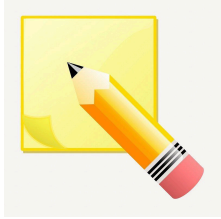


The Middle Zone

News From DMS - November, 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.



REPORT CARDS

When will students receive their report cards? The 1st quarter for DMS students ends on Friday, November 1st and report cards will be mailed out the week of November 11th. If you have questions, please contact the office. Once grades are posted you can also access your students' grades in Infinite Campus.



VETERANS DAY

Dodgeville School District will be holding a Veteran's Day program on November 11th at the Dodgeville High School starting at 9:00 a.m. Breakfast will be served to Veterans from 8:00 - 9:00 am in the Dodgeville High School Lower Commons area.

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.



BREAKFAST

Regular:

Daily \$2.25

Reduced:

Daily .30

LUNCH

Regular:

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 DMS Families,

As we come to the end of the first quarter, this time of year provides an opportunity to reflect on what has been accomplished and what goals your student can set to improve moving forward. Having conversations with your child about school is very important so we can create a united front in helping them achieve their goals and hold them accountable for the approach they are taking with school every single day. Creating goals with your child provides an opportunity for them to take an introspective look at what they are currently doing and what specific steps they can take to improve on their current performance in the classroom.

Attendance is such an important part of student success in the classroom. There is an incredible amount of research out talking about the ramifications that missing school can have on a student's future success in school and beyond graduation. We of course do not want you to send a sick child to school, but enabling them to continuously miss school creates significant challenges for them in the future. Let's partner together to help our students get here and to be successful while they are in school.

STUDENT ATTENDANCE MATTERS

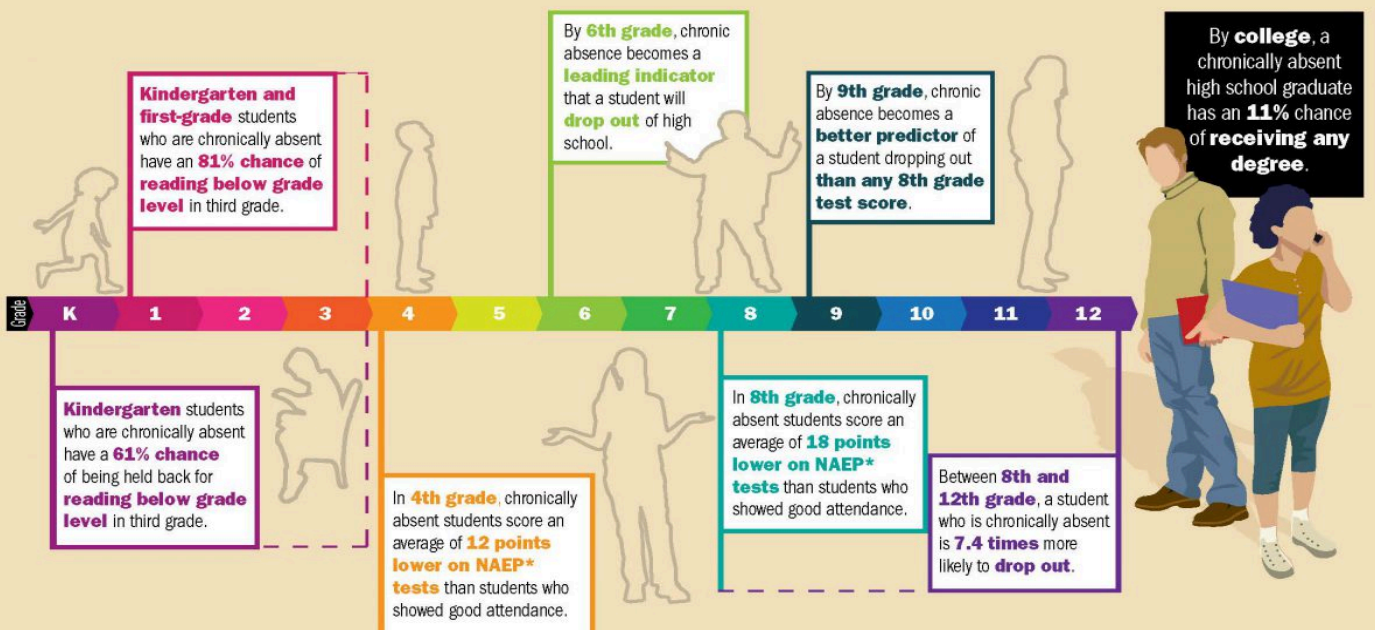
There are an estimated 5-7.5 million students in the United States who are chronically absent from school.

