



Greetings to our DMS Community!

PLEASE SIGN UP FOR FALL 2019 STUDENT-LED CONFERENCES

Student-led conferences are scheduled to take place on 15th. Please view the additional link in the email for additional information about conferences and to sign up online.

OUR STEP IT FUNDRAISER IS ABOUT TO END!

This Tuesday, October 15th is the final day to turn in your Pledge Sheets and any cash and checks you have collected to the office.

TO FINISH STRONG, WE NEED YOU TO DO THESE TWO THINGS:

- 1. Be sure to login to your pledge page ONE MORE TIME (or for the 1st time) to be sure you have reached the level you were hoping to earn!**

www.stepitupkids.com/Dodge55024

If you would like your student to reach a higher prize level now is the time to take action.

To add a donation simply go back to your original pledge email request you received and click donate now OR you can always send cash or check to school with your student using the attached pledge sheet.

- 2. If you have collected any cash or checks please place them in any envelope you have, include your PLEDGE SHEET, and label it with:**

- Student Name
- [TIGER CONNECTIONS](#)
- \$ Total of what's inside. Close the envelope securely!

IMPORTANT:

We will add all cash and checks turned in, to your online totals so your student gets all of the prizes they have earned for being AWESOME!

Our goal is 100% participation in this fun and fantastic fundraiser! We thank you for being part of our success!




LIFETOUCH PICTURES

We have been having some problems with our school pictures from Lifetouch on a variety of fronts. If you have any questions about your school pictures or are unhappy about the quality of the photos, please contact Lifetouch directly at 1-877-689-4056, or visit their website: <https://my.lifetouch.com/mylifetouch/#/>

COMMUNITY SCHOOL START TIME MEETINGS

The new start times are currently planned to take effect in the fall of 2020. This allows for families, schools, and community organizations to plan and prepare for the change. You can find more information by clicking on the button below:

	<p><u>There are 2 remaining Community School Start Time Meetings:</u></p> <p>Thursday, October 24th at Farmington Elementary Tuesday, November 5th at North Trail Elementary</p> <p>6:30 p.m. star time at each site.</p>
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STEM CLUB

Where can you develop an innovative enrichment for the Hawaiian Monk Seals or reimagine the Tropics Nocturnal Hallway with a new Creatures of the Canopy Theme?



STEM Club!

Fall session begins October 22nd. See the [attached link](#) or Ms. Hardyman in Leopard House for a permission slip!



SERVICE ADVENTURE OVER MEA

Do you love to volunteer your time to make a difference in your community? October 17th and 18th are days off of school this year for MEA! A high school group called Tigers SERVE is hosting a service adventure over MEA and you are invited! We will be volunteering at Little Acorn Sanctuary, Trinity Care Center, Project Explore and more! If you are interested, you can find all of the information to register at <http://bit.ly/192CEMEASERVICE>

Enjoy your weekend and stay warm!

Chris Bussmann, Principal

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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Oct. 15th: Student-Led Conferences – 2:30 pm to 7:15 pm
Fall Fundraiser – Turn in Date
- Oct. 17-18: NO SCHOOL – Education MN Conference
- Oct. 23rd: 1st Quinter Classes End for 6th and 7th Grade
- Nov. 4th: 1st Quarter Ends
- Nov. 12th: DMS Grade 8 Band Concert at 7:00 pm @ FHS Recital Hall
- Nov. 14th: Panoramic Picture – **Grade 8 only**
- Nov. 18th: Fall Jazz Concert at 6:30 pm @ FHS Recital Hall – **Grade 8 Jazz only**
- Nov. 19th: Parent Ambassador Meeting at 6:00 pm in the Media Center
- Nov. 27-29: NO SCHOOL – Thanksgiving Break

COMMUNITY RESOURCES HIGHLIGHTS

We are always updating the [Community Resources page](#) on our website with new events and actives that support our Farmington community. Click to learn more!

Farmington Community Education provides a variety of activities and services for you and your family. Programs include before and after school childcare, preschool, adult basic education, early childhood family education, and enrichment for youth and adults to support life-long learning. More information is available at www.farmingtonCE.com or by calling (651) 460- 3200.

MEA – MANY EXCITING ADVENTURES

There is no school on October 17th and 18th giving youth in Farmington an opportunity to try something new! Try out a MEA Camp or Class and explore new interests while meeting new friends! All camps listed are designed for beginners and experts alike! Below is a link to that can connect you to MANY EXCITING ADVENTURES! Just type in MEA in the Search bar: <http://bit.ly/MEACampsClasses192CE> . You can also click [HERE](#) to view a PDF of all the classes.

DAKOTA CITY – WHERE THE PAST IS PRESENT

The “Autumn Harvest” will take place October 18th and 19th from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm and “An Old-Fashioned Holiday in the Village” will take place December 7th & 8th and December 14th & 15th from 1:00 pm to 8:00 pm. To view more information please click [HERE](#).



IGNITE

Looking for something to do after school? Cooking, Robotics, Art, Basketball, Chess, and more are starting after school this fall! Register for a club or try a demo you are interested in! IGNITE After School Clubs:

<http://bit.ly/192CEIGNITEafterschool>