

The Middle Zone

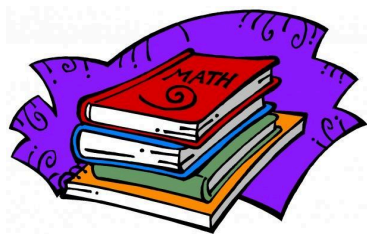
News From DMS - April 2025



INFORMATION UPDATE

It is very important to have current phone numbers, addresses and emergency contact information for all students on file. If you have had any changes in these areas, please notify the office to update your information.

(608)935-3307 option 3



LITERACY NIGHT

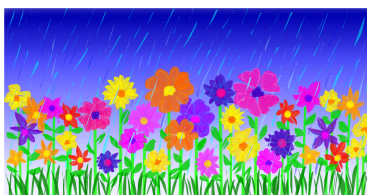
Tuesday, April 22, 2025
5:00 - 7:00 p.m.



NO SCHOOL

- Friday, April 18th
Good Friday

- Monday, April 21st
Professional Development
for Staff



LET'S TALK ABOUT YOU...

Parent Teacher Conferences
for Dodgeville Middle School
will be held on the following date:

Tuesday, April 22, 2025
5:00 - 7:00 p.m.



BREAKFAST

Regular:

Daily \$2.25

Reduced

Daily \$0.30

LUNCH

Regular:

Daily \$3.40

Weekly \$17.00

Reduced:

Daily \$0.40

Weekly \$2.00

MILK

Daily \$0.50

Weekly \$2.50

LUNCH CHOICES

DMS students who take advantage of our hot lunch program have a choice of daily hot entree, a peanut butter and jelly sandwich, a peanut butter only sandwich, or the ever popular prepared salad. Students will need to indicate their choice to their 1st period teacher so enough food can be ordered. It's always good to have a choice for lunch! See the April lunch menu at the end of this newsletter.



The Principal's Post

Greetings DMS Students and Families,

As we head into the final stretch of the school year, we want to keep you updated on some important events and deadlines to ensure a smooth and successful finish for your student. This time of year brings warmer weather, transitions to high school, and new adventures both in middle school and beyond. Here are some key dates and updates to keep in mind as we move forward:

Forward Testing Completion

Our students are wrapping up Forward Testing, which will be completed in the next two weeks. We will have make-up tests during the following two weeks for any students who are absent or who have not yet finished. These assessments are an important tool for gauging student growth and ensuring we are on track for success. Please encourage your students to stay focused, get plenty of sleep, hydrate, and eat healthy meals so they are at their best.

Parent/Teacher Conferences & Family Literacy Night

Date: Tuesday, April 22, 2025

We will be holding our final Parent/Teacher Conferences of the year, and we will also be hosting a **Family Literacy Night** on the same evening. We invite all families to come meet with our staff and enjoy the exciting student showcases that will be taking place during this event. Developing our young readers is something we are passionate about, and we encourage all families to attend and support literacy in our district!

Track and Field Season Starts!

Start Date: Monday, March 31, 2025

The Track and Field season is underway! This is a great opportunity for students to stay active, build positive habits, and challenge themselves to step outside of their comfort zones. Track and Field is open to students in 6th through 8th grades, and we look forward to another incredible season with our student-athletes.

8th Grade Promotion Ceremony

Date: Friday, May 30, 2025 | **Time:** 8:30 a.m.

We are already looking ahead to our 8th-grade students' big day! The **8th Grade Promotion Ceremony** will take place on **May 30th at 8:30 a.m.** in the Dodgeville High School Auditorium. This will be a special event to celebrate our 8th graders as they transition from DMS to high school. More details will be shared soon, but please be sure to mark your calendars for this exciting occasion!

We are thrilled about all the amazing experiences that take place at the end of the year, and we look forward to supporting and encouraging our students as they finish the school year strong!

Sincerely,

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DMS Principal

Important Dates to Remember:

- **April 22, 2025** – Parent/Teacher Conferences & Family Literacy Night
- **March 31, 2025** – Track and Field Season Begins
- **May 30, 2025** – 8th Grade Promotion Ceremony

Let us know if you have any questions, and we look forward to seeing you at our upcoming events!

