



Early Dismissal: March 13
starts at 12:45

Planning Day, March 15
No School

Spring Break- March 18-
22, 2024 No School

JAAMS

Weekly Parent Communication

Quarter 3 #8 March 1-8, 2024



Five Essentials Parent Survey

The survey will be open from Tuesday, February 13 through March 15, 2024.

<https://survey.5-essentials.org/duval/survey/parent/login/>

Please take the time to complete the survey.



District Spelling Bee

Kayel Amaram in Mrs. Lorraine Myers Class did a great job of representing Axson this week at the DCPS Spelling Bee.



Dear current Axson Families

Please join us in supporting the Kowkabany's, Dugans, and the Hughes families as they coordinate donations for Wolfson Children's Hospital's Childlife Department to honor the memory of former Axson student, Vivian Kowkabany. **This is our 14th year of donating to support children in our community** who are undergoing treatment at Wolfson.

Donation barrels will be placed near Ms. Isabelle Queniat's and Ms. Shannon Simon's classrooms, as well as in the front office area.

Toys and crafts are distributed to patients, especially those who require longer stays, or are used as much-needed distractions from a variety of treatments and procedures. Patients typically range in age from newborn to older teens. A list of some general guidelines and suggested/preferred items for different ages is attached.

This year's deadline to donate is Tuesday, March 5th.





<https://getfortifyfl.com/>

FortifyFL is a suspicious activity reporting tool that allows you to instantly relay information to appropriate law enforcement agencies and school officials. Anyone can use this tool. You are welcome to add this to your phone. It is also posted on our website.




PTA News

Join PTA: You can join PTA by visiting <https://axson.memberhub.com/store>

YEARBOOK

Pre-Order the 23-24 Yearbooks Now Online
Online Ordering Only
BuyTheYearbook.com
School ID#: 716729
\$21 until 4/30/24



5th Grade Ads For Sale

Ads are available for purchase for 5th grade students only; one ad per student at BuyTheYearbook.com.
1/2 page \$65
1/4 page \$35
Submission Deadline: 2/14/24

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CISV is a global non-profit organization dedicated to educating and inspiring action for a more just and peaceful world. In over 60 years, CISV has given countless young people the experience of their lives and the opportunity to build lasting friendships through international educational programs. Please see the flier for 2024 program locations and ages and visit cisvjax.org for more information.

Summer Camp information for 4th-6th Grade attached.



Spirit Rock Guidelines and Rental Agreement Link Below

[Microsoft Word - JAA Spirit Rock Guidelines and Rental Agreement updated 3-9-23 \(duvalschools.org\)](https://duvalschools.org)

To reserve the JAA Spirit Rock, please see Gina Allmond, School Bookkeeper, between 8:30am and 3:30pm. She can also be reached at allmondg@duvalschools.org or by calling 992-3600 option 3. If you take a pic of your child with the Spirit Rock, you are welcome to send it to me for my Weekly Parent Communication. vanhoyc@duvalschools.org



Happy 5th Birthday, Mark



Happy 7 Birthday, Luciana



Cecilia & Amy



Axson News Crew Fieldtrip last week!





Black History Month Door Decorating Contest Winners

Upper

Ms. Stacy – Each student did a presentation on a selected African American. The teacher recorded the presentation and then made it available for all of us to view via a QR code. The theme of showcasing what the students learned throughout the month was supreme, the students were proud when we visited their door and they explained how to use the QR code which demonstrates participation and knowledge of modern technology in accessing the information.



Lower – Tied for first

Ms. Crystal – Showcase of Amanda Gorman in a very nice collage of pictures colored by the students. This was a great showcase of teamwork and collaboration. Each student identified ways that their words and actions can influence positive change, further reflecting on the quote that was selected to See and Be the Light.





The Other Lower Winner

Ms. Kristin – The class had superb student participation. They learned about James Weldon Johnson, which also happens to be a local hero to Jacksonville. They informed us about the song “Lift Every Voice and Sing”, which is also known as the Black National Anthem that infuses positivity despite the “dark past”. They showcased their learnings and collaborated together with a colorful collage of words in the chorus and appears as if one of the students drew a picture of the historical figure.



Primary – Tied

Ms. Amanda Confiado – The class took to the kitchen, in a true Montessori fashion, and learned about enslaved chef James Hemings, the ultimate creator of the American famous Mac and Cheese. The class learned about James Hemings life, incorporated some interesting Geography lessons for Primary students and shared that James Hemings went to France, informed us about the relationship to Thomas Jefferson, and showcased their cooking skills by making Mac and Cheese in the classroom while donning their chef hats.





Other Primary Winner

Ms. Tiffany – The class highlighted NASA phenom Mae Jemison. The class highlighted “Never limit yourself because of others limited imagination.” Each student drew a picture of themselves and placed it on the door in a rocket, soaring to greater heights. This was great student participation in the lesson and decorating the door. Each student also did a summary of what they learned about Mae Jemison, and although they ran out of real estate with the door, they didn’t let that stop them...they showcased their learnings along the wall leading up to their classroom.



Honorable Mentions

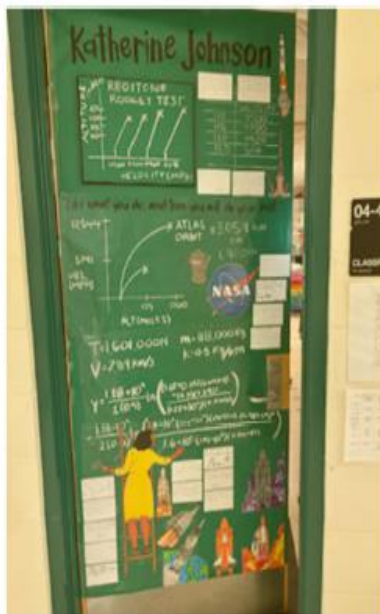
Ms. Lorraine – Using the theme of “Inspire to grow”, each student identified a quote made famous by an African American and then explained their interpretation of the quote and why it is impactful. We saw some powerful words by our Axson students quoting Rosa Parks, Barack Obama, Booker T. Washington, Alice Walker, Sojourner Truth, Martin Luther King Jr., Mae Jemison, Frederick Douglass, Serena Williams, and so many more that it was too many to mention. Some kids showcased their interpretation of the quote in a very artistic drawing.





Honorable Mentions, cont.

Ms. Megan – Mastermind/Mathematician Katherine Johnson was the highlight of the class as they emphasized the quote “Like what you do, and then you will do your best.” The students shared information about other African Americans and how they impacted their individual lives. We saw mentions of Jackie Robinson, Rosa Parks, Jesse Owens, Bob Marley, John Lewis, Bessie Coleman, Simone Biles, Daisy Bates, Shirley Chisholm and so many others. They informed us how the people that they studied showcased was it is like to do your best.



Ms. Pond – We had the honor of testing our Black History knowledge when viewing this door. This required us to read excerpts/facts and then match the fact to the respective person using the yarn and Velcro. This made the door so interesting as it was an interactive transfer of knowledge. The door highlighted people in the science field that have had significant impacts on society.

