Greetings Dexter Families,

As the school year draws to a close, please partner with us in reviewing behavior expectations and routines with your student. In general, warmer weather and summer excitement usually brings about the need to revisit these items. Thank you for your support!

On Wednesday, May 12, we celebrated National School Nurse Day. The theme for School Nurse Day was “Championing the Whole Student.” If you have spent any time with Nurse Lynn, then I am certain that you are keenly aware of her whole student/whole family approach. Nurse Lynn has been a vigilant and indispensable member of our Health and Safety Committee during the COVID-19 Pandemic. We thank her for her expertise and for ensuring the safety of our faculty and students during this very unique year!

Until next time...

Principal Dunn
A Note from Nurse Lynn

Well... we are getting close to the finish line for school year 2020-2021. I really cannot believe we have less than four weeks to go!!!!

Our Dexter kiddos have rocked this year. They all have done such a phenomenal job in dealing with all of changes in their lives since March of 2020. I know I speak for all the teachers and staff at Dexter when I say how proud we are of every one of our Dexter Eagles!!!

I want to wish you all a summer full of fun! Enjoy the well-deserved summer break...I know that is my plan!

Before I sign off you know I have to say something about safety and health... I am Nurse Lynn and that is just how I roll. Please continue to make good choices over the summer so you can stay safe and healthy.

Even though I am really excited about summer break ... I am truly looking forward to an awesome 2021-2022!

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at 706-545-7770. Like the other teachers at Dexter I will not be at the school this summer, but the office can reach me if needed. The Dexter office number is 706-545-3424.

Warmest Regards,

Lynn Swinford, BSN RN

Dexter School Nurse
Counselor

These last few weeks have been extremely busy for our Dexter Eagles. I’m so proud of all our students for completing the summative assessments, working hard and trying their very best. Prior to testing, the students were prepped by their awesome teachers and encouraged daily by the staff here at Dexter. A special thank you to our parents for sending our students to school on time and making sure they were prepared as well during testing.

The end of the school year is approaching which is a time of many transitions; whether it PCSing or moving on to the next grade. Our students have endured a lot of change this past school year: coping with COVID-19, remote learning, deployment, etc. If you have any concerns or would like for me to speak with you or your child about ways to cope with transitioning, please feel free to contact me and I will be glad to help.

Military and Family Life Counseling (MFLC)

Military and Family Life Counseling (MFLC) provides brief solution-based, non-medical counseling in person or via telehealth (virtual). Please feel free to contact the Dexter MFLC at 706.969.9859 to schedule an appointment.
Technology Tips from Ms. Showalter

**Why Learn Keyboarding?**

With all the speech to text tools out there, “Why learn keyboarding?” is a valid question to ask. However, speech to text tools are not 100% accurate (yet) and need a lot of proofreading when you are finished. If your student is interested in being a programmer, they will need those keyboarding skills to write logic statements that do not translate well into spoken text with all their brackets and symbols.

But if you need more reasons to learn proper keyboarding here are a few:

**Getting Things Done Faster**

Students who study keyboarding can get their homework, tests, and assignments done faster which means more time for fun!

**Online Classwork**

Blogs, Wikis, discussion boards, comments, writing papers and presentations and other class activities all require you to use a keyboard.

**Timed Tests/Quizzes**

Some online tests are timed and knowing how to type properly will help ensure that you get all your ideas down in time!

**Talking to Friends and Family**

Good typing skills mean it’s easier to text and email family and friends. It also helps when coordinating in chat boxes during online games!
Dexter students can practice their typing skills in Edutyping, our school typing program which is accessible through Clever.

Math Tips from Ms. Rodriguez

Securely Held Standards for Mathematics

Securely held standards, or SHK, are content standards that are learned in one grade level and applied in a deeper way in the next grade level. Start off the new school year strong by reviewing the SHK standards learned this year that will be built upon in the fall. Below I have listed the SHK standards students will need to be successful for Unit 1 at the start of next school year.

For upcoming First Graders:

K.CC.2: Count forward beginning from a given number within the known sequence (instead of having to begin at 1).

K.CC.3: Write numbers from 0 – 20. Represent a number of objects with a written numeral 0 – 20.

K.OA.2: Solve addition and subtraction word problems, and add and subtract within 10.

K.OA.3: Decompose numbers less than or equal to 10 into pairs in more than one way.

K.OA.5: Fluently add and subtract within 5.

For upcoming Second Graders:

1.OA.1: Use addition and subtraction within 20 to solve word problems.

1.OA.6: Add and subtract within 20 demonstrating fluency for addition and subtraction within 10 using a variety of strategies.
1.OA.7: Understand the meaning of the equal sign and determine if equations involving addition and subtraction are true or false.

For upcoming Third Graders:

2.OA.1: Use addition and subtraction within 100 to solve one- and two step word problems.

2.NBT.1: Understand that the three digits of a three-digit number represent amounts of hundreds, tens, and ones.

2.NBT.3: Read and write numbers to 1,000 using base-ten numerals, number names, and expanded form.

