The Middle Zone

News From DMS - December 2024



IF YOU HAVE TO LEAVE SCHOOL EARLY

You must bring a signed note from your parent/guardian to the office or a phone call from a parent before the start of school. You will be given a pass to show your teacher. You need to check out with the office when you leave school. Stop at the office when you return to school after an appointment.

If you bring a note from the doctor's office your absence will be considered exempt. This includes medical, dental, ortho., and counseling appointments. If you have any questions, please contact the DMS office staff.



CALL THE OFFICE

Parents - please remember to call the DMS office to let them know if your child is sick, or send a note if they have an appointment or will be out of school for any reason.



LOST & FOUND

We have two tables of lost and found clothing items. Please stop by and check the tables. Items not claimed by winter break will be donated.

WINTER BREAK

Winter recess in the Dodgeville School District will begin on Monday, December 23rd and go through Wednesday, January 1, 2025. Students will return to school on Thursday, January 2, 2025.

SCHOOL HOURS Doors open at 7:30 am First Bell at 7:45 am Classes start at 7:50 am students should be in class and ready to go by 7:50 am.

PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES 2024-25 5:00 - 7:00 PM - TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3RD - TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18TH - TUESDAY, APRIL 22ND



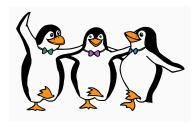
BREAKFAST

Regular:	
Daily	\$2.25
Reduced:	
Daily	.30

LUNCH

<u>Regular:</u>	
Monthly	\$64.60
Weekly	17.00
Daily	3.40
Reduced:	
Monthly	\$7.60
Weekly	2.00
Daily	.40

Milk: Weekly \$2.50 Daily .50



LUNCH CHOICES

DMS students who take advantage of our hot lunch program have a choice of daily entre, a peanut butter and jelly 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!

The Principal's Post

Greetings Dodgeville Middle School families,

Winter in Wisconsin comes in many different weather patterns, and leaves us guessing at what might be coming on any particular day. We move from snow, rain, sleet, and even the sun occasionally peeks its head through the clouds. Please have your student dress accordingly for the weather, and if you are in need of winter clothing, contacting Ms. Jenkins or the office is always an option and we may be able to help with some of these needs during the winter months.

At Dodgeville Middle School we continue to have the goal of supporting the whole child and giving them the tools they need to be successful. Success can mean a variety of things for different people. Success can be academic achievement which leads to increased opportunities in high school and beyond. Building a growth mindset and a desire to be lifelong learners is important for all of us. We also take seriously the social emotional well being of our students, and want to continue to build a foundation of self care that allows students and staff to process stress more effectively. We also want students to implement strategies that will boost their self esteem, and bring kindness and acceptance to the relationships they build with others.

Our traffic patterns for drop off in the morning have been vastly improved compared to previous years and I thank everyone for helping make the beginning of the day a smoother process. Please continue to drop your student off by the baseball field if possible. Everyone doing their part makes for an efficient drop off in the morning, thank you for your continued efforts in this regard.

We have Parent/Teacher Conferences on Tuesday, December 3rd from 5:00-7:00 and we would love to see as many families as possible on that night to share what your child has been doing in their classes. Regardless of what result happened with the referendum we continue to be dedicated to the growth of our students at all times. As we continue to do less with more, our hearts and minds continue to stay dedicated to our profession and building an amazing place for students to learn.

Thanks for partnering with us, it's a great day to be a Dodger! Toby Tripalin DMS Principal

Ms. Jenkins' Counselor's Corner for December 2024

Hello DMS Families! My name is Ms. Jenkins and I am the School Counselor here at DMS. The second quarter is in full swing and our students have been doing amazing!

