

D. A. T. E. ACADEMY NEWS

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Dear Students and Parents,

You are a few days away from spring break — a time many of you will want to escape to warmer climates and a more relaxed environment — a welcome change from the unpredictable weather and cold spells we've been experiencing this winter and a chance to take a much-deserved break from your classes, homework, and even weekend studying.

Over the next week, it is important that you treat

yourself to a little fun, kick back.

Whether you spend your spring break with family at home, on a trip with your family, or with friends playing in the neighborhood, I want you to return happy and ready for the remainder of the spring semester and get ready for testing, if you are in grades 3-8.

Remember to do a little reading just to stay alert!

Go have some fun and remember to take time to be thankful.

Happy Spring Break,

Dr. Maury L. Wills, C.E.O.



Office Hours

Dr. Wills

Monday 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Dr. Wilson

Tuesday 8:00 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Dr. McCladdie

Tues-Thurs 3:30 p.m.-5:00 p.m.

Principal Thomas

Monday 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Dr. Taylor

Tuesday 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.



MILESTONE TIPS FOR PARENTS

These are a few things you can do to help your children be as successful as possible on the Milestones.

- **Make sure your children get a good night's sleep each night before testing.**
- **A good breakfast is very important - Feed the Brain!**
- The Bell rings at 7:30. Testing begins at 7:45. Get them to school on time. When students are late or rush in at the last minute, it is hard to get calm and focused for testing.
- School will supply the #2 number pencils.
- Mechanical pencils are not allowed.

Milestones runs from April 10- April 23

Dr. Edward Wilson
Middle School Principal



- If you must schedule appointments; schedule them for afternoon so that students do not miss testing.
- Students who test in their own classrooms and at the normal testing time are more likely to perform up to their full capabilities.
- Help your children stay relaxed. Some students suffer from test anxiety, but feel reassured when we stay calm and tell them we have faith in them and know they will do their best.



BETA—SPECIAL OLYMPICS



PTO CORNER

Look at what's SPRINGing up at Dekalb Academy of Technology and Environment!



PARIS in Springtime – 2018 2nd Annual Silent Auction and Family Fun Night

Saturday, April 21st from 6:00pm – 8:30pm

Come out and enjoy an evening jam session with entertainment for the entire family. There will be a kid's zone with fun activities and games as well as

refreshments. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for students 15 and under.

Please visit the PTO Store at www.dekalbacademy.org to purchase tickets online, at the PTO Office, front desk, or scheduled sales after school. This event is not only to support the school but to come together as a community of family and friends. There will be great items to bid on such as a hotel stay, museum tickets, vacation certificates, and grade level baskets to name a few. For more information please contact committee members at DATEPTOAuction@gmail.com.

tion@gmail.com. Hope to see you there!

As always, thank you to all parents for all you do. "A strong PTO represents parent involvement and parent involvement represents student success."

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at pto@dateacademy.org

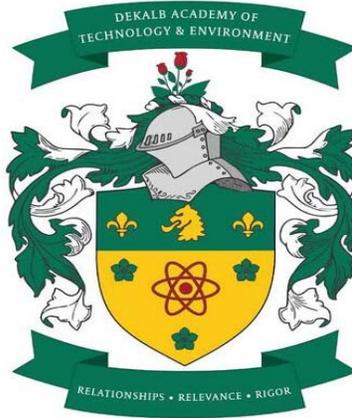
Thank You,
Nicole Lundie
PTO President

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"Beginning, Developing, Proficient, & Distinguished Learners"

GEORGIA MILESTONES TIME!!!

It's almost time.....for the GA Milestones. The students are being prepared and now it's time to prepare our parents.

Students are scored using four achievement levels. The achievement levels of the Georgia Milestone Assessment System include: Beginning Learner, Developing Learner, Proficient Learner, and Distinguished Learner. Per the Georgia Department of Education, the following is the general policy ALDs for the Georgia Milestones Assessment System.

- **Beginning Learners** do not yet demonstrate proficiency in the knowledge and skills necessary at this grade level and content area of learning, as specified in Georgia's content standards. The students need substantial academic support to be prepared for the next grade

level and to be on track for college and career readiness.

- **Developing Learners** demonstrate partial proficiency in the knowledge and skills necessary at this grade level and content area of learning, as specified in Georgia's content standards. The students need additional academic support to ensure success in the next grade level and to be on track for college and career readiness.
- **Proficient Learners** demonstrate proficiency in the knowledge and skills necessary at this grade level and content area of learning, as specified in Georgia's content standards. The students are prepared for the next grade level and are on track for college and career readiness.

