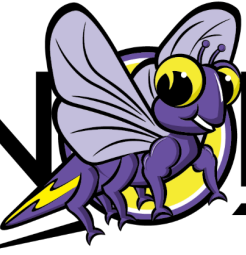


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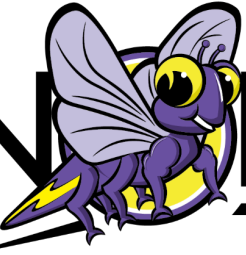
Week of November 17-21, 2025

At Dixon Road, we believe the small moments make the biggest difference in a child's learning. Parent engagement isn't limited to big events or special programs—it's the simple, everyday ways you connect with your child that strengthen their confidence, curiosity, and success. This week, we're focusing on easy, meaningful ways families can stay involved without adding stress to busy schedules.

Here are a few "small but mighty" engagement ideas you can try at home this week:

- **Ask one question each day** about school that goes beyond "How was your day?"—such as "What made you smile today?" or "What's one thing you learned that surprised you?"
- **Spend 10 minutes reading together**, whether it's a bedtime story, a chapter book, or even an article your child finds interesting.
- **Celebrate effort**, not just results. A quick note in a lunchbox or a high-five after homework boosts motivation in big ways.

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- **Look at your child's planner or folder together**, talking through upcoming assignments or events so they learn planning and responsibility.
- **Share something from *your* day**, too—it helps students see learning and problem-solving as lifelong skills.
- **Participate in one school activity**, even virtually or from home, to stay connected with our Dixon Road community.

Thank you for being such an important part of your child's education. Every small moment of support creates a big impact—and we're grateful to partner with you each step of the way. Let's keep building those moments together!

This weekend I have been in mom mode so I am just getting this out to families. I look forward to seeing our dragonflies back on campus tomorrow!

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Last Reminder Regarding Student Dropoff

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students should not be dropped off in the parking lot or at the flagpole to walk across alone **UNLESS THEY ARE VIP**. Families who wish to walk their children to the building should park in a designated parking space and escort them safely to the front entrance.

Thank you to all of our families for following these guidelines and helping keep our campus safe and orderly each morning. We also appreciate our PTO for supporting our VIP Carpool program—these procedures ensure that this incentive remains meaningful and that our arrival process works well for everyone.

We appreciate your cooperation and your continued partnership in keeping Dixon Road safe!

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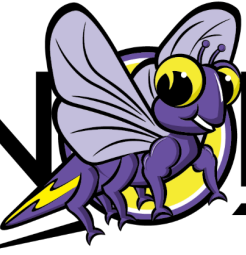
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Week of November 10-14, 2025

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Here are a few simple ways to stay engaged:

- Ask your child about what they learned each day.
- Read together — even 15 minutes makes a big difference!
- Attend school events and connect with teachers and other families.
- Volunteer your time or talents — every bit helps!

Thank you for partnering with us to make Dixon Road a place where every Dragonfly learns, grows, and thrives. Together, we make the difference!

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CAN FOOD DRIVE

November 10-14th

Supporting our Dixon
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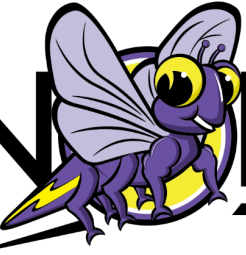
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Week of November 3-7, 2025

It's that time of year again...time to move those clocks back an hour on Sunday morning! I can't believe that it's already November. The weather is also getting cooler and we need some help clearing out our lost and found. Please check to see if your student(s) are missing jackets and coats and if so, please encourage your student to look through the lost and found at lunch for their missing items. All items will be donated during our Winter Break. To help your student's items get back to their rightful homes, please label all jackets and water bottles.

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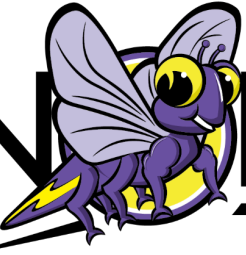
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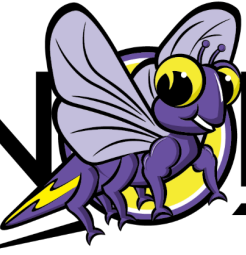
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from strangers,
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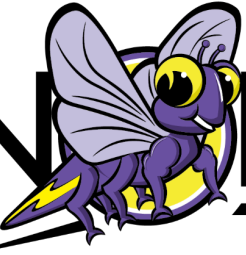
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 K-5 Community Guide to Grading Practices (ENG/ESP)

<https://www.johnston.k12.nc.us/o/jcps/page/elementary-grading-practices>

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Spirit Day!

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Saturday 10/25/25

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Announcements

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- ~~Friday, October 3: Fall Picture Day (Information found below)~~
- ~~Friday, October 17: End of First Quarter~~
- ~~Monday, October 20: Teacher Workday~~



Theme: “Life Is a Puzzle, Solve It DRUG FREE”

Monday, Oct. 27 – “Piece Together a Bright Future”

✚ Wear **bright or neon colors** to show your future is too bright for drugs.

