

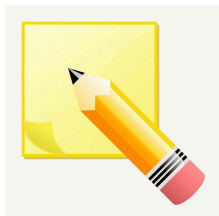
The Middle Zone

News From DMS - October, 2024



NEW DMS STAFF FOR 2024-25 SCHOOL YEAR

Ms. Bell - Computers / LMC
Ms. Dougherty - Phy Ed / Health
Mr. Fitzpatrick - Orchestra
Ms. Grau - Art
Ms. Hoff - Band
Ms. Kahl - Nurse
Ms. Kiefer - Math
Mr. Merwin - Math
Ms. Oxnem - Kitchen
Mr. Rupp - Food Science
Mr. Schultz - Intro to Tech
Ms. Steive - Paraprofessional
Ms. Williams - Paraprofessional



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 slip 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.



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



CALL THE OFFICE

Parents - please remember to call the DMS office to let them know if your child is sick, has an appointment, or will be out of school for any reason. Students sometimes forget to bring in notes to the office.

(608)935-3307 option 3



Picture Retake Day
Thursday, October 3rd



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,

We have got off to a good start here at DMS this year and are starting to get into the normal rhythms of the school year. We have our first Parent/Teacher Conferences and open house on Tuesday, October 1st from 5-7pm. These will not be scheduled, pre-arranged conferences this year, they are a quick touch base on current status. If you need a more in depth meeting with our teachers please contact them directly if you need additional time to meet and discuss your child's current academic situation.

Quick reminder for drop off in the morning, if you would please pull all the way up past the baseball diamond to drop off your child it will help us avoid any vehicles having to wait on the road. Thank you for your partnership with this as drop off has been smoother this year with far less of a wait.

This year we have added an intervention block to the daily schedule of all students. This time will be used to reteach the essential learnings in our classes across the board. This time may also be used to help students with other skills that they may be struggling with. This can range from organization, apathy, emotional regulation, and many others. This approach continues to feed into our goal at the Dodgeville School District of serving the whole child. Within that approach we want to build their academic skills with a focus on learning, their social/emotional well being, and making them life ready so they are prepared to achieve the lofty goals they develop as a student here.

We want to thank our families for continuing to partner with the school so we can develop prepared humans for all the challenges that life can throw at us. As always I am proud to serve the students and families in the Dodgeville community.

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DMS Principal

Ms. Jenkins' Counselor's Corner

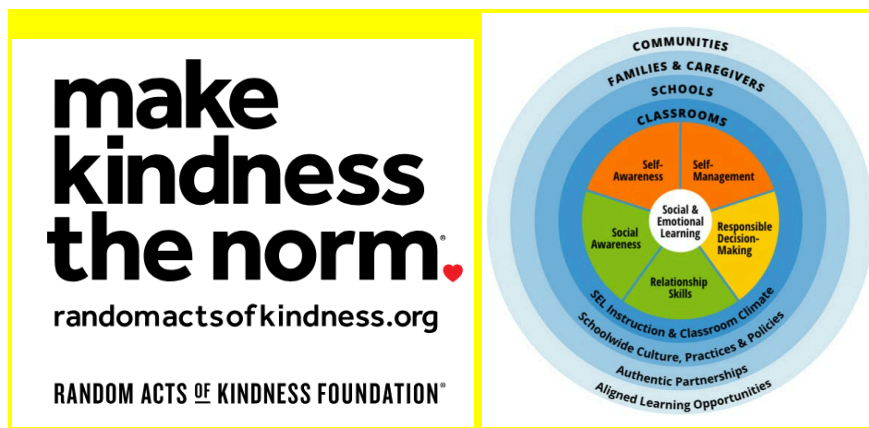
Ms. Jenkins' Counselor's Corner for October 2024

Hello DMS Families! My name is Ms. Jenkins and I am the School Counselor here at DMS. A new school year is upon us and I look forward to working with all of our DMS students! Please check out my [DMS Counseling Website](#) for information and resources for students and families!

Social and Emotional Learning (SEL)

During September we have been using the curriculum, [Be Good People](#), to learn about how to recognize our feelings and emotions and what healthy coping skills we can use.

