The Eagle's Nest

"Where Our Mission and Vision Take Flight"

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Dear Dexter Family,

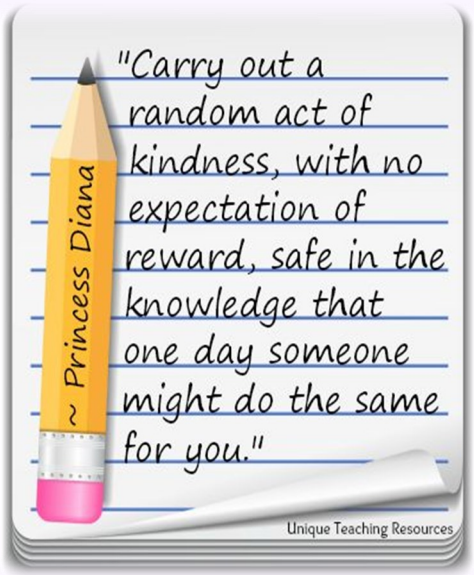
April is a special time to honor and celebrate the resilience and sacrifices of our military connected children. We recognize the unique challenges they face and the strength they demonstrate. Our students inspire us with their courage and adaptability, and we are committed to supporting them in every way possible.

In the spirit of community, we encourage everyone to continue supporting each other through acts of kindness. Whether it's helping a classmate, showing appreciation to a teacher, or simply offering a smile, these small gestures can make a big difference. Let's continue to foster an environment where everyone feels valued and respected.

Soar high, Eagles!

In Partnership,

Dr. Courtney Roberson,
Principal
&
Ms. Maureen Barefield,
Assistant Principal



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April 7:

Teacher PD Day - No School for Students

April 9:

Purple Up for Military Kids Day– Wear Purple

April 11:

Dexter Spirit Day

April 14:

2nd Grade Spring Musical at 10:45 AM (Peek)

April 15:

Early Release Tuesday at 2: 30pm

2nd Grade Spring Musical at 10:45 AM (Davis)

April 16:

2nd Grade Spring Musical at 10:45 AM (Averett)

April 18:

Dexter Spirit Day

Dexter Field Day

April 21:

Texas Roadhouse

Spirit Night

April 23:

Q4 Progress Reports

April 25:

Dexter Spirit Day

Accelerated Withdrawal

PTO Wonderland Dance (3rd thru 5th Grades)

~~More Information to Come~~~

Spotlight on Military Kids

#DoDEAMilKids Week

MONDAY April 7th	TUESDAY April 8th	WEDNESDAY April 9th	THURSDAY April 10th	FRIDAY April 11th
SHARE A SELFIE Add one of our MoMC frames to a photo with a #DoDEAMilKids to show your support of military-connected children!	**PATRIOTIC DAY** From ribbons and bows to stars and stripes, the sky is the limit for this day! Show off your most patriotic attire.	**PURPLE UP! DAY** Wear purple to show support and thank military youth for their strength and sacrifices. **#PurpleUpDoDEA**	**HERO DAY** Dress in your favorite hero look! Capes, combat boots, scrubs and more! What does a hero look like to you?	**SPIRIT DAY** Show your DoDEA spirit! Wear your school colors, dress as your mascot or rock your school or class shirts.

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PURPLE UP!

for military kids

Spotlight on Coach

We are thrilled to invite you to Field Day 2025 at Dexter Elementary! This is one of the most eagerly anticipated events of the school year, where students will engage in various outdoor games, teamwork challenges, and friendly competitions. It's an excellent opportunity for students to be active, have fun, and enjoy the beautiful spring weather!

Date: Friday, April 18, 2025
Location: Dexter Elementary - Sign in at the side of the school by the parking lot.

Field Day Schedule

9:00 AM – 11:30 AM → Kindergarten – 2nd Grade

11:30 AM – 12:00 PM → Pre-K

1:10 PM – 3:00 PM → 3rd – 5th Grade

We invite parents to come out, cheer for the students, and, if possible, lend a helping hand!

Volunteers Needed!

