



August

Children Eye Health & Safety Month

National Immunization Awareness Month

8/5-8/6 Arkansas Sales Tax Holiday

8/17 DDS Staff Training

8/26 Women's Equality Day

August Birthdays

8/2 Henry Florence

8/5 John Taylor

8/7 Marcia Williams

8/9 Tina Smith

8/11 Laurell Hall

8/13 Regina Davenport

8/14 Mary Morris

8/15 Carol Parker

8/18 Savannah Hobbs

8/18 Jan Jones

8/18 Terrlyn Scoggins

8/22 Felicia Coleman

8/23 Shelley Summers

8/26 Sandra Hamilton

8/26 Amanda Smith

Are you ready?

Parents are you ready for bedtimes, homework, lunches, fieldtrips, group projects, permission slips, school supplies, the letters for more school supplies, volunteer sign up sheets, acclimation period for new teacher and next grade level? Time for yourself for sanity's sake? So much to look forward to at the start of a new school year. Are you ready?

*Don't forget the Arkansas Sales Tax Holiday is

August 5-6 this year.

*Take time for rest and relaxation to prevent burnout, even if only in 15 minute increments.

Empty nesters are you ready for no ripping and running, no lists, no Parent Teacher Meetings, no calls from the nurse, no searching backpacks for notes and homework, no checking agenda books, and no checking Edline? Silence, utter and complete silence, are you ready?

*Plan now for the extra time on your hands.

* Pick up that hobby you didn't have time for or start a new one.

Everyone, plan ahead for extra traffic. Watch for students at bus stops. Share an encouraging word to your children and also the teachers you see at the schools and stores. It's back to school time once again!



DDS celebrates AmeriCorps service to the HDCs

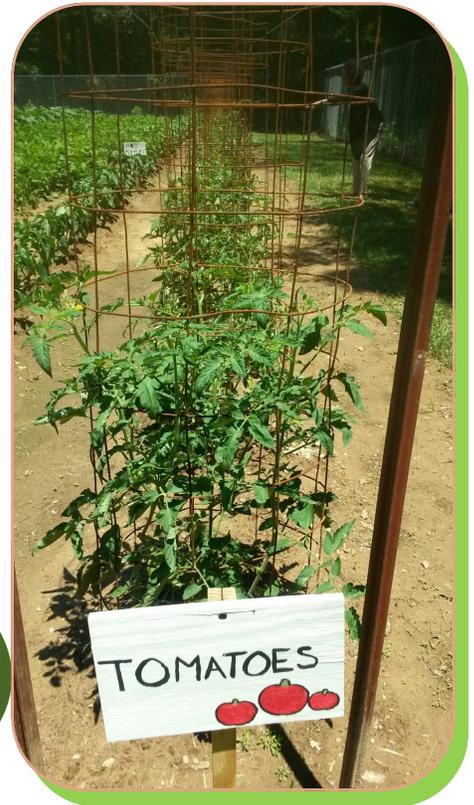


Accomplishments:

- Created 3 In ground gardens
- Recycled 365 lbs paper
- Transplanted 372 Plants
- Created 29 Signs
- Landscaped .5 Acres
- Pavers 6,656ft
- Moved 9,000 lbs sand
- Power washed 125 sq ft of sidewalk
- Moved 4,500 lbs gravel
- Paint chipped 245 sq ft
- Mulch 11,584 lbs
- Placed 2,000 sq ft weed cloth
- Planted 1,134 seeds
- Constructed 1 compost bin
- Constructed 26 raised beds
- Constructed 2 steps
- Constructed 3 planters
- Watered 15 gardens
- Painted over pavement
- Moved 2,000 lbs of rock material
- Washed 2,000 lbs of rock material
- Constructed 45 tomato cages
- Sprayed 152 plants for Blythe
- Picked 27 lbs produce
- Constructed 1 green house frame
- Raked 350 lbs of leaves
- Bagged 350 lbs of leaves
- Tilled 30 rows of produce
- Trimmed 8 hedges
- Cleaned 8 vehicles
- Mowed staff housing lawn
- Cleaned and organized storage garage



Arkadelphia Human Development Center's Garden



Save the Dates

"You can do
what I cannot
do. I can do
what you
cannot do.
Together we can
do great
things."

— Mother Teresa

8/17 DDS Annual Training— Look a for detailed email within the next week with venue location and time.

2nd Annual DHS Halloween Children's Event— Each division in central office chooses a theme and goes all out with decorations and character costumes with treats for the visiting children. This year's team DDS theme is *It's the Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown*. Our talented team recreated Alice in Wonderland last year to rave reviews! Here's to repeat success!



Comments, Suggestions, Q&A

Let us know what you'd like to see featured in upcoming editions. If you'd like to be a guest writer, let us know! Send all comments, suggestions, and Q&A to yvette.swift@dhs.arkansas.gov