



Greetings to our DMS Community!

7th GRADE MATH AND HISTORY STUDY EVENING - TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 13

All 7th grade students and parents/guardians are invited to a study evening on **Tuesday, November 13**, from **5:00 to 7:30 PM**. During the evening, families will have the opportunity to prepare for a math test, and learn about the upcoming National History Day project. You can stay for as little or as long as needed. Please click [here](#) or open the attached PDF file to view the flyer for more information.

Also, please click on the RSVP link below if you plan on attending. Thank you.

RSVP: <https://goo.gl/forms/pvO5sOWgTMDPmeLv2>

GRADE 7 WASHINGTON D.C. TRIP 2019 APPLICATION DEADLINE HAS BEEN EXTENDED

The application deadline to go on the 7th grade trip to Washington, D.C. has been extended! The trip will occur in June 2019, and includes students from both DMS and BMS. Interested students now have until **Tuesday, November 13th** to turn in their application. The final selection will be based on an essay, interview, and teacher recommendation. Students can pick up an application from their history teachers or Mrs. Filkins. Click [HERE](#) or see the attachment for additional information! If you have questions, please contact one of the chaperones.

MIDDLE SCHOOL WRESTLING STARTS NOVEMBER 19th AT DMS

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

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.



“SHOW YOUR STRIPES” T-SHIRTS

Last week every student and staff member received a customized T-Shirt to further enhance our school community! Thus far we have collected about 30% 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 to all who have contributed so far!

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:

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Geography Teacher

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STAY SAFE IN WINTER WEATHER

With temperatures dropping as winter settles in, we want to remind students and parents about the danger of not dressing appropriately for the weather. The Center for Disease Control and Prevention point out that frostbite can set in less than a half hour to exposed skin in cold, windy conditions, so it is important for students to wear the appropriate clothing when waiting for a school bus or walking to school. That means wearing a hat, coat and gloves. We encourage parents to speak with their children about what to wear when it is cold out and what can happen without the proper precautions.

Regards,

Chris Bussmann, Principal



DID YOU KNOW?

FAMILY WEB ACCESS & SCHOOLGY

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. 15th: 8th Grade Panoramic Picture
DMS Activity Night 2:30 pm to 4:30 pm
- Nov. 21st – 23rd: NO SCHOOL – Thanksgiving Break
- Nov. 27th: Parent Ambassador Meeting 6:00 pm– Media Center
- Dec. 3rd: NO SCHOOL – District Staff Development Day
- Dec. 6th: 8th Grade Career Fair
- Dec. 17th: 2nd Quarter Classes End (6th & 7th Grade)
- Dec. 24th – Jan. 1st: 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. Click [HERE](#) to view the flyer for November 13, 2018.

More information is available at www.speakingofkids.info