Tuesday, Oct. 28 – “Team Up to Solve the Puzzle”

✚ Wear your **favorite team shirt or jersey** to show teamwork helps us make healthy choices.

Wednesday, Oct. 29 – “Wacky for a Drug-Free Life”

✚ Wear **wacky or mismatched clothes** to show life is more fun and silly without drugs.

Thursday, Oct. 30 – “Put the Pieces Together with Friends”

✚ Dress **like a twin (or group theme)** with a friend to show we support each other in staying drug free.

Friday, Oct. 31 – “Be the Final Piece”

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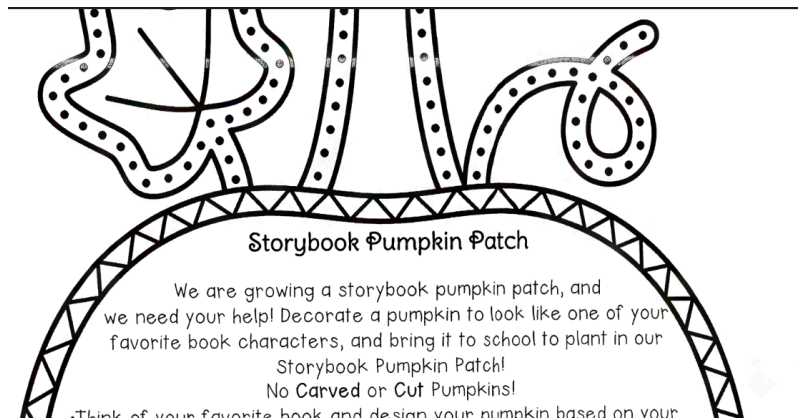


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I first want to apologize for getting this out two weekends in a row on a Sunday morning instead of on Saturday morning. This weekend, I am working on this while visiting my oldest daughter who's a freshman at Columbia University in New York City. I have not hugged nor seen my daughter in person since August 24th. Parent to parent...I am so happy to put my eyes on her and hug her but also I feel sad because I am already counting down the days until I see her again at Thanksgiving Break. I have always said that I don't care what your grades look like as much as I care about your character. Are you being respectful to those that do not think and look like you? Are you truthful in your interactions with others? Do you persevere through tough assignments and ask for help when needed? Are you fair? Are you kind? My daughter is where she is today because character has been given the weight that is needed in this crazy world. When report cards come home on October 28th, do not just look at the grades but discuss with your students those 21st century skills they need to survive and thrive...not just in New York City but wherever they roam. I apologize for the rambling post, but when you see the product of your hard work (parenting) you become reflective in your old age.



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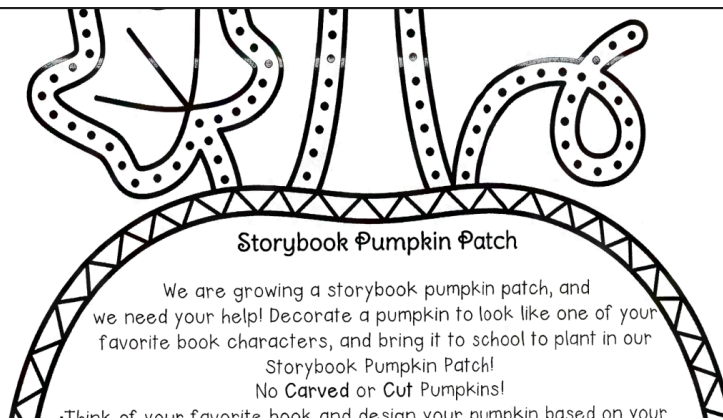
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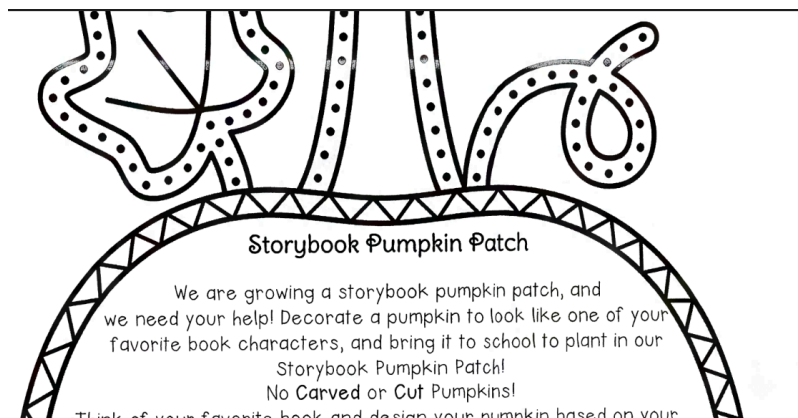
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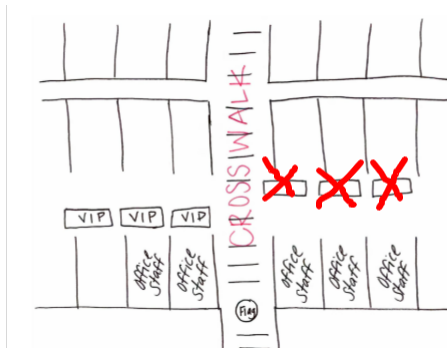
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From a concerned parent...

