

## Double Branch Elementary

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# RANCHER TIMES

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## Principal's Message

Hello Rancher Families!

As we near the end of our first semester, I just want to say how proud I am of our students and staff for all of their hard work! The best part of each day for Dr. Tidd and I is when we are observing in classrooms and seeing the students in action!! Great things are happening at Double Branch! This is definitely an exciting time of the year for students, but we continue to emphasize the importance of staying focused on academics. Please help us by reminding your child to follow our school and bus rules at all times. I wish you all a wonderful holiday season and look forward to a very productive and exciting second semester in 2022! ☺

*Dr. Wiggins*

## Turkey Trot

Our first annual Turkey Trot (walk-a-thon) was a huge success! Many thanks to families for their support both with collecting donations and with helping out during the event! Together, we raised \$15,000 that will go towards funding student and staff incentives, educational materials and resources. We would like to congratulate our top selling classes: Mrs Lilley's (Diamond) third class and Mrs Shannon's second grade class! Again, our heartfelt gratitude to **ALL** of our DBES Ranchers who contributed to this school fundraiser! We are so appreciative of your amazing generosity!

## Food Drive

The Food Drive was also an amazing success! The donations that you, our families, provided, not only helped many families in need for the Thanksgiving holiday, but will also go towards supporting families during the upcoming Winter holidays! We love our wonderful Rancher families! ☺

## Toys For Tots

If you are interested in donating to Toys For Tots, there is a collection box in our front office. ☺ Items will be picked up on December 15<sup>th</sup>. You can drop items off anytime before then between 8:30 am-4:30 pm. Thank you!

## Live Streamed Chorus/ORFF Concert

Please join us virtually for our Chorus/ORFF Concert! Tuesday, December 7<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am. Please look for the link to be sent out soon! ☺

## New School Hours in 2022

Beginning in January, school hours will be changing district wide. Please see our new hours below:

### Double Branch Elementary

**Student arrival: 9:10 am**

**Student dismissal: 3:20 pm**

**We will begin serving breakfast at 8:55 am**

**Office Hours: 8:00 am-4:00 pm**

Bus transportation routes and times will also be changing as a result of new school start and end times. Please look for communication from the Transportation Department regarding new bus numbers, and approximate pick-up times. Bus riders will be provided with new bus bands for backpacks for the first two weeks of the new semester to assist with the transition.

## Important Dates

Dec 6-10  
PTA Holiday Shop

Dec 13  
Student Council  
School Spirit Day  
Dress like an elf

Dec 13  
PTA School Spirit Night  
Tijuana Flats

Dec 14  
Student Council  
School Spirit Day  
Wear your holiday colors

Dec 15  
Student Council  
School Spirit Day  
Wear a holiday hat or headband

Dec 16  
Student Council  
School Spirit Day  
Dress up like a snowman

Dec 17  
Student Council  
School Spirit Day  
Dress in your holiday gear

Dec 17  
Last day before Winter Break

Jan 3  
Teacher Planning Day

Jan 4  
Students return from  
Winter Break

Jan 7  
Rancher of The Quarter  
Celebration (DBES You Tube)

Jan 11  
Report Cards

Jan 13  
PTA Monthly Meeting Zoom

Jan 21  
PTA Spirit Night  
Panda Express

Jan 26 & Jan 28  
PTA Breakfast With A Buddy

Jan 31  
School Advisory Council  
Meeting

## PTA Junction – December 2021

The holiday season is here, and we are thrilled to host the annual Holiday Gift Shop on campus from December 6-10, 2021. This is a great opportunity for students to buy presents for friends and family members. Prices at the Holiday Shop start as low as .25 cents.

### Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities

**Holiday Shop:** We still have volunteer shifts available for the Holiday Gift Shop. Shifts are Monday through Friday from 10 am to Noon, Noon to 2 pm and 2-4 pm. Volunteers will help students shop and stay within their budget. To select a shift please visit [signupgenius.com](http://signupgenius.com) or email us with any questions. Remember to volunteer on campus you must submit a volunteer application through Pasco County Schools first. Please visit <http://www.pasco.k12.fl.us> and click on the Parent tab.

### Save the Dates!

- December 6-10: Holiday Shop at DBES
- December 13: School Spirit Night at Tijuana Flats
- January 13: Monthly PTA Meeting via Zoom. Board members help plan special events, recognition programs, design spirit wear, organize fundraisers and much more. If you would like more information about the PTA board of directors or would like to attend the meeting as a guest, please contact us.
- January 21: School Spirit Night at Panda Express
- January 21: *Breakfast with a Buddy* on campus for students with a last name starting with the letters A-M.
- January 28: *Breakfast with a Buddy* on campus for students with a last name starting with the letters N-Z.

Corporate sponsorships for *Breakfast with a Buddy* are currently available and start as low as \$25.00.

*Breakfast with a Buddy* is an annual tradition. Students can invite one special person to join them for a special breakfast in the school cafeteria. More details and R.S.V.P forms will be sent home in January.

Are you a member of the PTA? As a PTA member you are donating to the school via the cost of your membership. The money raised from memberships is reinvested into the school for projects and special initiatives. To become a member of the PTA please visit [https://dbes.new.memberhub.store/store to sign up](https://dbes.new.memberhub.store/store-to-sign-up).

### STAY CONNECTED

Be sure to “like” our Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/DBESPTA/>) so you’re in the know about what’s coming throughout the year. We post school updates and events here.

If you are interested in volunteering, available sponsorship opportunities or have general questions please contact us via email. We would love to hear from you,

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