



BRIGHTBYTES SURVEY

We are again partnering with BrightBytes, an educational data analytics company, in order to learn more about our students' school and home technology use for learning.

We are reaching out to ask you to take part in our Clarity parent questionnaire. Your participation is essential in helping us form a more complete picture of technology use for learning in our students' lives. Please know that all of your responses will remain anonymous to protect your privacy. It will take approximately 5 minutes to complete.

The BrightBytes Clarity parent questionnaire is available from **January 23rd – February 5th, 2017**.

Please use the following link below to fill out the survey:

<https://bbyt.es/start/EA7RC>

Thank you for taking part in this important initiative!

FROM THE HEALTH OFFICE

I am sure that as many of you have followed the news that it is no surprise that Influenza/Flu has been widespread this year across our nation.

Many of our school families have been battling Influenza, strep throat and a variety of other viruses this winter. Here are some helpful hints to cut down on the spread of illnesses:

- We do want your kids in school BUT please remember if you have an ill child, *do not send* them back to school until they are ready and able to handle a full day of classes and activities.
- Please remind all family members to practice good hand hygiene, covering coughs and sneezes with a tissue or sleeve.
- Routinely clean and disinfect commonly used areas and frequently touched surfaces. Flu can remain on surfaces for up to 8 hrs.

Please open the attached PDF, it is a helpful screening tool for parents and caregivers to use when trying to decide whether to send or not send a child to school.

PARENT ENGAGEMENT NIGHT

Dodge Middle School will be hosting an informational meeting for 5th grade parents regarding the 2018-2019 transition to middle school on Tuesday, March 13 beginning at 6:30pm in the cafeteria.



FEB. 16 FLEXIBLE LEARNING DAY UPDATE

Farmington Area Public Schools, ISD 192 is continually dedicated to ensuring safe environments for our students and staff. Due to the winter storm that occurred early last week, we declared an emergency Flexible Learning Day last Tuesday, January 23.

We have received a number of questions regarding how this flex day will impact the pre-scheduled Flexible Learning Day coming up on February 16th.

We do not intend to make any change to our district calendar. That being said, **February 16, 2018 will remain a planned Flexible Learning Day**. Please refer to the website for more information on [Flexible Learning Days](#).

Thank you for your patience and support during this season of unpredictable winter weather! May you all stay safe and warm!

Reminder: If you did not receive the emergency school closing notifications on your preferred devices, please call your school office to update your contact information as soon as possible.

2ND QUARTER PAPERLESS REPORT CARDS AVAILABLE ON FWA

Report cards are available online. Please see the attached PDF "Paperless Report Cards" for instructions to access report cards using FWA. Please contact the office at 651-460-1500 to request a paper copy or to sign-up for FWA.

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ATTENTION PARENTS OF CURRENT 8TH GRADE STUDENTS – REGISTRATION INFORMATION

If you were unable to attend the parent information meeting hosted by FHS school counselors last Thursday, click on the link below for the video presentation.

<https://youtu.be/FMdw4jtcYEc>

ATTENTION WRITERS:

DMS Young Authors Club begins meeting after school on February 5, 2:30-4. We will meet most Mondays up until Spring Break. Writers will have time to work on their personal choice, learn from other passionate writers, and be able to share their writing with peers, if they choose. There is no cost for this club and registration can be found on the DMS Staff and Student News Group in Schoology. Question can be directed to Mrs. Ammerman, kammerman@farmington.k12.mn.us



ATTENTION ALL BOYS AND GIRLS 12 YEARS AND OLDER

If you are interested in joining the Farmington Trap Team we are having an information session on Tuesday, February 13th. Team registration will be from 6:00 to 7:00PM and the info session will begin at 7:00PM. The meeting will be held in the lecture hall at Farmington High School. If you have any questions you can call Chris Hinrichs, Farmington Trap Team Treasurer at 651-303-1340.

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

February 16 th :	Flex-Learning Day 3 rd Quinter Classes End for 6 th and 7 th Grade
February 19 th :	NO SCHOOL – President’s Day
March 1 st :	2-Hour Early Release Student-Led Conferences – 12:30 pm to 7:15 pm
March 6 th :	Student-Led Conferences – 2:30 pm to 7:15 pm
March 9 th :	NO SCHOOL – District Staff Development Day
March 19 th :	District Band Jubilee – FHS – 7:00 pm (Grade 8)
March 22 nd :	Choirpalooza – FHS – (HS and grade 6)
Mar. 26 th – Apr. 2 nd :	NO SCHOOL – Spring Break

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- **COACH BINGO**
The Farmington Area Education Foundation is hosting COACH BINGO on February 23rd at St. Michael’s Church. Please open the attached PDF to learn more about this event.
- **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!