



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/1FAIpQLSdVJXnDErU09MNQOBHXhlz1vtZfnx20hyddMBLCZXRG_-9mlA/viewform

or contact the main office for questions. 651-460-1500.

Thank you for your support!

“SHOW YOUR STRIPES” T-SHIRTS

Yesterday, every student and staff member received a customized T-Shirt to further enhance our school community! Thus far we have collected about 20% of the cost of the order and are hoping to offset that a bit more. **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. Thank you!

“STEP IT UP” CELEBRATION EVENT

We will hold our celebration event for our fall fundraiser on Wednesday, November 7th from approximately 12:45-2:15 either outside or in our gyms if the weather is challenging. Eligible students (raised \$60 or more) will receive a wristband in Tiger Connections the morning of the event. Please dress appropriately should the event be outside.

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.

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.

LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS FOR THE 8TH GRADE CAREER FAIR ON DECEMBER 6TH!

The 8th Grade Career Fair will take place the afternoon of Thursday, December 6th, 2017 from 12:00pm to 2:25pm at Boeckman Middle School. Your willingness to volunteer your time at this career fair will help 8th grade students gain an understanding of what careers could potentially be a good fit for them in the future. It is essential that all students have a good understanding of the different career pathways that are accessible to them and learn more about them.

Please sign up to volunteer using one of the following options:

1. Fill out a quick form by clicking on the this link: <https://goo.gl/forms/T6hIFYOSuZwUt31W2>
2. Open the attached PDF for additional information and registration form.
3. Contact Peter Fleenor at pfleenor@farmington.k12.mn.us or 651-252-2836

You will receive additional information from Peter Fleenor closer to the Career Fair.

Please click [HERE](#) or open the attached PDF for additional information about volunteering for this important event.

HOMEWORK 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:



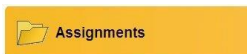
Please note that the form should be submitted at least 5 school days in advance of the absence.

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. 5 th :	End of First Quarter
Nov. 15 th :	8 th Grade Panoramic Picture DMS Activity Night 2:30 pm to 4:30 pm
Nov. 21 st – 23 rd :	NO SCHOOL – Thanksgiving Break
Nov. 27 th :	Parent Ambassador Meeting 6:00 pm– Media Center
Dec. 3 rd :	NO SCHOOL – District Staff Development Day
Dec. 6 th :	8 th Grade Career Fair
Dec. 17 th :	2 nd Quarter Classes End (6 th & 7 th Grade)
Dec. 24 th – Jan. 1 st :	NO SCHOOL – Winter 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