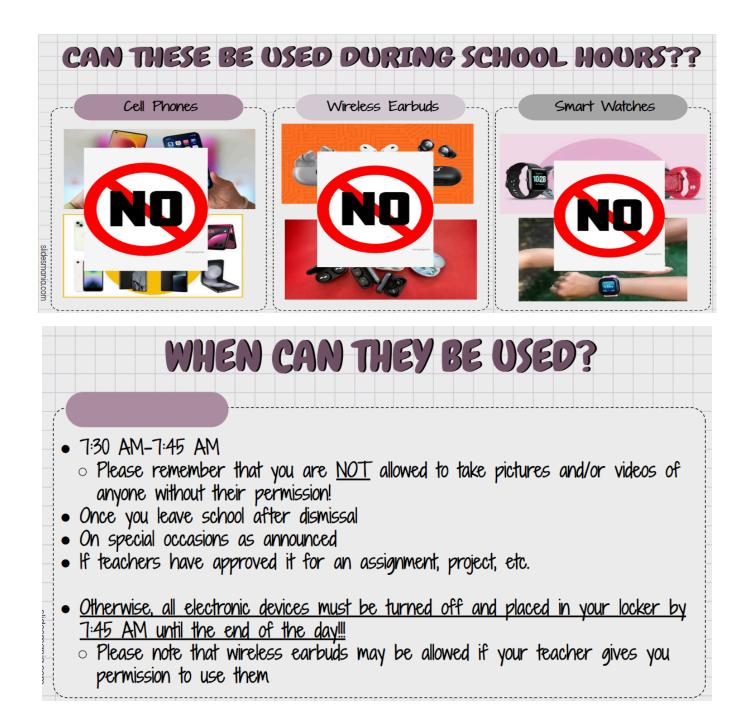
Please don't forget to check out my <u>DMS Counseling Website</u> for information and resources for students and families!

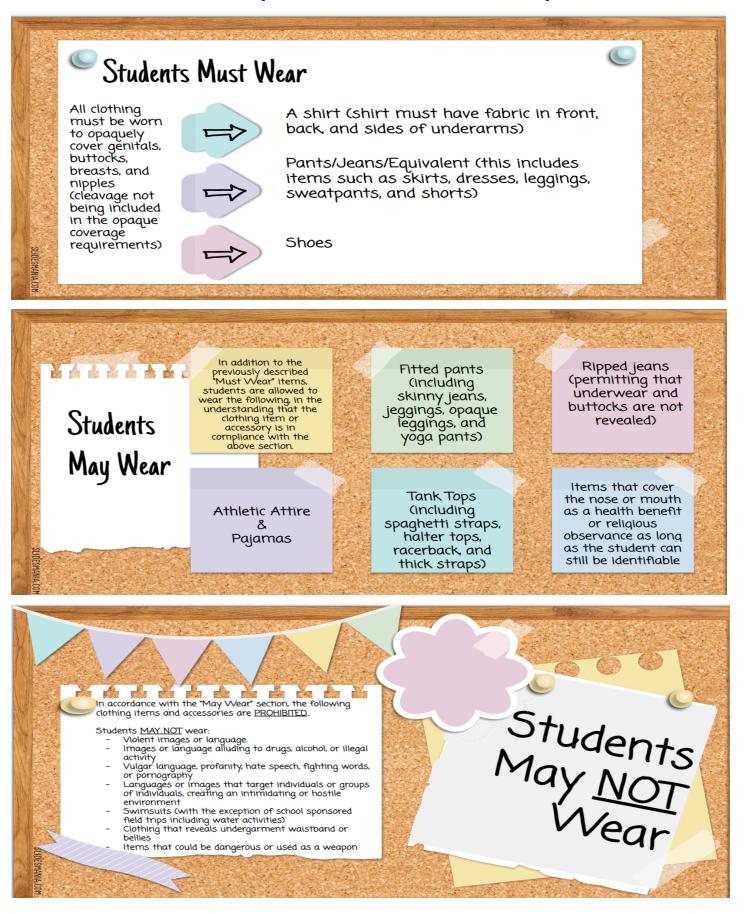
NEW Family Resources!



- 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
- <u>What's the Impact of Media and Screen Violence on Children? | Common Sense Media</u>
- 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

Some friendly reminders about our Electronic Devices Policy...





Social and Emotional Learning (SEL)

In November we finished the Respect Unit in our SEL curriculum, *Kindness in the Classroom*, which focused on how we can show respect for ourselves, for others and for places and things. We also started the Caring Unit before Thanksgiving break which focuses on feeling and showing concern for others. 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 <u>website</u> for additional information or reach out to me if you have any questions.

