

# The Middle Zone

News From DMS - November, 2023



## NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Marina Q. - 3rd  
Tonja L. - 7th  
Logan W. - 8th  
Santi C. L. - 9th  
Emma D. - 10th  
Brady S. - 10th  
Maiha W. - 12th  
Amelia A. - 13th  
Braun R. - 13th  
Sawyer K. - 14th  
Austin B. - 15th  
Ari W. - 16th  
Caitlyn S. - 17th  
Donnie S. - 17th  
Amiyah H. - 18th  
Eleanor H. - 18th  
Grace O. - 18th  
Cael W. - 18th  
Jensen H. - 21st  
Anabelle R. - 21st  
James C. - 23rd  
Aiden L. - 24th  
Lucy V. - 27th  
Emilio H. C. - 28th  
Easton F. - 30th



## REPORT CARDS

When will students receive their report cards? The 1st quarter for DMS students ends on Friday, November 3rd and report cards will be mailed out the week of November 13th. If you have questions, please contact the office.



## VETERANS DAY

Dodgeville School District will be holding a Veteran's Day program on November 10th at the Dodgeville High School starting at 9:00 a.m. Breakfast will be served to Veterans at 8:00 a.m.

## 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.



## BREAKFAST

<u>Regular:</u>	
Daily	\$2.05
<u>Reduced:</u>	
Daily	.30

## LUNCH

<u>Regular:</u>	
Monthly	\$56.70
Weekly	15.75
Daily	3.15
<u>Reduced:</u>	
Monthly	\$7.20
Weekly	2.00
Daily	.40
<u>Milk:</u>	
Weekly	\$ 1.75
Daily	.35

## FREE and REDUCED LUNCH

If you would like an application for Free or Reduced Lunch Meals, contact your school office or Jen Schaaf, Food Service Director at 935-3307 ext. 4070.



## TURN YOUR CLOCKS BACK

Daylight savings ends on Sunday, November 5th. Turn your clocks back one hour when you go to bed Saturday.



# The Principal's Post

Greetings Dodgeville Middle School Families,

We are certainly experiencing fall weather here in Dodgeville, Wisconsin. The colors were amazing this year and seemed to hang on for longer than I can remember. As we close out the first quarter I hope that the start of the school year has been good for you and your students. This is a great opportunity to continue to do the right things and build on the solid educational foundation that you have started, or reimagine and refocus to improve on habits that will allow students to have numerous options as they move through middle, high school, and whatever endeavors follow that. Please remember that Homework Help is available for students on Tuesday and Thursday after school from 3:30 to 4:30. This is great for students to get some individualized tutoring and attention from our dedicated teaching staff.

As we look ahead to the rest of the calendar year we have numerous exciting activities planned and there is no better time than now to make academic growth and build habits that will benefit students for the rest of their lives. After working through the scheduling challenges of having clubs on Wednesdays we will have those start on Wednesday, November 15th. We value the partnership with our families and community and as a staff we are committed to the academic and social development of our students. We continue to build connections with students and amongst ourselves as a determined staff. Let's embrace our time together and build experiences that benefit all of us as productive members of the Dodgeville community. Thank you families for your support and I look forward to what the future holds for the students at DMS.

