

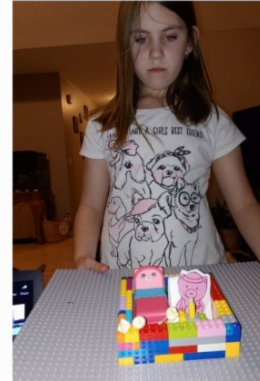
## Aila Gass Presented with Illumination Award



**The Illumination Award was created to celebrate elementary and middle school students who demonstrate servant leadership among their peers, their school, and their community. This year's recipient formerly attended Davis Elementary and is currently a 6th grade student at Dade Middle School.**

Aila is always willing to help those in need whether it is a friend at school, an elder at the local nursing home, or the city's homeless. Aila has helped pack shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child, fed the homeless in downtown Chattanooga with her church, and gathered gifts for the residents at Dade Health and Rehab facility.

## DES Hosts Virtual S.T.E.M. Night With Families



Dade Elementary School recently hosted a virtual event for students and their families. To see more pictures from the event, you can follow DES S.T.E.A.M. on Twitter or click [HERE](#).

# **Character Strong** *Our Plan for 2020-2021*



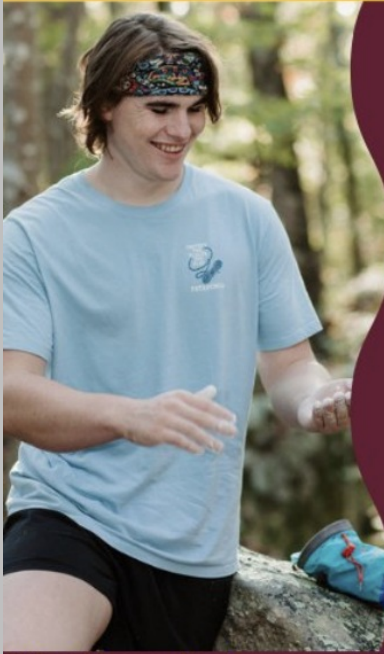
**Congratulations to Christopher Garcia who received the Character Education Award from Mrs. Amber Kent's Kindergarten class for demonstrating the character trait FRIENDLINESS!**



*Reaching Greatness Together*



# DCHS TOP 10 STUDENT SPOTLIGHT



## Jackson McBryar

### Who was your favorite Teacher at DCHS?

Nick Wilson has been a major influence on me and has always pushed me to do my best. He's taught me a lot about life and being a good person. It's always fun whenever we talk about music, movies, and other common interests. He's done a lot to make my high school career more enjoyable.

### Who would you like to thank?

My parents have always helped me to do my best in school and they've invested a lot of time into making sure I have the skills I need. I'm really thankful for the teachers I had in elementary and middle school, as they showed me how much fun learning can be.

### What's next? Where do you see yourself in 10 years?

I will be attending the University of Tennessee and I'll be majoring in civil and environmental engineering. 10 years is a pretty long time, so nothing is certain. I'd like to be living in Appalachia, with a house far away from anyone else. Hopefully I'll have a decent income and the ability to travel.

### What advice would you give 9th graders?

Throw yourself into school and enjoy the experience. There's nothing like high school and no matter how miserable you may feel in the moment, you'll miss it when it's gone. Also, don't be worried about what others may think of you. Making yourself happy and being comfortable in your own skin is an incredible feeling.

### If you could change one thing, what would it be?

I had a mullet.

### What is your favorite food, book, and movie?

I love sauerkraut and sausages. My favorite book is *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*. My favorite movie would either be *Forrest Gump* or *Shawshank Redemption*.

### What is your best memory of being a DCHS Wolverine?

I loved TSA trips. Being able to hang out with friends, scrambling to finish projects, and midnight trips to Insomnia Cookies were my favorite parts of the school year. We had made a buffet of junk food out of the hotel ironing board, which we struggled to finish.

### What will you miss the most?

I'll miss being able to have class with my friends. The jokes, competition, and teamwork we have will be hard to replicate anywhere else.

### Name student you admire and tell us why.

I really admire Basil Nakhleh. He's always had an excellent work ethic and he manages his time incredibly well. When we work together he always contributes in a positive way and offers a different point of view when solving a problem. Basil is very curious and is always willing to teach others.





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## Jayda Wood

### Who was your favorite Teacher?

Mr. Page was my favorite because he always saw the good in every student and never gave up on us. His path with Christ was also very inspiring to me.

### Who would you like to thank?

I would like to thank my mom and dad for always pushing me to be the best student and person I could be. They never let me go the easy way out of anything and it definitely payed off in the long run! They showed me how to work hard for the things I want and to never give up!

### What's next? Where do you see yourself in 10 years?

I will be furthering my education and basketball career at Berry college while studying nursing. In 10 years, I see myself working as a nurse anesthetist after graduating college. I also see myself married with 2 kids and living in a big White House with lots of land and a long driveway.

### What advice would you give 9th graders?

Go ahead and get the dual classes out of the way in high school so you don't have to take them in college! It will save a lot of time and money in the long run!

### If you could change one thing, what would it be?

One thing I wish I could change about my senior is Covid. It impacted our whole school and senior class in more ways than one. I wish our senior class could have one more year Covid-free to experience our last year together at its fullest.

### What is your best memory of being a DCHS Wolverine?

My best memory of being a DCHS student is when our basketball team went to state and stayed the night in a hotel together. Our team got a lot of bonding time and I valued every second I got to spend with my basketball family before it was over.

