



Greetings to our DMS Community!

NO SCHOOL APRIL 19TH - 22ND

QUARTER 3 REPORT CARDS

3rd Quarter Report cards are now 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.

WEB LEADERS NEEDED FOR NEXT YEAR!

7th grade students are encouraged to apply to be a part of Dodge's WEB Leaders. WEB is a transitional program that connects all incoming 6th graders with positive, kind, and helpful 8th graders that have received special training in leadership. All current 7th grade students who want to have a positive impact on their school should turn in applications to Mrs. Bateman, Mrs. Rauk, or the main office by 2:30 Friday, April 26th. Applications will be passed out in Language Arts classes today and Monday. They are also available in the media center or main office. All questions can be directed to Mrs. Rauk (jrauk@farmington.k12.mn.us) or Mrs. Bateman (jbateman@farmington.k12.mn.us).

SPRING RIDING for FOCUS BIKE CLUB:

In the fall we began a Riding for Focus before school bike club and it was very well attended. The mountain bikes and cycling equipment were a part of a grant through The Specialized Foundation. You can read more about the Riding for Focus grant here: <https://www.specializedfoundation.org/ridingforfocus/>

BMS was awarded the grant of 30 bikes, helmets, and various supplies. We also were given a donation from a BMS family for the cost for 6 more bikes and helmets, bringing our total to 36! BMS has been so blessed with this opportunity, and we are enjoying this new curriculum at our school!

The Spring **AFTER SCHOOL** program has begun and will run now until May 23. We will meet every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 2:25-3:20. **IT IS NOT TOO LATE TO SIGN UP. SIGN UP THROUGH THIS WEEK.**

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeZoX_je0qlkrUfyuZpe7RIwWqCtI3HglNvShFhNXTjxCDXQ/viewform

The goal of the Riding for Focus bike club is to teach youth how to choose the right fit for a bike and a helmet, teach the basics of cycling, benefits of cycling, and teach skills for road readiness (road riding skills). We will do most of our riding at BMS while we learn the skills of the curriculum but we will also venture off campus and utilize the wonderful bike trails around Farmington. Once students have passed through this initial curriculum, our bike program will offer more opportunities for cycling for fun and fitness in and around our school and community.

If you have further questions or concerns contact Jackie Jensen-Gordon or Kristin Ammerman.

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A NOTE FROM HEALTH SERVICES

We want all our students to be healthy and happy every day, but sometimes sickness happens.

Here is a friendly reminder of the school guidelines to follow when sickness strikes:

- Children need to be picked up as soon as possible when they become ill during the school day. This is important for preventing the spread of illness. We know it is often difficult to pick up your child unexpectedly but it is critical to have a backup plan in case of illness or emergency.
- Children need to stay home for **24 hours after** the **last** episode of vomiting or diarrhea and **24 hours after** they are fever free (without the aid of medication).

[Additional information on this topic is available on our website at https://www.farmington.k12.mn.us/services/health_services.](https://www.farmington.k12.mn.us/services/health_services)

Thank you so much for your cooperation!

FHS CHEERLEADING/MASCOT TRYOUTS

Info Parent/Athlete Meeting: Apr 6th 10a @ FHS Lg. Lecture Hall

Tryouts: Apr 29th -May 3rd @ Aerobics Rm

Have you ever wondered about cheering for HS teams? Do you have a lot of energy? Do you like the idea of making new, lifelong friends? Better yet, bring a friend with you! Cheer is best with friends!

We would love to have you come see if this is a good fit for you! No experience necessary. Come with a great attitude, a willingness to work and you will have a blast. It is important to come to the meeting to get all the information. Any questions you can email us @ fhscheerleadingteam@gmail.com

Or check our website: www.FHSCheerleadingTeam.com

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 – 3:30 pm 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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UPCOMING EVENTS

April 19-22: NO SCHOOL

April 25th: DMS Jazz Band Concert @ FHS Recital Hall at 8:00 pm (Grades 6, 7, & 8)

May 6th: 6th Grade Field Trip to Fort Snelling and Capital

May 13th: Choir Concert @ FHS Recital Hall at 6:30 (Ms. Brewers & Ms. Cieminski 7th Grade Choir)
Choir Concert @ FHS Recital Hall at 8:00 pm (Ms. Cieminski 8th Grade Mixed Choir)

May 14th: Choir Concert @ FHS Recital Hall at 6:30 pm (Ms. Brewers "Day B" 6th Grade Choir)
Choir Concert @ FHS Recital Hall at 8:00 pm (Ms. Cieminski "Day A" 6th Grade Choir)
Choir Concert @ FHS Recital Hall at 8:00 pm (Ms. Brewers Solar Choir)

May 16th: Band Concert @ FHS Recital Hall at 6:30 pm (6th Grade Band)
Band Concert @ FHS Recital Hall at 8:00 pm (7th and 8th Grade Band)

May 17th: DMS 8th Grade Semi-Formal @ DMS Gym – 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm

May 23rd: Musical Theatre @ BMS Theatre at 7:00 pm

May 27th: NO SCHOOL – Memorial Day

June 5th: 6th Grade Field Trip to Bowlero
7th Grade Field Trip to Game World
8th Grade Field Trip to Valley Fair

June 6th: LAST DAY OF SCHOOL – Early Release at 12:25 pm

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!](#)

DAKOTA CITY & DAKOTA COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY CAMPS

Local history experiences are available this summer through Dakota City Heritage Village and the Dakota County Historical Society. Please [click on the attached history flyer from Farmington Community Education](#) to view the flyer.

SUMMER SOCCER CAMPS

Summer Tiger soccer camps are being offered for students in grades K-5 and girls in grades 6-8. Please [CLICK HERE](#) to view the flyer



FOURTH ANNUAL SOUTH OF THE RIVER RESOURCE & EDUCATION FAIR – SATURDAY, MAY 4TH - 9:00 am to NOON

This is a FREE EVENT for parents/caregivers and their children who have concerns about their child’s development, school progress, or mental health wellbeing. Please [CLICK HERE](#) to learn more and register for this event. For questions contact Andrea Grossman at 952.891.7328 or andrea.grossman@co.dakota.mn.us

NEW SUMMER OPTION IN FARMINGTON FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS!

IGNITE Summer Camps are...

- designed for youth entering 6th-9th grade
- offered Monday-Thursday, from 9-12 pm and 12:30-3:30 pm; a supervised lunch time is offered from 12-12:30 pm
- at Dodge Middle School, and some offsite locations – including an Interstate State Park Camping trip and a 20 mile bike ride around Minneapolis
- full of athletic, art, STEM, and outdoor experiences
- Parents can pick and choose how many camp experiences they sign their child up for.

Here is a link to view IGNITE Camp options online (grades 6-9): <http://bit.ly/ISD192IGNITE>

Click [HERE](#) to view the brochure and a description of all the camps offered.