



**Weekly Update**

We need your help!!! For over a decade, Baldwin has received Federal Title 1 dollars. This year Title 1 pays for 6 teaching positions, academic paraprofessionals, tutoring, copy paper, classroom novels, technology & instructional materials. Next year, we are going to lose our Title 1 funding unless we have more families apply and qualify for Free or Reduced lunch.

We are currently at 43% of our students. The threshold is 50%. This is not just about students getting free or reduced lunch. If we lose Title 1 dollars, we will lose additional teaching positions. This will immediately impact our class sizes and our academic programs. If you have not yet this year, please stop and apply now using the QR Code. Also, if you applied earlier in the year but things changed with you financially, please reapply.

Please see the next slide on McKinney Vento situations. MANY of our families qualify automatically for Free or Reduced lunch, but they do not understand that they are in a McKinney Vento situation. We have until February 6<sup>th</sup> to find 100 students that have applied and qualify for Free or Reduced lunch. I know you are busy, but please help us maintain these dollars for 2026-2027.



## Notes from the Principal Desk

### FREE AND REDUCED LUNCH APPLICATION



ENGLISH



ESPAÑOL

**All McKinney-Vento students qualify for free and reduced lunch. One of the following criteria must be met to qualify for McKinney-Vento:**

- **children and youths who are sharing the housing of other persons (i.e. living in a rental or home NOT in their parent's name) due to loss of housing, economic hardship, or a similar reason;** are living in motels hotels, RV trailer parks, or camping grounds due to the lack of alternative accommodations; are living in emergency or transitional shelters; are abandoned in hospitals
- children and youths who have a primary nighttime residence that is a public or private place not designed for or ordinarily used as a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings
- children and youths who are living in cars, parks, public spaces, abandoned buildings, substandard housing, bus or train stations, or similar settings;
- migratory children who qualify as homeless for the purposes of this subtitle because the children are living in circumstances described in clauses (1) through(3).
- **An unaccompanied youth who is not in the physical custody of a biological parent or legal guardian.**

**If you meet one of the above criteria, please email Mr. Townsend ([townsendm@duvalschools.org](mailto:townsendm@duvalschools.org)) or Mrs. Ramos for Espanol ([ramosi@duvalschools.org](mailto:ramosi@duvalschools.org)) as soon as possible. Your information is kept confidential.**



**McKinney-Vento**  
Serving Students In Transition

Todos los estudiantes dentro de la categoría McKinney-Vento califican para almuerzos gratuitos y a precio reducido.

Debes cumplir con uno de los siguientes criterios para calificar como McKinney-Vento:

- Niños y jóvenes que comparten la vivienda de otras personas debido a la pérdida de vivienda, dificultades económicas o una razón similar; que viven en moteles, hoteles, parques de casas rodantes o campamentos debido a la falta de alojamiento alternativos; que viven en refugios de emergencia o de transición; que están abandonados en hospitals.
- Niños y jóvenes cuya residencia principal nocturna es un lugar público o privado que no está diseñado ni se utiliza normalmente como alojamiento regular para dormir.
- Niños y jóvenes que viven en automóviles, parques, espacios públicos, edificios abandonados, viviendas inadecuadas, estaciones de autobús o tren, o entornos similares.
- Niños migrantes que califican como personas sin hogar a efectos de este subtítulo porque están viviendo en circunstancias descritas en los apartados (1) a (3).
- Un joven no acompañado que no esté bajo la custodia física de un parente biológico o tutor legal.

Si cumple con uno de los criterios anteriores, comuníquese por correo electrónico con el Sr. Townsend (townsendm@duvalschools.org) o con la Sra. Ramos para Español (ramosi@duvalschools.org)





## Celebrations

Baldwin Varsity Wrestling is well into an amazing season with many wrestlers continue to develop and impress. The boys competed at the Wolfpack Challenge on Saturday and Antonio Walker took 4<sup>th</sup> place in his weight class. Meanwhile, across town at Brawl in Duval at Fletcher, Meinah Decker wrestled in her first tournament going 4-1 and placing 2<sup>nd</sup> overall! #BaldwinStrong



## Celebrations

Congratulations to our Varsity Competition Cheer team that went into Regional Competition and came away with 1<sup>st</sup> Place!!! That means they earn an automatic bid to State Championships this coming Friday in Lakeland!! #BaldwinStrong #LevelUp

# Congratulations!



## Celebrations

Congratulations to our very own Caitlin Heil who competed in the DCPS District Semifinals this week. She did so well that she's moving on to District Finals!!!! Let's go, Caitlin...C.A.I.T.L.I.N...Caitlin!!! #BaldwinStrong #LevelUp

