

# WELCOME TO DUBOSE MIDDLE SCHOOL

## Wildcats- Showing our PRIDE!



Preparation  
Respect  
Initiative  
Diligence  
Efficiency

### Our Mission

The mission of DuBose Middle School is to provide a safe and supportive environment where ALL students can learn at their highest level

### Our Vision

The vision of DuBose Middle School is to provide each of our students a "world class" education through rigorous and relevant learning so that ALL students can reach their full potential.

## PRINCIPAL'S NOTE

In a year like no other, we have had our faculty, parents, and students step up like no other year. Despite the masks, plexiglass, and social distancing, we have had a fantastic year with many successes and celebrations. Through all of our challenges, we have continued focusing on our DMS Four Pillars of Success:

- 1) STEM
- 2) Literacy
- 3) Community Building, and
- 4) Health and Wellness.

Next school year, we hope to bring some normalcy back to the Den. When this occurs, I invite you to come back into the school to experience each of these focuses first hand. Community and parent involvement are very important at DuBose. We want you as parents/guardians to be involved in your child's education. One easy way for parents to get involved is by volunteering at our school. We want to have our classrooms and front office overflowing with volunteers! There is nothing more important than your child's education, so we invite you to play an active role in every aspect of it. Strong communities build strong schools! If you had a chance to visit us this year for any of our events, thank you and we appreciate your support! If you have not yet had the chance, let me invite you to be part of the bevy of events that occur here at DuBose. Thank you and we look forward to seeing you at DMS soon!

# School Improvement Council 2020-2021 Members

## Parents

Carolyn Murray  
Susan High

## Ex-Officio/Faculty/Community

Ted Brinkley (tbrinkley@dorchester2.k12.sc.us)  
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Rebecca Stacey

## Community

**Marilyn Kaple, chairman**  
Vicky Duckworth

## DuBose Enrollment

Male - 53%      Female - 47%  
Caucasian - 65%      African American - 24%  
Hispanic - 7%      Other - 4%  
Total number of students—1152  
**WILDCATS - 100%**

## School History

DuBose Middle School opened its doors in January of 1986 after being housed at Alston Middle School for the first part of the 1985-1986 school year. The school is named for former Dorchester School District Two Superintendent Charles B. DuBose Jr. Mr. Anthony Lemon was the first principal at DuBose Middle School. Ted Brinkley is the 8th Principal, having served first as teacher and then Assistant Principal at DuBose.

## Faculty PRIDE

### Sarah Dean

Teacher of the Year

### Emily Etheridge

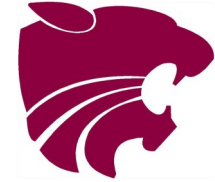
Rookie Teacher of the Year

### April Grooms

Star Performer of the Year

# Charles B. DuBose Jr. Middle School

2020



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## Dorchester School District 2



## School Improvement Council's Annual Report To Parents

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### Principal

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# Wildcat P.R.I.D.E.

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## Points of PRIDE

### Health & Wellness Initiatives

- ◆ Social Fitnessing
- ◆ Vegetable of the Week
- ◆ Boeing Health and Wellness School Initiative
- ◆ Weekly articles for teachers

### AFCEA ( Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association ) Grant Winner

Ms. Jessica Kalman won a grant to receive a weather station for her sixth grade science class.

### Katie's Krops

We are now a flagship garden for Katie's Krops. This spring we completely we completely rebuilt and replenished our garden, adding eight beds for a total of 22.

### PTSA Officers

Kara Greer – President    Erica Faske – Vice President  
Christina Harper – Tread.    Laurie Cook - Secretary

### Band

Despite the obstacles of this school year, band students played in class all year. They followed scientifically-backed and research-based protocol for performing safely on wind and percussion instruments safely during COVID19. Band students demonstrated immense progress on their instruments and progressed as they would during a normal school year.

