Updates from the Wildcats

September 2023

Message for the Superintendent

The weather is changing, and Fall is upon us. This might be the best time of year in Ohio, cool in the morning and at night and warm in the afternoons. Last weekend getting to experience my first Canal Days was truly enjoyable. Serving pancakes on Saturday morning with the Optimist Club and then Sunday driving the school truck to end the parade was very cool. This event is what makes small towns special! Seeing our kids and families have great experiences together is why Delphos is such a great place. Plus, with all the candy thrown from floats we will be keeping the dental business thriving… The state grade cards came out last week and Delphos City received 3.5 Stars out of 5. We had some impressive areas like early literacy and overall achievement, but also a few areas where we need to improve. Strengthening our graduation rate and our progress component will improve because of the district's 4-year Strategic Planning. All our buildings are working with the Mercer County ESC to grow in areas that can help our kids improve test scores and see higher achievement levels.

Delphos recently hired a two trainer tandem to serve our student athletes moving forward for the rest of the year. Luke Koester and Jackie Pachuta have a wealth of experience and knowledge in the field. Your BOE saw the need and were willing to make this happen for our student's safety. We are very blessed and fortunate to get two people of this caliber.

It is hard to believe that the first nine weeks is half over, and it is homecoming week at DJHS. Congratulations to our court and those who will be crowned king and queen. Mrs. Ohtola and the student council have put together a great week of activities culminated by the homecoming game on Friday and the dance on Saturday. All four of our buildings are doing amazing things every day. Make it a point to ask your kids about the cool activities that are happening in their building.

DJMS recently added a new staff member that all the kids love. Molly is the district's new Therapy Dog owned by Alicia Koester. Therapy dogs do amazing things in schools, and I have experienced it first-hand. Dogs like Molly can calm anxiety, nervousness, or anger in many young people. Statistics are off the charts to the overall success that therapy dogs bring to a setting. Molly was trained to serve in this capacity.

Thank you to all of you who have made my transition to Delphos very easy. Getting to know our students, staff and community members makes my job exciting. As the fall season concludes, I would challenge you to get out to see a football, soccer, or volleyball game to support our kids. Mr. Cameron Reed does an outstanding job directing our Marching Band and you could see them on a Friday night as well. As always feel free to call or email if you have questions or concerns.

Go JeffCats!

TAKE NOTE

Oct 13– No School for students

Oct 24—End 1st Quarter

Nov 1– 1:30 Dismissal

Nov1 & 2—Parent Teacher Conferences

Nov 2 &3— No School for Students

Nov 21—1:30 Dismissal

Home of the Wildcats

School Resource Officer Ne

Date:9/5/23

Calendar

September
9/6/23- Jr/Sr Interactions with LE

October

Dear Parents,
As the school resource officer for The Delphos City Schools I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself and provide you with some information about school safety and security.

My primary responsibility is to ensure the safety and security of students, staff, and visitors on school property. However, I am also here to support the school community in a variety of ways, including providing mentorship, education, and counseling to students.

Here are some important things to keep in mind as we begin the school year:

- Lockdown procedures: In the event of an emergency, the school has procedures in place to secure the building and keep students and staff safe. Please note that students WILL NOT be released during any lockdowns.

- Prevention strategies: We all play a role in keeping the school community safe. Encourage your child to report any suspicious behavior they may observe, secure personal belongings, and be mindful of who they allow to enter the school.

- Child Safety Restraint: Whether you're driving your child to school or other activities, always ensure they are securely fastened in an age-appropriate car seat or booster seat. Properly securing your child in a safety restraint is one of the most critical steps you can take to protect their safety while on the road. Your child's safety is our top priority, and we want to ensure they travel safely to and from school.

- Communication: Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any concerns or questions related to school safety. I am here to support the school community and work with you to ensure that your child has a safe and positive learning experience.

I look forward to working with you and the rest of the school community to create a safe and secure learning environment for our students.

Sincerely,
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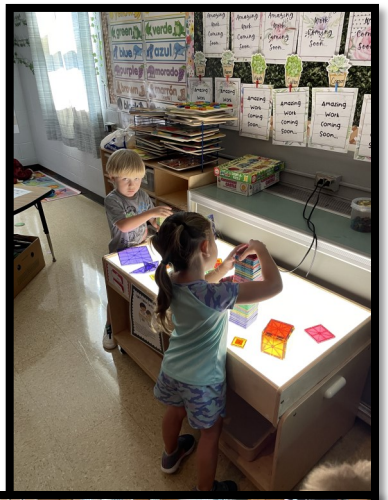
Preschool

The Delphos City Schools Preschool has had a great start to the year. The students have been learning the routines, following directions, and participating in a variety of activities during their days. The parents and teachers have worked collaboratively to set two educational/developmental goals for each preschooler for the year.

The preschool has also implemented Positive Behavior Expectations of be kind, be a leader, and be safe. Be kind focuses on being a friend, playing with my friends, sharing, taking turns, and helping others. Be a leader focuses on looking at the speaker, listening, using a quiet voice, cleaning up, and throwing away trash. Be safe focuses on following directions, keeping my hands and feet to myself, using gentle hands, using walking feet, and using materials safely.

Below and to the right are great examples of how the preschoolers are Being Kind by playing with their friends, sharing, taking turns, and helping others.