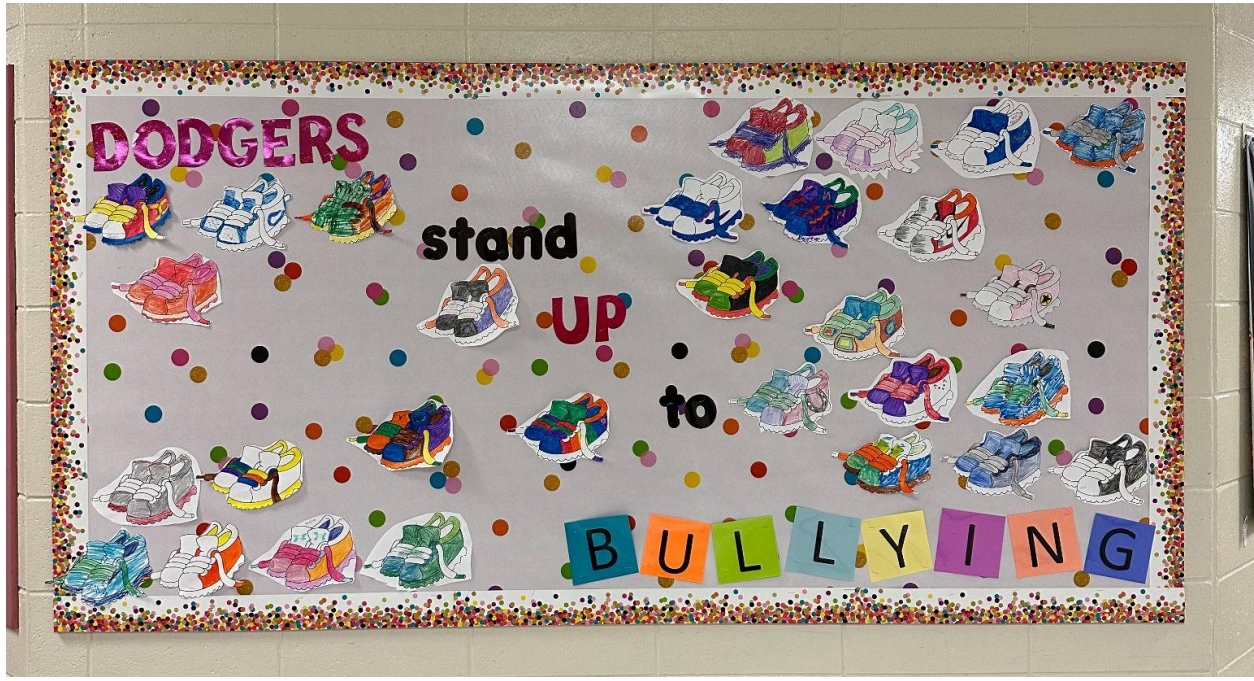
Sincerely,

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. The school year continues to be going well and we are learning so much about our students!

In 5th grade, we completed our Bullying Unit in October and created the bulletin board below to show that ***Dodgers Stand Up to Bullying***. Ask your students what ***BOO*** means! We have also discussed various ways to handle conflict and started recognizing Red Ribbon Week and discussing what a natural high is. Here are some [videos](#) we watched during this unit. In November, we will start talking about Kindness and Gratitude!



On November 1st, we will be starting our second lessons as a part of our Academic and Career Planning (ACP)/Xello lessons with 5th-8th grades.

Here are the lessons each grade will be working on:

**5th:** Discussions on breaking down skills of a work application and what jobs they may be able to do as a pre-teen

**6th:** School Subjects at Work Lesson

**7th:** Discover Learning Pathways Lesson

**8th:** Complete Matchmaker Quiz and Explore Career Matches Lesson

On Thursday, 10/19, our 7th and 8th graders were able to participate in the College and Career Fair at DHS where two different universities, as well as nearly 40 different area businesses had booths for the students to learn more about what careers and opportunities they had to offer!





### Family Resources

- [DMS Counseling \(google.com\)](https://www.google.com)
- [GuidetoSnapchat\\_English.pdf \(ctfassets.net\)](https://ctfassets.net)
- [Digital Citizenship Resources for Family Engagement | Common Sense Education](https://www.common-sense.org/)
- [We Can All Prevent Suicide : Lifeline \(988lifeline.org\)](https://www.988lifeline.org/)



- If families need assistance with food for the weekends, please reach out to me at [jjenkins@draschools.org](mailto:jjenkins@draschools.org) to learn more about the Dodger Food Locker



# ~ NEWS AT 6 ~

## LANGUAGE ARTS

In English-Language Arts, sixth-graders have wrapped up their first unit about Roald Dahl's adventures at a British boarding school and have also recently written stories from their own lives. I will be sharing these with you at Parent/Teacher Conferences.

