



Greetings to our DMS Community!

### **PLEASE SIGN UP FOR FALL 2019 STUDENT-LED CONFERENCES**

It's not too early to sign up for student-led conferences that are scheduled to take place on October 10<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>. Please view the additional link in the email for additional information about conferences and to sign up online.

### **SHOW YOUR STRIPES STUDENT T-SHIRTS**

For the past few years, DMS students and staff have worked hard to build a strong sense of community throughout the building. One of the ways we have done so is to adopt the phrase "Show Your Stripes". But what does that phrase really mean to students and staff?

- Being a part of our **community**
- Showing **empathy**
- Acting with and finding **purpose**

Another way DMS is building community is through school-wide t-shirts. It may not seem like a big deal, but loyalty and excitement for a common idea is what brings people together. We see examples of it in the sea of purple at a Vikings game, or the roar of the orange and black Tiger supporters at a Farmington event. It's the feeling of being included.

With that, we want each student to have a t-shirt that signifies they are part of our community, they belong to all the things that make DMS great.

T-shirts are \$5. Every student will receive one regardless of payment.

Shirts can be purchased for \$5 [Farmington.feepay.com](http://Farmington.feepay.com) or cash/check to "DMS".



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### **EMERGENCY CONTACTS AND ANNUAL STUDENT UPDATE!**

Please take a moment to verify your student and contact information by completing the ANNUAL UPDATE in Infinite Campus found under the "MORE" tab on the bottom left. Due to recent changes in our student information system, *it is critical that you verify your information*. The ANNUAL UPDATE window will be open from August 15<sup>th</sup> -September 15<sup>th</sup>. To make changes after the window closes, please update through Parent Portal or contact the DMS office at 651-460-1500.

### **MEET THE SCHOOL COUNSELORS**

Jennifer Hogan, School Counselor (A-K)

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As school counselors, we are here to serve as advocates for your student. Feel free to call or email with any questions or concerns about the education and well-being of your child.

### **STUDENT GROUPS**

As part of the School Counseling program, we offer support groups that students have the option to join. Topics include; ADHD, Anger Management, Anxiety, Boys' Group, Change to Chill, Family Changes, Girls' Group, and Grief and Loss. Groups meet during the school day on a rotating schedule, so students do not miss too much of one class. Student support groups will be starting in late fall, and vary in length.

If you do NOT want your child to participate, please inform the counselors; otherwise, we will assume we have your permission for their participation.



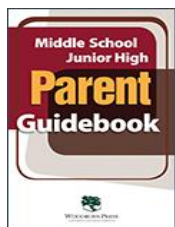
SchoolShelf is a web-based program that provides students, parents/guardians, and school staff instant access to hundreds of materials covering topics such as academic success, student development, parent involvement, and college and career.



Dodge Middle School is excited to offer this valuable resource from Woodburn Press to our students and parents/guardians. The 6<sup>th</sup> 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>

Two of our favorite books are:



(Located in the Parent Involvement section)



(Located in the Transition and Life Skills section)

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## **AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITY: FUTURE CITY COMPETITION**

Is your middle school student interested in engineering? Middle school teams will be forming, starting at our first after school meeting. DMS and BMS will meet together for this activity.

- Location: DMS, room 152 (near pool entrance)
- Starts: Monday, **September 16, 2:35-4:15** → Ends: **Late January**
- Parents may pick up students at pool doors.
- Registration: <https://goo.gl/forms/Njma9IMyS6cSFPSn1>

Students in this competition have a blast working as a team to imagine and then build a city engineered to meet the needs of a community **100 years in the future**. Participants complete five deliverables: a virtual city design (using SimCity); a 1,500-word city essay; a scale model; a project plan, and a presentation to judges at the MN Regional Competition in January.

Future City starts with a question—how can we make the world a better place? To answer it, 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students imagine, research, design, and build cities of the future that showcase their solution to a citywide sustainability issue. **The 2019-2020 theme is “A Clean and Resilient Water Supply”**. Teams will *design a resilient water system for their future city that can withstand and quickly recover from the impact of a natural or man-made disaster*.

Future City takes commitment from its participants. We meet mostly on Mondays, September through November, and then more often in December/January to prepare for the competition. There is no cost to participate. Families will be able to support students with a few low-cost supplies when model cities are being built. Students can learn more from fliers and promotions in each middle school and through Schoology student announcements.

Questions? Contact Mrs. Ammerman [kammerman@farmington.k12.mn.us](mailto:kammerman@farmington.k12.mn.us) or 651.460.1430



## **FARMINGTON FISHING TEAM**

Please open the attached flyer or [click here](#) to learn more about Farmington Fishing Team!

## **ATTENTION 6<sup>TH</sup> GRADE BOYS**

Registration for Middle School soccer will now be open to 6<sup>th</sup> grade boys to sign up. You must have an updated physical on file to register on Feepay. This opportunity is for the boys only. We have enough girls signed up to support the team. Please register ASAP as practice began on August 26<sup>th</sup>. The season will go until October 7<sup>th</sup>. If you have any questions please contact Mr. Tschida in the Athletic Office.

