Superintendent's Report

October 8, 2025

Forging strong connections that nurture the whole student and empower them to reach their full potential.

Student Pledge Leaders

Marianne Madej - 2nd grade with Ms. Folk
Charlie Pickin - 5th grade with Mrs. Yost

Board Recognition

Girls on the Run

Morning Milers

Morning Milers Program Overview

Introduction to Morning Milers

Program Overview

Launched in the 2022-2023 academic year, the morning Milers programs is designed to enhance student well-being and improve focus in the classroom by incorporating physical activity in the morning routine.

Program Goals

The initiative aims to foster physical fitness, mindfulness and a sense of community among students, effectively addressing the common issue of restlessness in the morning and infusing joy into the school day..

Founders' Vision

Ms. Brouse and Mrs. Bartholomew, the visionary founders of the program and recently joined by Mrs. Kitka, are all committed to creating a healthier school environment that prioritizes student wellness and engagement.

Pilot year, Expansion, Participation, Improvement

Program Development and Growth

Pilot Year Participation

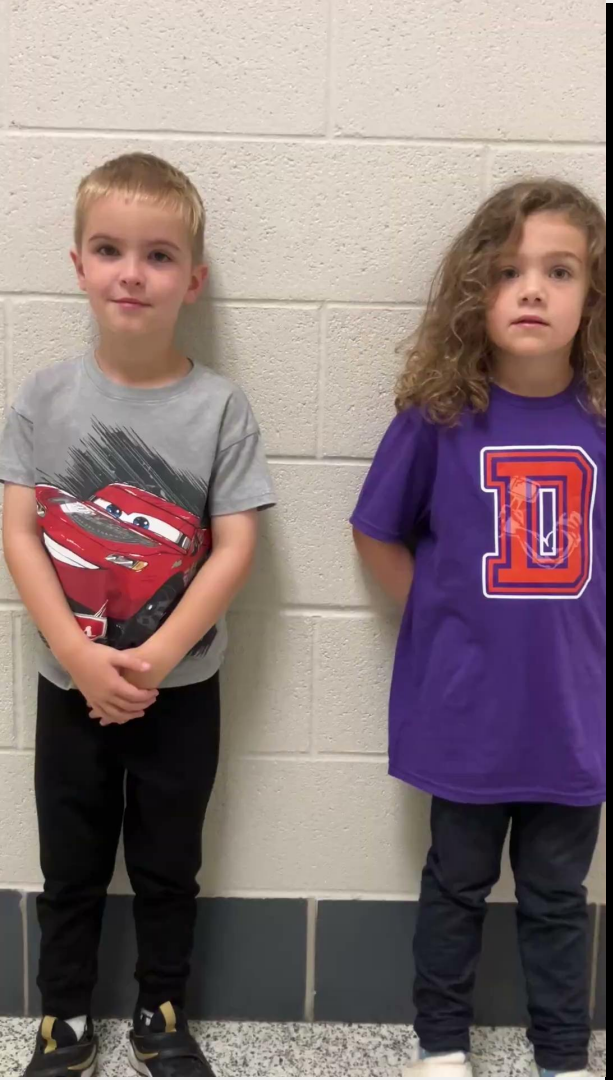
During its inaugural year, the program was offered once a week for each grade level, achieving an impressive initial participation rate of 61% among students, indicating strong interest and engagement.

Expansion to Daily Sessions

In the 2023-2024 school year, the program expanded to offer daily sessions for all grades K-2, resulting in a significant increase in participation to 76% and another increase in 2024-2025 to 85%, showcasing the program's growing popularity.

Future Growth Projections

Looking ahead to the 2025-2026 school year, the program aims to achieve an ambitious participation rate of 95%, with ongoing improvements to its structure and engagement strategies to sustain this growth.






Welcome to our
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Average participation, Achievements, Special events, Community spirit



Student Participation and Achievements

Consistent Attendance

The program has seen an average number of students participating each morning, emphasizing the importance of regular attendance for maximizing the benefits of physical activity.

Milestone Achievements

Students are encouraged to reach personal goals through milestones such as the 1 mile, 5 mile and 200 mile clubs, fostering a sense of accomplishment and motivation.

Special Events and Guest Visits

The program includes special events and guest visits that enhance the overall experience, building excitement and a strong sense of community among participants.

















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Miles with smiles in Danville

Dane Spahr, left in the photo at left above, a junior and track and field runner for Danville High School, signs his autograph for Wayne Castleberry, a first grader in Jeremy Merrell's class. The group participated in the Morning Milers program Monday afternoon at Danville Primary School.

Junior and track and field runner Victoria Bartholomew of Danville High School, center in the photo at right above, shows medals to kindergartners. The students are in Kathleen Diltz's class, who lead the school in miles for Morning Milers. The gram is geared toward fighting childhood obesity and increasing the physical activity levels of schoolchildren in the U.S. and ond.

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Volunteers, Community support, Parent engagement, Family bonds

Community Involvement

Volunteer Participation

The program has successfully engaged 11 volunteers from the community, who play a vital role in supporting the program's activities and ensuring its success.