Chronic absenteeism hurts students in a variety of ways as they progress through their school career, starting with kindergarten.

DEFINITIONS:

Chronic Absence - Missing 2 days each month, totaling 18 days, equals 10% of the school year

Good Attendance - Missing 9 days or less in a school year (5%)



As we move into the second quarter, let's build on the successes that our students have had, improve on specific areas that improvement is needed, and set goals which will allow them to achieve success beyond what they previously thought themselves capable of. Our commitment to students persists and we look forward to continuing to work with families to provide the best school experience possible.

Toby Tripalin
DMS Principal

Ms. Jenkins' Counselor's Corner

Hello DMS Families! My name is Ms. Jenkins and I am the School Counselor here at DMS. It is hard to believe that we have already finished up our first quarter, but we have been doing some good stuff!

NEW Family Resources!

- [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](#)
- [AAP Media Plan](#) (Family Media Plan)

We have been made aware of several situations involving our 5th grade students where very unkind communications are being made on social media, in particular Snapchat and TikTok. **Did you know that these social media platforms, in addition to others, require users to be at least 13 years old!!** Though these situations are happening outside of school, we are seeing it move from outside of school into the school environment and affecting students' wellbeing and learning. On Friday, 11/1, Officer Pepper and Charlie will be having a Digital Citizenship lesson with the 5th graders to help teach them how to be good citizens when using social media, video games, etc.

In addition here are some helpful resources with regard to social media and technology:

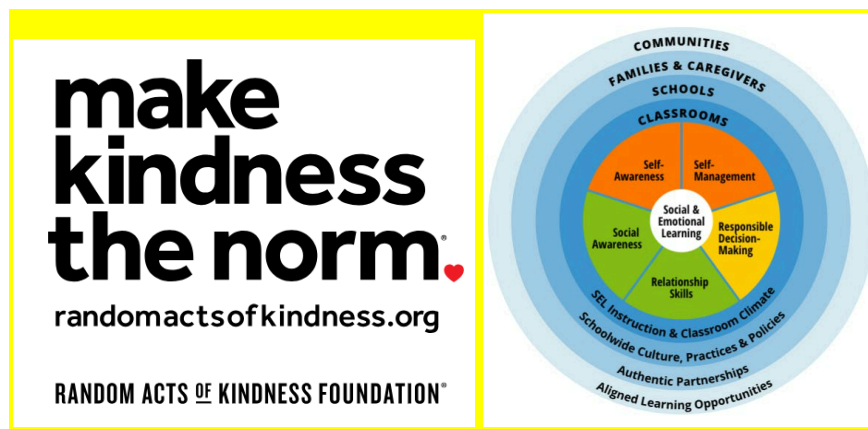
- **Technology**
 - [GuidetoSnapchat_English.pdf \(ctfassets.net\)](#)
 - [Digital Citizenship Resources for Family Engagement | Common Sense Education](#)
 - [Parents' Ultimate Guide to Snapchat | Common Sense Media](#)

- [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](#)
- [How Using Social Media Affects Teenagers](#)

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

Social and Emotional Learning (SEL)

In October we started the Respect Unit in our SEL curriculum, *Kindness in the Classroom* and this year we are including different Mini Lessons and Projects with each unit. In November, we will begin our Caring Unit. Here is a [document](#) that shares more about this curriculum. You may also check out their [website](#) for additional information or reach out to me if you have any questions.



Academic & Career Planning (ACP) & Xello Lessons

Students are working on completing their first lessons in Xello/ACP and will begin their second lessons in November. **Ask your students about their interests, skills and careers they are interested in.** Here is what each grade will be working on in November:

- 5th Grade: Career Research Presentation
- 6th Grade: *School Subjects at Work* Lesson
- 7th Grade: *Discover Learning Pathways* Lesson
- 8th Grade: Self-Advocacy Lesson

5th Grade D.A.R.E.

Our fifth graders will be participating in the D.A.R.E. program during the 3rd and 4th quarters so more information will be coming as that time approaches.





Family Resources

- **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 \(Spanish\)](#)
 - [What to Do \(and Not Do\) When Children Are Anxious](#)
 - [How to Support LGBTQ Children](#)
 - [Helping Children Cope with Grief](#)
 - [Tips for Communicating with your Teen](#)
 - [Teens and Anger](#)
 - [Teenagers and Sleep](#)

~ 5th & 6th Grade ELA ~

In Fifth-grade ELA, students have begun a new unit about poetry. So far they have learned about apostrophe poems (they don't include apostrophes, if that is what you are thinking), what anaphora is in a poem, the difference between a line break and a stanza break, and are even writing their own poems. Monday's poems were about an experience in nature. The fall colors and warm weather are a perfect complement to this poetry. Please ask your child about the unit.