Field Day is a significant event, and we would appreciate parent volunteers to help ensure the day runs smoothly. Whether you can assist with setting up, managing a game station, or distributing water and snacks, your support means a lot! If you're interested in volunteering, please feel free to reach out to dexterelementarypto@gmail.com.

What to Bring & Wear

Comfortable clothing and sneakers – students will be running and playing!

Sunscreen and hats – we'll be outside in the sun.

Water bottles – staying hydrated is essential!

A positive attitude – ready for fun and teamwork!

Let's Make This the Best Field Day Yet!

We can't wait to see our Dexter Elementary families out on the field, cheering on our students and enjoying a day full of fun! Thank you for participating in this special event—we look forward to seeing you there!

Join us on Friday, April 18th, for an unforgettable Field Day 2025!

Thanks,

John Blanchard
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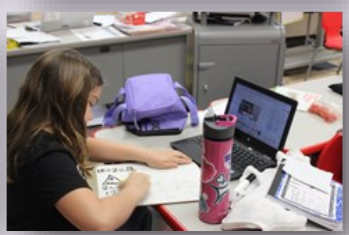
Spotlight on Educational Technology

With Ms. Showalter

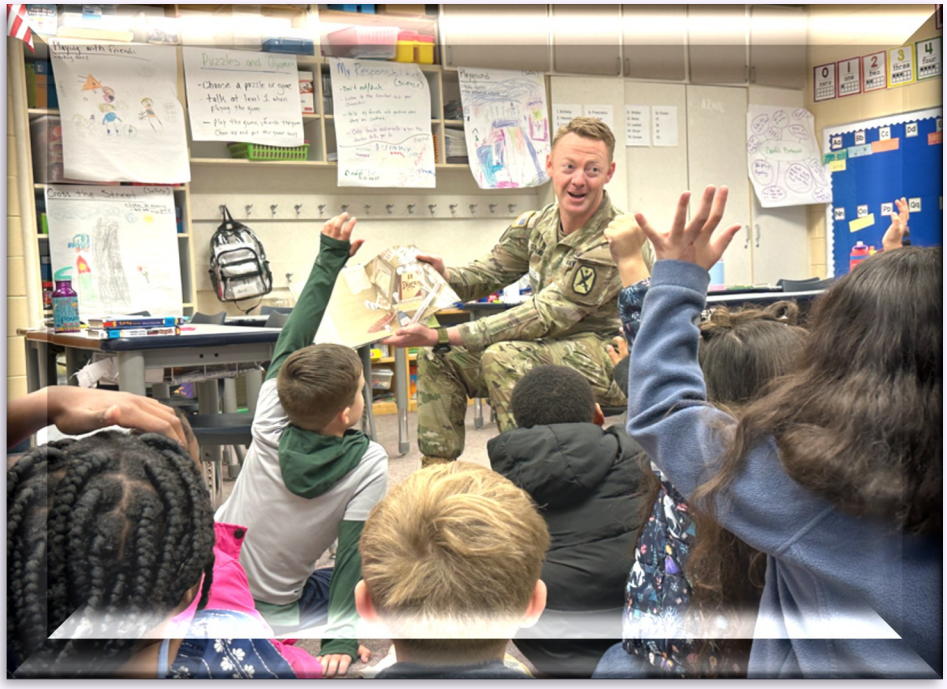
Fourth Grade students are working in the “Living Library” Minecraft World to bring the novel “Because of Winn Dixie” to life. After studying the novel, they were assigned a chapter to summarize, focusing on characters, setting, main idea, and the author's purpose. They posted their summaries using Slates, Posters, and Boards, then recreated a scene from their chapter in Minecraft. They documented their design choices with the Book & Quill and Camera tools and created a screencast of their workspace.

Our 3rd Grade students recently had an exciting opportunity to explore a new tool, Google Vids, which allows them to create video presentations seamlessly blending slides and video creation tools. Students were tasked with selecting a division problem to solve and then demonstrating their reasoning. They began by filming themselves explaining their thought process. Next, they drew a picture to visually represent their explanation and filmed this illustration. Finally, students used voiceovers to explain their thinking with words and equations.



