

## District Highlights

- Beech Hill Elementary School counselor Tammy Masopust has been nominated for the 2018-2019 national LifeChanger of the Year award.

Masopust was nominated by an anonymous colleague for her profound impact on students. Masopust's office is viewed by students, parents, and staff as a safe space where they can be truly heard and assisted with whatever troubles they may be facing.

- Jose Gamboa, Mason Dupree and Presley Varella, students at Fort Dorchester High School, have been named YEScarolina 2018 Entrepreneurship Students Of the Year in South Carolina. Each student was awarded \$250 by YEScarolina.

- Eight Dorchester District Two educators have been recognized as Excellence In Mathematics Teaching honorees by Tricounty Cradle to Careers and The Boeing Company. Gary Seaboldt, ABES; Kristin Kofoid, FDHS; and Megan Profit, FDHS, were named 2018 Excellence in Mathematics Teaching Award winners. Other Dorchester District Two Nominees include Lesley Brantley, DMS; Christi Brinson, RMSA; Ashley Clemmons, FDES; Christine Trevillyan, SHS; Meggie Wegmann, BHES.

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## JROTC Participates in Charity 5K Race

Forty-one Summerville High School Navy JROTC cadets participated in the 15th Annual Children's Charity 5K Run/Walk in Mount Pleasant on September 22. Nine of the cadets participated as runners, and 32 participated by providing race set-up assistance; manning the 5K race course at water stations; and by providing clear directions at important race course intersections.



## Local Author Visits Reeves Elementary

William Reeves Elementary School recently hosted local author Cynthia Putman and her dog Snowball. Mrs. Putman talked about how she gets ideas for her books and the writing process.

The students enjoyed meeting Snowball and listening to one of Mrs. Putman's books. Wayne Putman also came and told some funny stories about Snowball.



## FDES PTA Provides Treats for Teachers

Fort Dorchester Elementary School's PTA provided teachers and staff with a Sweet Treat and Coffee Cart reward for achieving a 100% PTA membership goal. Biggby Coffee (Dorchester Road), a business partner of the school, donated all the coffee for the occasion. The PTA served homemade cookies and muffins along with several other snacks to every classroom.



# Local Meteorologists Visit Elementary Schools

News Channel 4 Meteorologist Dave Williams had his first visit with Dr. Eugene Sires Elementary School's 2nd and 4th grade students. While there, Mr. Williams discussed different types of weather while also explaining to students what it takes to be a meteorologist and how important his job is to the community.



News 2 meteorologist Rob Fowler, was a guest speaker for the 4th graders at Oakbrook Elementary School as part of their weather unit. He discussed how weather forecasts are determined as well as how they use a green screen to show different visual maps during broadcasts. He brought a weather balloon and an anemometer to demonstrate. Student volunteers and teachers were invited to have a wind competition with the anemometer.



News 2 meteorologist Rob Fowler recently surprised a special Eagle Nest Elementary School student who is a huge fan of his. Back in September, Fowler had visited the entire second grade at Eagle Nest Elementary for their weather unit. Ever since that visit, Mason Hartley has been mesmerized by him, says his mother, Eagle Nest third grade teacher Megan Hartley.



In early October, Mason did a green screen video with Kristy Mitchell, Eagle Nest's Instructional Technology teacher, where he pretended to be a weatherman like Rob Fowler. Mrs. Hartley posted the video to Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter and tagged Fowler, who reached out to Mrs. Hartley via Twitter asking if he could surprise Mason at school.

Mr. Fowler greeted many students in the cafeteria and was so kind to all of them. Mason was speechless at first but once he and Fowler sat outside to eat lunch, Mason was talking his ear off. It looks like Mason has a great career ahead of him as a meteorologist like his idol Rob Fowler.



## We Salute our Veterans!

Dorchester District Two schools will celebrate Veterans Day with programs and ceremonies on November 9th and 12th. See the list on our November Calendar of Events at [do.ddtwo.org](http://do.ddtwo.org) under District Information.

## SES Hosts Storytime for Tots

Summerville Elementary School recently hosted its first "Turtle Tots Story Time" of the 2018-2019 school year.

Turtle Tots is for pre-school siblings of Summerville Elementary School students. The children enjoyed a "Pirate" story time, created a pirate ship, ate pirate snacks and selected a book to take home and keep.