This isn't a pressing issue, which is why I'm sending you a message instead of calling the office. VIP carpool in the morning is really giving me a headache. Just this morning there were two cars in front of me in the VIP line who are not VIP. It's a constant daily struggle of people lining up who are not supposed to be there but also people who park and get out of their car in the line. It's just really frustrating for those of us who paid the money and won the raffle. I'm not really sure what else can be done aside from having someone out there verifying that people have the correct VIP tag on their car. I know there's not extra teachers lying around that could do that, but there's got to be some way we can enforce this better.

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Help us reach the finish line by donating, buying raffle tickets, and sharing with friends & family.

Why this matters:

Our fundraiser pays for affordable, student-designed DRES spirit wear, a playground refresh, new recess toys for classrooms, and more free student events (like our Fall Carnival!). Past fundraiser donations also funded our outdoor classroom and staff supports — these wins were possible because families like yours gave.

Incentives & Prizes (See previous flyers for all incentives)

- Any student who raises **\$25** is entered to win \$500
 - Guaranteed to go to a DRES Family!*
- Grand giveaways: **\$1000, \$500, & a Local Prize Bundle!**
- Every registered student may submit a Spirit Wear Design!
 - Winner becomes our student-designed shirt that all students will receive for a discounted rate!
 - Submissions must be turned in by 10/3/25



Because of YOU



Last year, we completed our Outdoor Classroom, a dedicated space where teachers can bring learning outside.



Starting this week, teachers can reserve the space for lessons, activities, and hands-on exploration. This project was made possible because of donations from past fundraisers. Thank you for helping us give our kids more ways to learn and grow!

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Facebook: Dixon Road Elementary PTO

Dojo: Follow our school account for reminders.

Questions/ideas: DixonRoadPTO@gmail.com

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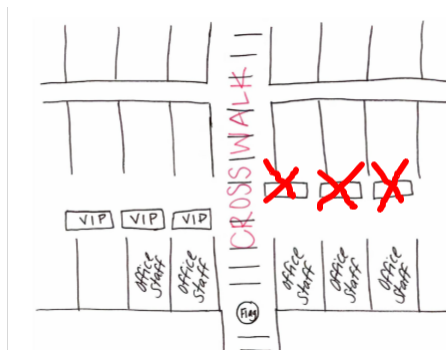
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- Friday, October 17: End of First Quarter
- Monday, October 20: Teacher Workday
- Monday, October 27-Friday, October 31: Red Ribbon Week

Theme: “Life Is a Puzzle, Solve It DRUG FREE”

Monday, Oct. 27 – “Piece Together a Bright Future”

✚ Wear **bright or neon colors** to show your future is too bright for drugs.

Tuesday, Oct. 28 – “Team Up to Solve the Puzzle”

✚ Wear your **favorite team shirt or jersey** to show teamwork helps us make healthy choices.

Wednesday, Oct. 29 – “Wacky for a Drug-Free Life”

✚ Wear **wacky or mismatched clothes** to show life is more fun and silly without drugs.

Thursday, Oct. 30 – “Put the Pieces Together with Friends”

✚ Dress **like a twin (or group theme)** with a friend to show we support each other in staying drug free.