Spotlight on Reading

*"Mrs. Jarrett reads **The Most Boring Book** to Mr. Twilley's 1st Grade Class as her son, Jachin, eagerly looks on!"*



*"Mr. Stewart reads **The Marshmallow Incident** by Judi Barrett to Mr. Twilley's 1st Grade Class—a book his son Oliver picked out!"*

Spotlight on Reading

COLONEL EVANS (Garrison Commander) and Ms. Dawnisha Smith (3rd Grade Teacher)

Experiencing Read Across America Week as a teacher was an absolute joy! Seeing my students' excitement as we celebrated the love of reading made every moment special. I had a blast dressing up as the mouse from *If You Give a Mouse a Cookie*—complete with ears, jeans, and, of course, a cookie necklace and earrings! The kids were thrilled, and their engagement in our read-alouds and literacy activities was priceless. Watching their faces light up as they connected with stories reminded me why I love being an educator. It was a week filled with imagination, laughter, and the magic of books!

-Ms. Smith, 3rd Grade Teacher

Read Across America Week was the best because we got to celebrate reading! Every day, we read fun books and did cool activities, but our favorite part was when my teacher dressed up as the mouse from *If You Give a Mouse a Cookie*! She had big mouse ears, blue jeans, and even a cookie necklace and earrings—it was so funny! When she read the story to us, it felt like the mouse was really in our classroom. We loved seeing our teacher be so silly and fun. It made reading even more exciting, and now we want to read all the *If You Give a…* books! This was the best week ever!

-Third Grade Students

Spotlight on Student Council

Dexter Student Council Kicks Off Exciting Events

The Dexter Student Council wrapped up February with a bang by hosting their first-ever Fun Run. The event saw enthusiastic students starting their school day with a refreshing jog around the track, setting a positive tone for the rest of the day.

In addition to the Fun Run, the council has initiated morning safety patrols. These patrols not only ensure a safe environment but also help student leaders get to know their fellow Dexter Eagles better.

The student leaders have been busy greeting distinguished guests and are planning a series of fun activities for the school community. One of the highlights of the recent events was the Read Across America Book Parade on March 7th, beautifully captured by our talented photographer.

The Student Council meets every other week to brainstorm and plan these exciting ideas. With such a fantastic start to the year, the Dexter Student Council is excited about the upcoming events and activities planned for the rest of the school year. Stay tuned for more updates and join us in making this year memorable!

Spotlight on Ms. Howard

Hello Dexter Eagle Families!

Happy Month of the Military Child! April is designated as the Month of the Military Child, underscoring the important role military children play in the armed forces community. The Month of the Military Child is a time to applaud military families and their children for the daily sacrifices they make and the challenges they overcome. Please be on the lookout for information about school-wide activities that will take place this month as we celebrate our Military Eagles! We have such a great population of students here on this base, especially here at Dexter and I'm honored to work with them and watch them excel each day.

We will begin summative assessments Wednesday, April 21st. Below is a list of a few testing reminders and testing dates for each grade level.

Testing reminders for students and parents:

Make sure to get plenty of rest each night the week of testing.

Eat a healthy breakfast.

Be present and arrive to school on time (**Testing will begin each day at 9:00 AM**).

Be sure to follow all directions during testing.

Don't rush and take your time.

Don't stress and do your best!

Parents talk with your student(s) about testing and its importance, as well as encourage them to do their best.

Spotlight on Ms. Howard

Grade 3:

April 21, 2025 Mathematics Unit 1
April 22, 2025 Mathematics Unit 2
April 23, 2025 Mathematics Unit 3
April 24, 2025 ELA/Literacy Unit 1
April 25, 2025 ELA/Literacy Unit 2

Grades 4 & 5:

April 28, 2025 Mathematics Unit 1
April 29, 2025 Mathematics Unit 2
April 30, 2025 Mathematics Unit 3
May 1, 2025 ELA/Literacy Unit 1
May 2, 2025 ELA/Literacy Unit 2

If you have any questions about the summative assessment, please contact Ms. Howard (Testing Coordinator) at 762-524-6490 or via email at deshaun.howard@dodea.edu

