As Principal of Alfred I. duPont Middle School, I want to take this opportunity to share my excitement as we prepare for the 2023-2024 school year. I want to thank the entire Dragon Nation for continuing to strive for excellence through hard work, dedication, and teamwork. We are very proud of the efforts of our students on the most recent Florida Assessment of Student Thinking (FAST) exam. Our students did an outstanding job in all high accountability areas and the preliminary data shows an increase of 12% in overall points. We showed marked improvement in Biology (+8%), Math (+15%), Reading (+3%), Civics (+8%), and Science (+10%)!! I am confident that our Dragons will Outstudy, Outscore, and Outperform to raise the bar even higher this year!!!

I am pleased to announce that our school will continue with an A/B day scheduling configuration where students will attend four 90-minute classes per day. Students will be enrolled in eight total classes including core classes, electives, Intensive Reading*, Intensive Math*, and PE/Health. In other exciting news, our sixth grade students will be enrolled in our Transition to Middle School course which will help them to develop organizational, social, and critical thinking skills which will help lay the foundation for success during their middle school years. We will continue offering Pre-Early College, Biology, and Algebra I high school acceleration courses. We will also offer Art, Global Scholars, French, and Spanish this year. We will continue with the expansion of our music program to include instruction in music exploration, vocal, and instrumental performance. Please be sure to speak to Mr. Mitchell during orientation.

In addition to our academic programs, students may try out for football, basketball, soccer, volleyball, softball, baseball, track, swimming, and cheerleading. We will continue with our Before School Enrichment Program which is available Monday through Friday from 7:30am – 9:00am for a small fee of $65.00 per month.

During orientation you will have an opportunity to meet with our community partners including, Achievers for Life, Take Stock in Children, TEAM UP, City Year Network for School Improvement, TRIO, and 5000 Role Models of Excellence. Parents, we also ask that you support our team by joining our School Advisory Council (SAC) and PTSA. SAC and PTSA meet on the second Tuesday of each month at 5:30pm and 6:00pm respectively. Please stop by the Parent Resource Room during orientation for more information on our parent organizations. Don’t forget to join us for Open House September 12, 2023, at 6:00pm. Enjoy the rest of your summer and I look forward to meeting you during orientation!

Marilyn M. Barnwell, Principal

*Based on FAST scores
GET READY FOR THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

Here are a few great tips to guide you through your first days of school:

- “Where do I go the first day of school?”
- Get up early
- Remember the Uniform Policy
- Review your schedule & have your supplies ready
- Leave your headphones, IPODs, earbuds, etc. at home
- Be on time for the bus
- Have a positive attitude!

| 6th Grade - Dining Hall |
| 7th Grade - Auditorium |
| 8th - Gymnasium |

Teachers will pick up their students from these locations every morning at 9:15am to participate in Breakfast in the Classroom.

A Day/B Day

duPont Middle School is on a block schedule with A Days and B Days. Periods 1, 2, 3, and 4 will meet on A Days. Periods 5, 6, 7, and 8 meet on alternate days which are called B Days.

On August 5th check out our website at www.duvalschools.org/duPont for a complete A/B day calendar to assist you when scheduling appointments for your student.

Cafeteria

Universal FREE MEALS will be served at duPont this year for ALL students. Students will receive breakfast in the classroom daily. School meal applications are not required for students to receive breakfast and lunch.

Students must present a duPont ID card to receive their meals.

Before School Enrichment Program

Our Before School Enrichment program will be offered Monday through Friday from 7:30am—9:00am. The program will be staffed with a certified teacher who will be able to assist students with their homework and other academic needs. Registration packets may be picked up from the Parent Resource Room during orientation.

The fee for the Before School Enrichment program is $65.00 per month.

Registration and payment for August is due no later than August 18th.

BUSES AND CAR RIDERS

BUSES

You must register your student for bus transportation via your focus account. Please visit the transportation website at www.duvalschools.org for more information on how to register your student. You may also contact the Transportation Department at 904-858-6200 for assistance.

CAR RIDERS

Students should not be on campus before 9:00am unless they are enrolled in our Before School Enrichment Program. We are unable to provide supervision before this time which is a major safety concern. Please drop off and pick up 6th graders in the Ponce de Leon parking lot and 7th & 8th graders in the parking lot behind the auditorium. Do not use the bus loading zone to drop off or pick-up students. Pick-ups should be completed by 4:30pm. Thank you!

SAFETY IS OUR #1 PRIORITY!

PARENT PORTAL

OneView provides stakeholders with:
- Single Sign On
- School Calendar
- Monitoring student academic progress
- View announcements
- View student schedules/attendance
- View classroom assignments and grades
- Communication with teacher via planner or email
- Custom bus routes and cafeteria menus
- Access to E-textbooks and blended learning
- Guidance appointment scheduling

To find out more about OneView, please visit www.duvalschools.org and select the Parents tab and choose the OneView icon for additional information.

Picking Up Students Early

When picking up your students early, we ask that you arrive before 3:45pm. Due to bus dismissal times, students will not be released between 3:45pm and 4:15pm unless it is an emergency. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.
Mandatory School Uniforms

Alfred I. duPont Middle School International Business & World Language Academy is committed to providing a safe and structured learning environment. During the 2015-16 school year, our school began requiring students to wear school uniforms. Students are expected to be in complete uniforms everyday.

The uniform policy in effect for the 2023-2024 school year consists of the following:

Students are required to purchase the school uniform from our approved vendor RC Uniforms (please see the information below). All grade levels wear polo/golf style shirts embroidered with the school’s logo. Students are to wear the appropriate grade level color: 6th Grade-Black, 7th Grade-Green, and 8th Grade-Gold. A plain collared shirt in the appropriate grade level color MAY NOT be worn in place of the logo uniform shirt.

- Shirts must be tucked in at all times.
- No t-shirts.
- Khaki or black pants or shorts for both girls and boys. Khaki or black skirts for girls are acceptable as well. All pants, shorts and skirts are to be plain in design. Pants, shorts and skirts must adhere to the DCPS Code of Appearance and must be acceptable as deemed by school administration.
- Pants and shorts with belt loops must have a belt worn at the appropriate waist location. All pants, shorts, and skirts must fit at the waist and be worn at that level.
- Jeans or jean material is not allowed. NO leggings or jeggings. NO athletic shorts or pants.
- Hats/baseball caps, bonnets, or beanies are not to be worn on campus. —Plain long sleeve shirts (black or white) may be worn underneath polo shirts in cold weather.— Jackets may NOT have a hood (per the Secondary Code of Conduct).
- Logo jackets and sweatshirts are available.
- Logo sweatshirts are available from the school’s uniform vendor.
- Shoes must be closed toed and have a full back. No sandals, slides, flip flops, or heels are allowed.

!!!CROCS ARE NOT ALLOWED!!!

Clear or Mesh Backpacks Only

Parents, we are asking for your assistance in ensuring that all students are in “full compliance” of the uniform policy. STRICT attention and monitoring will be paid to the policy specifically outlined above. **There is no opt out policy regarding the school uniform.** We have contracted with a local vendor, RC Uniforms, to supply uniform shirts, sweatshirts and jackets with our school logo embroidered on them.

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