



Greetings to our DMS Community!

After replacing 80% of the carpeting this summer we are almost finished putting final touches on classrooms and collaborative spaces at Dodge. What a difference new carpeting makes after twenty-five years of teal and salmon colored tones! We are thankful to be in a position to keep the district buildings in such fine shape. Thank you Farmington!

### **SCHEDULE/PICTURE DAY IS AUGUST 16, 2018**

This annual event takes place from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Thursday, August 16 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. You may come at any time during the window but we do ask you plan for about 30-45 minutes.

\*Physical Education requires that students wear black shorts, a gray shirt and tennis shoes. Families can provide these on their own or we will have options of items to order. [You can view the clothing options HERE.](#) Additionally you can go to our [Schedule/Picture Day Resources](#) for a host of other files you may find helpful.

If you are unable to join us on Schedule/Picture Day, you can stop in our main office after that date to obtain the necessary paperwork.

### **ATTENTION PARENTS OF 7<sup>TH</sup> GRADE STUDENTS** **– REQUIRED IMMUNIZATIONS**

We are planning for the start of the 2018-19 school year and want to inform you that your child is due for booster immunizations required for 7<sup>th</sup> grade enrollment.

Effective September 1, 2014 Tetanus Diphtheria, Pertussis (Tdap) and Meningococcal immunizations have been added to the requirements. ***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) (1<sup>st</sup> dose must be after age 1.)**

**1 Tetanus Diphtheria Pertussis (Tdap) Booster given after age 11 (New)**

**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) (New)**

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.

## **STUDENT FLU CLINIC**

For your convenience, a student flu immunization clinic is coming to Dodge Middle School. When: Thursday, August 16th (during Schedule/Picture Day) Time: 10:00 am to 6:00 pm Where: Room 154 (near cafeteria) Cost: Free with your Insurance Card. \$35.00 without insurance. Parent must accompany student receiving vaccine. Please bring your insurance card with you. We hope you take advantage of this opportunity!!

## **MEDICATION PERMISSION FORMS**

Medication Permission forms are required annually for your child to receive medication through the health office. This includes prescription and over the counter medications. [You can find a variety of forms HERE](#). Download the appropriate form for your doctor to complete.

## **SCHOOL SUPPLY LISTS FOR 2018-2019**

[You can access the school supply lists by clicking HERE](#). If you need assistance with supplies on this list please contact our main office and we will be happy to support your student(s).

## **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 any questions you may have.](#)

## **IPAD LOAN AGREEMENT 2018-2019**

[Please click HERE to view the information regarding the iPad Loan Agreement](#). If you completed the agreement last spring so that your student could keep the iPad over the summer you do not need to complete it again.

We are unable to issue iPads to students who have not completed the entire process. After our initial deployment to our student body, we will review new enrollees once each morning and distribute iPads. We encourage you to complete this process prior to September 4.

Ipads will be checked out to students after the school year has started.

## **6<sup>TH</sup> GRADE ORIENTATION "WEB DAY" IS THURSDAY, AUGUST 23<sup>RD</sup>**

We are very excited that your student will be attending middle school in Farmington this year and we look forward to meeting him or her on **Orientation Day – Thursday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2018**. As you may know, our school participates in the



nationwide W.E.B. Program, an organization whose primary purpose is to help sixth graders feel more comfortable and to help them achieve success in their first year of middle school.

The WEB sixth grade orientation and transition program is designed to both welcome and support sixth graders by assigning them an 8<sup>th</sup> grade WEB Leader as a mentor during this first year. This WEB Leader is a responsible older student who was hand selected from a large pool of applicants and has met the qualifications of being a good role model and a positive leader on our campus. Below is some important information about orientation:

1. Bus slips will be mailed **EARLY NEXT WEEK** to your residence. This will include your student's personalized transportation information for August 23. It will list the time and location of the bus pickup and drop off for this event. If this information appears inaccurate once you receive it, please call the main office at 651-460-1500
2. Should you wish to transport your student, this event is scheduled to take place from 8:00 a.m. until 12:30 p.m.
3. Your student is encouraged not to bring backpacks, purses or other like items as the day is quite active.
4. Because the day is active, please make sure that your student wears comfortable clothing that does not restrict movement.
5. Students will be served a traditional school lunch. They will need to bring their PIN number and their meal accounts will be charged. Students can bring bag lunches if they prefer.