Our next unit has us working on Literature Circles. Students are meeting in groups of three to five students to read together, discuss the book, complete different roles, and share what they have learned. Please ask your child about their Literature Circle role sheet and the different roles we have; Word Wizard, Visual Representor, Connector, and Commentator. Students are holding one another accountable for getting their work done and are really working on responsibility.

A former student sent me an email recently and it had a message in it that I found really hones in on the reason that students should focus on their education. Teachers are tasked with helping students to learn, but students have to do their part too.

Students will apply the three enduring outcomes;

- Read with intent,
- Write with purpose,
- Speak with clarity.

When students are intentional, purposeful, and clear, it is amazing what they can accomplish! Thank you, parents and guardians, for all of your support on your child's educational journey.

~Jill Fuerstenberg

# LATEST FROM THE LIBRARY

## CLASSROOM CONNECTIONS

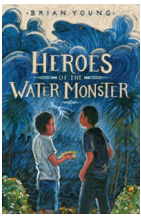


Did you know that the library is also a “Learning Commons?” Currently, our 5th grade Library class is continuing their study of different book genres and subgenres, with the main goal of introducing students to a broader range of literature that may be of interest to them. We also regularly collaborate with other teachers, providing them with resources and partnering with them for lessons. For example, in October, we welcomed 7th graders into our space for a lesson in online source evaluation and functionality to assist them in curating research materials from sites such as [Badgerlink](#) for their Genius Hour projects with Ms. Kitelinger. In addition, Ms. Spady provided a lesson in reliable digital resources and usage tips for Ms. Rolli's 6th grade Spanish Cultures class for their Country Maps project.

## NOVEMBER BOOK PROMOTIONS

### Native American Heritage Month

We have some new books that celebrate the rich and diverse cultures, traditions, histories and contributions of Native Americans. Come check them out!

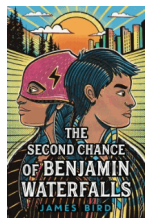
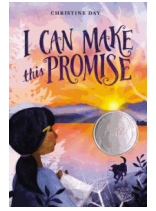


### ***Heroes of the Water Monster* by Brian Young**

In a companion novel to the well-received book *Healer of the Water Monster*, Edward and Nathan, two Navajo step-brothers, work with a young water monster named Dew to confront their past and save the world from a monstrous, enormous Enemy that is stealing water from all of the Navajo Nation.

### ***I Can Make This Promise* by Christine Day**

When twelve-year-old Edie finds letters and photographs in her attic that change everything she thought she knew about her Native American mother's adoption, she realizes she has a lot to learn about her family's history and her own identity.

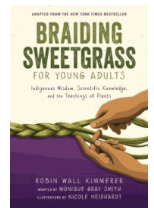


### ***The Second Chance of Benjamin Waterfalls* by James Bird**

After being caught stealing one too many times, Benjamin Waterfalls is sent to a “boot camp” at the Ojibwe reservation where he searches for answers as he tries to turn his life around and embrace this second chance.

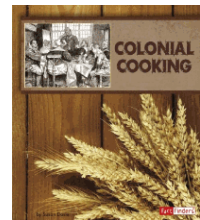
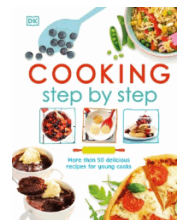
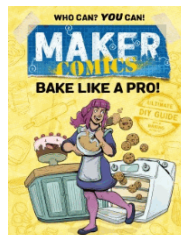
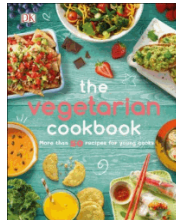
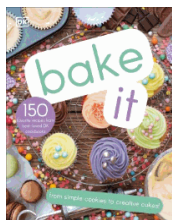
### ***Braiding Sweetgrass for Young Adults: Indigenous Wisdom, Scientific Knowledge, and the Teachings of Plants***

This young adult edition of *Braiding Sweetgrass* brings Indigenous wisdom, scientific knowledge, and the lessons of plant life to a new generation.