Ms. Jenkins' Counselor's Corner

Ms. Jenkins' Counselor's Corner for April 2025

Hello DMS Families! My name is Ms. Jenkins and I am the School Counselor here at DMS. We are starting the last quarter of the year and there is lots going on!

Forward Testing

Our DMS students in 5th -8th grades will be participating in the Wisconsin Forward Exam or the Dynamic Learning Maps (DLM) assessments during the March 17-April 25 testing window. State assessments are required by both State (Wis. Stat. § 118.30) and Federal ESSA (Every Student Succeeds Act) Law.

DMS students are scheduled to take these exams on the following date:

- Wednesday, April 2 (8th grade only)
- Thursday, April 3 (8th grade only)
- Tuesday, April 8
- Wednesday, April 9
- Thursday, April 10

All grades will be completing English Language Arts and Math tests and 8th grade will also have a Science and Social Studies test. One or more subtests may be administered daily during our selected time frame. Students not in school on testing days will be scheduled for a make-up test prior to the close of the testing window.

These assessments measure the knowledge and skills students should have for their grade-level. Students' performance on the assessment will not affect their grades. Please encourage your child to do the best they can. The results of these tests will be used to help school staff make determinations regarding curriculum, placement, and services to best support students.

We encourage students and families to prepare for these tests by doing the following:

- Get plenty of sleep (students age 6-12 need 9-12 hours and students age 13-18 need 8-10 hours)
- Eat a healthy diet (this includes eating breakfast)
- Drink plenty of water (students age 10-14 years need 7-8 cups/day)
- Be physically active
- Limit time on electronics/technology
- Have routines before school and after school

Students will also need to bring the following items to testing:

- Charged Chromebook
- **WIRED** headphones
- #2 Pencil
- Please note that electronic devices with cellular, messaging and/or wireless capabilities are **NOT** allowed. This includes cell phones, Smart watches and wireless earbuds!!
- **ALL STUDENTS MUST HAVE A PAIR OF WIRED HEADPHONES!!**

[Information for Families About Assessment in Wisconsin | Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction](#)

Social and Emotional Learning (SEL)

We have been working through the Responsibility Unit in our SEL curriculum, *Kindness in the Classroom*, which focuses on being reliable to do the things that are expected or required of you. We will have one more lesson and a project when we return from spring break and then will move onto the Courage Unit. Check out the links below to learn more about the specific lessons we have/will be doing! You may also check out the Kindness in the Classroom [website](#) for additional information or reach out to me if you have any questions.

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Academic & Career Planning (ACP) & Xello Lessons

The 6th-8th graders are working on completing all four of their Xello lessons to wrap up the year of ACP/Xello learning. The 5th graders did an amazing job creating their presentations on a career they are interested in; ask them to show you their presentations!

In April, Ms. Brogley, the DHS Counselor and myself will be meeting with the 8th graders to start having conversations about high school and creating their freshman schedules! On Tuesday, May 27th, we will be taking the 8th graders to DHS for a tour and get any questions they have answered.

5th Grade D.A.R.E.

Our fifth graders are in full swing with the [D.A.R.E. program](#) with our School Resource Officer, Officer Pepper and will continue this 10-week program through mid-May. Upon completion, the 5th graders will participate in a D.A.R.E. graduation which will be on May 22nd (more details to come as the date approaches).



Family Resources

Please don't forget to check out my [DMS Counseling Website](#) for information and resources for students and families

Emotional Wellbeing

- [We Can All Prevent Suicide : Lifeline \(988lifeline.org\)](#)
- [What to Do if You're Worried About Suicide](#)
- [Suicide Warning Signs for Youth \(English\)](#)
- [Suicide Warning Signs for Youth \(Spanish\)](#)
- [About Teen Suicide](#)
- [My Friend is Talking About Suicide: What Should I Do?](#)
- [How Can I Help a Friend Who is Depressed](#)
- [Talking with Students About Self-Harm](#)
- [Cutting and Self-Harm](#)

- [Helping Teens Who Self-Harm](#)
- [What to Do \(and Not Do\) When Children Are Anxious](#)
- [How to Support LGBTQ Children](#)
- [Helping Children Cope with Grief](#)
- [Teens and Anger](#)
- [Emotional De-escalation Strategies | Edutopia](#)
- [Addressing School Avoidance | Edutopia](#)
- [Childhood Stress: How Parents Can Help](#)
- [Tips for Communicating with your Teen](#)
- [Teenagers and Sleep](#)