In Sixth-grade ELA, students have been working on a Literature Circle unit. Students are in groups based on a chapter book of interest. They read together, then complete different roles for their chapter; Discussion Director, Clever Connector, Word Wizard, Passage Picker, Incredible Illustrator, and Super Summarizer. The next day they come back to their group and share about their role. It has been very interesting for us to observe how students listen to one

another and discuss what is happening in the book. Some students get very passionate about their ideas! Please ask your child about their book.

Thank you for letting us work with your children. Please reach out if you have any questions.

Jill Fuerstenberg (5th & 6th grade ELA)

Inger Novak (5th & 6th grade ELA)

Michelle Thier (6th & 8th grade ELA)

- MIDDLE SCHOOL MATH -

“Sum” Math for NOVEMBER!

Here’s what our math students are studying:

| | |
|---------|--|
| 5th | Fifth grade students will be finding volume and extend students’ understanding of multiplication and division of whole numbers. |
| 6th | Sixth grade students will be finding the area of a variety of two-dimensional figures and the surface area of three-dimensional figures. Students also begin work with algebraic expressions, including those with whole-number exponents. |
| 7th | Seventh grade students have been working with positive and negative numbers, fractions, and decimals. We combine this information into real life situations such as calculating changes in temperature and distances relative to sea level and the ground. |
| 8th | Students in 8th grade math continue to work with rigid transformations (slides, flips, and turns...aka translations, reflections, and rotations), and a non-rigid transformation (dilations, aka enlargements and reductions). |
| Algebra | Algebra students will be exploring linear equations and inequalities, including standard, slope-intercept, and point-slope forms. |

THE LATEST FROM THE LIBRARY

Robots, Video Cameras, and More!



Did you know that the DMS library program offers more than just books? In addition to supporting a variety of online databases and other digital applications, we offer DMS students and staff a variety of physical educational resources for check-out. These include: robots, video cameras,



STEM kits, and more. After an introduction to some of the items during professional inservice, teachers have been putting them to good use in their classrooms. "Brain break" activities, such as puzzles and community coloring opportunities, are another way DMS connects in the library space.

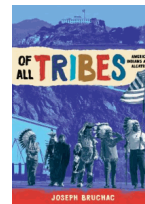
Classroom Collaborations



The Library is also a "Learning Commons," as we regularly collaborate with other teachers, providing them with resources and partnering with them for lessons. For example, in mid-November, Ms. Spady will be working with the ELA teachers to help sixth grade students hone their informational research skills by offering reliable digital and print resources and usage tips.

November Book Displays and Programming

- Celebrating Native American Heritage Month
- Honoring Our Veterans
- Autumn Skies and Pumpkin Pies – Cooking, Baking and Thanksgiving Preparations



Battle of the Books Begins!

Battle of the Books is off to a great start! Students have been meeting biweekly this year during their lunch/recess time on Fridays. In addition to reading and discussing books from the list, students will be completing a short video book trailer ("teaser"). We have been looking at examples of winning entries from last year from this contest as well as some professional book trailers to help students plan out their own entries.



COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS:

> Calling All LEGO Builders!



A reminder that the Dodgeville Public Library will be hosting a winter-themed Lego 'Build at Home' Contest. To enter: build a winter-themed Lego creation at home, take a photo of the finished project, and submit the photo to Children's Librarian Carol Gleichauf at cgleichauf@swls.org by December 1st, 2024. For further details, [check out this poster](#). All submissions will be entered into a raffle drawing. (No LEGOs at home? No problem! For building opportunities in the DMS Library, contact Ms. Spady.)

> Merrimac + Main Afterschool Program



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. Upcoming ones are:

- **Oct 30:** Magic Show!
- **Nov 6:** Ugly Doll Sewing Project
- **Nov 13:** Yoga or a Science Project
- **Nov 20:** TBD

Stay tuned for more information at: <https://www.merrimacandmain.org/>



~ Ms. Spady, DMS Library Media Specialist



November Newsletter Music Notes



Veterans Day - Choir Only

All DMS CHOIR students will be performing at our upcoming district wide Veterans Day Assembly on Monday, November 11th. Students should dress nicely (please avoid sweats and ripped up jeans if at all possible) and can feel free to wear any combination of Red, White, Blue.

The performance will be during the day at DHS. Further information regarding specific times will be sent closer to the performance date via Infinite Campus Messenger System.