### **Autumn Skies and Pumpkin Pies**

Are you looking forward to a Thanksgiving meal? Check out a few cookbooks to help you whip up some tasty treats.



## **BEANSTACK NOVEMBER BOOK CHALLENGE**



Students can log their reading minutes and complete our “Read Grateful” challenge for November at <https://dodgevillemhs.beanstack.com/>

~ “The Library Ladies:” Ms. Spady, Mrs. Olson, and Mrs. Chapiewsky

# DMS SPORTS

## JOIN THE FUN!!

The 7th & 8th grade Girls' Basketball season and the Wrestling 6th-8th grade season will begin practice when school resumes after the winter recess.

Please listen for announcements for when we will be doing sign-ups in the office. No experience needed - on the job training provided!

## ATTENTION ATHLETES!

Listed below are the items the athletes need to have turned into the office before practice begins.

1. Physical card or alternate year card.
2. \$15.00 user fee.
3. Code of Conduct, Concussion and Sudden Cardiac Arrest Agreement
4. Upland Hill Health Agreement



## Boys Basketball 2023

<b>Date</b>	<b>Opponent</b>	<b>Home / Away</b>	<b>Start Time</b>
Monday, October 30	Lancaster	Away	4:00 p.m.
Thursday, November 2	Platteville	Home	4:00 p.m.
Tuesday, November 7	Darlington	Home	4:00 p.m.
Thursday, November 9	River Valley	Home	4:00 p.m.
Thursday, November 16	Mineral Point	Home	4:00 p.m.
Tuesday, November 20	Iowa-Grant	Away	4:00 p.m.
Tuesday, November 21	Cuba City	Away	4:00 p.m.
Tuesday, November 28	Lancaster	Home	4:00 p.m.
Thursday, November 30	Richland Center	Home	4:00 p.m.
Tuesday, December 5	Platteville	Away	4:00 p.m.
Thursday, December 7	Darlington	Away	4:00 p.m.

# THIS AND THAT

## DMS Upcoming Events As of 10/30/23 (Subject to change)

### November

- 2 - DMS Boys Basketball - Home vs. Platteville - 4:00 p.m.
- 3 - Picture Retake Day  
- End of Term 1 - 12:00 p.m. Dismissal for Students
- 7 - DMS Boys Basketball - Home vs. Darlington - 4:00 p.m.
- 9 - DMS Boys Basketball - Home vs. River Valley - 4:00 p.m.
- 10 - DSD Veteran's Day Program at DHS - 8:00 a.m.
- 13 - No School - Professional Development for Staff
- 16 - DMS Boys Basketball - Home vs. Mineral Point - 4:00 p.m.
- 20 - DMS Boys Basketball - Away vs. Iowa-Grant - 4:00 p.m. (dismissal 2:50 p.m.)
- 21 - DMS Boys Basketball - Away vs. Cuba City - 4:00 p.m. (dismissal 2:30 p.m.)
- 22 - No School - Thanksgiving Break
- 23 - No School - Thanksgiving Break
- 24 - No School - Thanksgiving Break
- 28 - DMS Boys Basketball - Home vs. Lancaster - 4:00 p.m.
- 30 - DMS Boys Basketball - Home vs. Richland Center - 4:00 p.m.

