



Greetings to our DMS Community!

## **QUARTER 2 REPORT CARDS**

2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Report cards are now available online. Please see the attached PDF "Paperless Report Cards" or click [HERE](#) for instructions to access report cards using FWA. Please contact the office at 651-460-1500 to request a paper copy.

## **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.](#)

## **LAST CALL FOR MEMORIES**

Final yearbook orders are being placed and this is your last call. Order by Friday, February 22, 2019 to guarantee your student gets one. [www.jostensyearbook.com](http://www.jostensyearbook.com)

## **2018-19 ASSESSMENT INFORMATION**

At Farmington Area Public Schools, we are committed to providing our students with personalized learning experiences. To best achieve this, we regularly assess students' growth. Various classroom and standardized assessments aid teachers in providing for individual instructional needs and identifying class trends. We strive to consider the whole picture when serving our students. Having multiple types of assessments helps provide a fuller picture of each student's needs.

Farmington Area Public Schools administer two sets of large scale standardized assessments: the Minnesota State Accountability tests and the NWEA MAP tests. We highly encourage you to read more about what each assessment provides for your student(s), and [have provided a chart](#) for this purpose.

Parents and guardians do have the right to request their student(s) not participate in a scheduled assessment. If you wish your child not to take one or more of the planned assessments, please make sure you understand the role of the assessment and complete the appropriate form.

[MCA Non-Participation Form](#)

[NWEA MAP Non-Participation Form](#)

## **ATTENTION PARENTS \* ACTION ITEM \* FREE YOUTH HEART SCREEN FOR KIDS 14-24**

The Patrick Schoonover Heart Foundation is conducting a free Play For Patrick youth heart screen [Saturday February 23rd from 9-4 at the Farmington High School small gym.](#) The screen includes Family health history, Hgt/Wgt, Blood Pressure, Electrocardiogram (EKG), Echocardiogram (Echo) and physician consultation to review results. Kids & Parents are also taught hands only CPR & AED Awareness.

In 2014, Patrick Schoonover passed away expectantly due to Sudden Cardiac Arrest (SCA) while playing hockey. Patrick had undetected heart defects that were not identified during routine exams & sports physicals. SCA is the #1 killer of student athletes, the #1 cause of death on school campuses, the #2 medical cause of death and 9,500 youth are affected annually.



From August 2015 to January 2019, the Patrick Schoonover Heart Foundation conducted 14 Play for Patrick youth heart screens, screened 2,568 kids, found 134 with high blood pressure (with repeated check), 201 with abnormal electrical or structural heart defects, taught 2,317 kids & adults CPR & AED awareness and donated 5 AEDs to area High Schools.

Parents, please take advantage of this life saving event and register your kids today.

[https://www.playforpatrick.org/news\\_article/show/991186](https://www.playforpatrick.org/news_article/show/991186)

Mike & Gayle Schoonover

Play With Heart

[www.playforpatrick.org](http://www.playforpatrick.org)

### **SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

The 2019 Levi P. Dodge Middle School Scholastic Book Fair is coming up on March 7<sup>th</sup> from 3:00 pm to 7:15 pm and March 12<sup>th</sup> from 12:30 pm to 7:15 pm! Please plan on stopping by the Media Center to check out a wonderful selection of engaging and affordable books. Reading for pleasure inside and outside of school has real and long-lasting benefits. It unlocks the power of information and imagination and helps children discover who they are. Remember, all purchases benefit our school. See you at the Book Fair!

Please click on the link for the Sign Up Genius to volunteer to help work the

fair <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0F48ABA72AAA8-book1>

### **FEBRUARY PARENT WELLNESS MESSAGE**



The Farmington School District is part of a growing movement to advance health equity within schools and their surrounding communities. The aim of this work is to dedicate more attention to the students who are at higher risk due to social determinants and conditions. This involves identifying students that face barriers to health, by creating spaces for open dialogue among students, parents, and educators (i.e. focus groups, wellness meetings, safety forums). These assessments will shed light on how to improve the school environment and policies to better support *all* students in achieving optimal health. [Click here for more information!](#)

*Sponsored by the Farmington Area Wellness Committee and the Statewide Health Improvement Partnership*



Have a great weekend!

Chris Bussmann, Principal



## **DID YOU KNOW?**

### **FAMILY WEB ACCESS & SCHOOLGY**

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.



## **HOMWORK 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:

Theresa Agerter

Geography Teacher

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651-460-1570

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

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 – 7:30 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 actives 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!](#)

## **FARMINGTON TIGER DANCE TEAM 2019-2020 TRYOUT INFORMATION & REGISTRATION DETAILS**

If you interested in trying out for Farmington Tiger Dance Team, registration is now open. Please visit our website for tryout details and sign up information [www.tigerdanceteam.com](http://www.tigerdanceteam.com)



**Open House Feb 26<sup>th</sup> 6:30-7:30 Farmington High School Dance Studio**

Are you interested in trying out for Dance Team but want to learn more about it or have questions? Come to our open house on Tuesday, Feb.26<sup>th</sup> and meet the coaches, athletes, and families. It's a great opportunity to ask questions, learn about our program and get to know those already involved in Farmington Dance Team.

**Tryout Practices**

March 4-8th 3:15-5:00pm at Boeckman MS GYM

**Tryout Day**

Saturday, March 9th 8:00am-2pm at Farmington High School

**SPRING TRAP SEASON**

Team Meeting and payment date is March 12<sup>th</sup> – meeting at FHS Lecture Hall at 7:30. Please click [HERE](#) for more information!

**2019 SPRING/SUMMER LACROSSE REGISTRATION**

Please click on the link [www.farmingtonlacrosse.org](http://www.farmingtonlacrosse.org) to register. Last day to register is March 1<sup>st</sup>.

**SPEAKING OF KIDS SERIES**

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