



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 7th & 12th. Please view the attachment for additional information about conferences. [You can also SIGN UP HERE.](#)

QUARTER 2 REPORT CARDS

2nd 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.

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](#)

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The 2019 Levi P. Dodge Middle School Scholastic Book Fair is coming up on March 7th from 3:00 pm to 7:15 pm and March 12th 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>



FARMINGTON MIDDLE SCHOOL TRACK FOR STUDENT IN GRADE 7 & 8

The middle school track & field season starts for students in grades 7-8 on April 2nd and ends on May 14th. Practices are at BMS after school from 2:45 - 4:15. You must have a current physical on file to be able to register. All registration is done through Feepay. Contact the Athletic Department at 651-252-2514 for questions.

Have a great weekend!

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:



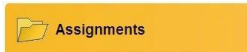
Please note that the form should be submitted at least 5 school days in advance of the absence.

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.

HOMEWORK HELP AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM – MONDAY & WEDNESDAY

Monday October 1st 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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UPCOMING EVENTS

Mar. 7th: Student Led conferences – 2:30 pm to 7:15 pm

Mar. 8th: NO SCHOOL – District Staff Development Day

Mar. 12th: 2 Hour Early Release
Student Led Conferences – 12:30 pm to 7:15 pm

Mar. 18th: District Band Jubilee – 7:00 pm @FHS Gym (Grade 8)

Mar. 19th: Parent Ambassador Meeting – 6:00 pm – Media Center
Choirpalooza – 7:30 pm @FHS Main Gym (Grade 6 and High School)

Mar. 25th -29th: 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!](#)

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

If you are 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

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 12th – 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 to register. Last day to register is March 1st.

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