For the rest of the school year, we will be using the SEL curriculum, ***Kindness in the Classroom*** in our Intervention/Extension and WIN (What I Need) classes for all grades. This curriculum has six different units and we will be starting the Respect Unit in October. 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

At the end of September, we had our first ACP/Xello lesson for all grades and we will continue to have these lessons every other month. Here is what each grade will be working on this month:

- 5th Grade: About Me Profile
- 6th Grade: About Me Profile and *Interests Lesson*
- 7th Grade: About Me Profile and *Biases and Career Choices Lesson*
- 8th Grade: About Me Profile, Matchmaker Quiz and *Explore Career Matches 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.



Snacks

We encourage families, if able, to send a snack(s) with their student(s) to school each day. Snacks may also be purchased for a cost of \$.50 during breakfast time (7:30 am-7:45 am). Families with questions about foodservice or needing information about free/reduced meals should contact Jenn Schaaf, Food Service Director at 608-935-3307, ext. 4070.



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](#)
- **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](#)

~ 5th & 6th Grade ELA ~

Greetings 5th and 6th grade families,

We are very happy that we get to work with your child(ren) this year. We are off to a great start! In 5th grade, Ms. Novak and Ms. Fuerstenberg have been helping students to learn about narratives, how to write narratives, and also how to write from different points of view. We have finished our first story about a Cuban family learning about the first Thanksgiving and are now beginning our next story about a Chinese-American living in Connecticut and how she wants to fit in.

In 6th grade, Ms. Novak, Ms. Fuerstenberg, and Ms. Thier have been introducing the students to the written work of Roald Dahl. We brainstormed about other books he has written and began reading his story about his experience in a British boarding school. We have been spending a lot of time typing about the story and will also be writing a narrative in the next week or so.

- MIDDLE SCHOOL MATH -

“Sum” Math for October!

Here’s what our math students are studying:

5th	Fifth grade students are starting the year working on using formulas to find the area and perimeter of rectangles. Then they will move into finding the volume of 3-dimensional rectangular prisms. After
6th	Sixth grade students are learning how 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 are learning to perform operations on positive and negative rational numbers, and how we use those ideas in football, weather, and working with money.
8th	Students in 8th grade math are working with rigid transformational geometry (slides, flips, and turns...aka translations, reflections, and rotations), eventually moving into dilations (enlargements and reductions).
Algebra	Students in algebra continue to develop their skills in creating and solving expressions, equations, and inequalities that represent real world solutions. The end of the month will bring us to exploring functions.

THE LATEST FROM THE LIBRARY

New Book Extravaganza and *Destiny Discover*

All students at DMS had a chance during the first few days of school to check out some of the 100s of new books that we acquired over the summer for the library. Ms. Spady has also been working with students to re-introduce them to the Destiny Discover catalog as a personalized means to explore and find print books as well as other learning resources. The link for the DMS Library is:

<https://search.follettsoftware.com/metasearch/ui/71473>



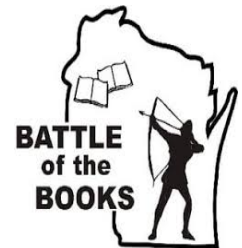
SORA: Ebooks, Audiobooks, and Digital Magazines

Do you like reading or listening to books on your Chromebook or phone? Students can check out a great collection of ebooks, audiobooks, and even magazines curated for their grade level using SORA by OverDrive.

- [SORA website \(http://www.sorapp.com\)](http://www.sorapp.com)

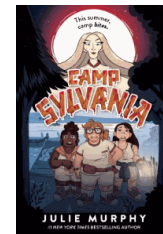
Getting Ready for Battle of the Books 2024-2025!

Any student at DMS can participate in our Battle of the Books Club, which will be meeting biweekly this year during students' lunch/recess time on Fridays. The list of 20 awesome books of all different genres were chosen by librarians from throughout the state of Wisconsin. [Here is information about the club and summaries of the books](#). The Google Classroom code for B.o.B. is: **wlejtyo**. All of the books on the list are also available to check out at the Dodgeville Public Library.



October Book Displays and Programming

- Celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month
- Spooky Reads
- Football Reads (in honor of Homecoming Week!)



Community Connections:

> LEGO Contest at the Dodgeville Public Library



Calling all master Lego builders! Two DHS students, Cooper and Anish, are hosting a winter-themed Lego 'Build at Home' Contest through the Public Library. 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.

(We also hope to offer opportunities in the DMS Library for students to build and participate in the coming weeks.)