### Engaging Creative Minds

ELA teachers partnered with Engaging Creative Minds, with the focus being studying poetry through dance.

## Math Counts—National Math Competition

- ◆ Paxton Elrod—Chapter Invitational

### Virtual Academy

This year, 7<sup>th</sup> grade virtual academy teachers delivered a goody bag and certificate to a student's house each week for being outstanding in their classes. They also raised over \$1000 for Project Student Lift Up before holiday break where they spent an entire day hand delivering holiday cards and Papa John's gift cards for all 130 students on their team.

### Spelling Bee Winners

1<sup>st</sup> – Grayson Johnson  
2<sup>nd</sup> – Kaydence Ciaccia  
3<sup>rd</sup> – Audrey Slater  
4<sup>th</sup> – Gabe Dorris  
5<sup>th</sup> – Luke Cullinan  
Alternate – Anna Claire Cuthbert

### STEM Club

Weekly meetings with weekly STEM activities, Katie's Krops Garden , and Relay for Life fundraisers

### Renovated Media Center

While the DMS Media Center was physically closed for the 20-21 school year due to Covid-19 restrictions and major renovations, students learned how to utilize the DD2 Online Sora eBook and audiobook catalog. Promotional book talks and videos were shared with students to encourage reading for pleasure. A March Book Madness tournament of books nominated by students was held during March. A virtual book club was also created for the first time for all grade levels.

### SIC Goals/Activities

The DMS SIC's main objective is to support the school's goals and help create a positive environment of continuous improvement. The Council also serves as a review and sounding board for administration and our school community. SIC efforts this year focused on STEM, Literacy, Community, and Health and Wellness.

### Financial Literacy Student Wins

#### Color the Concepts

Addison Key for being named one of the 16 winners for the Color the Concepts Calendar Contest sponsored by the SC Council on Economic Education. Students in grades K-8 were challenged with illustrating one of ten concepts which are outlined in the South Carolina Social Studies Standards.

## The Sunshine Committee—Teachers Bringing Happiness to Our School

“You've Been . . .” – The committee organized a monthly small gift exchange for all teachers, staff, and administrators. “Wake-up Wildcats!” weekly video – Teachers and students co-created a weekly video to inspire positivity at the start of each week.

“Tireless Teacher” – Teachers submit a poem to the committee, nominating a “tireless” teacher.

“Survival Kits” – The committee created “Survival Bags” for all teachers, administrators, and staff when the district returned to Face-to-Face instruction.

“Students of the Week” – The committee hosts this award, asking each team of teachers to nominate “Students of the Week.”

“Student Happy Cart” – The committee asked administrators to roll a cart around during Community Time, featuring snacks and hat passes for Students of the Week.

Teacher Happy Cart” – The committee asked administrators to roll a cart around, featuring fruit, snacks, and waters.

“Welcome Back” – The committee hosted a “Welcome Back party” for the students, featuring posters, music, and hallway or on-camera smiles every time the district transitioned from one learning model (e-learning to hybrid, for example) to another.

“We love our Counselors!” – The committee delivered flowers, candy, and a card to the counselors during “Counselor's Week.”

“Thank You Notes” – The committee led teachers in encouraging students to write notes of thankfulness to the administration team. The teachers then surprised the administrative team by placing the sticky notes on the administrator's door.

“Sunshine on the Hour” – The committee showered the administrators with a small gift each hour from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. in March as a surprise and thank you for being amazing administrators.

“Spreading Sunshine” – The committee reaches out to members of the DMS family who are experiencing, loss, grief, or sadness with a meal, flowers, card, etc.

### Grants Awarded for Business Department

W!se- 1200- to cover the cost of the W!se pre-test and Certification Test

Testout IT Pro- 3700- Covers the cost of access to the program to include materials, lab simulations and final Certification test.

Testout- Microsoft Office Pro-900- Covers the cost of access to the program to include materials, lab simulations and final Certification test.