



SCHOOL MATTERS

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Superintendent's Message

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Celebrate Our Community



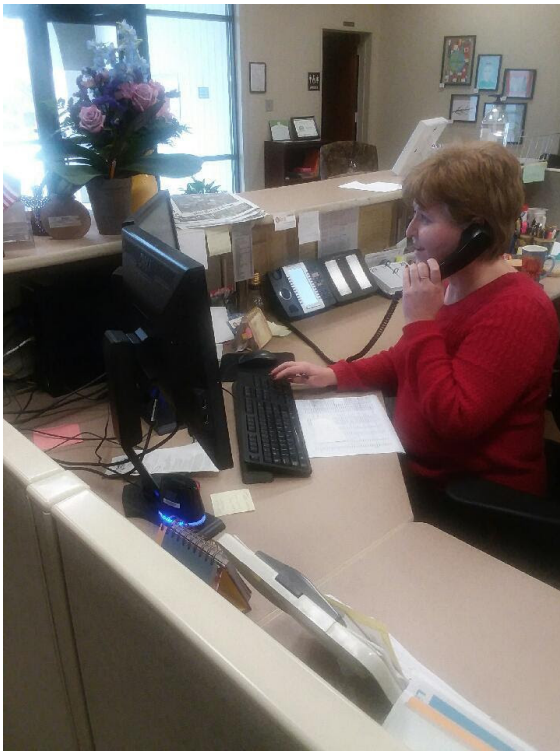
Food donations are needed and being accepted at each DCS school location. Monetary donations may be made in-person or by using PayPal to: [Davie High Hunger Fighters](#).

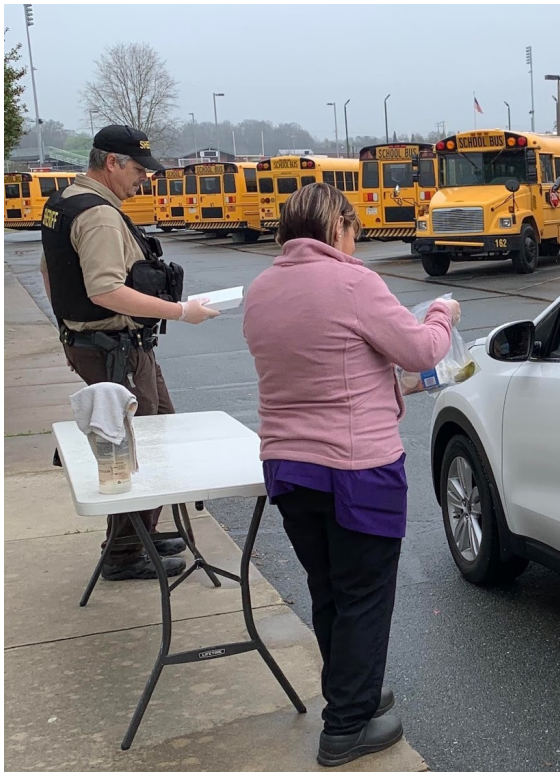
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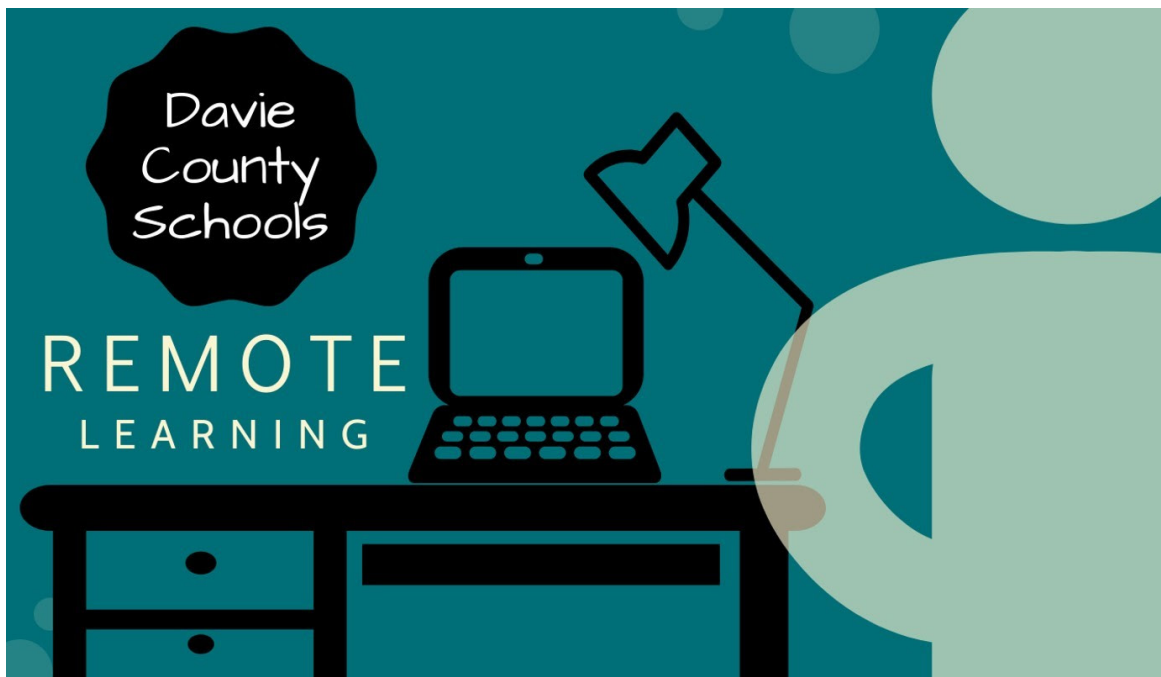








