



Greetings to our DMS Community!

FIRST QUARTER ENDED ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 5th

Report cards are now available online. Please see the attached PDF "Paperless Report Cards" or click [HERE](#) for instructions to access report cards using FWA. Please contact the office at 651-460-1500 to request a paper copy.

PARENT AMBASSADOR MEETING ON NOVEMBER 27TH

Our next meeting is set for November 27th at 6:00 p.m. in the Tiger Den at DMS. (First floor open space of academic wing.) [Please click here](#) to learn more about our Parent Ambassadors!

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.

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
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651-460-1570

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.

FUNDRAISER RESULTS

As indicated in earlier communications we moved away from the sale of cookie dough and magazines to a direct donation campaign through “Step It Up”. This is our only fundraiser and all of the proceeds are to help support the student experience at Dodge Middle School and offset costs of field experiences. As a result of our community’s generous support Dodge Middle School has received over \$18,000 for this school year! We are so thankful and humbled at your giving! Thank you Dodge Community!

With next week being very short this E-News will be the only one until November 30th. As Thanksgiving approaches, we are thankful for so many things: wonderful students and staff that fill this school with laughter and learning; guest teachers and paraprofessionals that without their service and dedication we simply cannot operate; and our greater Farmington Community. I have lived and worked in many communities and I can tell you emphatically that Farmington is a special place. May you enjoy time with family and friends in ways that strengthen our human connections!

Community

Empathy

Purpose

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. 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 Quinter 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, and February 11, 2019 and Mar 11, 2019, at either school district depending on the date.

More information is available at www.speakingofkids.info