**W.E.B. Lunch Menu:**

Chicken Nuggets  
Mashed Potato and Gravy  
Cheese Burger  
Nacho Bar  
Breaded Chicken Sandwich  
Fresh Fruit & Vegetables  
Milk

This is a student-only function, so we encourage you to let your child attend on her or his own.

Thank you for marking this very important date on your calendars. We look forward to meeting your student on orientation day!

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## **BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT (OPEN HOUSE) AUGUST 28, 2018**

We hope you can join us on Tuesday, August 28, 2018 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. for our Back-to-School Night!

Each house will have a short presentation during the evening. This time will be used to discuss a variety of topics including connecting via Schoology and the value that we place on team building during Tiger Connections. We will also be discussing ways for parents to collaborate with us in your child's education. We hope the connections we make with you during this evening will facilitate on-going communication throughout the year!

Schedules for each grade are listed below. During classroom open house times, students and parents may feel free to visit with teachers and visit classrooms in no particular order. Staff will be available until 7:30 p.m. and are excited to see students they will have this upcoming year!

### **8th Grade**

5:30-6:00: Bobcat & Jaguar Presentation in Gym 1

6:00-7:30: Classroom Open House

### **7th Grade**

5:30-6:00: Classroom Open House

6:15-6:45: Panther & Puma Presentation in Gym 1

6:45-7:30: Classroom Open House

### **6th Grade**

5:30-6:45: Classroom Open House

7:00-7:30: Cheetah & Leopard Presentation in Gym 1

## **MIDDLE SCHOOL SWIMMING**

The Farmington Middle School Boys and Girls Swim program is open to students in grades 6 to 8. The program will be Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday from 2:45pm - 3:45pm beginning September 4th at Dodge Middle School. There will be a final meet on October 17th. A shuttle bus will be provided to transport BMS students to Dodge immediately after school. The cost of the program is \$140 per swimmer. For the girls, an additional fee of approximately \$50 for will be collected at the start of the season to cover the cost of a suit and cap. Because girls' swimming is a fall sport, the middle school girls will have the opportunity to compete against other middle school programs. Boys will have the opportunity to practice and participate in inner-squad meets.

Any questions please email Mr. Hamen at [rhamen@farmington.k12.mn.us](mailto:rhamen@farmington.k12.mn.us).

To register, please go directly to the fee pay website at: <https://farmington.feepay.com/>

