

# COMMUNITY CONNECTION

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## DPS COMMUNITY CONNECTION NEWSLETTER

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## WHERE LEARNING NEVER STOPS

At Dayton Public Schools, learning doesn't stop when the school year ends. Students of all ages can participate in a variety of programs to help prevent summer slide, improve reading and math skills, prepare them to enter high school, and provide an array of fun activities and field trips that will make the summer an unforgettable experience! Learn more on page 3.

# EMPLOYEE

## Spotlight



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### LENNIE ALLEN, DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS FOR DAYTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

*Lennie Allen is a Dayton native who attended Jefferson Township High School and later Morehouse College and Purdue University. Prior to coming to DPS, he worked in several construction firms, providing project management, estimating, and business development. In addition, he served as Minority Business Administrator for the City of Springfield, the Business Systems Analyst for Central State University, and Minority Business Coordinator for the City of Dayton. Lennie has two sons and one granddaughter.*

#### As Director of Operations, what do your day-to-day responsibilities consist of?

Operations is primarily responsible for maintaining buildings and grounds, and keeping them warm, safe, clean, and dry. We manage DPS custodians, groundskeepers, and skilled trades. Additionally, we oversee outside contractors and vendors that support the mission of the Operations Department.

#### What is the most enjoyable part about being the Director of Operations?

Mostly, I enjoy the team that I work with on a daily basis. There is great diversity of experience within our team that lends itself to accomplishment, professionalism, and leadership. When you have a team that's on the same page, that supports one another, and genuinely cares about the goals of the organization, it is enjoyable to come to work.

#### What is the most enjoyable part about working at Dayton Public Schools?

The intrinsic satisfaction of knowing that in some small way, you contribute to making life easier or better for the students, staff, and stakeholders of our District.

#### What would you like to share with others about the extensive career opportunities at DPS outside of the classroom?

We have several employment opportunities under the Operations umbrella, including Custodial, Nutrition Services, Skilled Trades, and Substitutes. For more information about these roles, please reach out to HR or visit [DaytonPublic.com](http://DaytonPublic.com).

#### What do you wish more people knew about Dayton Public Schools?

There are more positive things going on in Dayton Public Schools than negative, and unfortunately the negative more often appears in the news. Students of all grade levels are achieving great things and it is a joy to get to celebrate in those successes.

#### Why do you think others should consider a career with Dayton Public Schools?

Dayton Public Schools is a microcosm of our community, with a very diverse population. It's a place to grow, it's a place to hone your skills, and it's a place where you can feel a sense of self-worth for the services that you provide. DPS is truly a family, and we welcome others to join our team.

# SUMMER PROGRAMS DESIGNED TO HELP ALL STUDENTS THRIVE



For the first time, the Dayton Public School District is offering a robust array of summer learning opportunities for students of all grade levels. From preparing the youngest learners for kindergarten, instilling a love of STEM, and transitioning 8th graders to high school, there is a program designed to fit every student's needs.

These programs were thoughtfully planned and developed in an effort to prevent summer learning loss and ensure all students have engaging and exciting learning opportunities throughout June and July.

While programs will certainly help enhance a student's academic skills, the programs will also offer field trips, enrichment activities, college visits, and other fun opportunities.

Although many programs are at capacity, we invite families to sign students up for the programs listed here that still have open seats.

## DPS OFFERS ROBUST SUMMER LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS.

### High School Summer Bridge Programs

These programs are designed to ensure a positive transition to high school, help students build a strong foundation for success, understand graduation requirements, and expose students to various college and career pathways they might be interested in pursuing.

- July 8th-July 19th: Belmont, Meadowdale, and Stivers.
- July 22nd-August 2nd: Dunbar, Thurgood (& International School students), and Ponitz.
- The program will take place between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m., Monday-Friday.
- Transportation will be provided to students who qualify.

### Ready, Set, Grow! Kindergarten Readiness Program

This program is designed to set incoming kindergarteners up for success. Students will receive transportation and enjoy creative crafts, themed weekly activities, hands-on learning, and more!

- June 10th-June 28th at Rosa Parks Early Learning Center from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m., Monday-Friday.

### Elementary Summer Institute - Office for Cultural Engagement & Inclusion

This program involves a series of sessions designed to affirm, enlighten, and inspire young students in grades 4-6.

- June 3rd-June 14th at Meadowdale Career Technology Center from 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Monday-Friday.

### Middle School Summer Intensive - Office for Cultural Engagement & Inclusion

This program will provide hands-on experiences in math and science, mentorship, leadership development, and a focus on high school and college readiness for students in grades 7-8.

- June 3rd-June 14th at Meadowdale Career Technology Center from 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Monday-Friday.

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## FREE MEALS FOR CHILDREN

### SUMMER FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM PROVIDES FREE MEALS THROUGHOUT JUNE AND JULY.

DPS is a sponsor of the Summer Food Service Program with the Ohio Department of Education. Through this program, all children in the Dayton area can receive free meals between June 3rd-July 26th at various schools, churches, and other community locations.



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Free meals are available to:

- All children 18 years of age and under, or
- Those over 18 determined by a state or local public educational agency to be mentally or physically disabled AND who participate during the school year in a public or private nonprofit school program established for the mentally or physically disabled.

DPS meal sites include: Belmont High School, Charity Adams Earley Girls Academy, Cleveland Elementary, Paul Laurence Dunbar High School, Edwin Joel Brown Middle School, Fairview Elementary, The International School at Residence Park, Kiser Elementary, Meadowdale CTC, Ponitz CTC, Roosevelt Elementary, Rosa Parks Early Learning Center, Ruskin Elementary, Stivers School for the Arts, Thurgood Marshall STEM High School, Westwood Elementary, and Wogaman Middle School.