



Greetings to our DMS Community!

## **DID YOU FORGET TO PRE-ORDER YOUR YEARBOOK?**

We are opening up sales for *one more week* starting TODAY, May 3<sup>rd</sup> through May 10<sup>th</sup>. This your LAST chance to order and the *only* way to **guarantee** getting a yearbook filled with memories from the 2018-2019 school year. ORDER NOW: [www.jostensyearbook.com](http://www.jostensyearbook.com)

## **8<sup>th</sup> GRADE SEMI-FORMAL**

The 8<sup>th</sup> grade Semi-Formal will take place on Friday, May 17<sup>th</sup> from 7:00-9:00 p.m. Student Drop-Off will be at the bus coral and doors will not be open prior to 7:00 p.m. Tickets will be on sale in the main office for \$6.00 beginning on May 13<sup>th</sup>. We ask that all students are picked up promptly at 9:00 p.m. at the pool entrance so that our staff may find their way home too! Once students leave the event reentry will not be permitted.

As a reminder only 8<sup>th</sup> grade DMS students are invited to attend. Parents are encouraged to take photos prior to 7:00 p.m. as it is a DMS 8<sup>th</sup> grade student-only event. This is a great way for us to do something special with our 8<sup>th</sup> grade class to celebrate their time at DMS. No need to purchase new clothing, simply dress up a bit and attend!

Any questions may be directed to Mr. Kaste at [kkaste@farmington.k12.mn.us](mailto:kkaste@farmington.k12.mn.us)

## **OPTIONAL SUMMER IPAD CHECKOUT IS BACK FOR 2019-20!**

Families with students who currently take iPads home in grades 3-11 may now opt to check out their issued iPads for the summer months! Last year more than 60% of eligible families and students opted to check out their issued iPads. Using [FeePay](#) to agree to the updated [2019-20 iPad Loan Agreement](#) and having your child complete the summer iPad checkout process at their current school will also ensure that your child is set with the iPad check out for the entire 2019-20 academic year.

The option for Summer iPad checkout supports our efforts to foster open-ended, personalized learning opportunities; curiosity; exploration and continued access to creative tools and resources. While summer is typically full of a wide range of activities, the flexibility of the summer months offers a great time to take advantage of a variety of learning resources from e-books to online resources, to free courses, to the use of digital tools in the creation of original writings, drawings, photos, videos, and music.

We are excited about this option not only because of the potential for open-ended exploration and creative learning opportunities over summer, but also because of the time saved from having to “redistribute iPads” this coming fall during the first few crucial weeks of school. With the optional summer iPad checkout, fewer returning students will need to be scheduled through a “fall checkout” process when schools are back in session. This will shorten the amount of time that students and teachers are without iPads in the classroom next fall. Those opting for summer iPad checkout will be set until spring 2020.

The updated [2019-20 iPad Loan Agreement](#), which includes information regarding summer iPad checkout along with other helpful information for iPads deployed during the regular school year, is available online for review. In addition, the [FeePay](#) “iPad” activities are also live for each site allowing parents, guardians, and students the ability to agree to



the terms of the [2019-20 iPad Loan Agreement](#) and either ENROLL in or WAIVE participation in the “full year” version of the [iPad Protection Plan](#).

Please see our expanded list of [Frequently Asked Questions](#) for more details on the optional summer iPad checkout, the “full year” iPad Protection Plan, and repair procedures. Later this month, individual schools will share end-of-year collection information for those not choosing to take advantage of this opportunity.

It is recommended families opting to checkout their student’s iPad for the summer use FeePay to review and agree to the 2019-20 iPad Loan Agreement and determine if you want to waive or enroll in the iPad Protection Plan **by Sunday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>** for Dodge Middle School (this date may be different than other school deadlines.) After this date families will not have the option to enroll in the optional summer protection plan. We plan to collect iPads that are not checked out for the summer on Tuesday, June 4<sup>th</sup> during Tiger Connections.

## **IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS FOR 7<sup>TH</sup> GRADE STUDENTS FOR THE 2019-20 SCHOOL YEAR**

The health office is planning for the start of the 2019-20 school year! 7th grade students **are required to** show proof of receiving several booster immunizations to start school in September according to the Minnesota State Law 121A. Proof of the following immunizations or a notarized form indicating you are conscientiously objecting to more immunizations must be provided to the health office no later than the first day of school on September 3, 2019.

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- **2 Measles, Mumps and Rubella (MMR) (1<sup>st</sup> dose must be after age 1)**
- **1 Tetanus Diphtheria Pertussis (Tdap) Booster given after age 11**
- **3 Polio Immunizations**
- **3 Hepatitis B Immunizations**
- **2 Chicken Pox (Varicella) (given after 1 year of age and at least 28 days apart) or date of disease verified by MD**
- **1 Meningococcal Immunization (given at age 11-12)**

Please contact your physician to schedule an appointment to get these taken care of at any time. The offices are busy during the summer. If you do not have health insurance that covers the cost of immunizations please click [HERE](#) to refer to Dakota County Public Health for a list of their immunization clinics.