Impact of Community Support

Community involvement significantly boost student motivation and enjoyment, creating a positive atmosphere that enhances the morning activities.

Parent Engagement Opportunities

The program provides numerous opportunities for parents to engage with their children in physical fitness, thereby strengthening family and community bonds.



Improved behavior, Correlation, Mindfulness, Teacher feedback

"One student in particular has grown in confidence and when he plays outside I see a significant improvement in how he runs (form), pride in accomplishing the mile markers," "It has provided a social interaction that is not language dependent and helped make my ELL (english learning language) students feel they are part of the school community", "The students reported that it helps to keep their body healthy", "They also said that it helps them run off extra energy they have in the morning" ~ DPS Teachers

Behavioral Improvements in Classrooms

Enhanced Student Behavior

Teachers have reported noticeable improvements in student behavior on days when they participate in the Morning Milers program, highlighting its positive effects on classroom dynamics.

Physical Activity and Focus

There is a clear correlation between physical activity and improved focus in the classroom, as students who engage in morning exercise tend to be more attentive and engaged.

Teacher Feedback

Feedback from teachers indicates a significant positive change in classroom behavior and overall student well-being, contributing to a supportive learning environment.

Total miles, Grade-specific achievements, Visual representation, Student pride





Tracking Progress and Miles

Total Miles Run

In the 2024-2025 school year students collectively ran or walked a total of 5,760 miles, an increase of 2,427 miles from the 2023-2024 school year and an increase of 2,915 miles from the 2022-2023 school year, demonstrating the program's success.

Grade-Specific Achievements

The program tracks grade-specific achievements, particularly for K-2 students, highlighting significant growth in both participation and distance covered.







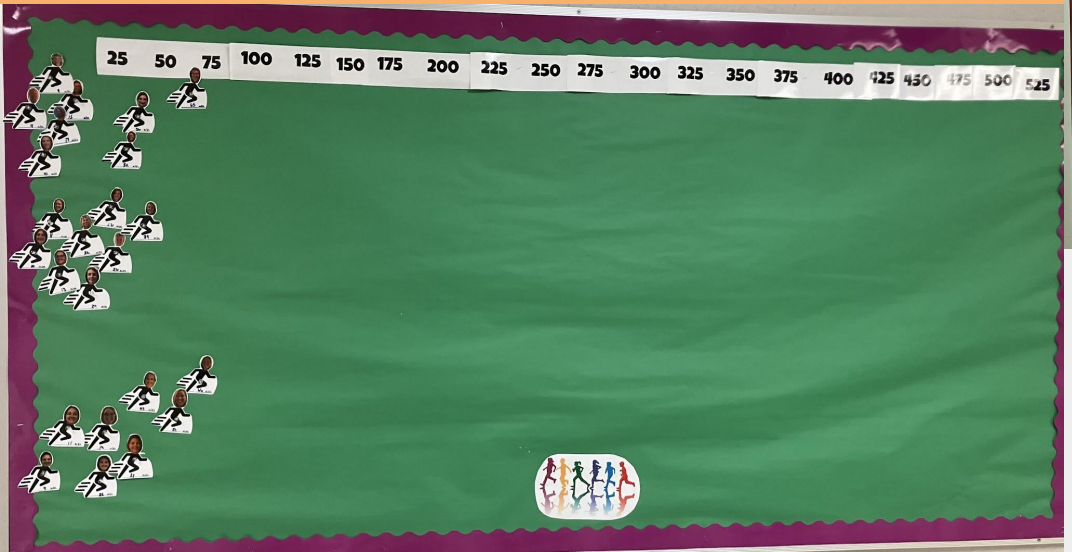
Visual Progress Representation

Visual aids are used to represent progress over the year, encouraging student to take pride in their accomplishments and motivating them to continue their efforts.

Morning Milers Hall of FAME

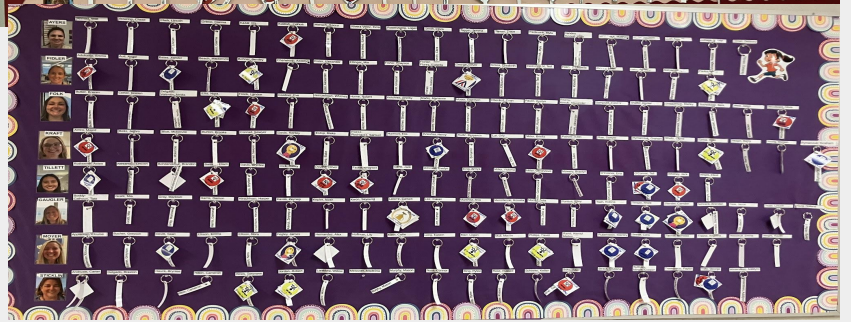
Grade level top runners and homeroom leaders

	2022-23 SY	2023-24 SY	2024-25 SY
K-	Mr. Walter 169 MILES Ella Barrett 30 MILES	Mr. Walter 490 MILES Carson Latorre 85 MILES	Mr. Walter 507 MILES Xavier Ortiz 99 MILES
1ST -	Mr. Merrell 198 MILES Connor Hale 36 MILES	Mrs. Henrie 343 MILES Samuel Dugan 79 MILES	Mrs. Wilson 587 MILES Carson Latorre 193 MILES
2ND -	Mrs. Fidler 126 MILES Grayson Fritz 27 MILES	Mrs. Fidler 267 MILES Connor Hale 118 MILES	Mrs. Harvey 587 MILES Brady Beltz 158 MILES









Expansion, DASD Community events, Long-term vision, Positive environment

Future Goals and Vision

Plans for Expansion

The program aims to continue expanding and improving, with a focus on achieving even higher participation rates and enhancing the overall experience for students.