Respect	Caring	Inclusiveness
• <u>5th Grade</u>	• <u>5th Grade</u>	
• <u>6th Grade</u>	• <u>6th Grade</u>	
• <u>7th Grade</u>	• <u>7th Grade</u>	
• <u>8th Grade</u>	• <u>8th Grade</u>	
Integrity	Responsibility	Courage



Academic & Career Planning (ACP) & Xello Lessons

Students are working on completing their first and second lessons in Xello/ACP. <u>Ask your students about what</u> <u>careers they may be interested in or what learning pathway they may choose after high school!</u>

Lost & Found Items!

We have now accumulated so many lost and found items, that we have had to add a second table!! If you feel that your student(s) may be missing items, please have them look through the tables and/or you are welcome to come during school hours to look through the tables too.





Family Resources

Emotional Wellbeing

- We Can All Prevent Suicide : Lifeline (988lifeline.org)
- What to Do if You're Worried About Suicide
- <u>Suicide Warning Signs for Youth (English)</u>
- Suicide Warning Signs for Youth (Spanish)
- What to Do (and Not Do) When Children Are Anxious
- How to Support LGBTQ Children
- Helping Children Cope with Grief
- <u>Tips for Communicating with your Teen</u>
- Teens and Anger

• Teenagers and Sleep

Technology

- <u>GuidetoSnapchat_English.pdf (ctfassets.net)</u>
- o 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
- o <u>Girls and Social Media: A Guide for Parents and Caregivers | Common Sense Media</u>
- What Are Some Basic Social Media Rules for Middle Schoolers? | 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
- <u>Health advisory on social media use in adolescence</u>
- AAP Media Plan (Family Media Plan)

- MIDDLE SCHOOL MATH -

"Sum" Math for DECEMBER!

Here's what our math students are studying:

5th	Fifth grade students are entering into the exciting unit of decimals to the thousandth. They will be learning about exponents with a base of 10 to represent place value, reading, writing and comparing decimals. Start to notice decimals in our real world and what they represent to help familiarize your student with decimals.
6th	Sixth grade students will be having a review of adding, subtracting, multiplying, and then learning dividing with decimals, which will be brand new! Then they will make a quick jump into fractions and division. Reviewing basic adding and subtracting decimals, like the price of groceries, at home would be a great practice for our new units!

7th	Seventh grade students have been working with positive and negative numbers, fractions, and decimals. We wrapped up adding and subtracting and have moved on to multiplication and division. When we return from break, we will be heading into ratios and proportions.
8th	Students in 8th grade math are finding sequences of transformations, and have a project to wrap up that part of the unit. Before Break we are working on non-rigid transformation (dilations, aka enlargements and reductions) before moving into angle relationships.
Algebra	Algebra students will be exploring linear inequalities before moving into functions.

THE LATEST FROM THE LIBRARY

UPCOMING AUTHOR VISIT ALERT: LAURA ANNE BIRD

We are excited to announce that Wisconsin author Laura Anne Bird will be visiting with 4th-8th grade students on **Wednesday**, **January 29th** to talk about her newest novel, *Marvelous Jackson*. You can pre-order *Marvelous Jackson* and its companion, *Crossing the Pressure Line*, before her visit to get your copy signed and personalized! This might be a possible holiday gift? Orders are due by **December 9th** and books will be

distributed to students on Jan. 29th. <u>The book order form is located here</u> and print-outs will go home with students at a later date. You can find out more about her and her books at: <u>www.laurabirdbooks.com/meetlaura</u>

CLASSROOM COLLABORATIONS



Ms. Spady has been working with 6th grade students to assist them in their Informational Research Project. She offered a lesson regarding effective search strategies and an overview of reliable resources available through the library, and has helped obtain print books and ebooks from our district's and area public libraries. Students are

researching a range of interesting topics, from dairy cow management to the history of the German language. We also have had a busy couple of months loaning out physical resources from our collection for classroom use, including: video cameras for our 8th grade Computers class as well as items from our makerspace kits to 5th grade Tech Ed and Science classes to create ping-pong ball catapults and Thanksgiving-themed STEM stations.









NEW BOOK CHECK-OUT CONTEST WINNERS!

