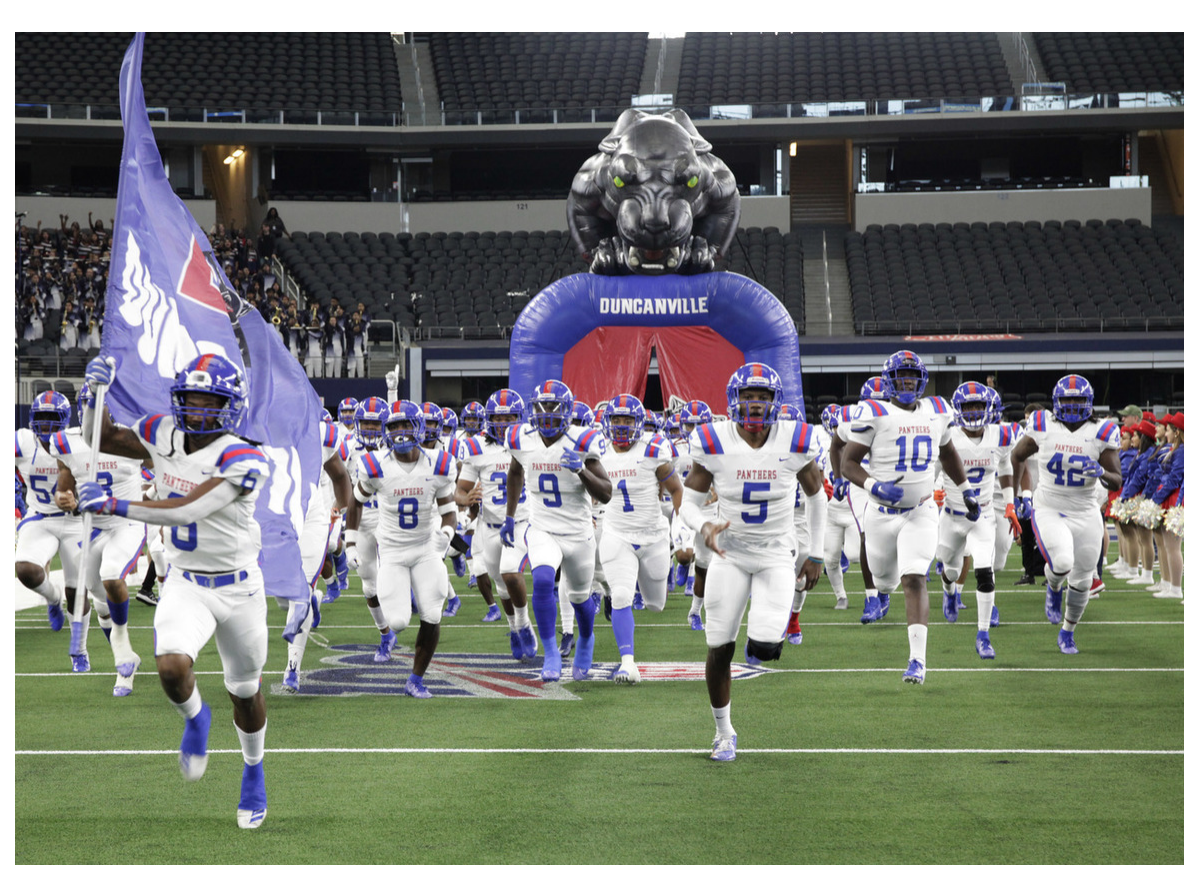
"I grew up watching Mr. Rogers' Neighborhood, and I was so into the show," Mr. Jones said. "He had so many things he did, like the trolley, and even just a simple thing like putting on his sweater and shoes."

Throughout his virtual class, Mr. Jones projects pictures from his lessons on the green screen behind him and asks students a question related to their studies. Then, he backs off and lets the students discuss the answer among themselves as long as they stay on track.

Mr. Jones uses props to illustrate a point. Sometimes, if he feels like he needs to get his students' attention, he'll turn on a filter in his virtual classroom that makes it look like he's wearing sunglasses.

"Doing this is fun for me. I teach the same material five times a day. I need something that's going to keep me engaged too," Mr. Jones said.

Tickets Available for Football Season Opener



Duncanville ISD athletics are back, and there are a few things you'll need to know before either attending an event or watching it online. The Duncanville Panthers football team takes on Nolan Catholic at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 25.

Tickets to attend the game at Panther Stadium will be purchased online through Hometown Ticketing on the district's website. Families of athletes and other participants may purchase tickets through a presale availability each Monday. Staff and the general public can purchase tickets beginning Tuesday. Click [here](#) for information.

Fans who choose to come to events in person will be required to wear a mask and socially distance from those not in their immediate group.

Fans who prefer to watch online can see events by subscribing to the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) Network. The fee is \$10.99 per month. Click [here](#) to see upcoming events.

Pre-K Program Still Accepting Applications

It's not too late to register your little Panther for prekindergarten.

Duncanville ISD offers full day and dual-language pre-K at every elementary school.

Tuition-free pre-K is available for students who qualify. Monthly tuition is \$475, and it's \$285 for district employees.

Find more information about how to register [here](#). Enroll your student [here](#).



Upcoming Events:

Board of Trustees Meeting, Monday, Sept. 21 at 6:30 p.m.

High School Virtual Meet the Teacher, Thursday, Sept. 24 from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.



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