



LAST DAY OF SCHOOL IS THURSDAY, JUNE 7TH – PLEASE SEE DETAILS BELOW

- **EARLY DISMISSAL AT 11:25am FOR ALL STUDENTS**
- **LUNCH WILL NOT BE SERVED ON THE LAST DAY OF SCHOOL UNLESS IT IS PRE-ORDERED**
- **8th ANNUAL 6th GRADE WALK/RUN CELEBRATION ON JUNE 7th**

The sixth-grade student body is going to take part in our annual 5K Run/Walk Celebration. The run/walk will start right after the Talent Show at 9:15 a.m. by the pool doors. Parents are welcome to watch, cheer and/or participate. Please open the attached PDF document to learn more!

LAST CHANCE: OPTIONAL SUMMER IPAD CHECKOUT IS BACK FOR 2018-19!

Life can get busy and maybe you are interested in checking your student's iPad out for the summer but you have just been too busy. We completely understand! ☹ We wanted to send out a special reminder that, if you are interested, you will want to complete this process by Friday. After that, we will be closing FeePay and students will be turning in their iPads until next fall.

Families with students who currently take iPads home in grades 3-11 may now opt to checkout their issued iPads for the summer months! Last year more than 60% of eligible families and students opted to checkout their issued iPads. Using [FeePay](#) to agree to the updated [2018-19 iPad Loan Agreement](#) and having your child complete the summer iPad checkout process at their current school will also ensure that your child is set with the iPad checkout for the entire 2018-19 school year.

The option for Summer iPad checkout supports our efforts to foster open-ended, personalized learning opportunities; curiosity; exploration and continued access to creative tools and resources.

In addition to typical summer activities, the flexibility of the summer months offers a great time to take advantage of a variety of learning resources from e-books to online resources, to free courses, to the use of digital tools in the creation of original writings, drawings, photos, videos, and music.

In our efforts to better personalize learning opportunities for students, Farmington Area Public Schools will have completed its 6th year deploying iPads in a 1:1 ratio. Unlike earlier years, this year we do not have to collect iPads due to changes in our Mobile Device Management software, new operating system updates, or "end of lease" collections. As a result, we are again happy to be able to provide families the option of summer iPad checkout. However, similar to previous years, those not opting for summer checkout will have iPads collected at their building before the end of school.

We are excited about this option not only because of the potential for open-ended exploration and creative learning, but also because of the time saved from having to "redistribute iPads" during the first few crucial weeks of school. With the summer iPad checkout, fewer returning students will need to be scheduled through a "fall checkout" process when schools are back in session. This will shorten the amount of time that students and teachers are without iPads in the classroom. Those opting for summer iPad checkout will be set until spring 2019.



The updated [2018-19 iPad Loan Agreement](#), which includes information regarding summer iPad checkout along with other helpful information for iPads deployed during the regular school year, is available online for review. In addition, the [FeePay](#) “iPad” activities are also live for each site allowing parents, guardians, and students the ability to agree to the terms of the [2018-19 iPad Loan Agreement](#) and either ENROLL in or WAIVE participation in the “full year” version of the [iPad Protection Plan](#).

Please see our expanded list of [Frequently Asked Questions](#) for more details on the optional summer iPad checkout, the “full year” iPad Protection Plan, and repair procedures. Later this month, individual schools will share end-of-year collection information for those not choosing to take advantage of this opportunity.

It is recommended families opting to checkout their student’s iPad for the summer use FeePay to review and agree to the 2018-19 iPad Loan Agreement and determine if you want to waive or enroll in the iPad Protection Plan **by Friday, June 1st** for Dodge Middle School. (this date may be different than other school deadlines.) After this date families will not have the option to enroll in the optional summer protection plan. We plan to collect iPads that are not checked out for the summer on Tuesday, June 5th during Tiger Connections.

8th Grade Students

FHS Marching Band and JAQS use iPads during the summer. A school issued iPad is not a requirement, but a personal electronic device will be needed.

