

District Highlights

- Two Fort Dorchester High School students, Mason Dupree and Jose Gamboa, who competed in the 2017-2018 FDHS Classroom Business Plan Competition and the YES-carolina State Business Plan Competition have been selected as "Entrepreneurship Students of the Year." They have been asked to attend the YEScarolina GALA on Friday, October 12 to receive \$250.

- Eight Ashley Ridge High School students placed in one or more categories of the HOSA International Leadership Conference held in Dallas, TX June 27-30. The school's HOSA chapter also earned the Chapter Award Certificate of Merit for National Service Project and were awarded a \$3,000 donation to NAMI.

Winners were:

- 2nd place: MRC Partnership (Jackson Radcliffe, Allie Karges, and Jimmy Pugh)

- 3rd place: Epidemiology (Selena Halabi)

- 5th place: Pathophysiology (Dahlia Halabi)

- 6th place: CERT Skills (Emily Hathcock and Megan Kovacs)

- Outstanding State Leader: Kelsey Hearing

- Public Health Leadership Scholars Program: Kelsey Hearing

- MRC Volunteer Recognition (awarded for more than 30 volunteer hours): Jimmy Pugh

- Award of Merit Outstanding HOSA Advisor: Stacie Elwood, teacher at ARHS.



Eagle Nest Elementary School teachers and parents volunteering at the Lowcountry Food Bank.

Eagle Nest Staff & Parents Give Back

Eagle Nest Elementary parents and teachers teamed up at the Lowcountry Food Bank on July 27 to help sort and pack donated food for distribution to area food pantries. Expiration dates were checked, boxes were packed by weight, and severely dented/damaged items were culled from the bins.

This volunteer opportunity was both a team-building event and a way for the school to give back to the food bank. Lowcountry Food Bank has hosted free fresh food distribution events at ENES called "Fresh for All" for the past several years.

"It's always worthwhile to give back to an organization that touches so many of our students' lives," says Christine LaRue, ENES PTA president.

Real Men Read Event Held at OES

For five years straight, Oakbrook Elementary School has participated in the monthly initiative "Real Men Read" to promote reading and positive male role models to its students. Men such as fathers, uncles, grandfathers, friends, and community members are invited to come, select a book, and read to its preK-fifth grade classes.

On September 7, more than 20 men showed up ready to share their love of reading, including two Dorchester District Two School Board members, Justin Farnsworth and Brian Mitchum.



AMS Named One of America's Healthiest Schools

Alston Middle School been named to the 2018 list of America's Healthiest Schools by the Alliance for a Healthier Generation, receiving national recognition for their commitment to students' health and well-being.

A total of 461 schools nationwide were selected based on a rigorous set of criteria—from availability of and access to nutritious foods to quality physical education opportunities—as part of Healthier Generation's Healthy Schools Program. Alston Middle School, which serves 764 students, is one of 25 schools in South Carolina to receive this recognition.

AMS has developed a comprehensive health and wellness program that promotes healthy eating and physical activity for students and staff members. The school has participated in the MUSC Boeing Center for Children's Wellness state program for the past five years and this year was the Grand Prize winner of their



Wellness Achievement Award for the school district. Their wellness program included a school garden tended by students that provided vegetables for the cafeteria; active sports and fitness programs were promoted for students and staff; and school staff created a healthy food cook book.



Coats Donated to WRES

The Summerville Knights of Columbus recently donated almost 100 coats to William Reeves Elementary School. The coats will be sorted and distributed to several elementary schools, including Knightsville Elementary and Flowertown Elementary.



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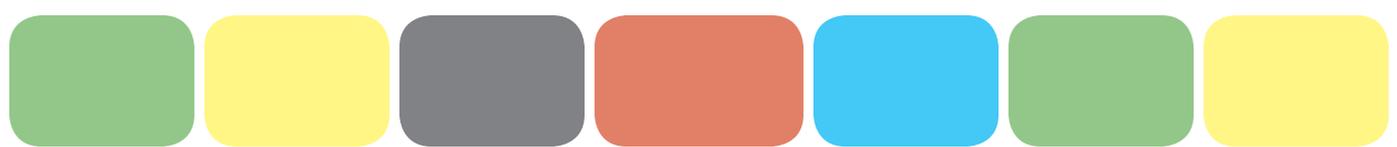
FDES Hosts "Gran-Gator" Luncheon

On September 10, the Fort Dorchester Elementary School PTA hosted the 3rd Annual Gran-Gator Luncheon.

FDES celebrated their MVGP's (most valuable grandparents) in a football themed event. Nearly 600 grandparents and their grandchildren attended throughout the school's lunch schedule.

The PTA catered a stadium style lunch with hotdogs, chips, fruit cups, and cookies. Each of the Gran-gators were gifted with commemorative can coolies.

Pictured above from left to right are 1st grader, William Parker with his grandmother, Karen Bowen, and 1st grader Kayla Fredrick with grandparents, Renee and Dave Imbrenda.





Beech Hill Elementary Named National Blue Ribbon School

U.S. Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos recently recognized 349 schools as National Blue Ribbon Schools for 2018. Beech Hill Elementary School in Dorchester School District Two was recognized as an Exemplary High Performing Schools National Blue Ribbon School for 2018. The recognition is based on a school's overall academic performance.

Exemplary High Performing Schools are among their state's highest performing schools as measured by state assessments or nationally normed tests. Consistently a top performing school in the state academically, Beech Hill is known for its student-centered environment.

"Having witnessed the amazing journey of Beech Hill, I am awed, humbled and honored to be a part of this great school," says Principal Rene Harris.



District Two Staff Enlightened, Engaged at Learning by Design

On September 24, Dorchester School District Two staff attended Learning by Design, a staff development conference that places an emphasis on learning; building a collaborative culture; and focusing on results to become a "World Class" school district. The overall goal of Learning by Design 2018 was to "raise the bar" and address the most essential topics in education by providing opportunities for educators to enhance their craft to accomplish the mission and vision of the school district.

Topics covered throughout the day, in addition to sessions on core subjects, included active-learning equipment, fitness, financial literacy, bleed control training, and threat assessment intervention.



Publix Donates School Supplies

Publix #0483 on Trolley Road recently donated school supplies to Dorchester District Two Schools. The money for supplies was raised through donations given at the registers for the "Tools for Schools" drive.

The supplies will be divided between all of the Dorchester District Two schools to help those in need and teachers in their classrooms.

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