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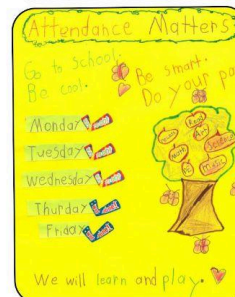
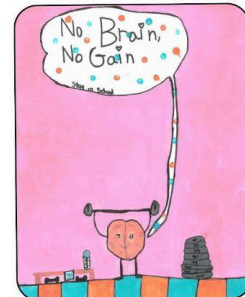
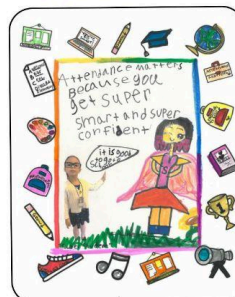
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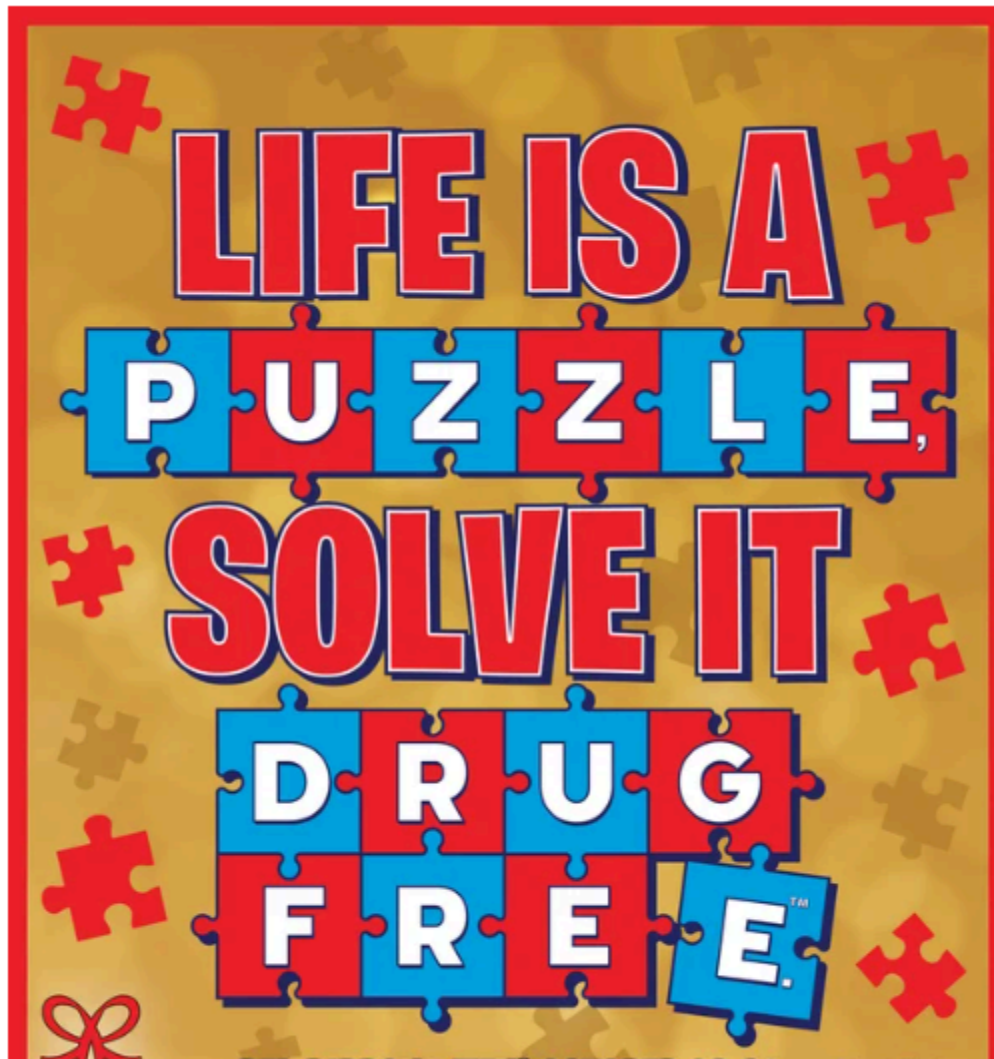
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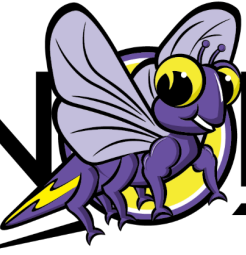
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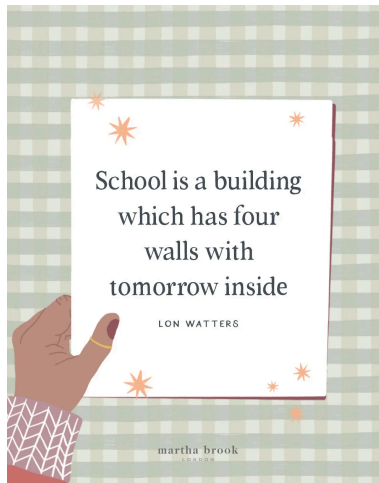
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Week of September 22-26, 2025

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We hope the transition back to school is smoothing out and we continue to look forward to an amazing school year!

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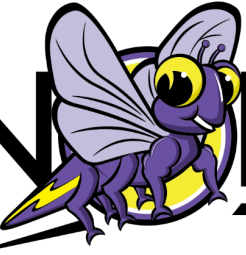
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- ~~Wednesday, September 3: MAP Assessments begin for K-5 grade students~~
- ~~Tuesday, September 9: BOG Reading Assessment for 3rd grade students~~
- ~~Friday, September 12: AVID College Day (wear favorite college gear)~~
- ~~Friday, September 12: Book Day~~
- ~~Monday, September 15: Book Blast Campaign Begins~~
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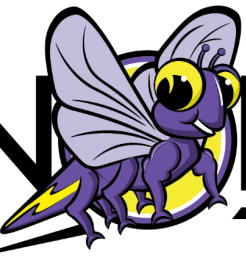
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Dear Dixon Road Elementary School Families!

*Our Book Blast event has just a few days left, and the response we've had is AMAZING.
Thank You!*

Already registered? Ensure you have sent at least 10 invitations, so your student qualifies for their prizes and is entered into our drawings!

