



3rd 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.

IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS FOR 7TH GRADE STUDENTS FOR THE 2018-19 SCHOOL YEAR

The health office is planning for the start of the 2018-19 school year! Minnesota immunization law requires that children enrolled in school are to be immunized against certain diseases or file a legal medical or conscientious exemption. As your child is entering 7th grade in September he/she may be due for booster immunizations required for 7th grade enrollment. If you choose that your child will not receive the booster shots an exemption form must be notarized and submitted to the school by September 4. This form can be found on the Health Services Web page at www.farmington.k12.mn.us/ (Services to Health Services to Immunizations and find Student Immunization Form at the bottom of the page).

Proof of the following immunizations or a notarized form indicating you are conscientiously objecting to more immunizations must be provided to the health office no later than the first day of school on September 4, 2018.

- **2 Measles, Mumps and Rubella (MMR) (1st dose must be after age 1)**
- **1 Tetanus Diphtheria Pertussis (Tdap) Booster given after age 11**
- **3 Polio Immunizations**
- **3 Hepatitis B Immunizations**
- **2 Chicken Pox (Varicella) (given after 1 year of age and at least 28 days apart) or date of disease verified by MD**
- **1 Meningococcal Immunization (given at age 11-12)**

Please contact your physician to schedule an appointment to get these taken care of at any time. The offices get busy in the summer. If your child is going out for sport next fall you might also want to consider getting their sports physical done as well.

If you have any questions or you want to verify we have the most current immunizations in our records, please contact the DMS nurse, Tedde Lundstedt, at tlundstedt@farmington.k12.mn.us or Gail Setterstrom, Health Services Coordinator, at gsetterstrom@farmington.k12.mn.us .

Thanks and enjoy the remaining days of the 2017-18 school year!



20-20-20 RULE ~ EYE HEALTH

The 20-20-20 rule, what does this mean and why is it important? Every 20 minutes, take a 20-second break and focus your eyes on something at least 20 feet away. It's a simple rule to follow to promote eye health. Screens are a large part of our lives, so taking measures to keep our eyes healthy and strong should be a top priority. [Click here to find out more information.](#)

Sponsored by the Farmington Area Wellness Committee



2017-18 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.

2018 MCA TESTING SCHEDULE

You can view the "Detailed Testing Calendar [HERE](#) for the full district schedule. The specific detail for Dodge Middle School will be posted in Schoology for students to access. Science testing will take place in our computer labs while the Reading and Math test will take place on students' iPads. In order for students to be able to test on the iPad they need to have their iOS system updated to the most recent version and free up at least 1 GB of space. They may need to delete photos, videos and/or apps to free up enough space. Thank you for your assistance in preparing your student's iPad for testing!

NEW this year is that students will need to use headphones in order to view and hear the MCA directions prior to testing. Please ensure that your student has a set of headphones that plug into their iPad and work correctly. If you are not able to secure headphones, please contact our main office at 651-460-1500.



FARMINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS ANNUAL ART SHOW ON MAY 3RD AT FHS

The Farmington Public Schools Annual Art Show will take place on May 3rd from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm at the Farmington High School. We hope you can join us for a wonderful event that highlights student talents across the district!

Take care,

Chris Bussmann, Principal

Upcoming Events

- April 17th: District Jazz Night Band Concert – FHS – 6:30 pm (Grades 6, 7 & 8)
4th Quarter Classes End for Grades 6 & 7
- May 3rd: Farmington Public Schools Annual Art Show at FHS – 6:00pm to 8:00pm
- May 14th: DMS Choir Concerts at FHS – 6:30pm and 8:00pm
- May 15th: DMS Choir Concerts at FHS – 6:30pm and 8:00pm
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- May 24th: DMS Musical at BMS Auditorium
- May 28th: NO SCHOOL – Memorial Day

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.

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- **THE EDGE**
“This Edge” is a summer youth program for students entering grades 6-9- (up to age 16). The program is run through Burnsville Community Ed and in partnership with Farmington, Lakeville, Shakopee and New Prague Community Education departments. The Edge provides daily field trips and experiences that help kids develop their independence, gain responsibility, and accountability, and improve interpersonal communication. Please open the attached PDF for more information!
- **MINNESOTA YOUTH RUGBY CLINICS**
Please open the attached PDF to learn more about this exciting sport.
- **YOUTH THEATRE OPTIONS**
Please visit [Community Resources page](#) to learn more about the various theatre options we have available for Theatre-Acting-Singing.



- **FARMINGTON TIGERS BOYS SOCCER CLINIC**

Sessions will take place on: April 7, April 28, May 5, May 19, and May 26. Please visit the [Community Resources page](#) for more information.