### December

- 5 - DMS Boys Basketball - Away vs. Platteville - 4:00 p.m. (dismissal 2:45 p.m.)
- 7 - DMS Boys Basketball - Away vs. Darlington - 4:00 p.m. (dismissal 2:35 p.m.)
- 11 - No School - Professional Development for Staff
- 12 - DMS/DHS Band and Orchestra Concert - 7:00 p.m.
- 18 - DMS/DHS Choir Concert - 7:00 p.m.
- 22 - No School - Winter Break
- 25 - No School - Winter Break
- 26 - No School - Winter Break
- 27 - No School - Winter Break
- 28 - No School - Winter Break
- 29 - No School - Winter Break

### January - 2024

- 1 - No School - Winter Break
- 8 - No School - Professional Development for Staff
- 11 - DMS Girls Basketball - Home vs. Richland Center - 4:00 p.m.
- 15 - Music Boosters Meeting - DHS 6:30 p.m.
- 16 - DMS Girls Basketball - Away vs. Lancaster - 4:00 p.m. (dismissal 2:30 p.m.)  
- DMS Wrestling - Home - Dodger Invite - 4:30 p.m.
- 18 - End of Term 2  
- DMS Girls Basketball - Home vs. Platteville - 4:00 p.m.
- 19 - No School - Professional Development for Staff
- 23 - DMS Girls Basketball - Home vs. Darlington - 4:00 p.m.
- 25 - DMS Girls Basketball - Home vs. River Valley - 4:00 p.m.
- 29 - DMS Wrestling - Away - Lancaster Invite - 4:30 p.m. (dismissal \_\_\_\_\_)



30 - DMS Girls Basketball - Away vs. Iowa-Grant - 4:00 p.m. (dismissal 2:50 p.m.)

## **February**

1 - DMS Girls Basketball - Home vs. Mineral Point - 4:00 p.m.  
5 - DMS Wrestling - Away - Riverdale Invite - 4:30 p.m. (dismissal \_\_\_\_\_)  
6 - DMS Girls Basketball - Away vs. Cuba City - 4:00 p.m. (dismissal 2:30 p.m.)  
8 - DMS Girls Basketball - Home vs. Lancaster - 4:00 p.m.  
- DMS Wrestling - Away - Ithaca Invite - 4:30 p.m. (dismissal \_\_\_\_\_)  
12 - No School - Professional Development for Staff  
15 - DMS Girls Basketball - Away vs. Platteville - 4:00 p.m. (dismissal 2:45 p.m.)  
20 - DMS Girls Basketball - Away vs. Darlington - 4:00 p.m. (dismissal 2:35 p.m.)

## **March**

2 - DMS Solo Ensemble at DHS (all day)  
11 - No School - Professional Development for Staff  
20 - End of Term 3 - 12:00 p.m. Dismissal for Students  
26 - Dodgeville Music in Our Schools Showcase - 6:00 p.m. - Auditorium  
29 - No School - Spring Break

## **April**

1 - No School - Spring Break  
2 - No School - Spring Break  
3 - No School - Spring Break  
4 - No School - Spring Break  
5 - No School - Spring Break  
8 - No School - Professional Development for Staff  
11 - DMS Track & Field - Away - Southwestern Invite - 4:00 p.m.  
18 - DMS Track & Field - Home - Dodger Invite - 4:00 p.m.  
22 - DMS Track & Field - Away - Prairie du Chien - 4:15 p.m.  
- Music Boosters Meeting - DHS 6:30 p.m.  
25 - DMS Track & Field - Home - Dodger Invite - 4:00 p.m.

## **May**


2 - DMS/DHS Band and Orchestra Concert - 7:00 p.m.  
6 - DMS/DHS Choir Concert - 7:00 p.m.  
7 - DMS Track & Field - Away - Lancaster Invite - 4:00 p.m.  
9 - DMS Track & Field - Away - Richland Center - 4:00 p.m.  
13 - No School - Professional Development for Staff  
24 - High School Graduation Ceremony  
27 - No School - Memorial Day  
- Memorial Day Parade and Ceremony  
28 - DMS/DHS Fine Arts Awards Night - 6:00 p.m.