### What will you miss the most?

I'll miss basketball and the pep rallies we always used to have! But I'll also miss Mrs. Gatlin specifically because when I was having a bad day she'd always make me feel better. She's like my teacher BFF!

### What programs have you been involved in while at DCHS?

I have been in FBLA, BETA, FCA, and I played Tennis and Basketball

### Name student you admire and tell us why.

I admire Stella Henry because she always looks at the brighter side of things and she's always got a smile on her face. She's been my best friend for as long as I can remember and never once has she let me get down on myself. She has had a big effect on me and why I am the person I am today!

### What is your favorite food, book, and movie?

Grapes are my favorite food. My favorite book is the Great Gatsby. My favorite movie is Sweet Home Alabama.

### Is there anything else you would like to add?

Always be yourself and never change! God made you the way he wanted you to be!



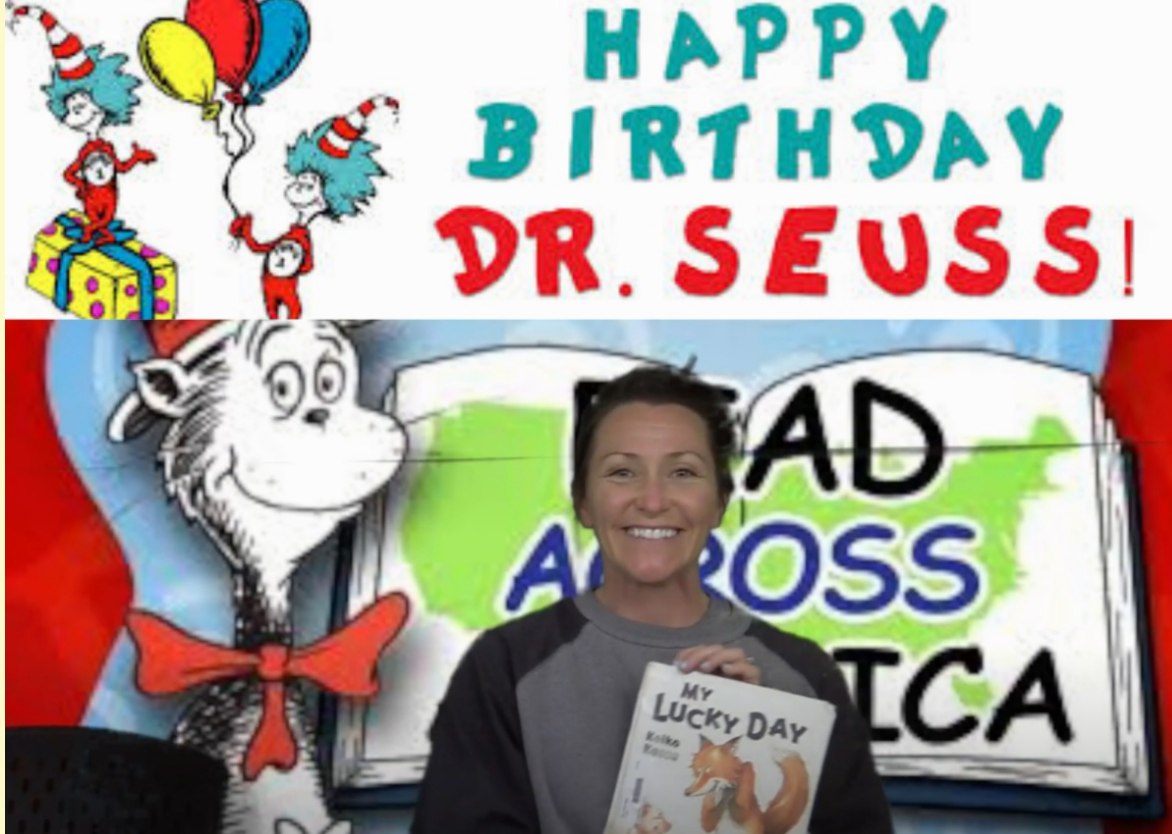
## E-SPLOST VI Information Available [HERE](#)

ESPLOST VI

Election Day: March 16, 2021

For information about E-SPLOST VI, please click [HERE](#).

## Davis Celebrating Read Across America Week



Davis Elementary is celebrating Read Across America Week March 1st - 5th! Students are encouraged to participate in the daily activities. To see a listing of the daily themes, click [HERE](#).

## Vaccine On The Way For Georgia Educators

**Georgia School Superintendent Richard Woods States the following:**

*"I am thrilled that, now that vaccine supply has increased, Georgia is expanding vaccine eligibility, meaning Georgia teachers and school staff are eligible to receive the COVID-19 vaccine beginning March 8. This is an important step in ensuring all Georgia students have access to in-person instruction and ensuring the safety of students, staff, and families. It has been an incredibly challenging year for educators and families alike, but I believe we are beginning to see the light at the end of the tunnel. As an educator, I am grateful for the hard work of the scientists who created and tested this vaccine. I appreciate Governor Kemp including teachers in the priority phases of vaccine administration and expanding eligibility as soon as healthcare workers, first responders, and seniors had the opportunity to be vaccinated."*



## COVID-19 Weekly Update

Location	+ Students	+ Staff	Q - Students	Q - Staff
Davis	0	0	0	0
DES	0	1	3	0
DMS	2	0	27	0
DCHS	5	0	45	0
Maint / C.O. / Transportation	N/A	0	N/A	0
Week Ending 02/26/2021	+ Totals		Q's - Total	
	Students	Staff	Students	Staff
	7	1	75	0

*Dade County Schools reported a total of 8 new positive cases and 75 quarantines on 02/26/2021.*