Click Here: <https://app.booksarefun.com/DixonRoadES27592>

Not registered? There's still time to get in on the fun, earn books for your student, and have a chance to win the Epic Treasure Chest! Click the secure link above to invite at least 10 friends or family members who'd love to help grow your student's home library.

Remember, 100% of all contributions stay with the school in the form of books for our students, books for our school, and classroom supplies for our teachers.

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PS: Books will be delivered as well as the remaining prizes later this Fall.

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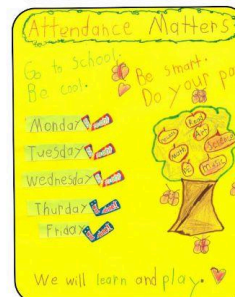
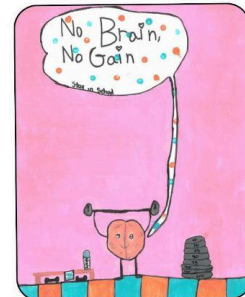
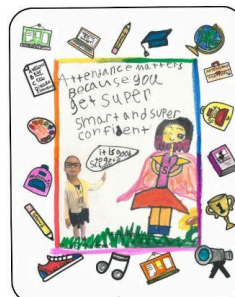
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Concurso de carteles de concientización sobre la asistencia de Read to Grow



Los Comisionados del Condado de Johnston han proclamado septiembre como el mes de concientización sobre la asistencia. En celebración, Read to Grow Joco está llamando a TODOS los estudiantes de escuelas primarias del condado a participar en su concurso de carteles mediante la presentación de obras de arte que destacan "Por qué la asistencia es importante".

La asistencia escolar constante ayuda a los niños a sentirse mejor con la escuela y consigo mismos, proporciona las habilidades académicas y sociales necesarias para prosperar y desarrolla el hábito para ayudar a tener éxito en la escuela y más allá. Al ayudar a las familias a desarrollar rutinas consistentes y trabajar con las escuelas para abordar los desafíos de asistencia, podemos garantizar que todos los niños puedan tener la oportunidad de prosperar.

ELEGIBILIDAD Y CRITERIOS:

Todos los estudiantes de Kinder a 5º grado en el condado de Johnston pueden participar, incluidos los estudiantes de escuelas públicas, escuelas chárter, escuelas privadas y escuelas en el hogar. Los carteles serán juzgados por el tema, la calidad del diseño y la creatividad de los estudiantes.

CÓMO PARTICIPAR:

1. Diseñe un póster en una hoja de papel de 8.5 pulgadas x 11 pulgadas que destaque "Por qué es importante la asistencia".
2. En la parte posterior del cartel incluya el nombre del niño, escuela, tipo de escuela, grado, nombre del padre/tutor, y un correo electrónico y/o número de teléfono.
3. Los carteles deben enviarse a la oficina principal de su escuela antes del 3 de octubre de 2025 a las 12:00 pm para ser elegibles para ganar. Los educadores en el hogar pueden enviar sus carteles a Partnership for Children.

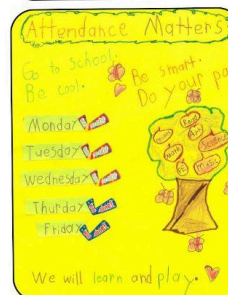
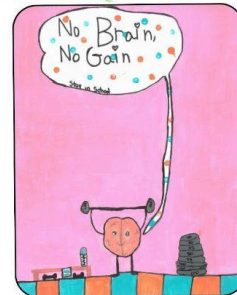
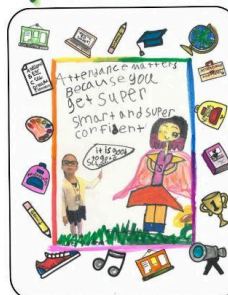
PREMIOS:

Se elegirán ganadores de cada grado escolar en todas las escuelas públicas y charter antes de avanzar para tener la oportunidad de ser nombrados ganadores de nivel de grado para todo el condado de Johnston. Los ganadores serán anunciados en noviembre.

LOS CARTELES GANADORES SERÁN:

- Compartido en las redes sociales de Read to Grow y Destacado en un aviso de prensa
 - Al enviar un póster, das tu permiso utilizar la imagen de su hijo y sus creaciones artísticas con fines promocionales.*
- Ampliado para ser mostrado en la escuela del niño.
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¡la asistencia importa!



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Week of September 15- September 19, 2025

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www.johnston.k12.nc.us/elementaryschoolcurriculum. On this site, there's a page dedicated to Elementary Grading Practices.

