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Duval Early Learning Academy

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From the Desk of the Principal, Christiana Robbins

Greetings Duval Families,

It is hard to believe that we have been in school for a little over a month now! We are already half-way through the first nine weeks period, which means that students will be receiving Interim/Progress reports if they are in Kindergarten (progress reports for Pre-K students will be available at the end of the nine weeks period). Interim/progress reports will be available in Skyward Family Access on Tuesday, October 6th. Please be sure to review your child's progress report and set up a conference with your child's teacher if there are concerns. We want to ensure that each student is making adequate progress this year so that they will be ready for first grade by the end of the school year.

Aside from reviewing progress reports, please be sure to be on the look out for tests each week. Kindergarten students take tests and quizzes each week so that we can monitor their progress in all academic areas. Teachers will be sending tests home after they are graded. Please contact your child's teacher if you do not see tests in their folders beginning this week. If you are the parent of a Digital Academy student, you should have access to your child's test and quiz scores in Canvas. Please contact your child's teacher for information regarding this.

I look forward to a great school year! Thank you for all you do in helping us keep your children safe during this pandemic. Thank you for all of your positivity!

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me via telephone or via email at robbincl@gm.sbac.edu.

~ Ms. Robbins

The One Mill at Duval Early Learning Academy

- The One Mill is a renewal, NOT a tax increase
- The One Mill funds computers/laptops & other technology
- The One Mill guarantees there will be funding for a nurse at every school for the next four years
- At Duval ELA, the One Mill helps fund the salaries of four teachers, including:
 - ✓ Counselor
 - ✓ Music & Art teachers
 - ✓ Librarian



The One Mill is up for renewal on the 2020 ballot. For more information, visit https://fl02219191.schoolwires.net/Page/30131. Then register and VOTE!

Important Dates

October 6th

Interim/Progress Reports
Go Home

October 30th

PBIS Event

November 6th

No School

November 11th

No School

November 12th

Reports Cards Go Home

Reminders

Breakfast

7:10 - 7:40 daily

School Hours

M, **T**, **Th**, **F**: 7:40 AM – 1:37 PM **W**: 7:40 AM – 12:22 PM

Late Arrivals

Students who are tardy to school (arriving after 7:40 AM) must be signed in at the front office. School staff will walk your child to class.

Sign-In & Check Out

Checking students out prior to dismissal time is highly discouraged. We ask that you check students out no later than 1:10 on M, T, Th & F and no later than 12 noon on Wednesday.

SCHOOL COUNSELOR/

All About Me:

Hello! My name is Shalante James-Woodley (Mrs. James) and I am your new School Counselor. I'm so excited for a successful school year here at Duval! I graduated from UF and have worked for several years as a Counselor. Some of my favorite things to do as a counselor are conduct play therapy and art therapy. I love being able to help students through whatever they're having a hard time with. A little about me personally: I enjoy traveling, football, and fall weather. I've traveled to 10 countries so far and my favorite football team is the Gators!

Things you might visit me for:

While students can visit me if they just need someone to talk to, the following are common reasons for coming to counseling:

- Grief/losing someone
- Sadness
- Anger
- Problems with friends/family
- Social Skills
- Self-esteem/confidence building

How to contact me*:

Email: <u>jameswoodleysa@gm.sbac.edu</u> Phone: 352-955-6703, ext. 2108

*Teachers on campus can also refer students in person or by completing a referral form (found in the mailroom).

School Social Worker - Randi Hutchinson, MSW

Greetings Parents and Guardians,



I am fortunate to be here at Duval for my second year as a school social worker this year. My time will be shared between Duval and two other schools each week. I will serve Duval every Tuesday and Wednesday. My role includes the following:

- Providing individual and small group counseling
- Assisting families with basic needs resources.
- Connecting with families when needed to support our students

If anyone would like to learn more about services, or would like to meet with me, please email me at hutchinsonc@gm.sbac.edu or stop by the front office and ask for Randi Hutchinson. As well, service referral forms can be retrieved from the front office. I look forward to our time together this school year!

Assistant Principal Corner Robin Bourg

Happy October!! It is hard to believe that we have already been in school for 5 weeks. So much has been happening with both Brick and Mortar and Digital Academy students. We have been very busy this year with taking our baseline assessments in reading and math. These assessments give us the data we need to best instruct our students. Your child's teacher will have the results to these assessments, and will share them during your teacher, parent conference. If you have any questions, please feel free to call me.

Hello and welcome to Duval Early Learning Academy. We are so glad that you are here! My name is Debbie Nichols and I am the Title I Lead Teacher and Intervention Instruction Coach (IIC) for Duval. My office is located in room 01-027. This is also called the Parent Resource Room.

Title I, Part A is a federal grant program designed to give educational assistance to ensure that all children meet our student achievement standards. Title I is dedicated to involving home and school, working together, to improve the educational opportunities for all students by helping them, succeed in the regular program, attain grade-level proficiency and improve academic achievement. When schools work together with families to support learning, children are better prepared for success both in and out of the classrooms.

Duval has requirements and steps in place for involving parents of Title I students to partner with their school in an effort to increase student achievement. At Duval, we are committed to working with you to increase student academic achievement by building capacity and increasing parent involvement. Please feel free to call me at 352-955-6703 or email me at nicholsdl@gm.sbac.edu regarding how we might assist you in your child's education. You will be hearing from me throughout the year regarding availability of resources and opportunities for you to engage with us. I am looking forward to partnering with you in this endeavor!!