Spotlight on Staff

WELCOME MS. CAMPBELL
SPECIAL EDUCATION AIDE, LIMS

WELCOME MS. ALFARO
SPECIAL EDUCATION AIDE, LIMS

Spotlight on Dexter

Herbert J. Dexter Elementary School

Since its opening in 1969, Dexter Elementary has carried Major Dexter's legacy forward. The school's colors—red, white, and blue—and its Eagle mascot, Herbie, symbolize his courage and bravery. Guided by our commitment to "Excellence in Education for Every Student, Every Day, Everywhere," we strive to create a learning environment that supports each student's academic success and personal growth. Our dedicated staff work collaboratively, ensuring that students are prepared with the skills and tools needed to thrive as future leaders in an advancing technological world. Through a safe and inclusive atmosphere, we empower our students to reach their fullest potential, honoring the spirit of Major Dexter's service and sacrifice.

Our school serves over 337 students from Pre-K through 5th grade, embodying unity in diversity. With 19% of our students receiving special education services, 8.4% participating in the academically advanced program, and 6.3% being multilingual learners, we celebrate the unique strengths and backgrounds each student brings. This diversity enriches our community, fostering an environment where inclusivity and mutual respect thrive. Our commitment is to provide a high-quality, supportive education for every student, empowering them to learn, grow, and succeed together.

Academics: School Goals

Reading –To achieve a school-wide score of at least 7 points above the multi-year average for each year from SY 2023 to SY 2025 prospectively.
Math –To achieve a school-wide score of at least 7 points above the multi-year average for each year from SY 2023 to SY 2025 prospectively.

Academics: School Highlights

- ★ During SY23-24, 74% of 4th grade students scored met/exceed on the College & Career Ready Literacy (Written Expression) Summative Assessment, which is an increase from 57% in SY 22-23.
- ★ During SY23-24, 61% of 4th grade students scored met/exceed on the College & Career Ready Literacy (Knowledge and Language Conventions) Summative Assessment, which is an increase from 51% in SY 22-23.
- ★ During SY23-24, 58% of 4th grade students scored met/exceed on the College & Career Ready Math (Major Content) Summative Assessment, which is an increase from 38% in SY 22-23.

Director's Initiatives

Multitiered Systems of Support—All students receive targeted support in academics and behavior. We intentionally plan for social-emotional learning opportunities. Student support is differentiated based on individual student needs and utilizes a variety of data points.
Teacher Hiring – We are currently 98% staffed and onboarding one staff position.
Universal Pre-Kindergarten (UPK)– We currently offer two full-day UPK classes with a total of 43 students.

Partnerships & Outreach Initiatives

Parents are the heart of our community, offering invaluable support through their active participation in school events, classroom activities, and more. Our dynamic Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) is a cornerstone of our school, dedicated to fostering the well-being of both students and staff. The PTO organizes monthly events that boost our school spirit and show appreciation for everyone who contributes to our school's success. As an administration, we prioritize clear and consistent communication with families. Alongside a comprehensive monthly newsletter, each grade level provides a weekly update to keep families engaged and informed about their children's learning experiences. At Dexter Elementary, we believe we are better together, because together we serve. We celebrate unity in diversity, recognizing that our differences make us stronger and enrich our military-connected community.

---Better Together---

Dr. Courtney Roberson, Principal **Ms. Maureen Barefield, Assistant Principal**

Spotlight on Dexter

DEXTER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

#BETTERTOGETHER

POINTS of PRIDE

STUDENT RECOGNITION, LEADERSHIP AND EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

QUARTERLY AWARD CEREMONIES K-5
FLAG DETAIL HANDLED BY 5TH GRADE STUDENTS
DAILY WDEX NEWS – MORNING NEWS PRESENTED BY STUDENTS
STUDENT COUNCIL
CHORUS CAROLING

MUSIC PERFORMANCES BY GRADE LEVEL
STUDENT CLUBS – STEM, DRAMA, CHORUS, SPELLING BEE, & READING
READING CHALLENGE
MONTH OF THE MILITARY CHILD

