



NO SCHOOL – MONDAY, JANUARY 15 - MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY

END OF 2ND QUARTER - FRIDAY, JANUARY 19, 2018

2018-2019 REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Earlier this week, current 6th and 7th graders were given their registration forms for the 2018-2019 school year. We encourage parents/guardians to complete the form with their student. Detailed descriptions of required and elective courses can be found in the course registration guide. The guide can be accessed on your student's iPad or through the following link: http://dms.farmington.k12.mn.us/academics/school_counseling/registration_information

Current 6th Graders:

Registration Presentations were January 8 & 9 – online registration will occur on January 16 & 17
Forms due to Extended Math/Transitions teachers by January 16 or 17

Current 7th Graders:

Registration Presentations will be January 8 – online registration will occur on January 16
Forms due to Language Arts teachers by January 16

If you have any questions please call or email:

Jennifer Hogan (A-K) 651-460-1598 or jhogan@farmington.k12.mn.us

Glee Slater (L-Z) 651-460-1599 or gslater@farmington.k12.mn.us

8TH GRADE HIGH SCHOOL AND BEYOND SEMINARS AND REGISTRATION

Friday, January 12, 2018 high school counselors will be presenting registration materials in student's Language Arts courses.

After the January 12th presentation by the high school counselors, all 8th grade students will attend a small group seminar with their current middle school counselor. During these seminars students will start goal setting and creating a possible four year plan for high school courses. The small group environment is conducive to students asking questions about high school requirements, class rigor, online registration, and future career interests. Each student will leave with a worksheet that includes a four year planning section, online career resources, and a place to set some academic, personal and career goals for themselves.

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Save the Date:

The Farmington High School counselors are hosting an informational meeting for parents of incoming 9th graders (current 8th graders) on **Thursday, January 18, 2018 at 6:00 in the evening in the Recital Hall at Farmington High School.**



REQUIRED INFORMATIONAL MEETING FOR STUDENTS PARTICIPATING IN THE WASHINGTON DC TRIP

A required informational meeting will be held on Monday, January 22 from 6:30-7:30PM in the Boeckman cafeteria.

The meeting is for students and their parent/guardians. It is important that all families attend this meeting. Informational forms (including medical) will be completed at the meeting along with making a \$250 down payment for the trip.

Please open the separate attachment in the E-News email for additional information. Questions should be directed to Curt Gutoske, cgutoske@farmington.k12.mn.us.

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Sponsored by the Farmington Area Wellness Committee



WE NEED YOUR HELP!

The Farmington Area Education Foundation is ready to grow! The group meets quarterly and has the chance to participate in awarding grants to the district staff as well as choosing 2 scholarship recipients for graduating seniors. It's a great group to be involved in and has a small time commitment. FAEF is currently looking for additional members to join us with these, and other activities throughout the year. (Email faefoundation@gmail.com with any questions.)



WAYS YOU CAN HELP-

- Email us at:faefoundation@gmail.com and join us yourself.
- Include the information from paragraph above in a couple of school e-blasts or on your social media platforms to help spread the word.
- Personally talk to a couple of staff members who would be good additions to our group and encourage them to get more information.
- Think about active parents who might be looking for a way to support the district as whole and talk to them about joining or contacting us themselves.

Lastly, on behalf of all of us - THANK YOU for everything you do each and every day for the students and the community.

Mary Treakle, Chair
Jake Cordes, Vice Chair
Gale Poore, Treasurer
Christy Henderson, Secretary

FARMINGTON COMMUNITY EDUCATION – MUSIC ACADEMY – OFFERING GUITAR LESSONS

Please open the attached PDF to learn more about this wonderful opportunity to learn guitar!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Share some time with Adult English Language Learners

Dakota Prairie Adult Basic Education, serving Farmington, Northfield, and Randolph school districts, has openings for friendly, outgoing **volunteers** interested in working with adult English language learners in our Farmington classes held at Meadowview Elementary School. No teaching experience required, just a love of people and a willingness to share your time and talents. For more information, please contact Dr. Tracie Kreighbaum, Adult Basic Education coordinator, at 651-460-3212, or email tkreighbaum@farmington.k12.mn.us

Why promote adult basic education and advertise for ABE volunteers?

