



Greetings to our DMS Community!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Our Step It Up Fundraiser Event – **Day of Awesomeness** - will take place on Wednesday, November 7th. This event is for students who met the collection amount to participate in the Day of Awesomeness.

We are looking for parent volunteers to help with some of the games for the event, to help with the Kona ice truck and at the water station.

The event will take place outside, weather permitting or inside the gyms if the weather does not cooperate. We are looking for volunteers who are available from 12:00pm – 2:30pm

If you have some free time to help with this fun event, please click on this link https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdVJXnDErU09MNQOBHXhIz1vtZfnxz0hyddMBLCZXRG_-9mlA/viewform or contact the main office for questions. 651-460-1500.

Thank you for your support!

MIDDLE SCHOOL WRESTLING STARTS NOVEMBER 19th AT DMS

For more information about middle school wrestling please click [here](#) or open the attached PDF.

FARMINGTON HIGH SCHOOL BOYS SWIM AND DIVE TEAM INFORMATIONAL MEETING

The FHS Boys Swim and Dive team will be having an informational meeting for all current and interested athletes in grades 7-12 on Monday, October 29th, at 6:00 pm in the FHS Commons. Parents and students are invited to come learn about the team and ask questions! Registration is due by the first day of practice, Nov. 26th. Please contact Ryan Hamen at rhamen@farmington.k12.mn.us if you have any questions.

GRADE 7 WASHINGTON D.C. TRIP 2019

All 7th graders are welcome to consider a great opportunity to go on a school sponsored trip to Washington, D.C.! The trip will occur in June 2019, and includes students from DMS, BMS, and the educational travel group Washington Workshops. If you are interested, please see the attached informational sheet. Students will be selected based on their essay, interview and teacher recommendation. Students can pick up an application during the week of October 29th from their History teachers or Mrs. Filkins. Applications are due on November 8th by the end of the school day. If you have questions, please contact one of the chaperones. Please click [here](#) for more information or open the attached PDF.

“SHOW YOUR STRIPES” T-SHIRTS

To further enhance our school community every student and staff member will receive their T-Shirt next week! **We are asking for \$5.00 to help defray the cost of the shirt.** A check or cash can be sent with your child to give to their Tiger Connections teacher or you can log into your FeePay account and add that to your cart for checkout.



NOTICE FOR PARENTS/GUARDIANS OF 8TH GRADE STUDENTS

On selected days from October 23-31 **your 8th grade student will be taking the ACT ASPIRE test** in place of the Fall NWEA MAP tests in Reading and Math. We chose to make this substitution because of the data it will provide for students and the school. Click here for more information: [Why Take ACT Aspire 17-18.pdf](#)

What is ACT Aspire?

ACT Aspire is an assessment system that measures academic achievement in English, math, reading, science, and writing. ACT Aspire is linked to the ACT College and Career Readiness Standards, research-based information that makes test results meaningful by connecting a student's ACT Aspire score to specific skills and knowledge important for college and work success. Your child's teacher can use this information to address areas for improvement, build on strengths, and most importantly—impact your child's potential. (www.discoveractaspire.org)

It is a timed test, which is different from how students are used to testing, so we want students to get this experience before they take their college entrance exams. Even if a student doesn't plan to attend college, we still want him/her to take the test because it will provide some important information he/she can use to make decisions about his/her future.

Students will be taking the test in their classes over 4 days mainly on the iPads. Please remind them to come to school with their iPad fully charged.

	10/23/18	10/24/18	10/25/18	10/26/18	10/29/18	10/30/18	10/31/18	11/1/18	11/2/18
	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	Day A	Day B	Day A	Day B	Day A	Day B	Day A	Day B	Day A
Bakker	English & Writing	Reading							
Broman		English & Writing	Reading						
Moorman	Reading		English & Writing						
Bieraugel				Math	Math				
Hoeve				Math	Math				
Witt				Math					
Terhaar							Science	Science	
Smetana							Science	Science	
Coffman	Reading	English & Writing	Reading						
Swanson					Math				

All testing will take place in teacher's scheduled classroom with the exception or English and Writing, which will be in designated computer lab.