► Merrimac + Main: Upcoming Middle School Programs

Our partners at Merrimac & Main will be launching more programming later this fall, including a drop-in program on Wednesdays after school. Sign up to receive updates here: <https://www.merrimacandmain.org/middleschool>

~ Ms. Spady, DMS Library Media Specialist

~ PHYSICAL EDUCATION ~

Building Our Fitness Foundation: DMS Physical Education

PACE: The pace is part of the daily PE routine.

- GOAL: Students are asked to find a running pace that works best for them and maintain that pace for 2 minutes with no walking or stopping

During the first quarter, we use a progression to help students who cannot run nonstop for 2 minutes yet. The progression provides steps toward the goal. If students follow the progression they are more likely to find they can reach the goal and the expectation of being able to run, at a pace that works for them, for 2 minutes without walking or stopping by the second quarter.

INVASION OF THE CROCS!

Our motto is fashion in the hallway and fitness in the gym! Leave the Crocs, slip-ons, shoes you don't want creased, and unlaced shoes in the locker room. All students need tennis shoes, AKA: sneakers or shoes for activity. Laces should be tied on tennis shoes to provide stability and safety. The right shoe helps keep everyone safe and allows students to give their best effort.

Shoes for PE do not need to be different shoes from those worn to school. They just need to be clean tennis shoes.

If a student doesn't have shoes for an activity, they should let their teacher know. The students will have the opportunity to see if there are any shoes in the PE shoe library that they can borrow. We have socks too!

DMS SPORTS

INTERSCHOLASTIC SPORTS AT DMS!

- ★ Cross Country - Grades 6th - 8th
[Cross Country Schedule](#)
- ★ Football - Grades 7th & 8th
[Football Schedule](#)
- ★ Volleyball - Grades 7th & 8th
[Volleyball Schedule](#)
- ★ Boys' Basketball - 7th & 8th Grade - **SIGN UP NOW IN THE OFFICE - PRACTICE WILL BEGIN - Wednesday, October 23rd**
[Boys Basketball Schedule](#)
- ★ Girls' Basketball - Grades 7th & 8th
[Girls Basketball Schedule](#)
Practice starts Thursday, January 2nd
- ★ Wrestling - Grades 6th - 8th
[Wrestling Schedule](#)
Practice starts Thursday, January 2nd
- ★ Track - Grades 6th - 8th

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](#)



CROSS COUNTRY 2024 Subject to Change



Date	Opponent	Home / Away		Dismissal	Start Time
Saturday, Sept. 14	River Valley Invite	Away		9:00 a.m. (bus)	11:30 a.m.
Thursday, Sept. 19	Boscobel Invite	Away		5:15 p.m. (bus)	7:15 p.m.
Monday, Sept. 23	Prairie du Chien Invite	Away		2:05 p.m.	4:30 p.m.
Thursday, Sept. 26	Dodgeville Invite	Home		***	4:30 p.m.
Monday, Sept. 30	Lancaster Invite	Away		2:40 p.m.	4:15 p.m.
Thursday, Oct. 3	Monroe Invite	Away		2:10 p.m.	4:15 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 5	Platteville Invite	Away		7:40 a.m. (bus)	9:00 a.m.
Saturday, Oct. 12	Albany Invite	Away		TBA	11:20 a.m.

Tuesday, Oct. 15	Cuba City Invite	Away		2:35 p.m. (bus)	4:30 p.m.
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FOOTBALL 2024
Subject to Change



Date	Opponent	Home / Away	Dismissal Time	Start Time
Thursday, Sept. 5	Prairie du Chien	Home	***	7th 4:30 p.m. 8th 5:30 p.m.
Thursday, Sept. 12	River Valley	Home	***	7th 4:30 p.m. 8th 5:30 p.m.
Thursday, Sept. 19	Viroqua	Away	2:50 p.m.	1 - 7th & 8th game @ 5:00 p.m.
Thursday, Sept. 26	Richland Center	Away	2:50 p.m.	5:00 p.m.
Thursday, Oct. 3	Westby	Home	***	7th 4:30 p.m. 8th 5:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Oct. 8	Platteville	Away	3:00 p.m.	4:30 p.m.
Saturday, Oct 17	Darlington	Home	***	7th 4:30 p.m. 8th 5:30 p.m.