Congratulations to the four students (Grant G., Allen J., Kayln L. and Loki S.) who won the opportunity to be the first to check out the new *Diary of a Wimpy Kid* title, *Hot Mess*, by filling out one of our book recommendation sticky notes in November. December's contest will give students a chance at being the first to check out the latest book in the Percy Jackson series, *The Wrath of the Triple Goddess*!

FEATURED: OUR WHITEBOARD TABLE

In addition to offering "brain break" activities like puzzles and coloring to our community, one of our favorite "passive" programming opportunities in the Library involves our giant whiteboard table. Each month, we feature a new activity or question for our community to answer. There were lots of votes last month for the best fall and Thanksgiving foods. What is your favorite?



DECEMBER BOOK PROMOTIONS: Lighting Up the Season!

We're getting ready to celebrate and enjoy winter break with a batch of great reading material to brighten up our shortened days this season.



COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS: Merrimac + Main Afterschool Program Reminder

Wednesdays 4-6pm @ 115 W. Merrimac St., Dodgeville, WI 53533. Join their FREE after-school program for grades 5-8. Students can hang out, create art, play games, do homework, and spend time with their friends. Each week, they offer an optional special pop-up opportunity. Volunteers are also needed! Find out more information at: <u>https://www.merrimacandmain.org/</u>

~ Ms. Spady, DMS/DHS Library Media Specialist



December Music Notes



December Concert – A Musical Celebration!

Join us on Monday, December 16th at 7:00 PM for a special evening of music featuring our talented Orchestra, Band, and Choir students! This festive concert will showcase the hard work and dedication of our middle school musicians, and it's the perfect way to get into the holiday spirit. The concert will be held in the High School Auditorium, and families and friends are all welcome to attend.

In addition, the DMS Music Fundraiser Pick-Up will be happening at DHS before the concert. Music families will receive further details, including the pick-up time, through Infinite Campus once the delivery schedule is confirmed by the trucking company.

We look forward to sharing the joy of music with you as we kick off the holiday season!



Music Ensemble Students in 6-8 Grade have been given information about this year's Wisconsin State Music Association Solo/Ensemble Festival. This optional chance for students to learn and enhance skills will be an added focus during lessons when back from Thanksgiving Break.

Festival date is Saturday, March 1 2025 at Lancaster.

Please reach out to your student's music director with any questions or clarifications.



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 SPORTS

INTERSCHOLASTIC SPORTS AT DMS!

- ★ Boys' Basketball 7th & 8th Grade -Practice started Wednesday, October 23rd Boys Basketball Schedule
- ★ Girls' Basketball Grades 7th & 8th <u>SIGN UP NOW IN THE OFFICE -</u> <u>PRACTICE WILL BEGIN -</u> <u>THURSDAY, JANUARY 2</u> <u>Girls Basketball Schedule</u>
- ★ Wrestling Grades 6th 8th Practice starts Thursday, January 2nd Wrestling Schedule
- ★ Track Grades 6th 8th Practice starts Monday, March 31st.

Middle School Sports Sign Up:

2024-2025 Sign Up Sheet

ATTENTION ATHLETES – GET READY TO PLAY!

To participate in the DMS interscholastic sports programs <u>ALL</u> forms must be turned into the office <u>BEFORE</u> you are able to <u>PRACTICE</u>. 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 <u>Physical Form</u> or <u>Alternate Year Card</u>
- Athletic Code Sheet and Concussion/Sudden Cardiac Arrest Agreement <u>DMS Registration Parental Consent</u>
- Upland Hills Health, consent and permission to treat.