DMS Student Music Fundraiser

All DMS Music Students, 5-8th Grade, have the chance to participate in an OPTIONAL fundraiser for their individual music accounts. Each student has their own music account that they can use for: Solo/Ensemble entry fees (6-8 grade), Honors Ensemble Fees, any department trips, etc.

When students continue their participation in music ensembles at DHS, their music account funds go with them and can be used for larger trips, S/E, etc.

This year, students will receive their information on *Friday, November 1.*

All forms and monies are due back to the DMS MAIN OFFICE by Friday, November 15th.

Checks made payable to DMS

There is an online ordering system as well to use!

Delivery of products will be on **Monday, December 16th at DHS**; this is the SAME NIGHT as our DMS Winter Concert for Band/Choir/Orchestra!

Again - this is OPTIONAL, but a great way to have students begin their music fundraising for all the exciting opportunities that come their way through their careers!

Questions? Talk with your child's music teacher

Band - Adisyn Hoff

Choir - Tamra Bickel

Orchestra - Tim Fitzpatrick



DMS Theater Information



DMS is once again presenting a theatrical experience for all students, Grades 5-8 this school year. This year, our show will be a PLAY - no singing or dancing required! Great fun will still be had by all!

We are keeping the title of the show under wraps for a few more weeks, but wanted to get important dates out right away.

Auditions (tryouts)- 3:30-4:30 pm at Dodgeville Middle School. **Students only need to audition on ONE of the days listed below!**

Tuesday, November 19

Wednesday, November 20

Thursday, November 21

Our first read-through/rehearsal for everyone on stage will be on **Tuesday, December 3** from **3:30-4:30**.

Show dates are: Friday, February 7 at 7pm and Saturday, February 8 at 5pm.

All students are encouraged to be part of this great opportunity, whether on stage or backstage!

Keep eyes on the DMS Theater Board outside of the Main Office for more information through November! Let Mrs. Bickel or Mrs. Reeson know if you have any questions!



The DMS Builders Club met twice in September, and members are busy setting goals and building plans for the 24-25 school year. We will meet again on October 31st where we will have officer elections, discuss our upcoming roles on Veterans' Day (November 11), and the Dodge Food Locker Cookie Walk (November 30).



On October 26th, seven members helped trick-or-treaters at the Dodgeville Trunk or Treat.

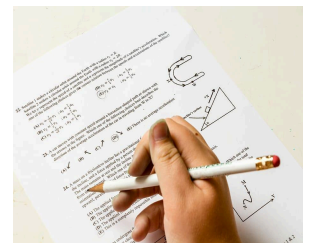


Homework Club

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**
SIGN UP NOW IN THE OFFICE -
PRACTICE WILL BEGIN -
THURSDAY, JANUARY 2
[Girls Basketball Schedule](#)
- ★ **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 **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](#)



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



| Date | Opponent | Home / Away | Dismissal Time | Start Time |
|-------------------|--------------|-------------|----------------|------------|
| Tuesday, Nov. 5 | Lancaster | Home | *** | 4:00 pm |
| Thursday, Nov. 7 | Platteville | Away | 2:45 pm | 4:00 pm |
| Tuesday, Nov. 12 | Darlington | Away | 2:35 pm | 4:00 pm |
| Thursday, Nov. 14 | River Valley | Away | 2:50 pm | 4:00 pm |
| Tuesday, Nov. 19 | Iowa-Grant | Home | *** | 4:00 pm |

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|-------------------|---------------|------|---------|---------|
| Thursday, Nov. 21 | Mineral Point | Away | 3:00 pm | 4:00 pm |
| Tuesday, Nov. 26 | Cuba City | Home | *** | 4:00 pm |
| 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 |
| Thursday, Dec. 12 | Platteville | Away | 2:30 pm | 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**



| 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



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.



**DMS Upcoming Events 2024-2025
As of 10/30/2024 (Subject to change)**

November

- 1 - Early Release -12:00 dismissal - End of 1st Quarter
- 4 - Beginning of 2nd Quarter
- 5 - Boys Basketball - Home vs. Lancaster - 4:00 pm
- 7 - Boys Basketball - Away vs. Platteville - 4:00 pm (dismissal 2:45 pm)
- 11 - Veterans Day Program at DHS 9:00 am
- 12 - Boys Basketball - Away vs. Darlington - 4:00 pm (dismissal 2:35 pm)
- 14 - Boys Basketball - Away vs. River Valley - 4:00 pm (dismissal 2:50pm)
- 18 - No School-Professional Development for staff
- 19 - Boys Basketball - Home vs. Iowa-Grant - 4:00 pm
- 21 - Boys Basketball - Away vs. Mineral Point - 4:00 pm (dismissal 3:00 pm)
- 26 - Boys Basketball - Home vs. Cuba City - 4:00 pm
- 27 - No School
- 28 - No School-Thanksgiving
- 29 - No School

