



STAFF APPRECIATION WEEK AND LUNCHEON:

The week of May 7th through 11th is Staff Appreciation Week at Dodge Middle School. On Friday, May 11th the Dodge Middle School Ambassadors would like to provide the Dodge Staff with a BBQ lunch celebration. We have approximately 100 staff members we are trying to feed.

Below is a link with a list of food items needed to help us with this event. Thank you for your consideration!

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080F45AFA729A4FE3-staff1>

7TH GRADERS SUCCEEDING AT HISTORY DAY

Last month, seventeen 7th-graders competed at the South-Regional History Day on the campus of Minnesota State University, Mankato. These students researched and prepared exemplary projects as part of their U.S. History class and presented them to judges at the competition. Students that competed were: Connor Bigaouette, Hailey Fernandes, Brielle Field, Julia Gordon, Katie Johnson, Kyle Jones, Eliana Kaufhold, Amanda Lins, Anna Lorenzana, Ryan Mitlyng, Alaina Morrow, Abby Redeske, Tate Rusnacko, Ivonne Saucier, Olivia Theirl, Ben Vanorny, and Ian Wolfgram.

Receiving special recognition were:

- Abby Redeske - Honorable Mention for her website on the "Berlin Wall"
- Anna Lorenzana - State Qualifier for her website on "Title IX" (women's equality in sports)
- Brielle Field and Eliana Kaufhold - State Qualifiers for their exhibit on "Katherine Johnson" (NASA pioneer)
- Hailey Fernandes and Julia Gordon - State Qualifiers for their performance of "The Battle of the Sexes - Billie Jean King vs. Bobby Riggs"

Tomorrow, April 28, Brielle Field and Eliana Kaufhold, and Hailey Fernandes and Julia Gordon, will be competing at the University of Minnesota for State History Day. This should be an exciting day for the students and everyone at DMS wishes them all the best!

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!

PMA FUNDRAISING EVENT ON MAY 3RD – CHIK-FIL-A – APPLE VALLEY 5:30 TO 7:30

PMA (Pokémon Masters Association) is the conception of FHS students who love all things Pokémon and want to share their knowledge and passion for the game with others. Completely student led, these young men provide mentorship and social connections for middle school students who wish to improve their game and make new friends within the Farmington community in ISD 192.



We invite you to come celebrate school spirit and raise money to keep our group supplied and funded. Please join us Thursday May 3rd at Chik-Fil-A (Apple Valley) Spirit Night for PMA/DMS GAMERS from 5:30-7:30 pm!

Please open the attached PDF for more information.

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!

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.



Take care,

Chris Bussmann, Principal

Upcoming Events

- May 3rd: Farmington Public Schools Annual Art Show at FHS – 6:00pm to 8:00pm
- May 14th: DMS 8th Grade Choir Concert at FHS Recital Hall–8:00pm
- May 15th: DMS 6th Grade Choir Concert at FHS Recital Hall – 6:30pm
DMS 7th Grade Choir Concert at FHS Recital Hall – 8:00pm
- May 17th: DMS Band Concerts at FHS – 6:30pm and 8:00pm
- 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 documents for more information!
- **MINNESOTA YOUTH RUGBY CLINICS**
Please click on the link below to learn more about this exciting sport.
https://farmington.ce.eleyo.com/search?q=rugby&redirected_yet=true
- **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.