- Our classes in Farmington are growing. We need volunteer help from the community in order to deliver customized, multi-level lessons to our adult English learners.
- Some of our ABE ESL students in Farmington report that a reason for pursuing English education is to benefit their children.
- Language barriers can lead to parents becoming less involved in their children's education.
- Active family involvement in a child's education means:
 - higher likelihood of high school graduation
 - more likely to enroll in higher education
 - Increased confidence in a parent's ability to help their children

When families, schools, and communities work together, students are more successful and everyone benefits.

Sources

Project Appleseed <http://www.projectappleseed.org/barriers>

The Des Moines Register <http://www.desmoinesregister.com/story/news/2016/10/21/parents-learn-english-their-children/91673372/>



US Department of Education <https://www.ed.gov/parent-and-family-engagement>

Enjoy your weekend!

Chris Bussmann, Principal

DID YOU KNOW?

Attendance Line: 651-460-1505

If a student will be absent, a parent/guardian must call Dodge Middle School's attendance line at 651-460-1505 between 7:00 AM and 8:15 AM each day of the absence. We ask that parents/guardians provide the reason for the absence at the time they call. The school determines if the absence falls within the excused or unexcused parameters. If the school does not receive a call from the parent/guardian the day of the absence, the student's absence is automatically unexcused.

To request a pre-excused absence, a parent/guardian needs to complete the online "[Request to Waive Unexcused Status of Absence](#)" form (a link to the form is provided here).

You can access this link by visiting the Dodge Middle School webpage and clicking on the green icon located on the bottom right of the page titled "Pre-Arranged Absence". Below is the image of the icon on the DMS website:



Please note that the form should be submitted at least 5 school days in advance of the absence.

Assignments & Homework Shortcuts

We've created a shortcut for you to view your child's weekly assignments and homework that are maintained in a Google Doc organized by grade level houses.

You can access these shortcuts by visiting the Dodge Middle School webpage and clicking on the yellow icon located on the bottom right of the page titled "Assignments". Below is an image of the icon on the DMS website:



You can also click [HERE](#).

The most recent information is located at the top of the document while past week's information can be viewed by scrolling down the document. This information is also present through Schoology.

Should you have a need to access specific assignments, please use your Parent Schoology Access Code or have your student visit the specific course in Schoology. Questions related to specific assignments should be directed to your student's teacher.

Upcoming Events

Jan. 15th: NO SCHOOL – Martin Luther King Day



Jan. 16 th :	6 th Grade Choir and Solar Choir Concerts at FHS at 6:30 pm 7 th Grade Choir Concert at FHS at 8:00 pm
Jan, 18 th :	Informational Registration Meeting for Current 8 th Grade Parents – 6:00 pm – Recital Hall @ FHS
Jan. 19 th :	2 nd Quarter Ends
Jan. 22 nd :	NO SCHOOL – Staff Development Day 7 th Grade Washington D.C. Trip Informational Meeting – 6:30 to 7:30 pm @ BMS Cafeteria
Jan. 25 th :	6 th & 7 th Grade Band Concerts at FHS at 7:00 pm
Jan. 26 th :	DMS Activity Night – DMS Gym 2:30 to 4:30

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- **FOR THE LOVE OF DANCE FUNDRAISER**

The FHS Senior Class Party Committee will be sponsoring a fundraiser at **2 p.m. on Saturday, February 3, 2018** at the Farmington High School. The fundraiser will feature a dance showcase that will include a wide variety of both local and other metro dance groups, performing a number of different styles. Click on the link below for more information.

http://www.farmington.k12.mn.us/news/community_resources/for_the_love_of_dance_fundraiser

- [Speaking of Kids](#): Do you have kids? Work with kids? Care for kids? Speaking of Kids is for you! Come and enjoy seminars that empower parents, educators, and caregivers by providing information and ideas to enhance your relationship with children and help them succeed. The next seminar is February 5th. Click on the link to learn more!