# Events This Week

Monday Jan 19	Tues Jan 20 B Day	Wed Jan 21 A Day	Thurs Jan 22 B Day	Friday Jan 23 A Day
No School – MLK Holiday	<p><b>FAST PM 2 ELA &amp; Math Makeups</b></p> <p>Tryouts: High School Softball &amp; Track</p> <p><b>Varsity Boys 3A District 3 Playoffs Round 1 Home vs West Nassau (6:30pm)</b></p> <p>JV &amp; Varsity Boys Basketball Home vs Branford (5:30/7:00pm)</p> <p>Varsity Girls Basketball at West Nassau (6:00pm)</p>	<p><b>Wellness Wednesday (Modified Bell Schedule)</b></p> <p><b>FAST PM 2 ELA &amp; Math Makeups</b></p> <p>5000 Role Models of Excellence Field Trip</p> <p>Tryouts: High School Softball &amp; Track</p> <p>DECA &amp; Design Meet (Small Business Ownership Club, See Slide, Room 130, 2-3pm)</p> <p><b>Varsity Girls Soccer 3A District 3 Playoffs Round 1 at West Nassau (7:00pm)</b></p> <p>Middle School Girls &amp; Boys Soccer Home vs Westside MS (5:30/6:45pm)</p> <p>Middle School Girls &amp; Boys Basketball Home vs Westside MS (5:30/6:45pm)</p>	<p><b>FAST PM 2 ELA &amp; Math Makeups</b></p> <p>Army JROTC Field Truck Visit</p> <p>Tryouts: High School Softball &amp; Track</p> <p>JV Girls Basketball at Keystone Heights (5:30pm)</p> <p>Varsity Boys Soccer 3A District 3 Playoffs Round 2 at Wolfson (7:00pm)</p>	<p><b>FAST PM 2 ELA &amp; Math Makeups</b></p> <p><b>Varsity Competition Cheer at FHSAA State Championship in Lakeland</b></p> <p>Generation WOW Meeting (2:00-3:00pm)</p> <p>Basketball Tripleheader Home vs First Coast Christian (5:00/6:00/7:30pm)</p> <p>Varsity Girls Soccer District Playoffs Round 2 at Fernandina Beach (7:00pm)</p> <p><b>Saturday, January 24</b> CLT Testing (see Kirk or Fry)</p> <p>JV Girls Basketball at Keystone Heights (5:30pm)</p>

# PERT TESTING

SEPT 22-23 DEADLINE: SEPT 17

OCT 30-31 DEADLINE: OCT 27

NOV 20-21 DEADLINE: NOV 17

DEC 1 DEADLINE: NOV 25

JAN 26-27 DEADLINE: JAN 21

FEB 23-24 DEADLINE: FEB 18

MAR 30-31 DEADLINE: MAR 25

# PERT TESTING

APR 29-30 DEADLINE: APR 22

MAY 18-19 DEADLINE: MAY 13

Sign up with QR Code  
before monthly deadline



# January Meeting

Everyone  
Welcome!

**DECA +  
DESIGN**  
Club

Design  
Cool Stuff!

**Wednesday, January 21st**

2 - 3pm | Mr. Page's Room - 130

# SENIOR CLASS OF 26 DEADLINES

- SHIRT & HOODIE PAYMENT  
DEADLINE JAN 21ST
- SENIOR SIZES DUE ASAP ON  
TEAMS
- GRAD BASH PAYMENT DEADLINE  
FEB 13TH
- CAP & GOWN PAYMENT  
DEADLINE MARCH 1<sup>ST</sup>
  - ORDER ONLINE [HJJAX.COM](http://HJJAX.COM)

QUESTIONS EMAIL [KIRKA@DUVALSCHOOLS.ORG](mailto:KIRKA@DUVALSCHOOLS.ORG)