Pictured above are 4K student Addison Scott and preschooler Brooklyn Perrotti.

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Pictured (from left) Ashley Ridge High Academic Awards Scholarship winner Gavin Hunt with Assistant Superintendent Julie Kornahrens; Fort Dorchester High Academic Awards scholarship winner Sydney Welsh with Superintendent Joe Pye; and Summerville High Academic Awards scholarship winner Roan Ross with Principal Kenny Farrell and Superintendent Joe Pye.

## Three Dorchester District Two Seniors Earn Scholarships

Dorchester School District Two celebrated academic excellence at three separate Academic Awards ceremonies on October 1st at Ashley Ridge High, October 9th at Fort Dorchester High, and October 16th at Summerville High. A total of 996 sophomores, juniors, and seniors from district high schools were awarded academic letters and medals during these ceremonies in recognition of outstanding academic performance during the 2017-2018 school year.

In addition, program sponsors provided three scholarships of \$1,000 each for a senior receiving an Academic Award from ARHS, FDHS and SHS.

This year's Academic Awards Scholarship winners are Gavin Hunt, Ashley Ridge High School; Sydney Welsh, Fort Dorchester High School; and Roan Ross, Summerville High School. All seniors receiving an Academic Award had the opportunity to apply for these scholarships.

## BHES Holds "Sorting Day"

Move over Hogwarts, the Beech Hill Elementary School Beacons have been sorted into their houses. Lighthouses to be exact!

Students in every grade were sorted into Beech Hill's six Lighthouses (Connect, Create, Live, Dream, Nurture and Think) in various fun and exciting ways.

Kindergarten chose colored necklaces while 1st graders popped balloons to discover their house.

Once students were sorted they met with their Lighthouse Leagues to create a team handshake and brainstorm service learning projects for the year.



### Students Learn About Election Process

Dorchester County Election Commission gave a presentation to students at the Adult Learning Center on October 4.

Students learned how to register to vote; how to use the voting booths; and how to work at the polls. During the presentation, students worked with the election commission staff to act out scenarios on the proper procedures for checking in voters while working at the polls.

# ABES Percussion Club Receives Generous Donation

Alston-Bailey Elementary School's Percussion Club recently received a total of 60 donated buckets from the Lowe's Home Improvement Hardware Stores in Summerville and Mt. Pleasant.

ABES music teacher Brandi Manis started the ABES Percussion Club this year. It has 25 student performers in fourth and fifth grades. Rather than using traditional percussion instruments, the ABES Percussion Club uses five-gallon buckets as the main feature of their ensemble.

When word got out that Manis was asking for donations, she was pleasantly surprised that the two Lowes' stores donated 30 each. These buckets usually last 2-3 years before cracking and needing to be replaced so Manis says it is amazing to have two sets!"

Manis was inspired to create a bucket drum group when her music teacher in elementary school showed her videos of Stomp.

"This was a group that played percussion pieces us-



ing things like buckets, trash cans, and other everyday items. The buckets we use are simply 5 gallon buckets; however, we turn them over and they become an instrument. A percussionist can get so many different sounds based on where they hit the bucket," she says.

The ABES Percussion Club will hold their first performance on Thursday, November 15, 2018 at 6 p.m. at ABES as part of the Salute to Veterans program.



## Real Men Read Held at DMS

Members of the DuBose Middle School Real Men Read group met last Friday and were visited by Michael Warren and Jimmy Lamb, both employees of Detyens Shipyards' Planning and Scheduling department.

Mr. Warren and Mr. Lamb spoke to the boys about the importance of reading and the effects it can have on getting a job. Both men also stressed that having a skill set can be just as important as a college degree when deciding on a career path.



## Athletes Read to Flowertown Students

Several football and volleyball Players from Ashley Ridge High School visited Flowertown Elementary School to participate in a Buddy Reading Time. The high school students helped the younger students pick out books and read with them, asking them questions and encouraging them to read in school.

Many of the student athletes were former Busy Bees themselves and even performed the Busy Bee Rap for the WBEE Morning Show so that it could be aired to all of the students. The student athletes brought energy and excitement into the school building and the Busy Bee students loved their visit.

