

DATES TO
REMEMBER

- **May 8** — Teacher Appreciation Day
- **May 10** — SC READY Testing begins
- **May 11** — Deadline to turn in Title I parent surveys
- **May 14** — Public Information Meeting @ 6:00 pm (see story below)
- **May 16** — SCPASS Testing begins
- **May 25** — 3rd grade field trip to Charleston
- **May 28** — Memorial Day Holiday
- **May 29** — 5th grade trip to JET
- **May 30** — Field Day
- **June 4** —
4K graduation @ 8:30
5K graduation @ 10:00
- **June 5** — Awards Day grades 1st—4th (see schedule)
- **June 6** — Half Day - Dismissal @ 11:00
- **June 6** — 5th grade Awards Day @ 9:00 in cafeteria
- **June 7** — Last Day of school Dismissal @ 11:00

Paws for the News

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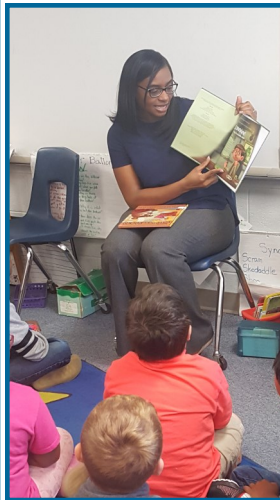
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#DESWRITES

Young Author's Night was held this past Tuesday at Fox Creek High School. In order for a student to participate in the celebration, they had to be nominated by their ELA teacher along with a submission of their writing. The writings could be poems, short stories, essays or other forms. This was a district wide initiative across all grade levels. Once writings were submitted, they were divided into grade levels and read by a special committee. All nominated writing submissions were compiled and placed into an anthology. Every student that was nominated received a copy of the anthology. Throughout the district, only one student was chosen per grade level to read their writing aloud at the Young Author Celebration. Douglas Elementary had 2 students asked to read their writing submissions.



Dezarae Schwalbauch (1st grade) and Julia Verheyden (2nd grade) were selected to read their writings.



Ms. Radlein reads to Mrs. Mance's first grade class

Young Lawyers read to DES first graders

Two attorneys representing the Young Lawyer's Division of the South Carolina Bar recently visited first grade classes at DES. Shea Brighthop of the Richland County Public Defenders Office and Sutania Radlein (Assistant Solicitor of Lexington County) read books to the students and shared the importance of daily reading. Ms. Brighthop grew up in Edgefield County and is a graduate of STHS. Their visit was in conjunction with Cocky's Reading Express and in celebration of Community Law Week. After the attorneys read, each student received a free book to keep.

Edgefield County School District completes first steps of facility needs assessment.

A meeting at DES has been scheduled for May 14th at 6:00 pm to provide stakeholders information regarding results of a facility needs assessment recently completed on our school and district by a consulting firm. The meeting will also discuss current and future needs of our school and district. More information on the assessment can be found at <http://des.edgefield.k12sc.us>



Awards Day

June 5th

for grades 1st—4th

All ceremonies will be held in the classroom

1st grade — 8:15 am
2nd grade — 9:00 am
3rd grade — 9:45 am
4th grade — 10:30 am

June 6th for grade 5

Ceremony will be held in the cafeteria at 9:00 am

14 Lucky Students Ride in Limo to Pizza Hut

Students who recently participated in a PTO fundraiser were rewarded by being able to cruise in a white Cadillac Escalade Limo. Students enjoyed listening to their favorite musical tunes en route to dine in at the local Pizza Hut. Students socialized together at a long table in Pizza Hut and enjoyed soda, breadsticks and yummy pizza. The limo driver took the long scenic drive on the way back to school allowing students to prolong their “High Style” journey. The students were very excited and really had a great time.



4K and 5K enjoy Seussical JR. at STHS



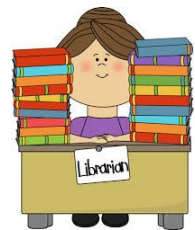
Students were delighted to see their favorite Dr. Seuss characters during their recent field trip of the fantastical, magical, musical extravaganza: Seussical JR. Seussical JR was performed at the Strom Thurmond High School Theatre. After the performance, students enjoyed food from McDonalds while they visited the grounds of the National Wild Turkey Federation in Edgefield.



Keep Them Reading !!

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A link to this website can be found on the DES website under Quick Links.



 **Health Highlights**
Nurse JoAshley Jordan

Safety in the Sun

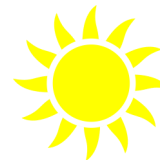
The sun's ultraviolet (UV) rays can damage your skin in as little as 15 minutes. Follow these recommendations to help protect yourself and family.

Shade: You can reduce your risk of skin damage and skin cancer by seeking shade. Use sunscreen.

Clothing: When possible, wear long-sleeved shirts and long pants to provide protection from UV rays.

Hat: For the most protection, wear a hat with a brim all the way around that shades your face, ears and the back of your neck. A tightly woven fabric, like canvas, works best to protect your skin .

Sunglasses: Sunglasses protect your eyes from UV rays and reduce the risk of cataracts. They also protect the tender skin around your eyes from sun exposure.



Last day to turn in library books is May 18th. Fees or fines need to be taken care of as soon as possible. Students will not be able to participate in Field Day nor will they receive their Report Card if not resolved.