Integration of DASD Community Events

Future plans include integrating high school students from various clubs/programs pop up events and challenges to foster a culture of pride, health and fitness within the school environment.

Long-Term Vision

The long-term vision for the Morning Milers program is to have a lasting impact on student mental/physical health and academic performance, contributing to a positive school environment.










Summary, Encouragement, Call to action, Healthier future

Conclusion and Key Takeaways

Program Benefits

The Morning Milers program has demonstrated a positive impact on student health, behavior, and academic focus, reinforcing the importance of physical activity in education.

Encouragement for Participation

We encourage continued participation from students and support from the community, emphasizing the joy and fun that the program brings to the school day.

Call to Action

Parents and community members are invited to get involved in the program, helping to build a healthier future for our students and the school community

Student Representatives

Olivia Hummel, Junior Class Historian
Bridger Hayes, Junior Class Secretary

DPS		**K**	**1**	**2**
	Sept 2025	138	161	150
	Oct 2025	139	159	149
LV		**3**	**4**	**5**
	Sept 2025	177	156	159
	Oct 2025	176	160	157

DMS		**6**	**7**	**8**	
	Sept 2025	160	165	174	
	Oct 2025	158	169	176	
DHS		**9**	**10**	**11**	**12**
	Sept 2025	153	155	152	166
	Oct 2025	153	155	152	166
CMAVTS					
	Sept 2025	38	29	15	12
	Oct 2025	38	29	15	12

Non-Public Enrollment Report

	Sept 2025	Oct 2025
Outside Cyber Charter	46	51
Christian Schools	193	195
Special Programs	18	14
Amish Schools	15	25
Nature School	3	3
Homeschool	114	114



Administrator Board Reports

Technology Update 10/08/25

Jeffrey Ryan - Director of Information Technology

IT Performance

- Network (Sept 2025)
  - LAN uptime at 99.99% - 1,006,680 polls with 102 lost (based on 100 monitored critical devices monitored 24/7). Up slightly from last month. Internet uptime was very good this month with no in-school outages.
  - .Average LAN latency (speed) at .499 milliseconds (based on 100 device average). Slightly slower than last month. Internet latency continues to be great (23 ms Virginia, 46 ms Illinois, and 79 ms California).
  - Average daily use (school hours only) of the Internet at 795.05 GB. Down .2% from last year
  - Wireless - 3757 unique clients with an average of 1502 clients per day (clients averaging 4.48 GB of usage with a total of 16.43 TB transferred). Wireless latency and signal strength has been very good as well (on average approx. <10 ms and >42 dB respectively).
- Website (Sept 2025)
  - 40,572 views (1,215,000+ since launch in August 2023!) and 9,296 total users - Down from last month and down from last year (anything over 10,000 views per month for a small school is good).
  - 39.10% bounce rate (rate at which people immediately leave upon entering the site - anything under 40% is good).
  - 5 minute 18 second average session duration (over 2 minutes is considered very good).
  - 40.3% of traffic this month is cell phones and the top source is Google search (3,838 search clicks).
  - Most popular search terms this month are Sapphire and employment.
  - Translations - To date we've had 16,208 words on our site translated to Spanish, 6,073 to Chinese, and 5,166 to Arabic (We offer 5 languages).
- Printing (Sept 2025)
  - 615,877 pages printed/copied - Up compared to last year (579,149 - 6.3% more)
  - Print 1,434 and Copy 614,443 (laser printer usage up 95.4% from last year)
- Helpdesk (Sept 2025)
  - 121 tickets in the last month with 132 fully completed.
  - 2.89 day average resolve time (includes weekends and holidays)

Current IT Projects...

- General Technology in September
  - Good quiet month with no major issues
  - A few solutions for unresolved classroom equipment issues found
  - Work has begun on 26-27 Budgeting
  - The few lingering summer projects have been completed
  - Assessments/testing ran without a hitch
  - District digital signage expanded and moved from online hosting to internal server hosting
    - The result is more reliable streaming and less use of our internet resources.
  - New DRC caching servers rebuilt, tested, and ready for use in the CDT/Firefly/Keystone/PSSA digital assessments.
  - New VPNs created for admins and specialty connections from vendors
- Network
  - 2 new replacement switches deployed to the High School (IDF1E and IDF2C)
  - 3rd new switch configured and ready to be deployed to the High School. The switch it is replacing will be moved to the Primary School.
- Digital Assessments/Testing
  - ASVABs
  - Biology CDTs
  - Preparations for Firefly 1 testing and NWEA/iReady Kindergarten
- Other
  - Welcoming a new cyber security internship student from Lackawanna College