## **ORDER A YEARBOOK EARLY TO RECEIVE THE LOWEST PRICE**

Get your yearbook at the year's lowest price! Order by Friday, September 13 for only \$23.00. That's a savings of \$5.00. **SAVE NOW** >

For a limited time offer you can also get 4 free icons (values at \$12.00) when you upgrade the cover by adding a name, crest, or monogram for \$6.00. Offer ends Friday, September 13, 2019. **FREE ICONS** >

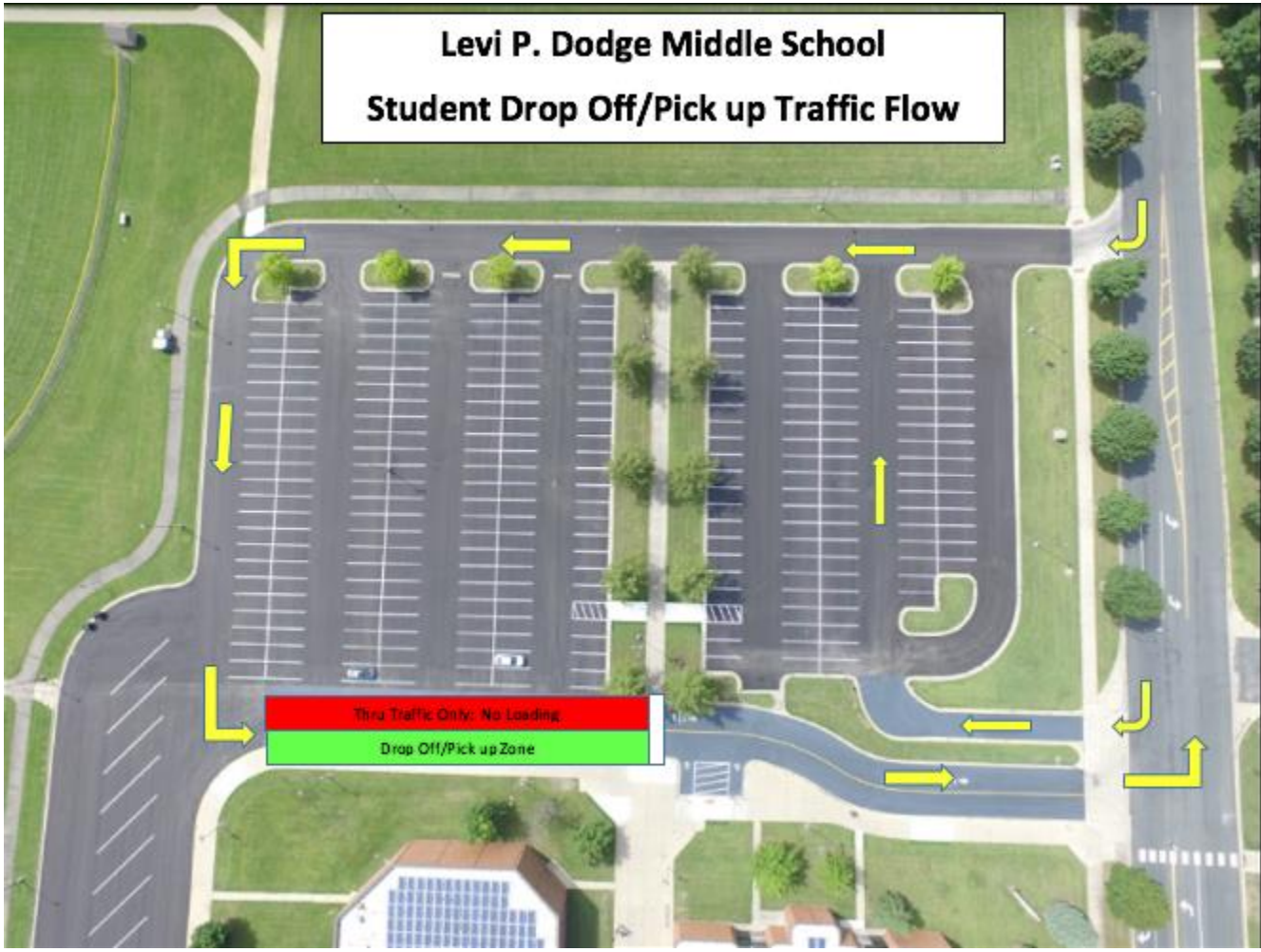
## **IPAD LOAN AGREEMENT 2019-2020**

[Please click HERE to view the information regarding the iPad Loan Agreement.](#)

We are unable to issue iPads to students who have not completed the entire process. After our initial deployment to our student body, we will review new enrollees once each morning and distribute iPads.

## **STUDENT DROP OFF, PICK UP, AND TRAFFIC FLOW**

Thank you to everyone that has exercised patience and safe driving while dropping off/picking up your students this week. As a reminder, please DO NOT stop your vehicle to drop off or pick up your student in the "Thru Traffic Only" zone (indicated in red below). You may drop your student off along the curb in the GREEN Zone below. Additionally, you may choose to park your vehicle along the center island and have your student utilize the marked crosswalk.



Take care,

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.

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## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

- Sept. 18<sup>th</sup>: Parent Ambassador Meeting @ 6:00 pm in the Media Center
- Sept. 20<sup>th</sup>: Homecoming Football Game @ FHS
- Sept. 27<sup>th</sup>: DMS Picture Retake Day
- Sept. 30<sup>th</sup>: Fall Fundraiser Sale Kick-Off
- Oct. 10<sup>th</sup>: 2 Hour Early Release  
Student Led Conferences – 12:30 pm to 7:15 pm
- Oct. 11<sup>th</sup>: Flexible Learning Day
- Oct. 15<sup>th</sup>: Student-Led Conferences – 2:30 pm to 7:15 pm
- Oct. 15<sup>th</sup>: Fall Fundraiser – Turn in Date
- Oct. 17-18: NO SCHOOL – Education MN Conference
- Oct. 23<sup>rd</sup>: 1<sup>st</sup> Quinter Classes End for 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> Grade

## **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!

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](http://www.farmingtonCE.com) or by calling (651) 460- 3200.