

CHILDREN FIRST

By Dixie District School Superintendent – Mike Thomas

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As we approach the Thanksgiving season, it is the appropriate time to thank you for giving me the opportunity to work with the children of Dixie County. I enjoy visiting classrooms, riding school bus routes, serving lunch, and continually working to expand the educational opportunities for our students.

National School Lunch Week was October 9-13. Each cafeteria provides healthy meals, at no cost to parents. I worked assisting staff at each school during this week. It is rewarding to meet each child as they progress through the lunch line, and experience the daily operations of food service.

National School Bus Safety Week was October 16-20. Safety is a concern for all of our staff. I had the opportunity to ride several routes during this week. Bus drivers have a tremendous responsibility and I appreciate our transportation staff very much.

Congratulations to the DCHS Varsity Football Team for a 10-0 undefeated season! First year Coach Eric Richeson led the Bears to a 49-7 first round playoff win over Lafayette County, and will continue the exciting year of Dixie County football, as we travel to Madison County this Friday night. I would like to thank the community for joining us in displaying their spirit and support for our Dixie County Bears!

The first ever soccer season began at DCHS with a girls match on November 7, and their first win on November 9 at St. Francis. The boys' soccer season will begin on December 12. Soccer schedules are in the paper this week. For a complete listing of schedules for RRMS and DCHS sports, visit the Dixie District Schools website.

We celebrated Veteran's Day last week. Programs were held at Anderson Elementary School and Ruth Rains Middle School. The Dixie County High School Band performed at school events, as well as the parade and community ceremony. It is essential to educate our children about the sacrifices veterans made for our country.

With an increase in student participation in more rigorous and advanced courses, it is important that we closely monitor the academic progress of our students. I meet regularly with all instructional leaders and the Curriculum Coordinator to review data and student achievement trends. This allows us to modify instruction for our students as needed.

For current information about our schools, visit the Dixie District Schools website at www.dixie.k12.fl.us.

May God bless you and your family during this Thanksgiving season.

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Dixie District Schools*

THANK YOU VETERANS!



Veterans honored during program at RRMS on November 10. Guest speakers Mike Cassidy and Marshall Philmon shared their military experiences with the students.