Technology

- [GuidetoSnapchat_English.pdf \(ctfassets.net\)](#)
- [Digital Citizenship Resources for Family Engagement | Common Sense Education](#)
- [Parents' Ultimate Guide to Snapchat | Common Sense Media](#)
- [Parents' Ultimate Guide to TikTok | Common Sense Media](#)
- [Parents' Ultimate Guide to Instagram | Common Sense Media](#)
- [Girls and Social Media: A Guide for Parents and Caregivers | Common Sense Media](#)
- [What Are Some Basic Social Media Rules for Middle Schoolers? | Common Sense Media](#)
- [AAP Media Plan \(Family Media Plan\)](#)
- [How to Help Kids Balance Phones and Screens with Sleep | Common Sense Media](#)
- [Parents' Ultimate Guide to Fortnite | Common Sense Media](#)
- [Parents' Ultimate Guide to Minecraft | Common Sense Media](#)
- [What's the Impact of Media and Screen Violence on Children? | Common Sense Media](#)
- [How Can I Help My Kids Develop Good Screen Time Habits? | Common Sense Media](#)
- [Be a Role Model: 4 Ways to Balance Screen Time Around Children | Common Sense Media](#)
- [How Using Social Media Affects Teenagers](#)
- [Are smartphones and social media harming teen mental health? Here's why experts are split | PBS News](#)
- [How Social Media Affects Your Teen's Mental Health: A Parent's Guide > News > Yale Medicine](#)
- [Health advisory on social media use in adolescence](#)



THE LATEST FROM THE LIBRARY

Happy School Library Month and Peeps Contest!

Did you know that this April marks the 40th anniversary of School Library Month? In celebration, we will be running a Peeps Literary Diorama Contest. Submissions will be accepted until April 17th and prizes will include sweet prizes like gift certificates to the Scholastic Book Fair on April 22nd. We can't wait to see what our DMS peeps create!



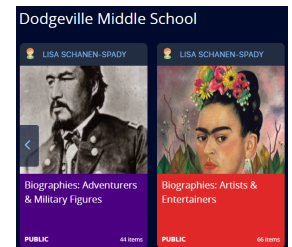
DMS Annual Literacy Night & Scholastic Book Fair During Parent-Teacher Conferences



A reminder that DMS will hold its annual Literacy Night and Scholastic Book Fair during our Spring Parent-Teacher Conference **evening**, on **Tuesday, April 22nd from 5-7 PM**. We look forward to seeing you there! You can also purchase books online from April 21st - May 2nd at: <https://www.scholastic.com/bf/dodgevillemiddleschool>

CLASSROOM COLLABORATIONS: Biographies & Historical Fiction

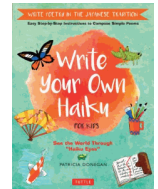
This month, 7th graders have all chosen a biography for their last book talk of the year for ELA class. We created "collections" of famous individuals in our library catalog (Destiny Discover), and assisted students in finding a great fit for their interests. All 8th graders also came in to choose a book for their book talks this quarter, with a focus on Historical Fiction. Again, we curated lists for students and helped them find a book that would suit them well.



APRIL BOOK PROMOTIONS

We welcome spring and all the celebrations it will bring!

- Earth Day, Every Day
- National Poetry Month



Battle of the Books: Gearing Up Already for Next Year!

Our Battle of the Books team did well in their state-level competition, but unfortunately did not place in the top 20 teams this year. Our continuing DMS students are looking forward to next year. The state's list will be out on June 1st, and the books will be available for check out from the Dodgeville Public Library over the summer.



~ Ms. Spady, DMS/DHS Library Media Specialist

- MIDDLE SCHOOL MATH -

“Sum” Math for April!

Here’s what our math students are studying:

7th	Seventh grade students will be taking their Wisconsin Forward Testing for Math the week of April 8-10th. We will be practicing for that test. We are beginning to talk about finding the mean of a set of numbers and their practical use in everyday life.
8th	Eighth grade students will also be completing the Wisconsin Forward Testing for Math the week of April 8-10th. We are also starting to talk about linear equations and solving for X.
Algebra	Students in algebra are completing two mini-units (solving systems of linear inequalities and properties of exponents) before moving into our final topic, polynomials.