UHH Consent

Fee to participate (payable at the start of each sport).
DSD Student Fees



DMS 7TH & 8TH GRADE **BOYS BASKETBALL 2024** Subject to Change



Boys Basketball Schedule

Date	Opponent	Home / Away	Dismissal Time	Start Time
Tuesday, Dec. 3	Lancaster	Away	2:30 pm	4:00 pm
Thursday, Dec. 5	Platteville	Home	***	4:00 pm
Tuesday, Dec. 10	Darlington	Home	***	4:00 pm

Home Games - 7th grade plays at Dodgeville Elementary School - 8th grade plays at Dodgeville Middle School



7TH & 8TH GRADE GIRLS BASKETBALL 2024 Subject to change

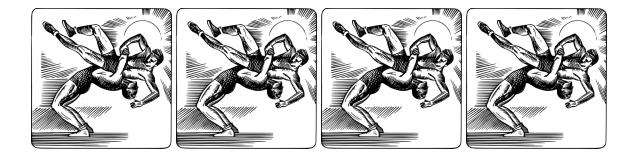


Girls Basketball Schedule

Date	Opponent	Home / Away	Dismissal Time	Start Time
Tuesday, Jan. 14	Lancaster	Home	***	4:00 pm
Thursday, Jan. 16	Platteville	Away	2:45 pm	4:00 pm
Tuesday, Jan. 21	Darlington	Away	2:35 pm	4:00 pm
Thursday, Jan. 23	River Valley	Away	2:50 pm	4:00 pm
Tuesday, Jan. 28	Iowa-Grant	Home	***	4:00 pm
Thursday, Jan. 30	Mineral Point	Away	3:00 pm	4:00 pm
Tuesday, Feb. 4	Cuba City	Home	***	4:00 pm
Thursday, Feb. 6	Lancaster	Away	2:30 pm	4:00 pm
Thursday, Feb. 13	Platteville	Home	***	4:00 pm
Tuesday, Feb. 18	Darlington	Home	***	4:00 pm

Home Games - 7th grade plays at Dodgeville Elementary School

- 8th grade plays at Dodgeville Middle School



WRESTLING 2024

Wrestling Schedule

Date	Opponent	Home / Away	Dismissal Time	Start Time
Monday, Jan. 13	Belmont Invite	Away	2:35 pm	4:30 pm
Tuesday, Jan. 21	Dodgeville Invite	Home	***	4:30 pm
Monday, Jan. 27	Iowa-Grant	Away	2:40 pm	4:30 pm
Monday, Feb. 3	Lancaster Invite	Away	2:30 pm	4:30 pm
Monday, Feb. 10	Darlington Invite	Away	2:40 pm	4:30 pm



Note from Dodgeville Music Boosters:

We are changing our meeting night to the 2nd Wednesday at 6:30 and our regularly scheduled meetings for the year will be Oct 9, Jan 8, and April 9. This change was made necessary because of officer scheduling conflicts.

Meetings are held at DHS - reminders will be sent out prior to meetings as well as posted on the Dodgeville Music Booster Facebook Page.

















On Friday, November 22nd, members of the DMS Builders Club made over 20 dozen sweet treats to donate to the Dodger Food Locker Cookie Walk. Then, on Saturday, November 30th, eight members volunteered their time serving those treats at the Cookie Walk.













DMS Upcoming Events 2024-2025 As of 12/01/2024 (Subject to change)

December

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- Boys Basketball Away vs. Lancaster 4:00 pm (dismissal 2:30 pm) 3 3
 - DMS Play first read through/rehearsal 3:30-4:30 pm at DMS
 - DMS Parent Teacher Conference Open House 5:00 7:00 pm
- Boys Basketball Home vs. Platteville 4:00 pm 5
- 10 - Boys Basketball - Home vs. Darlington - 4:00 pm
- 12 - Boys Basketball - Away vs. Platteville - 4:00 pm
- 16 - DMS Music Student Fundraiser delivered to DHS
- 16-20 DMS Winter Spirit Dress Up Days Dec. 16th 20th 2024 DMS Winter Spirit Dress Up Days.pdf
- 23 - No School-Winter Break
- 24 - No School-Christmas Eve
- 25 - No School-Christmas
- 26 - No School-Winter Break
- 27 - No School-Winter Break
- 30 - No School-Winter Break
- 31 - No School-NewYears Eve