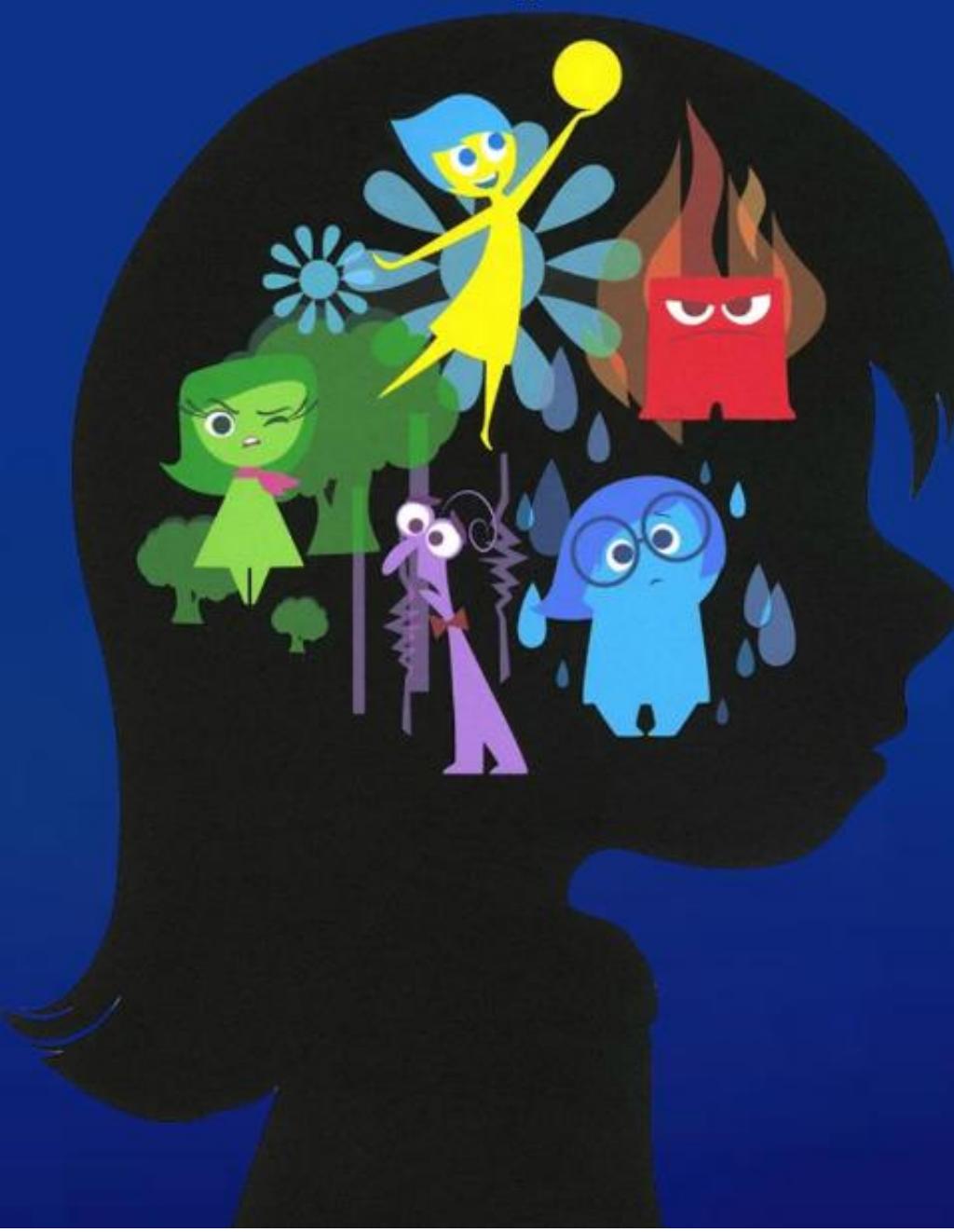


In Florida, the DMV links truancy to driving privileges. We have had several students lose their license recently for chronic absenteeism.

## Key Truancy Triggers & Consequences

- **Trigger:** 15 unexcused absences in 90 calendar days for students 14 and older.
- **School Action:** Reports the student to the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles (DHSMV).
- **DHSMV Action (Licensed Teens):** Driving privilege suspended.
- **DHSMV Action (Unlicensed Teens):** Ineligible to apply for a license.
- **Reinstatement/Eligibility:** Requires proof of 30 consecutive days of school attendance or graduation.

# Never let your emotion control you



- Stop the impulse to react, take deep breaths, then decide how to proceed calmly.
- Labeling emotions helps reduce their intensity.
- Acknowledge emotions as natural human experiences rather than fighting them.
- Focus on the present moment and observe your emotions and physical sensations without judgment.
- Express your emotions healthily by Talk about feelings, journal, cry, or engage in creative outlets like art.

# Who to ask?! We are committed to great communication!

- 6<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> A-M Grade School Counselor – Mrs. Griffin – [grieffins2@duvalschools.org](mailto:grieffins2@duvalschools.org)
- 8<sup>th</sup> N-Z, 9<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> A-M Grade School Counselor – Ms. James – [jamesf2@duvalschools.org](mailto:jamesf2@duvalschools.org)
- 10<sup>th</sup> N-Z, 11<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> Grade School Counselor – Mrs. Fry – [fryk@duvalschools.org](mailto:fryk@duvalschools.org)
- ESE Student Support – Mrs. Dixon – [dixonh@duvalschools.org](mailto:dixonh@duvalschools.org)
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- Athletics & Technology – Athletic Director Coach Graham [grahamj@duvalschools.org](mailto:grahamj@duvalschools.org)
- Activities, Clubs, Organizations – Ms. Kirk [kirka@duvalschools.org](mailto:kirka@duvalschools.org)
- Student Discipline/PBIS - Dean Durham [durhamt@duvalschools.org](mailto:durhamt@duvalschools.org) & Dean Hodges [hodgesb@duvalschools.org](mailto:hodgesb@duvalschools.org)
- SAC/Community Partnerships – Mr. Townsend [townsendm@duvalschools.org](mailto:townsendm@duvalschools.org)
- Student Attendance & Parking – Ms. J. Brooke – [brookej@duvalschools.org](mailto:brookej@duvalschools.org)
- Student Check Out, Busing & IDs – Ms. Kaitlyn – [costleyk1@duvalschools.org](mailto:costleyk1@duvalschools.org) & Mrs. C. Brooke [daughtryc@duvalschools.org](mailto:daughtryc@duvalschools.org)
- School Health Aide/Hazel Health, Student Medicine – Ms. Brandon – [brandona@duvalschools.org](mailto:brandona@duvalschools.org)
- Communities in School Social Worker – Mrs. Cooley – [cooleyc1@duvalschools.org](mailto:cooleyc1@duvalschools.org)