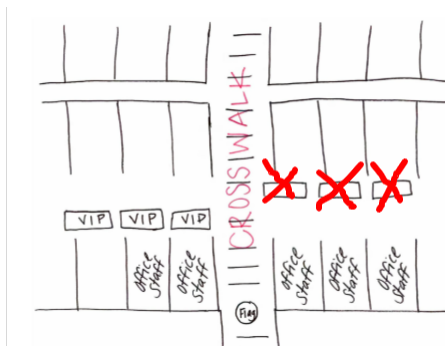
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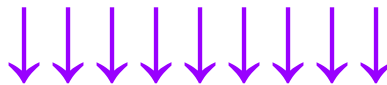
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Read to Grow's Attendance Awareness Poster Contest



The Johnston County Commissioners have proclaimed September as Attendance Awareness Month. In celebration, Read to Grow JoCo is calling **ALL** county elementary school students to participate in their poster contest by submitting artwork highlighting "Why Attendance Matters".

Consistent school attendance helps children feel better about school and themselves, provides the academic and social skills needed to flourish, and builds the habit to help succeed in school and beyond. By helping families build consistent routines and working with schools to address attendance challenges, we can ensure all children can have the opportunity to thrive.

ELIGIBILITY & CRITERIA:

All students in Kindergarten through 5th grade in Johnston County may participate, including students in public school, charter school, private school, and home school. Posters will be judged on theme, design quality, and student creativity.

HOW TO ENTER:

1. Design a poster on an 8.5 inch x 11 inch sheet of paper highlighting "Why Attendance Matters".
2. On the back of the poster include the child's name, school, school type, grade level, guardian's name, and an email and/or phone number.
3. Posters must be submitted to your school's front office by October 3, 2025, at 12:00 pm to be eligible to win. Homeschoolers may submit their posters to the Partnership for Children.

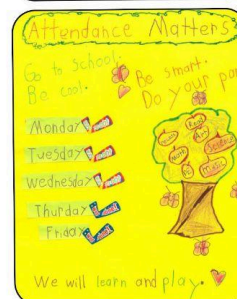
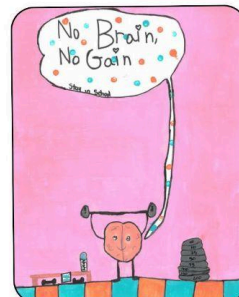
AWARDS:

Grade-level winners will be selected at each public and charter school before advancing for the opportunity to be named the grade-level winner for all of Johnston County. Winners will be announced by November.

WINNING POSTERS WILL BE:

- Shared on Read to Grow's social media and featured in a press release
 - By submitting a poster, you grant permission to use your child's photo and their artwork for promotional purposes.*
- Enlarged to be displayed by child's school
- Given a prize bag

Attendance Matters!



Questions: Heather Machia, HMachia@pfcjc.org, 919-397-7822

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Concurso de carteles de concientización sobre la asistencia de Read to Grow



Los Comisionados del Condado de Johnston han proclamado septiembre como el mes de concientización sobre la asistencia. En celebración, Read to Grow Joco está llamando a TODOS los estudiantes de escuelas primarias del condado a participar en su concurso de carteles mediante la presentación de obras de arte que destacan "Por qué la asistencia es importante".

La asistencia escolar constante ayuda a los niños a sentirse mejor con la escuela y consigo mismos, proporciona las habilidades académicas y sociales necesarias para prosperar y desarrolla el hábito para ayudar a tener éxito en la escuela y más allá. Al ayudar a las familias a desarrollar rutinas consistentes y trabajar con las escuelas para abordar los desafíos de asistencia, podemos garantizar que todos los niños puedan tener la oportunidad de prosperar.

ELEGIBILIDAD Y CRITERIOS:

Todos los estudiantes de Kinder a 5º grado en el condado de Johnston pueden participar, incluidos los estudiantes de escuelas públicas, escuelas chárter, escuelas privadas y escuelas en el hogar. Los carteles serán juzgados por el tema, la calidad del diseño y la creatividad de los estudiantes.

CÓMO PARTICIPAR:

1. Diseñe un póster en una hoja de papel de 8.5 pulgadas x 11 pulgadas que destaque "Por qué es importante la asistencia".
2. En la parte posterior del cartel incluya el nombre del niño, escuela, tipo de escuela, grado, nombre del padre/tutor, y un correo electrónico y/o número de teléfono.
3. Los carteles deben enviarse a la oficina principal de su escuela antes del 3 de octubre de 2025 a las 12:00 pm para ser elegibles para ganar. Los educadores en el hogar pueden enviar sus carteles a Partnership for Children.

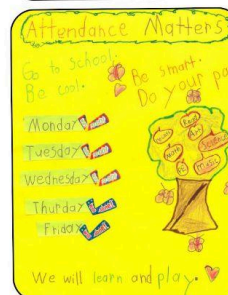
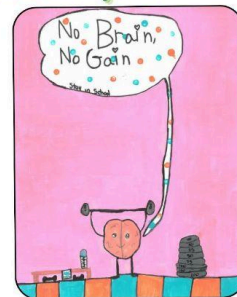
PREMIOS:

Se elegirán ganadores de cada grado escolar en todas las escuelas públicas y charter antes de avanzar para tener la oportunidad de ser nombrados ganadores de nivel de grado para todo el condado de Johnston. Los ganadores serán anunciados en noviembre.