December

- 3 - Boys Basketball - Away vs. Lancaster - 4:00 pm (dismissal 2:30 pm)
- 3 - DMS Parent Teacher Conference Open House 5:00 - 7:00 pm
- 5 - Boys Basketball - Home vs. Platteville - 4:00 pm

- 10 - Boys Basketball - Home vs. Darlington - 4:00 pm
- 12 - Boys Basketball - Away vs. Platteville - 4:00 pm
- 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-New Years Eve

January

- 1 - No School-New Years
- 2 - Classes Resume
- 2 - 7th & 8th Grade Girls Basketball Practice starts
- 14 - Girls Basketball - Home vs. Lancaster - 4:00 pm
- 16 - Girls Basketball - Away vs. Platteville - 4:00 pm (dismissal 2:45 pm)
- 21 - Girls Basketball - Away vs. Darlington - 4:00 pm (dismissal 2:35 pm)
- 23 - Girls Basketball - Away vs. River Valley - 4:00 pm (dismissal 2:50 pm)
- 28 - Girls Basketball - Home vs. Iowa-Grant - 4:00 pm
- 30 - Girls Basketball - Away vs. Mineral Point - 4:00 pm (dismissal 3:00 pm)

February

- 4 - Girls Basketball - Home vs. Cuba City - 4:00 pm
- 6 - Girls Basketball - Away vs. Lancaster - 4:00 pm (dismissal 2:30 pm)
- 13 - Girls Basketball - Home vs. Platteville - 4:00 pm
- 18 - Girls Basketball - Home vs. Darlington - 4:00 pm
- 18 - DMS Parent Teacher Conference Open House 5:00 - 7:00 pm

What's happening in the Dodgeville School District



[Dodgeville School District](#)

[School Calendar](#)



Daylight Savings Time ends on
Sunday, November 3rd.
Don't forget to set your clocks back
(Fall Back) 1 hour on Saturday night.



| MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY |
|--|--|--|---|--|
| Menu subject to change without notice. WG= Whole Grain | <u>Choice of Milk</u> 1% White Fat Free Chocolate | 2 nd Entrée Choice- Peanut Butter & Jelly Sandwich | | 1. EARLY RELEASE Sack Lunch Ham/Turkey Sandwich Chips Baby Carrots String Cheese Apple Slices Treat WG Bun |
| 4. Mozzarella Dipper Marinara sauce Wedge Fries Romaine Salad Mixed Fruit | 5.. *New Menu* Chicken and Noodles Seasoned Peas Baby carrots Peaches Breadstick | 6. Hot Dog Oven Fries Baked Beans Pickles Strawberries WG Bun | 7. Chicken Fajita French fries Shredded Lettuce Diced Tomatoes Refried Beans Pears WG Tortilla | 8. Omelet French Toast Sticks Sliced peppers Hash browns Applesauce Juice |
| 11. Pizza Hut Seasoned Carrots Lettuce Salad Pears Sidekicks | 12. Spaghetti Romaine Salad Green beans Peaches WG Garlic Bread | 13. Chicken Patty Mashed Potatoes Buttery Corn Mixed Fruit WG Bun | 14. Beef Nacho Cheese Sauce French Fries Diced Tomato-Olives Lettuce Fiesta Beans Applesauce Tortilla Chips | 15. Teriyaki Chicken Ramen noodle Red peppers Broccoli Pineapple Fortune cookie Dinner roll |
| 18. No school PD day Head Start Dodger Care | 19. Hamburger w/Cheese French Fries Sliced Tomatoes Pickles Mixed Fruit WG Bun | 20. Mini Corn Dog Curly Fries Baked Beans Applesauce WG Roll | 21. Thanksgiving Meal Turkey Gravy Mashed Potatoes Seasoned Corn Stuffing Cranberries Peaches WG Dinner Roll Dessert  | 22. Orange Chicken Rice Pilaf Steamed Broccoli Baby Carrots Mandarin Orange Fortune Cookie WG Dinner Roll |
| 25. Pizza Hut Sausage Seasoned Peas Lettuce Salad Pears Sidekicks | 26. Sack Lunch Ham/Turkey Sandwich Chips Baby Carrots String Cheese Apple Slices Cookie WG Bun | 27. NO SCHOOL | 28. NO SCHOOL  | 29. NO SCHOOL |

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