CULTURE AND CLIMATE

STUDENT ENGAGEMENT CONFERENCES
KINDNESS CAMPAIGN AND AWARDS
PBIS ACTIVITIES
LUNCH ON THE LAWN
FUN RUNS

GRADE LEVEL PERFORMANCES
CULTURAL DIVERSITY EVENTS (HISPANIC HERITAGE, BLACK HISTORY, WOMEN, VETERANS)
RED RIBBON WEEK
READ ACROSS AMERICA WEEK

CULTURE AND CLIMATE

PTO FAMILY NIGHTS
LITERACY AND MATH NIGHTS
YEARLY TALENT SHOW
PARENT FEEDBACK- POST EVENTS
FALL FESTIVAL
STEM DAY

COMMUNITY OUTREACH FOOD DRIVE
SOAR SCHOOL WIDE INITIATIVE
SCHOOL NEWSLETTER
GRADE LEVEL WEEKLY NEWSLETTERS
FACEBOOK
SCHOOL MARQUEE SIGN

PARTNERSHIPS

PIE (PARTNERS IN EDUCATION)
SLO (STUDENT LIAISON OFFICE)

MFLC (MILITARY FAMILY LIFE COUNSELOR)
PTO (PARENT TEACHER ORGANIZATION)

STAFF RECOGNITION AND COMMUNICATION

EAGLE STAFF MEMBER OF THE MONTH
EAGLE SUPPORT STAFF MEMBER OF THE MONTH

SWAY- WEEKLY COMMUNICATION PORTAL
WEEKLY GRADE LEVEL FOCUSED COLLABORATION

Do you know about Faith Middle?

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FAITH MIDDLE SCHOOL

DODEA SOUTHEAST DISTRICT

FAITH AT A GLANCE

Believe! Achieve! Succeed!

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Options for Students:
AVID, Band, Computer Applications, Creative Thinking, Pathways to Careers, Video Production, Graphic Design, Art, and Physical Education

Leadership Opportunities:
- National Junior Honor Society
- Student Council
- Student Ambassadors

Sports:
- Soccer
- Basketball
- Cheerleading
- Track & Field
- Flag Football
- Cross Country-Placed 2nd in the Muscogee County Championship; Individual placed 4th Overall
- Volleyball- Muscogee County Playoffs Appearances Back to Back Years

Annual School Events:
- Block Party
- Field Day
- Spring Dance

And much more...

Clubs
- E-Games & Chess Club
- Gardening Club
- Chorus
- Strategies for Success
- Drama Club
- LEGO Robotics Team- Best Robot Performance at the Muscogee FLL Challenge
- Math Team- One student advanced to the state Math Counts Competition

High School credit for Algebra I and World Languages

HOME OF THE WARRIOR BEARS

Do you know about Faith Middle?

FAITH MIDDLE SCHOOL

WARRIOR BEAR POINTS OF PRIDE

- Stakeholder support and feedback through PTO and PIE
- Student-engaged conferences with a focus on goal-setting
- Faith was the only school in DoDEA Americas to be recognized as an AVID School of Distinction
- Boys Cross Country Team placed 2nd in the 2024 Muscogee County Middle School Cross Country Championship
- One member of the boys cross country team placed 4th overall in the 2024 Muscogee County Middle School Cross Country Championship
- Faith's newly created Robotics Team won Best Robot Performance at the Muscogee FLL Challenge
- Girls Volleyball advanced to the 2024 Muscogee County Semifinals
- Weekly Resiliency and Well-Being lessons during our What I Need period
- Student Leadership Opportunities: NJHS, Student Council, and Ambassadors

—-Herbert J. Dexter Elementary School—-

EVERY DAY IS A GREAT DAY TO BE AN EAGLE!

School Hours

Regular Schedule–

8:30am-3:15pm

2nd Tuesday of the Month–

Early Release at 2:30pm

Reminders

- Please have your ID card when visiting the school.
- Breakfast Begins at 8:00am and students move to their classrooms at 8:25am.
- If transportation changes needed, please contact your school teacher before 11:00am in email or writing or the front office after 11:00am.

DoDEA/Dexter Mission:

Educate, engage, and empower military connected students to succeed in a dynamic world.

DoDEA/Dexter Vision:

Excellence in Education for Every Student, Everyday, Everywhere.

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