## **June**

5 - Last Day of School - 12:00 p.m. Dismissal for Students



# November

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<p>Menu subject to change without notice.            WG = Whole Grain            2<sup>nd</sup> Entrée Choice -            Peanut Butter &amp; Jelly Sandwich</p>	<p><u>Choice of Milk</u>            1% White            Fat Free Chocolate</p>	<p>1            Hot Ham &amp; Cheese            Scalloped Potatoes            Green Beans            Pears            Croissant</p>	<p>2            Hamburger w/Cheese            French Fries            Sliced Tomatoes            Pickles            Applesauce            WG Bun</p>	<p>3 <b>EARLY RELEASE</b>            Sack Lunch            Ham/Turkey Sandwich            Chips            Baby Carrots            String Cheese            Apple Slices            Cookie            WG Bun</p>
<p>6            Pizza Hut Pepperoni            Seasoned Carrots            Lettuce Salad            Pears            Sidekicks</p>	<p>7            Pulled Pork            Curly Fries            Romaine Salad            Peaches            WG Bun</p>	<p>8            Beef Nacho            Cheese Sauce            French Fries            Diced Tomato-Olives            Lettuce            Applesauce            Tortilla Chips</p>	<p>9            Chicken Patty            Mashed Potatoes            Buttery Corn            Mixed Fruit            WG Bun</p>	<p>10            Orange Chicken            Rice Pilaf            Steamed Broccoli            Mandarin Orange            Fortune Cookie            WG Dinner Roll</p>
<p>13            NO SCHOOL            STAFF PD            HEADSTART            DODGER CARE</p>	<p>14            Spaghetti            Romaine Salad            Green beans            Pears            WG Garlic Bread</p>	<p>15            Hot Dog            Oven Fries            Baked Beans            Pickles            strawberries            WG Bun</p>	<p>16 <b>Thanksgiving Meal</b>            Turkey Gravy            Mashed Potatoes            Seasoned Corn            Stuffing            Cranberries            Peaches            WG Dinner Roll            Dessert</p>	<p>17            Chicken Fajita            French fries            Shredded Lettuce            Diced Tomatoes            Refried Beans            Pears            WG Tortilla</p>
<p>20            Pizza Hut Sausage            Seasoned Peas            Lettuce Salad            Pears            Frozen Juice Cup</p>	<p>21 <b>Sack Lunch</b>            Ham/Turkey Sandwich            Chips            Baby Carrots            String Cheese            Apple Slices            Cookie            WG Bun</p>	<p>22            NO SCHOOL</p>	<p>23            NO SCHOOL  </p>	<p>24            NO SCHOOL</p>
<p>27            DHS: Bosco Sticks            Mozzarella Dipper            Marinara sauce            Wedge Fries            Romaine Salad            Peaches</p>	<p>28            Popcorn Chicken            Mashed Potatoes            Sweet Corn            Mixed Fruit            WG Dinner Roll</p>	<p>29            Mini Corn Dog            Curly Fries            Baked Beans            Applesauce            WG Roll</p>	<p>Breakfast Menu            Monday: Cereal, Fruit,            Toast, Juice            Tue.- Fri.- Hot Entrée            Posted In The Kitchen</p>	

# November 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 Boys Basketball Vs. Platteville 4:00 p.m. - Home	3 <b>End of Term 1</b>  <b>Dismissal at Noon</b>	4
5 	6	7 Boys Basketball Vs. Darlington 4:00 p.m. - Home	8 Wizard of Oz Preview	9 Boys Basketball Vs. River Valley 4:00 p.m. - Home	10 Veteran's Day Program - Dodgeville High School - 9:00 a.m.	11
12	13 <b>No School</b>	14 Parent Teacher Conferences	15	16 Parent Teacher Conferences  Boys Basketball Vs. Mineral Point 4:00 p.m. - Home	17	18
19	20 Boys Basketball Vs. Iowa-Grant 4:00 p.m. - Away	21 Boys Basketball Vs. Cuba City 4:00 p.m. - Away	22 <b>No School</b>	23 <b>No School</b> 	24 <b>No School</b>	25 
26	27	28 Boys Basketball Vs. Lancaster 4:00 p.m. - Away	29	30 Boys Basketball Vs. Richland Center 4:00 p.m. - Home		