Remote Learning



Davie County Schools has been diligently preparing for an efficient and effective remote learning roll out. The planning process has been thoughtful and calculated, with the goal to keep students active and engaged. Knowing these are challenging times, Davie County

Schools made a conscious effort to make sure they are sensitive to the stressors that already exist in our homes. Teachers will provide grace during this time, as students become acclimated to the new learning environment. That being said, Davie County Schools is excited about the new opportunities this remote learning platform provides.

Students and parents have been asked to check Teacher Websites, which will provide static updates, resources, contact information, office hours and availability. Teacher Websites will also be used to communicate where to find student learning content. Students have also been asked to check their school email accounts daily for messages from their teacher(s). All K-12 students now have access to their email accounts. These accounts are only able to send and receive emails through the Davie County Schools email system.

Technology is an integral part of how Davie County Schools will continue to provide remote teaching and learning for all students. Students will be able to collaborate on school projects, communicate with their teachers and one another, and continue learning regardless of their location. Students' learning content, activities, and assignments will be shared on an online platform, which may include video conferencing. This was an important piece to share with parents, as their children will begin using these conferencing capabilities from their homes soon.

"We encourage students and families to develop a routine, helping to structure the remote learning process," said Jennifer Lynde, Chief Academic Officer. "Everyone, even teachers, will be adjusting to something new. We will remain flexible and understanding as everyone adapts to this unique situation. We will provide patience with students and appreciate the patience of parents. We will certainly miss face-to-face interaction with children, but we are optimistic about the possibilities."

So much has been done in the past couple weeks, since COVID-19 became more prevalent and then schools closed for students. The Davie County School Nutrition Team has provided over 30,000 meals, going above and beyond to make sure all in need are reached. Delivery to the homeless and quarantined are part of this effort, practicing the utmost safety and social distancing. Aside from meals provided, the DCS team has worked hard to distribute needed technology, boost professional development, transition all K-12 curriculum to remote learning, deep clean buses and schools, reduce onsite staff with a teleworking agreement, and practice social distancing in every interaction. These efforts and all the planning, communication, and teamwork that goes along with them, have kept the entire DCS Team busy.

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Davie County Schools has added a Remote Learning Resources page to the district website, helping parents and students adjust and be successful in this new remote learning platform.

Kindergarten Registration

In-person Kindergarten Registration has been postponed at this time, but we continue to register students for kindergarten online [here](#). If you are having difficulty registering online, please contact the elementary school in your home district.



Featured Star of the Year

Angie Allen

CHILD NUTRITION MANAGER OF THE YEAR

Shady Grove Elementary School



Angie is fully committed to her position and goes above and beyond to get students and staff involved in the school nutrition program. This year she started the Golden Spatula award for classes that demonstrate positive cafeteria behavior.

In addition, Angie works hard to advocate for the school nutrition program. She creates incentives for participation in the breakfast program and collaborates with the school improvement team to brainstorm ways to implement breakfast in the classroom.

Shady Grove's cafeteria operates like a well oiled machine and that is thanks to Angie's leadership. She does a fabulous job of motivating her team.

Submission by: Sarah Maier, Shady Grove Principal

Congratulations!



Note: These student pictures were taken during the Board of Education Meeting on March 3, 2020, prior to schools being closed due to Governor Cooper's Executive Order.

"Do not anticipate trouble or worry about what may never happen.
Keep in the sunlight." – Benjamin Franklin



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