January

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- No School-New Years 1
- 2 - Classes Resume 2
 - 7th & 8th Grade Girls Basketball Practice starts
 - 6th, 7th & 8th Grade Wrestling Practice starts
- 13 - DMS Wrestling Invite at Belmont High School - 4:30 pm (dismissal 2:35 pm)
- Girls Basketball Home vs. Lancaster 4:00 pm 14
- 16 - Girls Basketball - Away vs. Platteville - 4:00 pm (dismissal 2:45 pm)
- 17 - End of 2nd Quarter
- 20 - No School - Professional Development for Staff
- 21 - Beginning of 3rd Quarter
- 21 - DMS Wrestling Invite at Dodgeville High School - 4:30 pm
- Girls Basketball Away vs. Darlington 4:00 pm (dismissal 2:35 pm) 21
- 23 - Girls Basketball - Away vs. River Valley - 4:00 pm (dismissal 2:50 pm)
- 27 - DMS Wrestling Invite at Iowa-Grant Middle School - 4:30 pm (dismissal 2:40 pm)
- Girls Basketball Home vs. Iowa-Grant 4:00 pm 28
- 30 - Girls Basketball - Away vs. Mineral Point - 4:00 pm (dismissal 3:00 pm)

February

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- DMS Wrestling Invite at Lancaster High School 4:30 pm (dismissal 2:30 pm)
- Girls Basketball Home vs. Cuba City 4:00 pm
- Girls Basketball Away vs. Lancaster 4:00 pm (dismissal 2:30 pm)
- DMS Play "Channeling Grimm" 7:00 pm 7
- 8 - DMS Play "Channeling Grimm" - 5:00 pm
- 10 - DMS Wrestling Invite at Darlington High School - 4:30 pm (dismissal 2:40 pm)
- Girls Basketball Home vs. Platteville 4:00 pm 13
- No School Professional Development for Staff 17

- Girls Basketball - Home vs. Darlinton - 4:00 p
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18 - DMS Parent Teacher <u>Conference Open House</u> 5:00 - 7:00 pm

<u>March</u>

21 - End of 3rd Quarter - Early Release - Noon Dismiss	sal
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- 24-28 No School Spring Break
- 31 Start of 4th Quarter

<u>April</u>

- 18 No School Good Friday
- 21 No School Professional Development for Staff
- 22 DMS Parent Teacher <u>Conference Open House</u> 5:00 7:00 pm

<u>May</u>

- DHS Graduation 7:00p	m
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- 26 No School Memorial Day
- 30 End of School Year Early Release Noon Dismissal

What's happening in the Dodgeville School District

Dodgeville School District

School Calendar

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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
	CH	ntrée Choice: Peanut Butter & Menu subject to change witho hoice of Milk: 1% White, Fat Fre institution is an equal opport	ut notice e Chocolate	
2. DHS/DMS Baked Potato Bar DES Personal Pizza Broccoli Romaine Applesauce WG Dinner roll	3. Italian Pasta Bake Romaine Salad Baby Carrots Peaches WG Garlic Bread	4. Chicken Nuggets Mashed Potatoes Sweet Corn Mixed Fruit WG Dinner Roll	S. Walking Tacos Wedge Fries Fiesta beans Lettuce Diced tomatoes Strawberries Tortilla chips	6. Cheeseburger French Fries Sliced Tomatoes Lettuce Pears WG Bun
9. Pizza Hut Pizza Seasoned Carrots Romaine Pears Sidekick	10. Pulled Pork Curly fries Baked Beans Celery Applesauce WG Bun	II. Chicken Patty Mashed Potatoes Sweet Corn Sliced Tomatoes Mixed Fruit WG Bun	I2. Christmas Dinner Chicken Gravy Mashed Potatoes Corn Cranberry Sauce Peaches Christmas Cookie WG Dinner Roll	13. Orange Chicken Rice Pilaf Steamed Broccoli Baby Carrots Mandarin Orange Fortune Cookie WG Dinner Roll
16. Cheese Quesadilla Raw vegetables Romaine Ribbons Peaches Frozen Juice Cup	17. Chicken Alfredo Romaine Salad Cucumbers Mixed Fruit WG Garlic Bread	18. Cheese Omelet French Toast Sticks Bell Peppers Hash Browns Applesauce Juice	19. Pretzel Wrapped Hot Dog French Fries Baby Carrots Baked Beans Pears	20. Sack Lunch Turkey & Ham Sandwich Chips Carrots String Cheese Apples Treat
23.	24.	25. WINTER BREAK	26.	27.