Literacy Night

Tuesday, April 22

5:00-7:00 pm

(same night as PT Conferences)

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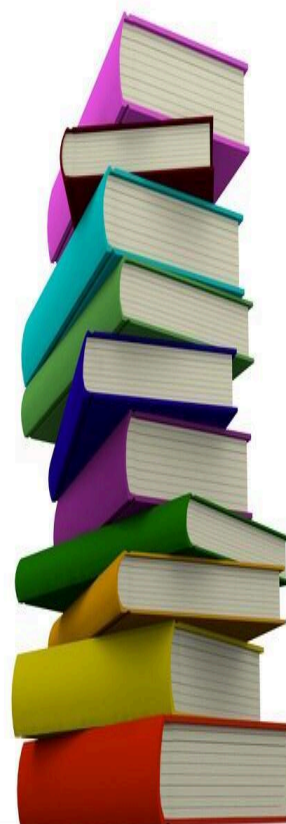
Events:

Scholastic Book Fair

Showcase Gallery

Presentations

Performances



DMS SPORTS

INTERSCHOLASTIC SPORTS AT DMS!

★ Track - Grades 6th - 8th

Practice starts Monday, March 31st.

[Middle School Track & Field](#)

[Middle School Track and Field Information](#)

Middle School Sports Sign Up:

[2024-2025 Sign Up Sheet](#)

ATTENTION ATHLETES – GET READY TO PLAY!

To participate in the DMS interscholastic sports programs **ALL** forms must be turned into the office **BEFORE** you are able to **PRACTICE**. If you are interested in being part of one of our athletic teams this year, you must take care of the following items:

- WIAA physical or alternate year card
[Physical Form](#) or
[Alternate Year Card](#)
- Athletic Code Sheet and Concussion/Sudden Cardiac Arrest Agreement
[DMS Registration Parental Consent](#)
- Upland Hills Health, consent and permission to treat.
[UHH Consent](#)
- Fee to participate (payable at the start of each sport).
[DSD Student Fees](#)



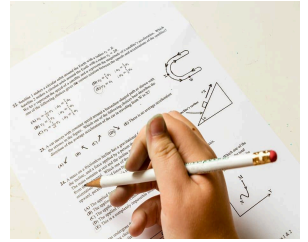
TRACK & FIELD 2025

[Track Schedule](#)

Date	Opponent	Home / Away	Dismissal Time	Start Time
Tuesday, April 15	Darlington	Away	tbd	4:00 pm
Thursday, April 24	Dodgeville Invite	Home	***	4:00 pm
Monday, April 28	Prairie du Chien Invite	Away	1:55 pm	4:15 pm
Tuesday, May 6	Fennimore Invite	Away	2:20 pm	4:00 pm
Tuesday, May 13	Lancaster Invite	Away	2:20 pm	4:00 pm
Thursday, May 15	Platteville Invite	Away	2:20 pm	4:30 pm
Thursday, April 22	Richland Center	Away	2:15 pm	4:30 pm



Homework Club
DMS
Tuesdays and Thursdays
3:30-4:30



Students who want some support with assignments, studying for tests, or just want to hang out and read. You do not need to sign up, just stay after school and report to Room #330 (Mrs. Thier's room)

DMS Upcoming Events 2024-2025

As of 04/01/2025 (Subject to change)

April

- 2 - 8th Grade Forward Testing - Science - 7:50 - 9:45 am
- 3 - 8th Grade Forward Testing - Social Studies - 8:00 - 9:45 am
- 3 - Community Book Study - *The Anxious Generation* - 6:00 - 8:00 pm in the High School Library
- 8 - Grades 5-8 - Forward Testing - Math - 7:50 - 9:45 am
- 9 - Grades 5-8 - Forward Testing - Math - 7:50 - 9:45 am
- 10 - Grades 6-8 - Forward Testing - Math - 7:50 - 9:45 am
- 15 - DMS Track & Field - Invite at Darlington - 4:00 pm (dismissal TBD)
- 18 - No School - Good Friday
- 21 - No School - Professional Development for Staff
- 22 - DMS Parent Teacher [Conference Open House](#) 5:00 - 7:00 pm
- 22 - DMS Literacy Night 5:00 - 7:00 pm
- 24 - DMS Track & Field Dodgeville Invite - 4:00 pm
- 28 - DMS Track & Field - Invite at Prairie du Chien - 4:15 pm (dismissal 1:55)