LOS CARTELES GANADORES SERÁN:

- Compartido en las redes sociales de Read to Grow y Destacado en un aviso de prensa
 - Al enviar un póster, das tu permiso utilizar la imagen de su hijo y sus creaciones artísticas con fines promocionales.*
- Ampliado para ser mostrado en la escuela del niño.
- Se le entregó una bolsa de premios.

¡la asistencia importa!



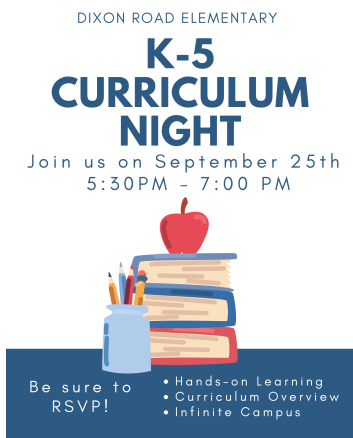
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Week of September 8- September 12, 2025

Thank you so much for all you do each day to get your child to school on time and ready to learn. Teaching is such a rewarding job, and it's made even better when we have a strong partnership between home and school. Because of your support, our staff are able to do amazing things with students every single day!

I also appreciate you taking a few minutes each week to read these updates. If you ever have a question, please feel free to email me at angelahill@johnston.k12.nc.us or give me a call at the school at **919-894-7771**—I'm always happy to connect.

One quick favor with afternoon dismissal if you use carpool: if you arrive before 3:30, please use only the outside lane so that families who need handicap parking or front-door access can still get through. Once the time hits 3:30, you're welcome to form two lanes. This small step makes a big difference for everyone—thank you in advance for helping us keep things smooth and safe!

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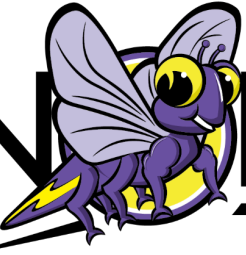
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Family Time

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Staff and Volunteers

Our staff is made up of social workers, grief counselors, chaplains, nurses and volunteers who have training and experience in working with children who have lost loved ones.

Registration

Register at www.johnstonhealth.org/campcourage. Online registration will close on August 14. If you have any questions or cannot register online, please contact April Barbour-Capps at 919-209-3478 or email april.barbour-capps@unchealth.unc.edu

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Week of September 1- September 5, 2025

We made it! Thanks for an amazing week. I think we all deserve a three day weekend. Below are a few reminders and announcements that we hope will make things a bit smoother next week.

1. Beginning Tuesday, 9/2 parents will not be able to walk their students into school. We will have Dragonfly Ambassadors (select 5th grade students) to escort your student to their classroom along with staff members.
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5. Wanna avoid carpool altogether?!? Enter the VIP Carpool Drawing sponsored by PTO. Find more information [HERE](#).
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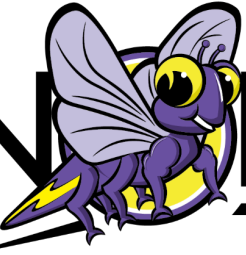
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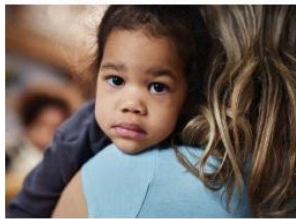
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-  24/7 On Call Crisis Support



Apply to become a Kinship Foster Parent!

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KINSHIP FOSTER CARE

If you're caring for a family member or community member's child, we're here to help you with financial assistance, trainings programs, and ongoing support.

Federal law, policy, and practice is shifting toward a kin-first culture, a child welfare system promoting immediate kinship placements, maintaining connections for children in foster care, and tailoring services for kinship families.

Foster Care Stipend (North Carolina Rates)

Family Foster Care:

- ▶ Age 0-5: \$702/month
- ▶ Age 6-12: \$724/month
- ▶ Age 13+: \$810/month

Therapeutic Foster Care:

- ▶ \$108 per day/per child
- IAFT:**
- ▶ \$115 per day/per child

Requirements to Become Licensed

- ▶ 21 years or older
- ▶ Stable, **drug-free** home
- ▶ **Criminal records check** and fingerprinting
- ▶ Complete **state required training**
- ▶ **Licensed** by the state of North Carolina

Process to Become a Kinship Foster Parent

- ▶ Attend an **information session**
- ▶ Complete the **required training**: Flexible training schedule that can be virtual and in-person
- ▶ Complete a **mutual home assessment**, home fire inspection, and medical evaluations
- ▶ Complete your **foster home application**

www.childrenshopealliance.org/fostercare

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Week of August 25- August 29, 2025

Welcome to the 2025-2026 School Year!

Dear Dixon Road Families,

We are so excited to welcome you to a brand new school year at Dixon Road Elementary! This year, our theme is “Frame the Future: Picture the Possibilities.” Together—with your partnership, support, and connection—we will create a bright and successful year for every student.