## **STUDENT DROP OFF, PICK UP, AND TRAFFIC FLOW**

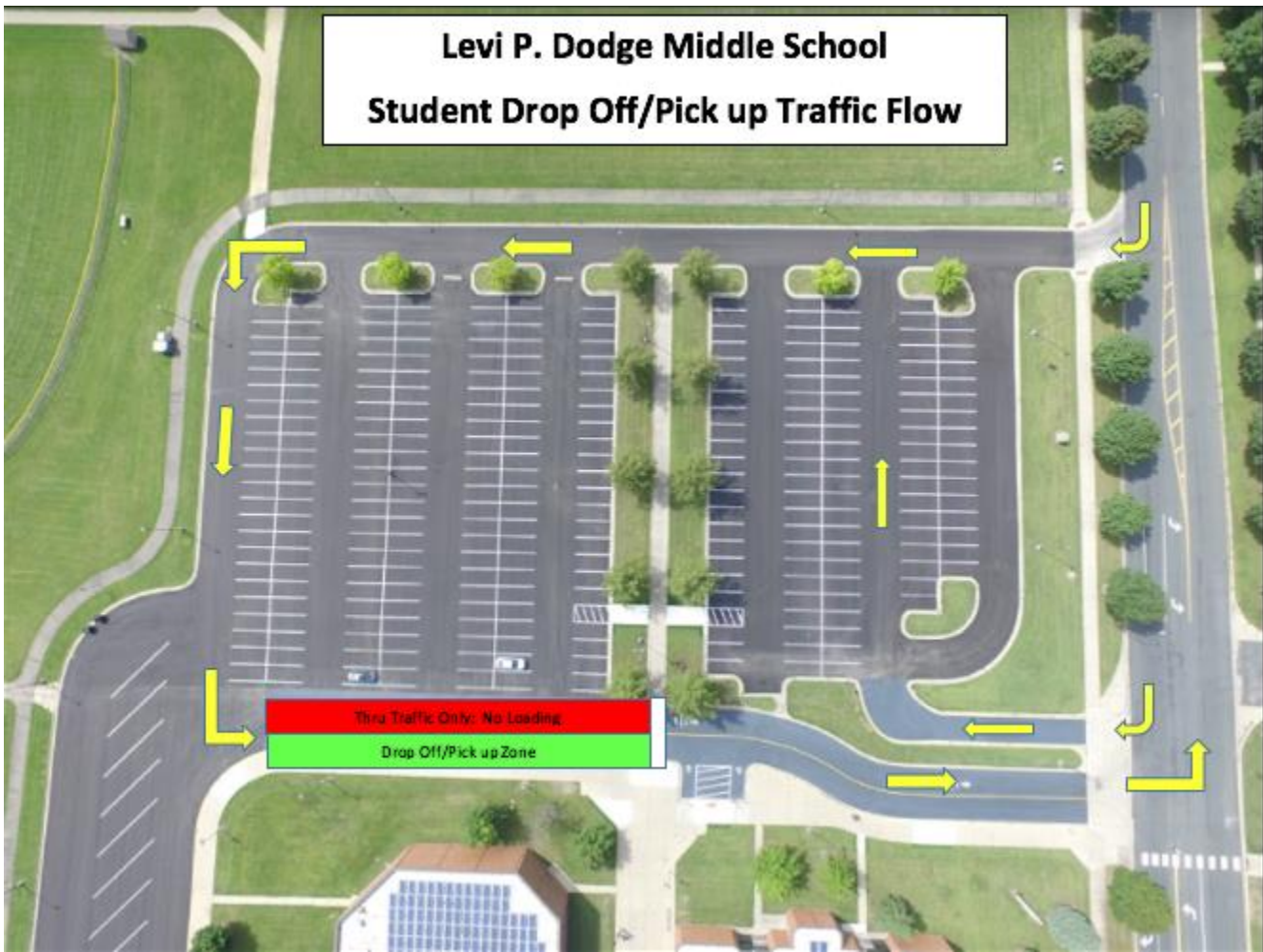
With close to 900 students and staff that come to Dodge Middle School every day it takes the concerted and consistent efforts of everyone to ensure a safe experience. The image below indicates the flow of traffic that all visitors need to follow when dropping off or picking up your student before/after school.

Additional items:

- Students dropped off after 7:35 a.m. or picked up during the day need to do so at the Main Entrance
- The speed limit on 208<sup>th</sup> street is 20 M.P.H. from 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday-Friday.



- The speed limit in the parking lot is 10 M.P.H.



### **FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL IS TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4<sup>th</sup> (Day A)**

- The school day begins at 7:35 a.m. and ends at 2:25 p.m.
- The office is open from 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday
- Students do not need to bring their band instruments or PE clothing on the first day of school
- Students are welcome to bring their iPads on the first day of school if they kept it over the summer
- Our food service provider offers hot or cold breakfast items daily if your student is interested

### **2018-2019 MIDDLE SCHOOL ATHLETICS**

[Please click HERE for the enclosed attachment for information pertaining to fall athletics in Farmington.](#) Registration is now available online!

We are excited to see the building full of students, parents, and community members next Thursday!

Chris Bussmann, Principal