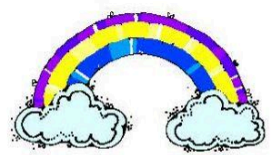
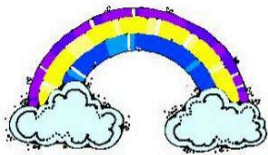
May

- 6 - DMS Track & Field - Invite at Fennimore - 4:00 pm (dismissal 2:20)
- 9 - 6th Grade Chicago Field Trip
- 13 - DMS Track & Field - Invite at Lancaster - 4:00 pm (dismissal 2:20)
- 15 - DMS Track & Field - Invite at Platteville - 4:30 pm (dismissal 2:20)
- 22 - DMS Track & Field - Invite at Richland Center - 4:30 pm (dismissal 2:15)
- 23 - DHS Graduation 7:00 pm
- 26 - No School - Memorial Day
- 28 - 8th Grade Field Trip to Mt. Olympus
- 29 - Awards Day
- 30 - 8th Grade Promotion - 8:30 am in the High School Auditorium
- 30 - End of School Year - Early Release - Noon Dismissal

What's happening in the Dodgeville School District

[Dodgeville School District](#)

[School Calendar](#)



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Breakfast Menus posted in each Kitchen	1. Italian Pasta Bake Lettuce Green Beans Applesauce Garlic Bread	2. Popcorn Chicken Mashed Potatoes Seasoned Corn Baby Carrots Mixed Fruit WG Dinner Roll	3. Hamburger w/Cheese French Fries Lettuce Sliced Tomatoes Pickle Strawberries WG Bun	4. Macaroni and Cheese Curly Fries Baked Beans Baby Carrots Pears Dinner Roll
7. DHS: Beef Gyros W/ pita bread DES/DMS: Pizza Cucumbers Lettuce Pears	8. Chicken Alfredo Lettuce Salad Baby Carrots Peaches WG Breadstick	9. Mini Corn Dogs Tater Tots Baked Beans Baby Carrots Mixed Fruit	10. Beef Nachos Cheese Sauce Tri-Taters Shredded Lettuce Diced Tomatoes Strawberries WG Tortilla Chips	11. Mozzarella Dipper Marinara Sauce French Fries Lettuce Salad Applesauce
14. Pizza Hut Pepperoni Seasoned carrots Lettuce Salad Pears Side Kick Slushy	15. Chili Seasoned Peas Crisp Veggies Applesauce Crackers Cinnamon Rolls	16. Chicken Nuggets Mashed Potatoes Buttery Corn Mixed Fruit WG Dinner Rolls	17. Chicken Fajita French Fries Shredded Lettuce Diced Tomato Refried Beans Peaches WG Tortilla Shells	18. NO SCHOOL
21. PD Day Dodger care Head start	22. Spaghetti W/meat sauce Romaine Baby Carrots Pears Garlic Bread	23. Chicken Patty Mashed Potatoes Sliced Tomatoes Seasoned Corn Applesauce WG Bun	24. Pork Carnitas Mexican Rice Shredded lettuce Diced Tomatoes Fiesta beans Peaches WG Tortilla shell	25. Orange Chicken Rice Steamed Broccoli Baby Carrots Mandarin Oranges WG Dinner Roll Fortune Cookies
28. Pizza Hut Sausage Seasoned Carrots Romaine Applesauce Sidekick Slushy	29. Chicken and Noodles Seasoned peas Buttery Carrots Peaches WG Dinner Roll	30. Hot Dogs Tri Taters Baked beans Pickles Pears WG Bun	2 nd entrée: Peanut Butter & Jelly Sandwich Choice of Milk: 1% White milk Fat Free Chocolate WG= Whole Grain This institution is an equal provider.	

Menu is subject to change without notice.

Required ½-cup fruit or vegetables daily.