- **Distinguished Learners** demonstrate advanced proficiency in the knowledge and skills necessary at this grade level and content area of learning, as specified in Georgia's content standards. The students are well prepared for the next grade level and are well prepared for college and career readiness.

Students in grades 3 and 4, should know these achievement levels. We have incorporated them into our classroom discussions and daily instruction.

Some classes have created learning goals that include these descriptors.

Take a moment to review these levels with your student.

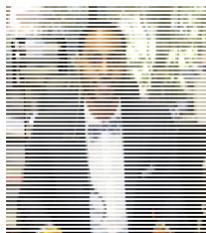
Lets encourage our students to reach the DISTINGUISHED level!



Spring Clean Up Day

Last Saturday, members of the D.A.T.E. family participated in a beautification of the grounds and school building. These wonderful volunteers helped to spruce up the school by picking up trash, laying down speed bumps, cutting tree limbs, and remove various eye sores. This event supports the Environmental Committee initiative to make the school cleaner and greener with beautification activities.

Henry McCladdie,
Ed. D
Dean of Students



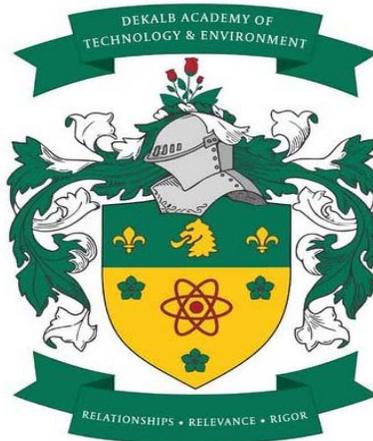
DR. MCCLADDIE'S NOTES

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*“What’s your Strategy? Don’t plagiarize!
Use citations.”*

INFORMATION LITERACY

What is Information Literacy?

Information literacy includes the ability to identify, find, evaluate, and use information effectively. From effective search strategies to evaluation techniques, students learn how to evaluate the quality, credibility, and validity of websites, and give proper credit. Information Literacy has also been referred to as digital literacy or media literacy. Regardless of the terminology, be it digital literacy or media literacy, having information literacy skills are the fundamentals to thrive in a digital space.

What to Know

Today’s digital landscape offers young people unprecedented access to tools and resources for learning. The information that kids encounter, however, is not always accurate or high-quality. Foundational information and digital literacy skills, such as conducting strategic online searches, judging the legitimacy of online sources, sifting out misinformation, and recognizing advertising, can help set kids up for success as lifelong learners. For example, kids can

legitimacy of online sources, sifting out misinformation, and recognizing advertising, can help set kids up for success as lifelong learners. For example, kids can learn to search effectively and efficiently with the right kinds of keywords. They also can learn that sponsored links (which commonly appear at the top of the search result list) are forms of ads and therefore not always the best resources. When young people also get in the habit of checking out an author’s credibility or bias, questioning whether a photo has been digitally altered, or cross-referencing sources, they can avoid being misinformed or duped.

Help your students ...

- learn effective techniques for evaluating the quality and credibility of websites.
- think critically about the intentions of commercial websites and advertising.
- apply different search strategies to increase the accuracy and relevance of online search results.

Too often, students who are looking for information online— particularly for their schoolwork — conduct an oversimplified search that leads to millions of results. With a sea of information at their fingertips, it is crucial for young people to think about how they search and what they find online. As a teacher, you can help your students develop strategies for uncovering accurate, relevant, and quality information — whether conducting online research for school projects or exploring their personal interests.

Charles B. Allen
Director of Technology



MARCH / APRIL 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
25 Palm Sunday	26	27 6:30pm Board of Directors meeting	28 Safety Patrol	29 PAC Lil Miss Sunshine	30 Good Friday Dress Down	31
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Schedule of Events

- **3/27—Board of Directors Meeting**
- **3/28—Safety Patrol @ 6:45am**
- **3/29—P.A.C. @ 3:30pm Lil Miss Sunshine @ 3:30**
- **3/30—Dress Down**
- **4/2—4/6 Spring Break**
- **4/10—4/25 Milestones**
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Greetings everyone,

I hope that everyone has had an opportunity to see the flyer for the S.T.E.A.M. Summer Camp going around by now. We are so excited about the fun activities the students will be engaged with during this year's camp. The discount date is being extended until April 15th especially for D.A.T.E students.

Registration is open to up and coming 4th - 9th graders. Please go to the www.dateacademy.org today and register your child. One of our field trips will include tree climbing and ziplining. You don't want to miss out on the fun. I am looking forward to seeing you.

Please email me at nshillingford@dateacademy.org with any additional questions you may have. I will be happy to assist you.

S.T.E.M. TEAM MEMBERS

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| Charles Petty | Amari Williams |
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