REMINDER FROM THE NURSE TO PICK-UP MEDICATION

It won’t be long and the school year will be over! We are reminding you to please make arrangements to pick up your child’s medications, inhalers, nebulizer equipment, etc. from the nurses’ office. We know that medications are expensive and want to get them back to you. **However, for safety reasons, we cannot send medications home with students and we cannot keep medication over the summer.**

Please arrange to pick up any remaining medication from school between the hours of 7:30 AM-12:30 PM on the last day of school.

If you do not contact us to make other arrangements or come in to get your child’s medication it is assumed that you are giving us permission to dispose of their medication on the last day of school.

Also, please find the attached medication consent form for students who will require medications during school hours next year. This form will need to be filled out, complete with doctors’ signature, and returned to the nurse before the start of the new school year. This form **must be completed annually**. Medications may be brought back to the health office after summer break.

Thank you and have a healthy and safe summer!

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.

PARENT WELLNESS MESSAGE

"Play is the Highest Form of Research" - Albert Einstein

A family that plays together stays together but can also be much more happy and healthy. For many families, play is the missing ingredient that glues the family together. What can you do to introduce more play into your family routine? [Click here to find out how!](#)

Sponsored by the Farmington Area Wellness Committee

SAVE THE DATE: Schedule/Picture Day is Aug. 16th and our 6th Grade Orientation is Aug. 23rd

SCHEDULE/PICTURE DAY is Thursday, August 16th 2018. This annual event takes place from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Thursday, August 16th here at Dodge Middle School. On this day students will be able to have their school picture taken, pick up their schedule and bus route information, update contact information, make food service deposits, order physical education clothing for P.E, (optional) and tour the building. In addition our WEB leaders will be present to help with lockers, and answering questions.

6TH GRADE ORIENTATION is Thursday, Aug 23th 2018. DMS participates in the nationwide WEB program, an organization whose primary purpose is to help incoming 6th grade students feel more comfortable in middle school. This event takes place from 8:00 am until 12:30 pm. Transportation and lunch will be provided. Look for more information in early August.



STUDENT LOCKER CLEAN OUT AND LOST & FOUND

During these last few weeks of school, students will be asked to take time to clean out their lockers. We encourage students throughout the school year to periodically clean out their locker of items they no longer need at school. It is imperative at this time that they be sure to empty their locker before they leave for the summer. Once school is over, our custodial team begins clearing lockers and donating to charity any items left behind.

The lost and found outside the main office also has quite a number of items in it. There are several jackets, sweatshirts, shoes, etc. Please encourage your student to stop down and take a look if they are missing anything. Parents are welcome to stop in and look as well. Anything left at the end of the school year will be donated to charity.

It is our last Friday with students and every year at this time for the past 22 years, I have said, “Where has the time gone?” One of my favorite parts of the day has been each morning at the bus corral entrance greeting students coming off our buses to another day “in the middle”. This three-year journey is a time of tremendous change and growth for our adolescents. Their brains and bodies are changing at astronomical rates and with that can come challenges to help them navigate who they are becoming, but it is so rewarding. To see students come to us in August as eager 6th graders and leave three years later as more mature students that better understand their ability to impact the world is special to be a part of. It is not easy and it takes a village of caring adults but is impactful beyond measure. Thank you for sharing your students with us each day we look forward to our last few days!

Chris Bussmann, Principal

Upcoming Events

- June 6th: 6th Grade Class - Bowlero
 7th Grade Class Party – Inflatables
 8th Grade Class – Valley Fair
- June 7th: Last Day of School – Early Release at 11:25am

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:

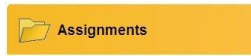


Please note that the form should be submitted at least 5 school days in advance of the absence.

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! Please click on the link for more information!
<https://farmington.ce.eleyo.com/course/1843/2017-2018-ce-catalog/the-edge>
- **7th - 9th GRADE GIRL’S SUMMER CHOIR**



Offered through Community Education. Please open the attached PDF to learn more!

- **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.

- **FARMINGTON COMPETITION CHEER**

Please click on the link below for more information.

<http://www.farmington.k12.mn.us/cms/one.aspx?portalId=116138&pageId=2910135>