Franklin Elementary

Students at Franklin jumped started the school year with a fundraiser to help raise money for field trip transportation, playground supplies, rewards, technology and student activities. This year's theme is Dogs. Students have earned dog themed incentives and were able to meet Bella the therapy dog. Thanks to all who participated!

Many classrooms across the building have had lessons involving apples. Students have investigated apples using their 5 senses, completed graphing to discover the most liked type of apple and learned how apples grow from seed

DJMS

The Middle School has done amazing things so far this school year.

Delphos VFW Post #3035 Commander Shannon Wagoner presents a donation to Delphos Jefferson Middle School 8th graders to help defray costs for their trip to Washington DC this coming Spring. DJMS wants to say THANK YOU VFW!

Delphos Jefferson 8th grade students would like to say, THANK YOU to the Delphos Eagles for their generous donation toward their Washington DC trip. DJMS Principal, Tony Langhals accepts the check from Eagles Trustee Don Huysman.

Eighth grade students (right) Brylee Geary, Mia Munoz, Addison Eickholt, and Paige Schwinnen baked a cake to represent the different layers of the Earth in Mr. Gudakunst's Science class.

Great job girls!

Delphos Jefferson Middle School staff recently voted on the August/September Students of the Month. Winners were front row l to r: 5th Grade: Kody Groch, Nathan Koester, 6th Grade: Owen French, and Isabella Wourms. Back row l to r: 7th Grade: Elayna Stokes, Bryar Suever, 8th Grade: Mackenzie Klausing and Tyler Wiseman. Way to go Wildcats!

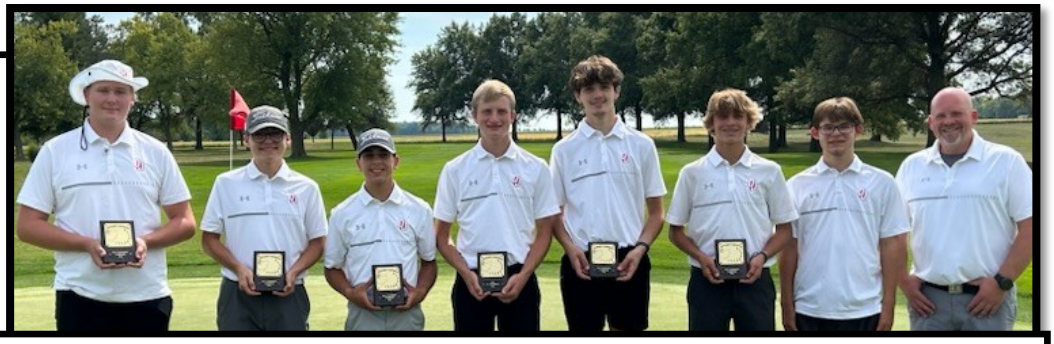
Delphos Jefferson Middle School students are shown below receiving a generous donation from Cenovus Energy to support the STEM and Engineering programs at DJMS. Thank you Cenovus!

Lots of Twinning for Homecoming Spirit Week!

Delphos Jefferson

The High School students have been busy this school year.

So many great things yet to come.



The DJHS Boys golf team WON the NWC Tournament shooting a 348 and finished tied for second overall in the NWC!!!. For the tournament: Isaac Gallmeier (77) Troy Pseekos (88) Mason Wiltsie (91) Brady DuVall (92) Kellen Carder (100) and Trace Casemier (105). Overall NWC Honors Isaac Gallmeie - First Team Brady DuVall, Troy Pseekos, and Mason Wiltsie—Honorable Mention. Next up for our boys is the state sectional @ Colonial Golf Club on Sept 28.

The **2023 Canal Days Queen** is Alissa Gallmeier. Gallmeier, a freshman at Jefferson High School, won he crown from a pool of seven talented contestants: Emily Rode, Chloe Etzkorn, Abbi Hageman, Noelle Prine, Avery Rahrig, and McKenna Scalf.

2023-2024 JEFFERSON HOMECOMING COURT!

The HC game is on September 29 and the parade and dance are on September 30. Pictured are the senior attendants!! FRESHMEN: Alissa Gallmeier, Micyah Eberle, Dean Trentman, and Brady Miller. SOPHOMORES: Kirya Jefferson, Carolyn Mueller, Lucas Millmine, and Logan Miller. JUNIORS: Ava Munoz, Airamee Marks, Carter Sherrick, and Mason Wiltsie SENIORS: Katie Knepper, Avery Rahrig, Lyv Lindeman, Brady DuVall, James Hasting, and Isaac Gallmeier.

Delphos FFA Members compete at the 2023 Allen County Fair

Delphos FFA members' hard work throughout the past year was rewarded as many of them were successful at the Allen County Fair. The chapter was represented very well as over 70 members exhibited shop and livestock projects. Delphos FFA was well represented with members placing at the top in their respective livestock classes. Also, several members were placed at the top in showmanship with their respective species. The chapter was awarded several top places in the shop area as well. The projects that FFA members exhibit at the fair are the result of numerous hours of hard work and dedication. While preparing for the fair, members practice and improve the life skills such as responsibility, time management, decision making, cooperation, team work, and others. This is just another example of how the FFA and Agricultural Education help prepare students for a success-