2.NBT.5: Fluently add and subtract within 100 using strategies based on place value, properties of operations and or relationship between addition and subtraction.

2.NBT.7: Add and subtract within 1,000 using concrete models or drawing based on a variety of strategies.

For upcoming Fourth Graders:

3.OA.7: Fluently multiply and divide within 100, using strategies such as the relationship between multiplication and division.

3.NBT.1: Use place value understanding to round whole numbers to the nearest 10 or 100.

3.NBT.2: Fluently add and subtract within 1,000 using strategies and algorithms based on place value, properties of operations, and/or the relationship between addition and subtraction.

3.OA.9: Identify arithmetic patterns and explain them using properties of operations.

For upcoming Fifth Graders:

4.NBT.1: Recognize that in a multi-digit whole number, a digit in one place represents ten times what it represents in the place to its right.
4.NBT.5: Multiply a whole number up to four digits by a one-digit whole number, and multiply two two-digit numbers using strategies based on place value and the properties of operations.

4.NBT.6: Find whole-number quotients and remainders with up to four-digit dividends and one-digit divisors, using strategies based on place value, the properties of operations, and/or the relationship between multiplication and division.

Reading with Ms. Wilson and Ms. Gathers

We know you are excited summer is almost here, we are too, but we should continue to read daily through the summer months. Reading is meant to be fun. You can read while riding in the car, sitting beside the pool, or even aloud to someone. You can read books online or check out books from the Post Library. There are children’s magazines to subscribe to and comic books to read. And don’t forget you can also listen to books being read aloud. Please continue to read and discuss what you have read while enjoying your summer break.

STEM and Gifted Education with Ms. Hardy

Last week there were two different exciting STEM activities for our students to enjoy. As a celebration of the Month of the Military Child, our students built their own kites and flew them during one of their special classes (STEM, Art, PE, Music, or Media).

Another STEM project we completed this week involved creating a “Light Up LED Card” using copper wire, a coin battery, and a 5mm LED light bulb. Students will be bringing this handmade card home soon, so please make sure that small children are not
allowed to handle the card. The small coin battery and the LED bulb could be a choking hazard for little ones! Students cannot wait to show you how they made the circuit path light up their special cards!

News from the AAPS Program (Advanced Academics Programs and Services)

Congratulations to Zoey Wilson and Thomas McManus in Mrs. Jones’ fourth grade class! Their team, The Winning Wolves, has won first place in The Stock Market Game™ program for congressional district 2. This team has been invited to join a virtual “Stock Market Game Celebration” along with their parents and teachers on May 11th. We are so proud of all of our students who took on the challenge of learning about investing at such a young age!
Young Authors in Our School

Did you know that we have many aspiring young authors in our school? AAPS students in grades 1 – 5 are working on a novel idea for self-publication. We cannot wait to see the completed novels this May/June as we share our books in a “Young Authors Celebration.”

Upcoming Events

• May 19th: Kindness Day - Wear your favorite Kindness Shirt (uplifting words, kindness slogans, etc.)

• May 21: 1st Annual Dexter LIVE Talent Showcase Audition Videos Due (See attached flyer for details)

• May 31: No School - Memorial Day

• June 8: Last Day for Pre-K

• June 9: Last Day for Classes - Early Release

• June 10: Teacher Work Day - Report Card Prep (No Students)
Dear Dexter Students & Families,

We are excited to announce the **1st Annual Dexter LIVE Talent Showcase**! Students will perform **ON STAGE** at Dexter and the showcase will be streaming live to our classrooms.

Showcase date is TBA (it will be near the end of the year) but audition videos can be submitted until Friday, May 21.

We are looking for talented singers, dancers, actors, comedians, gymnasts, instrumentalists, athletes, comedians, magicians, artists, and any other act you can think of to make our show outstanding! Any Dexter student may participate. Let your creativity shine!

Here are the guidelines & process:

- Parents must give permission for students to participate in the show and to be on Facebook/YouTube. Complete form here: [Permission Form](#).
- All songs, lyrics, dances, acts, costumes, etc. MUST be school appropriate!
- Acts may be no longer than 1 ½ minutes.
- Auditions will be by video. Videos must be submitted by Friday, May 21 and may be texted or emailed to Ms. Bocanegra @ 256-702-2772 OR [alison.bocanegra@student.dodea.edu](mailto:alison.bocanegra@student.dodea.edu).
- Students may perform in a group with other students in any grade level OR alone.

If you need help selecting music or have any questions at all, please message Ms. Bocanegra. I can’t wait to see your talents!

Thank you!
Ms. Bocanegra

[alison.bocanegra@dodea.edu](mailto:alison.bocanegra@dodea.edu)
Need Special Services for your children?

Do you live on post and suspect your child has a disability in the areas of academics, social, emotional, physical, speech/language, and/or cognitive development?

Please contact:

Educational and Developmental Intervention Services (EDIS) - if you have a child aged 0-3 with concerns in these areas.  
Phone: 706-545-3835

DODEA GA/AL Schools Student Services – if you have a child aged 3-6 who is not currently enrolled in school with concerns in these areas.  
Phone: 706-545-7276