



# Draytonville Elementary School

2373 Wilkinsville Hwy. Gaffney, SC 29340

Phone: 864.206.6783 Website: <https://des.cherokee1.org>



## Soundwaves Newsletter December 2023



### Important Dates

- 4<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> / i-Ready Winter Testing
- 11<sup>th</sup> - Bookmobile
- 11<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup> / Holiday Spirit Days
- 13<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup> / Holiday Gift Shop
- 20<sup>th</sup> - End of Quarter 2
- 20<sup>th</sup> - ½ Day for Students (Dismiss @ 11:15 AM)
- 21<sup>st</sup> - January 3<sup>rd</sup> / Winter Break/No School
- January 4<sup>th</sup> - Students Return to School



- 3<sup>rd</sup> - Maxan Carter
- 4<sup>th</sup> - Myshala Dukes
- 4<sup>th</sup> - JT Scruggs
- 5<sup>th</sup> - Darrell Wray
- 5<sup>th</sup> - Jesse Jones
- 7<sup>th</sup> - KaMareyah Byrd
- 7<sup>th</sup> - Kaeden Crawford
- 9<sup>th</sup> - Jackson Lail
- 9<sup>th</sup> - Jamiah Parker
- 13<sup>th</sup> - Kalea Rasmussen
- 18<sup>th</sup> - Tae Crawford
- 21<sup>st</sup> - Jalen Jefferies
- 22<sup>nd</sup> - Abigail Reed
- 23<sup>rd</sup> - Charles Moore
- 23<sup>rd</sup> - Spencer Wyatt
- 24<sup>th</sup> - Jedidiah Wyatt
- 24<sup>th</sup> - Travis Easler
- 27<sup>th</sup> - Bently Lopez
- 28<sup>th</sup> - D'Kylan Goggins
- 29<sup>th</sup> - Julian Murphy
- 29<sup>th</sup> - Elaina Keener
- 31<sup>st</sup> - Layla Blackwell
- 31<sup>st</sup> - Monte' Jefferies
- 31<sup>st</sup> - Chyanne Jeffries
- 31<sup>st</sup> - MaKenzie Whisonant
- 31<sup>st</sup> - Grayson Sellers



### Winter Diagnostic December 4<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup>



It's hard to believe that we're already preparing for the second *i-Ready*® Diagnostic. The second Diagnostic is an important benchmark for understanding your student's growth, which is why it's so important they try their best. These results allow us to better support them in achieving their goals for the year.

The most important thing we can do is prepare students and motivate them to put forth their best effort.

Here are a few things you can do to help support your student:

Make sure they get a good night's rest before taking the Diagnostic!

Talk to your student about why the second Diagnostic is important. You can say things like:

*The second Diagnostic helps you find out how much progress you've made since the beginning of the year.*

*It allows your teacher and I to celebrate your accomplishments!*

*Try your best, and do not rush—but don't spend too much time on a question either.*

*Remember, questions on the Diagnostic change based on your answers to earlier questions. You will see some questions you don't know. That is okay! Just try your best.*

Let them know you're excited to celebrate their progress.

Thank you for your continued partnership in your student's learning!



### 2023 - 2024 Members

MJ Jefferies	Skylar Kirby
Aubrey Peeler	Noah Millen
Zoey Vickers	Chloe Lavecchio
Keeland Williams	Preston Moses



### Class Spelling Bee Winners

Mason Owens	Keeland Williams
KaMareyah Byrd	M.J. Jefferies
Rocky Hadden	Garrett Stroupe
Jayla Smith	Levi Healey
Lyric Matthews	Myshala Dukes
Kayden Fuller	Aamir Cunningham