APRIL 2025

Gator Pulse

CHOMP CHOMP NEW LITTLE GATORS ARRIVING IN THE SWAMP!

On April 9, 2025, we will host our annual Dickinson ISD Spring Baby Shower at the Educational Support Center from 4:15 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

This is for all expectant parents or employees interested in family planning.

We will be covering:

- Medical Leave (FMLA/TDL)
- Insurance Benefits
- Payroll
- Gator Academy Enrollment

Gulf Coast Educators will join us to cover savings plans and college funds for your future gator. We will also have representatives from BlueCross BlueShield on site to be able to give additional information on free maternity benefits offered through the district health insurance.

If you want to join us, RSVP by emailing Maria Vargas, Benefits Specialist, at <u>mvargas@dickinsonisd.org</u> by April 4, 2025.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

- April 1- April Fool's Day
- April 2- World Autism Awareness Day
- April 15- Tax Day
- April 18- Good Friday/ Student & Teacher Holiday/ DISD Closed
- April 20- Easter
- April 22- Earth Day
- April 23- Administrative Professional's Day

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Employment & Wage

Employment and wage verification requests often arise from significant life events, such as purchasing a home, opening a credit account, applying for government assistance, seeking loan forgiveness, or leasing a residence. To ensure these requests are processed efficiently, securely, and accurately, Dickinson Independent School District is pleased to offer employees access to <u>VeriSafeJobs.com</u>, an automated verification platform.

This platform enhances transparency and accessibility by allowing employees to oversee the verification process. Employees have the ability to approve verification inquiries and track the status of their requests directly from their mobile devices or computers. It is important to note that, in order to provide this service, the District must disclose certain employee information—including social security numbers and other confidential data—to the service provider. Employees retain control over any additional disclosures through the VeriSafeJobs platform.

To utilize this complimentary service, employees should log into their Employee Access Center account, navigate to the update section, select the release information option, and save their

preferences. Dickinson ISD partners with <u>VeriSafeJobs.com</u> to ensure employees can securely and efficiently access the verification data they need. Through this platform, verifiers can quickly obtain the necessary information to facilitate credit approvals and access to

essential services.



Fruit Mousse



Ingredients

• 8 1/2 ounces (about 2 1/4 cups) frozen berries or other fruit

• 2 tablespoons sugar (or use sugar, honey, maple syrup, or stevia extract to taste)

• 1 large egg white

• Fresh berries and whipped cream for serving (optional)



- 1. Add fruit to the bowl of a food processor. Process to a rough puree, about 1 minute. Add the sugar or another sweetener and pulse briefly to combine. If you're using a different sweetener, add a small amount at a time to taste.
- 2. Add the egg white and process until smooth and fluffy and the mixture has lightened in color and doubled or tripled in volume, 2 to 3 minutes.
- 3. If the mixture clings to the sides of the food processor's bowl too much (this may happen if the blade doesn't extend all the way to the sides of the bowl), transfer the mixture to a normal medium-sized bowl and beat with a mixer fitted with the whisk attachment until fluffy.
- 4. Spoon the mousse into glasses and top or layer with fresh berries and/or whipped cream (optional). Serve immediately or store in the refrigerator for up to 2 hours (because this mousse has very little sugar in it, it's not very stable and it won't hold for longer than that).

CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month in the United States, a significant time to focus on protecting children and promoting family wellness.

This annual observance aims to raise awareness and prevent child abuse, recognizing the role of supportive families and communities in ensuring child safety.

Throughout this month, organizations and individuals across the country emphasize the importance of understanding and addressing the factors that contribute to the well-being of children and the prevention of abuse.

For more information on child abuse prevention or to report suspected abuse, please visit the official website <u>HERE</u>. Your vigilance and support can help ensure the safety and well-being of children in our communities.

Employee Transfer Requests

The DISD Human Resources Department is accepting teacher and paraprofessional transfer requests **now** until May 1st.

If you are interested in a lateral transfer to another campus in the district, please visit the <u>DISD</u> <u>Human Resources</u> page, click the Employee Transfer link, and follow the directions. You can also find the form <u>HERE.</u>

Please contact the DISD Human Resources Department if you have any questions or need assistance.