We truly believe that when families and schools work side by side, students thrive. Your involvement, encouragement, and communication with us are key to helping your child grow both academically and socially. Thank you in advance for staying connected with us through school events, communication tools, and teamwork.

A few important reminders for the first day of school:

- Please take time to review the [Parent/Student Handbook](#) to see answers to frequently asked questions.

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August 2025

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To become an approved volunteer, you must complete the application. This process includes previously approved volunteers. All volunteers go to an “inactive” status each July 1st. Volunteers will need to reactivate their accounts yearly to serve.

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Community Announcements



CAMP COURAGE

A Grief Camp presented by UNC Health Johnston



Saturday, September 14, 2024 | 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Sonlight Farms | 293 Bunn Road | Kenly, NC 27542

About Camp Courage

Camp Courage is a grief camp for children ages 6 to 17 who have experienced the death of someone they love such as a parent, grandparent or friend. The camp provides a supportive and safe environment for them to share their feelings with one another and gain a better understanding of the grieving process.

Through expressive art activities, games, music and much more, campers have opportunities to:

- Identify and express feelings
- Remember and share memories
- Understand the nature of grief
- Learn how to maintain a healthy connection to lost loved ones
- Develop healthy coping strategies

Family Time

If you're a parent or guardian, please join us at 4:00 p.m. on camp day to learn about the camp activities and to participate in a time of remembrance.

Staff and Volunteers

Our staff is made up of social workers, grief counselors, chaplains, nurses and volunteers who have training and experience in working with children who have lost loved ones.

Registration

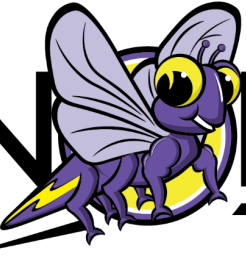
Register at www.johnstonhealth.org/campcourage. Online registration will close on August 14. If you have any questions or cannot register online, please contact April Barbour-Capps at 919-209-3478 or email april.barbour-capps@unchealth.unc.edu

Camp Courage is open to children in Johnston and surrounding counties. The camp is made possible by community donations, and there is no charge for children to attend.



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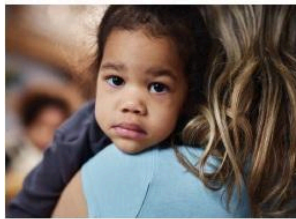
Be a Hope Hero for a child in your community!

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TODAY**



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Training available in-person & online.

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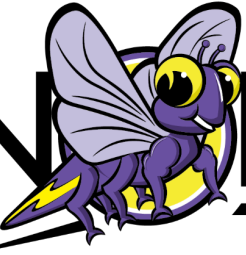
Contact us today!
844-791-3117

FCrecruiter@childrenshopealliance.org



To apply online, visit ChildrensHopeAlliance.org/FosterCare

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- to have kids of your own
- a Ph.D. in child psychology

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a desire to provide a safe,
nurturing environment for a child.

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ChildrensHopeAlliance.org/FosterCare

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- North Central
- South Central
- Winston-Salem
- Raleigh/Fayetteville

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As a Kinship Foster Home for a child in need, you can receive:

-  Reimbursement for Extracurricular Activities, Camps, and Sports Equipment
-  Educational/Vocational Programs for Foster Parents
-  Peer Ambassador Program for Peer-to-Peer Support
-  Foster Parent Engagement Opportunities
-  Christmas Support
-  Back to School Support
-  Monthly In-Service Training
-  Annual Vacation Stipend for Youth
-  Clothing Allowance
-  In-Person Support and Supervision
-  24/7 On Call Crisis Support



Apply to become a Kinship Foster Parent!

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KINSHIP FOSTER CARE

If you're caring for a family member or community member's child, we're here to help you with financial assistance, trainings programs, and ongoing support.

Federal law, policy, and practice is shifting toward a kin-first culture, a child welfare system promoting immediate kinship placements, maintaining connections for children in foster care, and tailoring services for kinship families.

Foster Care Stipend (North Carolina Rates)

Family Foster Care:

- ▶ Age 0-5: \$702/month
- ▶ Age 6-12: \$724/month
- ▶ Age 13+: \$810/month

Therapeutic Foster Care:

- ▶ \$108 per day/per child
- IAFT:**
- ▶ \$115 per day/per child

Requirements to Become Licensed

- ▶ 21 years or older
- ▶ Stable, **drug-free** home
- ▶ **Criminal records check** and fingerprinting
- ▶ Complete **state required training**
- ▶ **Licensed** by the state of North Carolina

Process to Become a Kinship Foster Parent

- ▶ Attend an **information session**
- ▶ Complete the **required training**: Flexible training schedule that can be virtual and in-person
- ▶ Complete a **mutual home assessment**, home fire inspection, and medical evaluations
- ▶ Complete your **foster home application**

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