**Students participating in sports are required to have a sports qualifying physical every 3 years.** Please refer to the district web site at [www.farmington.k12.mn.us](http://www.farmington.k12.mn.us) or [CLICK HERE](#) to access the Athletic Department. Well child reports do not meet the requirements for sports physical. Please submit a completed copy to the Athletics Office at Farmington High School prior to your child’s participation in the sport.

If you have any questions or you want to verify we have the most current immunizations in our records, please contact Sayra Maberry, Health Services Coordinator, at [smaberry@farmington.k12.mn.us](mailto:smaberry@farmington.k12.mn.us) Thanks and enjoy the remaining days of the 2018-19 school year!



Take care!

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 questions](#)

### **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.

## **HOMEWORK HELP AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM – MONDAY & WEDNESDAY**

Monday October 1<sup>st</sup> we began our DMS "Homework Help" after school program. This program will run on Mondays and Wednesdays from 2:30 – 3:30 pm when school is in session. 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](mailto:tagerter@farmington.k12.mn.us)

651-460-1570

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

- May 6<sup>th</sup>: 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip to Fort Snelling and Capital
  
- May 13<sup>th</sup>: Choir Concert @FHS Recital Hall at 6:30 (Ms. Brewers & Ms. Cieminski 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Choir)  
Choir Concert @ FHS Recital Hall at 8:00 pm (Ms. Cieminski 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Mixed Choir)
  
- May 14<sup>th</sup>: Choir Concert @ FHS Recital Hall at 6:30 pm (Ms. Brewers "Day B" 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Choir)  
Choir Concert @ FHS Recital Hall at 8:00 pm (Ms. Cieminski "Day A" 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Choir)  
Choir Concert @ FHS Recital Hall at 8:00 pm (Ms. Brewers Solar Choir)
  
- May 16<sup>th</sup>: Band Concert @ FHS Recital Hall at 6:30 pm (6<sup>th</sup> Grade Band)  
Band Concert @ FHS Recital Hall at 8:00 pm (7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Band)
  
- May 17<sup>th</sup>: DMS 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Semi-Formal @ DMS Gym – 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm
  
- May 23<sup>rd</sup>: Musical Theatre @ BMS Theatre at 7:00 pm
  
- May 24<sup>th</sup>: 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip to the Zoo
  
- May 27<sup>th</sup>: NO SCHOOL – Memorial Day
  
- June 2<sup>nd</sup>: Last Day to Enroll in the Summer iPad Program
  
- June 4<sup>th</sup>: iPad Collection during Tiger Connections
  
- June 5<sup>th</sup>: 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip to Bowlero  
7<sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip to Game World  
8<sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip to Valley Fair



June 6<sup>th</sup>: LAST DAY OF SCHOOL – Early Release at 12:25 pm

## **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!](#)

### **SUMMER SWIMMING FUN AT DMS**

Learn to swim with Community Education! Please click [HERE](#) for more information about private/group swimming lessons, open swim and pool rental.

### **SUMMER SPORTS CAMPS THROUGH COMMUNITY EDUCATION**

Skyhawks Sports Academy is offering Youth Sports Skill-Bass Programs this summer. Click [HERE](#) for more information and to register!

### **DAKOTA CITY & DAKOTA COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY CAMPS**

Local history experiences are available this summer through Dakota City Heritage Village and the Dakota County Historical Society. Please [click on the attached history flyer from Farmington Community Education](#) to view the flyer.

### **SUMMER SOCCER CAMPS**

Summer Tiger soccer camps are being offered for students in grades K-5 and girls in grades 6-8. Please [CLICK HERE](#) to view the flyer

### **FOURTH ANNUAL SOUTH OF THE RIVER RESOURCE & EDUCATION FAIR – SATURDAY, MAY 4<sup>TH</sup> - 9:00 am to NOON**

This is a FREE EVENT for parents/caregivers and their children who have concerns about their child's development, school progress, or mental health wellbeing. Please [CLICK HERE](#) to learn more and register for this event. For questions contact Andrea Grossman at 952.891.7328 or [andrea.grossman@co.dakota.mn.us](mailto:andrea.grossman@co.dakota.mn.us)

### **NEW SUMMER OPTION IN FARMINGTON FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS!**

IGNITE Summer Camps are...

- designed for youth entering 6<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> grade
- offered Monday-Thursday, from 9-12 pm and 12:30-3:30 pm; a supervised lunch time is offered from 12-12:30 pm
- at Dodge Middle School, and some offsite locations – including an Interstate State Park Camping trip and a 20 mile bike ride around Minneapolis
- full of athletic, art, STEM, and outdoor experiences
- Parents can pick and choose how many camp experiences they sign their child up for.

View the IGNITE flyer [HERE](#) for Camp options online (grades 6-9). Click [HERE](#) to view the brochure and a description of all the camps offered.