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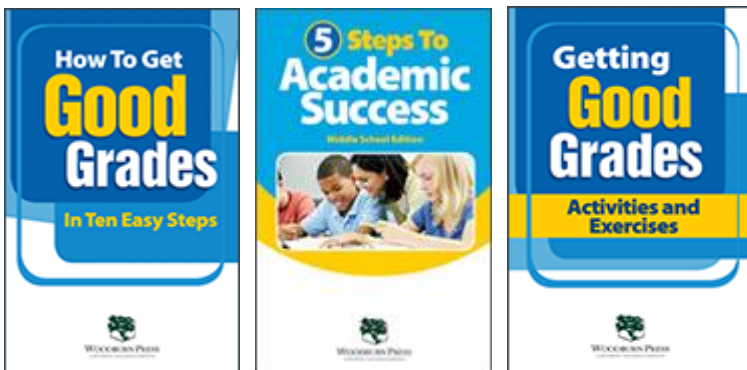


SchoolShelf is a web-based program that provides students, parents/guardians, and school staff instant access to hundreds of materials covering topics such as academic success, student development, parent involvement, and college and career.

Dodge Middle School is excited to offer this valuable resource from Woodburn Press to our students and parents/guardians. The 6th grade Transitions class will be utilizing some of the resources, and we encourage you to use them at home as well.

Access SchoolShelf through the following URL: <http://www.schoolshelf.com/982010-levi-p-dodge>

Conferences are over and goals have been set! Do you ever wonder how you can help your child gain confidence in their academics, study better, and/or organize themselves? The following resources are filled with activities and exercises that can be done by the student or student and parent to address these topics and more:



(These resources are located in the Academic Success section of SchoolShelf)

If you have questions contact your student's counselor:

Jennifer Hogan (A-K) 651-460-1598 or jhogan@farmington.k12.mn.us

Glee Slater (L-Z) 651-460-1599 or gslater@farmington.k12.mn.us

ORDER A YEARBOOK

Look Forward...To Looking back

Don't miss out on a good deal!

Order a yearbook by **Friday, October 26th, 2018** to get it for **\$23.00**.

Prices only go up from here!

[Order a yearbook now...](#)

HOMWORK 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 - 4:00pm. 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

tagerter@farmington.k12.mn.us

651-460-1570

STEM CLUB (SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, & MATH)

Where can you build a mini-hovercraft, design a habitat for moose, or analyze a crime scene? STEM Club will begin meeting in October. Permission slips are found outside Ms. Hardyman's room 107 in Leopard House.

Students from DMS will meet with students from BMS to do Hands-On investigations in the areas of science and engineering. They will use scientific observation, problem solving, inquiry and design skills while working with teams.

There will be 2 sessions consisting of 5 meetings each. The sessions will have different investigations and topics. Fall Session begins in October.

Winter Session begins in January.

Contact Mary Hardyman for more information mhardyman@farmington.k12.mn.us

It is hard to believe that November is arriving next week! The end of the quarter is November 5th so please check with your student on any final work to be completed.

Regards,

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 any questions you may have.



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

- Nov. 5th: End of First Quarter
- Nov. 15th: 8th Grade Panoramic Picture
DMS Activity Night 2:30 pm to 4:30 pm
- Nov. 21st – 23rd: NO SCHOOL – Thanksgiving Break

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!](#)

SPEAKING OF KIDS SERIES

Free seminars are planned for November 13, and February 11, 2019 and Mar 11, 2019, at either school district depending on the date.

More information is available at www.speakingofkids.info

MEA GYMNASTIC CAMPS

Please open the attached PDF to view or click [here](#) for more information about Twist and Tumble Camps and Clinics offered through Farmington Community Education.

FARMINGTON MIDDLE SCHOOLS INTRAMURAL BASKETBALL FOR GIRLS AND BOYS

THE DEADLINE TO REGISTER FOR INTRAMURAL BASKETBALL IS TUESDAY, OCTOBER 30TH!

Register online at: www.farmingtonCE.com or call (651) 460-3200 for more information.