



NO SCHOOL – MONDAY, JANUARY 22 – DISTRICT STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY

END OF 2ND QUARTER – TODAY – FRIDAY, JANUARY 10, 2018

Staff will be posting 2nd Quarter, 2nd Quinmester, and 1st Semester to Infinite Campus in the coming days. We plan to make the report cards live in parent portal by Friday, January 26. If you would like a paper copy of the report card please contact our main office at 651-460-1500.

PARENT AMBASSADOR MEETING – JANUARY 25th - 5:00 pm – DMS MEDIA CENTER

We will be hosting a Parent Ambassador meeting on January 25th to share an update about innovative space design taking place at Dodge Middle School during the summer of 2018! Come join us to look at some design concepts and hear the “why” behind the project!

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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FARMINGTON COMMUNITY EDUCATION – MUSIC ACADEMY – OFFERING GUITAR LESSONS

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



TO BE HEALTHY AS A WHOLE, MENTAL WELLNESS PLAYS A ROLE

What affects how we act, learn, work, and communicate, relationships with others and how we feel about ourselves? Our mental health. Good mental health is a key component to living a healthy life, and it's often overlooked. What can we do as parents to improve our children's and our own mental health?

[Click here to find out more information!](#)

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 Treacle, Chair
Jake Cordes, Vice Chair
Gale Poore, Treasurer
Christy Henderson, Secretary

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>

I'd like to extend a friendly reminder that the speed limit on 208th street Monday through Friday between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. is 20 m.p.h. I know it can feel painfully slow during that long stretch to Dodge Middle School or Riverview Elementary School but it is in place as in the past there have been collisions between moving vehicles and walking students. Thank you for helping ensure the safety of our community!

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:



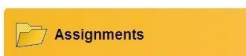
Please note that the form should be submitted at least 5 school days in advance of the absence.



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

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| 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
Parent Ambassador Meeting – 5:00 pm - DMS Media Center |
| Jan. 26 th : | DMS Activity Night – DMS Gym 2:30 to 4:30 |

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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!