



Greetings to our DMS Community!

## **PLEASE SIGN UP FOR SPRING 2019 STUDENT-LED CONFERENCES**

We are nearing the time for student-led conferences that are scheduled to take place on March 7<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>. Please view the attachment for additional information about conferences. [You can also SIGN UP HERE.](#)

## **FEBRUARY 15, 2019**

After three unplanned flexible learning days due to cold weather, the planned flexible learning day on Friday, February 15<sup>th</sup> will now be a professional development day for staff members. This means it will be a non-school day for students and there will be no flexible learning day assignments.

## **QUARTER 2 REPORT CARDS**

With the school cancellations this week we are going to delay posting the Quarter 2 report cards until next week. When they are ready to be viewed in the Parent Portal we will send out a notification.

## **BrightBytes CLARITY SURVEY FOR PARENTS**

ISD 192 is once 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 please 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 until **February 8th, 2019**. DMS students will take the survey in TC on February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

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

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

Thank you for taking part and providing valuable input!

## **LAST DAY TO PURCHASE A YEARBOOK IS FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 22<sup>ND</sup>**

The last day to purchase your copy of the 2018-2019 yearbook is on Friday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2019! 52 pages of memories from the year in full color for just \$26.50. There are also additional packages for personalization and icons. Yearbooks must be ordered by February 22<sup>nd</sup>, so order yours online today at [www.jostensyearbook.com](http://www.jostensyearbook.com)!

## **GRADE 8 PANORAMIC PICTURES FOR SALE IN THE OFFICE**

There are a dozen 8<sup>th</sup> grade panoramic pictures for sale in the office. The cost is \$16.00



## **BE PREPARED FOR INFLUENZA SEASON**

Influenza season is here. Below is a quick review of symptoms and best practices. Please also open the attached PDF or click [HERE](#) for an “Influenza Symptom Screening Tool for Parents and Caregivers” offered by the MN Department of Health.

### **SYMPTOMS: FEVER – HEADACHE – FATIGUE – COUGH - SORE THROAT - BODY ACHES**

Influenza-like symptoms are defined as a temperature of 100 or greater AND either a cough or sore throat.

### **PLEASE PROMOTE GOOD HYGIENE WITH:**

- Frequent hand washing with soap and warm water
- Cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue or sleeve
- Stay home when sick
- Routinely clean and disinfect commonly touched surfaces (*flu virus can remain on surfaces for up to 8 hours*)

## **HOMEWORK HELP AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM – MONDAY & WEDNESDAY**

Monday October 1<sup>st</sup> we began our DMS "Homework Help" after school program. This program will run on **Mondays and Wednesdays** from 2:30 - 4:00pm when school is in session. It is opportunity for your child to stay after and work on their schoolwork. Students will need their own transportation home.

We are planning to have Farmington High School students serve as tutors, but due to their own course load requirements, sports and other commitments we cannot always guarantee to have a specific number of High School student tutors in attendance to assist our Dodge Middle School students. The tutors will arrive here at approximately 3:00pm and will work with students from 3:00 - 4:00pm. (At the beginning of each HS Trimester, tutors will arrive at 3:15pm)

Please note that we do not offer one on one tutoring in this program.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact:

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Geography Teacher

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651-460-1570

Take care,

Chris Bussmann, Principal

**DID YOU KNOW?**

## **FAMILY WEB ACCESS & SCHOLOGY**

FWA (Family Web Access) allows parents to access information for grades, attendance and information to student progress.



Schoology helps parents communicate with their student's team of teachers, access assignments, projects and much more. We encourage every family at Dodge Middle School to have both accounts to fully support your student in their learning.

[Please click HERE to learn more or contact our office at 651-460-1500 with questions](#)

### **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**

- Feb. 13<sup>th</sup>: 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Classes End (6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> Grade)
- Feb. 15<sup>th</sup>: Staff Development Day
- Feb. 18<sup>th</sup>: NO SCHOOL – Presidents' Day
- Mar. 7<sup>th</sup>: Student Led conferences – 2:30 pm to 7:15 pm



- Mar. 8<sup>th</sup>: NO SCHOOL – District Staff Development Day
- Mar. 12<sup>th</sup>: 2 Hour Early Release  
Student Led Conferences – 12:30 pm to 7:15 pm
- Mar. 18<sup>th</sup>: District Band Jubilee – 7:00 pm @FHS Gym (Grade 8)
- Mar. 19<sup>th</sup>: Parent Ambassador Meeting – 6:00 pm – Media Center  
Choirpalooza – 7:00 pm @FHS Main Gym (Grade 6 and High School)
- Mar. 25<sup>th</sup> -29<sup>th</sup>: NO SCHOOL – Spring Break

## **COMMUNITY RESOURCES HIGHLIGHTS**

We are always updating the [Community Resources page](#) on our website with new events and activities that support our Farmington community. Click to learn more!

CLICK ON THE LINK BELOW TO RECEIVE COMMUNITY EDUCATION INFORMATION  
[SIGN UP FOR OUR EMAIL NEWSLETTER UPDATES!](#)

### **FITNESS FUN & STAYING ACTIVE**

Keep your child active this winter with late afternoon, evening Kung Fu, rock and rope climbing and a special morning of “Minute to Win it Challenge” on Friday Feb. 15. Click [here](#) to view the flyer for more information.

### **SPEAKING OF KIDS SERIES**

Free seminars are planned for February 11, 2019 and March 11, 2019 at either school district depending on the date. More information is available at [www.speakingofkids.info](http://www.speakingofkids.info)