The Eagle's Nest

"Where Our Mission and Vision Take Flight"

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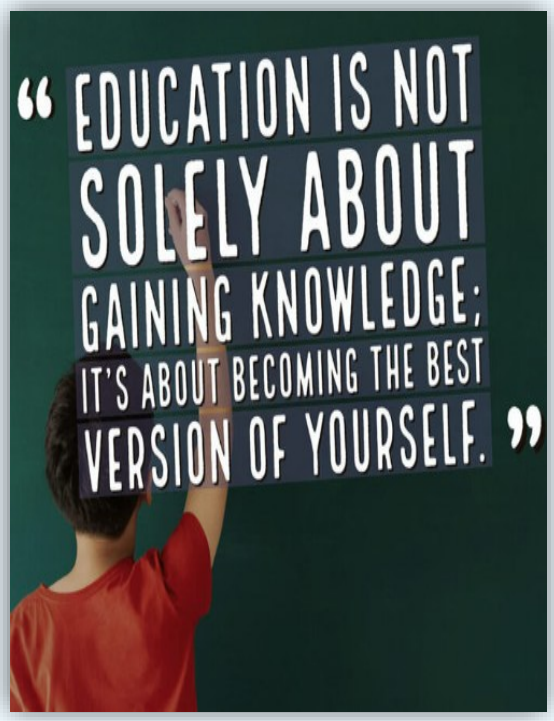
Dear Dexter Family,

May is a time of reflection, celebration, and anticipation as we prepare to close another successful year at Herbert J. Dexter Elementary School. As we approach the end of another remarkable school year, we want to take a moment to express our heartfelt gratitude for your unwavering support and partnership. This year has been filled with growth, learning, and countless achievements, and none of it would have been possible without your dedication and involvement. Our students have shown incredible resilience and enthusiasm while embracing challenges and celebrating successes. It has been a joy to witness their academic milestones and see them flourish in so many ways. Thank you once again for being an integral part of our school community. Every day is a great day to be an Eagle! Soar High, Eagles!

Very Respectfully,

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



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May 9:

Dexter Spirit Day

May 13:

May Kindness Day– Wear a shirt with a kind phrase or multi-colors!

May 14:

May Kind Eagle of the Month Awards (Time: 2:30 PM)

May 15:

5th Grade Awards Day (Time: 10:00 AM)

Pre-K Awards Day (Time: 2:15 PM)

May 16:

Spring C & E Survey Window Ends

Student Talent Show (Time: TBD)

May 19:

Kindergarten Awards Day (Time: 10:00 AM)

May 20:

Second Grade Awards Day (Time: 9:00 AM)

Fourth Grade Awards Day (Time: 2:15 PM)

May 21:

First Grade Awards Day (Time: 2:15 PM)

Third Grade Awards Day (Time: 10:00 AM)

May 22:

Last Day of School!

Spotlight on Educational Technology

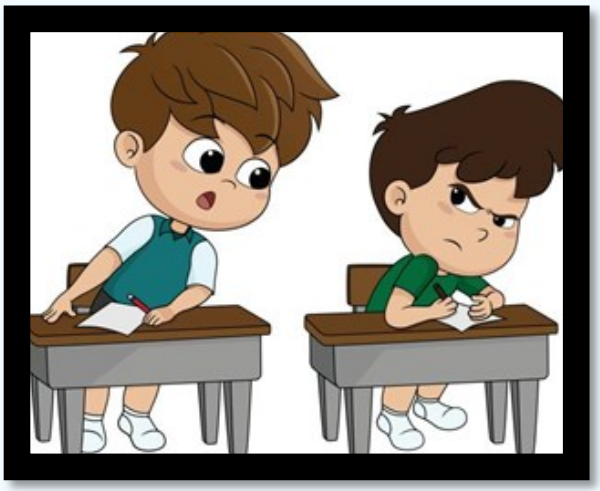
With Ms. Showalter

Digital Citizenship: Citing Creative Sources

Children's creativity is enhanced by everyday electronic devices, allowing them to write, upload content, take photos, record videos, and create art. It's easy to share creations online and reach a wide audience, and people naturally want recognition for their original works.

Giving credit to the original creator is good digital citizenship, and not just for student research projects. Plagiarism occurs when you use someone's work or idea and claim it as your own. Copying and pasting text, images, videos, or any other creations without giving credit is plagiarism. However, using a photo in a school presentation is considered "fair use" and only requires giving credit.

It's important to teach children to respect the ownership of creative works, even in digital spaces like social media. Ask them, "How would you feel if someone pretended your work was theirs?" Citing sources and giving credit for online photos, videos, and other creative works shows respect for the original creator. Additionally, sharing content with proper citations can help your favorite creators grow their fanbase, leading to more content for you to enjoy in the future.



Spotlight on Ms. Howard

What an amazing school year this has been! I truly enjoyed working with our awesome Dexter Eagles. I have watched many of them come out of their shells and grow academically and socially since the beginning of the school year. I also would like to wish our 5th graders good luck as they enter the world of middle school in the fall. They have worked hard this year, and I know you as their parents, and their teachers, have prepared them for their next educational journey.

For the students that will be PCSing over the summer, you will be missed at Dexter, and I wish you nothing but greatness at your new school.

Testing this past month has been very intense and I want to thank the students and teachers for pushing through and for being so flexible. We are almost at the finish line!

Though school will be out for summer, be sure to keep your little one's brains and bodies active. There are several full and half-day camps happening in the surrounding area this summer. You can also do crafts, DIY projects and various activities at home.

I wish everyone a great and safe summer!

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me via-email at deshaun.howard@dodea.edu or call at 762-524-6490.

Spotlight on Dexter

We are excited to announce the creation of a centralized email address for the front office! Moving forward, any inquiries, transportation changes, or attendance excuses can be sent to DexterOffice@Dodea.edu

This new system will ensure that time sensitive updates are seen as soon as possible by a member of our front office team and will prevent missed correspondence if a staff member is out of office.

Spring 2025 Parent Communciation & Engagement Survey

April 28th - May 16th

The Southeast District is dedicated to continuous improvement and highly values your feedback. To better understand what's working well and identify areas for enhancement, we are seeking your input. Please take a moment to complete our survey. Thank you for partnering with us in our improvement journey!

Scan the QR code to participate.

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**

Do you know about Faith Middle?

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FAITH AT A GLANCE

Believe! Achieve! Succeed!

Faith MS DoDEA Website

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Faith MS Facebook Page

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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—-

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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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