VOLLEYBALL 2024
Subject to change



Date	Opponent	Home / Away	Dismissal Time	Start Time
Tuesday, Sept. 10	Darlington	Away	2:35 p.m.	4:00 p.m.
Thursday, Sept. 12	Lancaster	Home	***	4:00 p.m.
Tuesday, Sept. 14	Mineral Point	Away	2:55 p.m.	4:00 p.m.
Thursday, Sept. 19	Iowa-Grant	Home	***	4:00 p.m.
Tuesday, Sept. 24	Platteville	Away	2:40 p.m.	4:00 p.m.
Thursday, Sept. 26	Iowa-Grant	Away	2:40 p.m.	4:00 p.m.
Thursday, Oct. 1	Cuba City	Home	***	4:00 p.m.
Thursday, Oct. 3	River Valley	Away	2:40 p.m.	4:00 p.m.

Tuesday, Oct. 8	River Valley	Home	***	4:00 p.m.
Thursday, Oct. 10	Mineral Point	Home	***	4:00 p.m.



Note from Dodgeville Music Boosters:

We are changing our meeting night to the 2nd Wednesdays 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.




What's happening in the Dodgeville School District

[Dodgeville School District](#)

[School Calendar](#)



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<u>Choice of Milk</u> 1% white Fat free Chocolate WG -Whole Grain Menu subject to change without notice	1. Burger W/Cheese French Fries Sliced Tomatoes Pickles Pears WG Bun	2. Chicken Nuggets Mashed Potatoes Corn Mixed Fruit WG Dinner Roll	3. Quesadilla Curly Fries Salsa Fiesta beans Lettuce Applesauce	4. Chicken LoMein Steamed Broccoli Celery Strawberries WG Dinner Roll Fortune Cookie
7. Mozzarella Dippers Tri-tater Marinara Sauce Romaine Salad Peaches	8. Hot Ham and Cheese Scalloped Potatoes Green Beans Peaches WG Bun	9. Popcorn Chicken Mashed Potatoes Sweet Corn Mixed Fruit WG Roll	10. Walking Tacos Tater Tots Fiesta Beans Shredded Lettuce Diced Tomatoes Applesauce WG Tortilla Chip	11. Orange Chicken Rice Pilaf Steamed Broccoli Baby Carrots Mandarin Orange Fortune Cookie WG Dinner Roll
14. Pirate Pizza Hut's Treasure Baby Carrot Romaine Salad Peaches Shiver me timbers Sidekicks 	15. NATIONAL "Peg leg" Hot Dog First mate's Fries Captain's Baked Beans Pickle Strawberries WG Bun	16. SCHOOL Walk the Chicken Patty Plank Mashed Potatoes Sliced Tomato Jolly Roger Corn Mixed Fruit Whole Grain Bun	17. LUNCH "Nacho" Pirate Lunch Cheese Sauce Tri "swim with the sharks" taters Sworded lettuce Diced Tomatoes Pears Tortilla Chips	18. WEEK "Ahoy" Fish Nuggets Hornswoggle Coleslaw Baby Carrots Applesauce WG Roll 
21. No school PD Day Dodger care Head start	22. Italian Pasta Bake Lettuce Salad Green beans Pears WG Garlic Bread	23. Sausage & Egg Biscuit Hash Browns Pepper strips Applesauce Juice Biscuit	24. Chicken Fajita French Fries Shredded Lettuce Diced Tomatoes Refried Beans Applesauce WG Tortilla	25 Teriyaki Chicken Rice Steamed Broccoli Baby Carrots Pineapple Fortune Cookie WG Roll
28. Sausage Pizza Hut Lettuce Salad Celery Pineapple sidekick	29. Chili Seasoned Peas Baby Carrots Applesauce Crackers Cinnamon Rolls	30. Corn Dogs Wedge Fries Baked Beans Lettuce Salad Mixed Fruit	31. Halloween CREEPY Chicken Strips Slimy Rice Carrots BOO Broccoli Monster Mixed fruit Reaper Rolls	<u>2nd Entrée Choice</u> Peanut Butter & Jelly Sandwich Required ½ cup fruit or vegetable daily

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

DMS Upcoming Events 2024-2025
As of 9/27/2024 (Subject to change)

August

29 - Open House - 3:00 pm-6:00 pm

September

2 - Labor Day

3 - 1st Day of School

23 - No School-Professional Development for staff

October

1 - DMS Parent Teacher Conference Open House 5:00 - 7:00 pm

1 - DMS Volleyball - Home vs. Cuba City - 4:00 pm

1 - Community Information Session - DHS Auditorium - 6:30 pm

3 - Picture Retake Day

3 - DMS Volleyball - Away vs. River Valley - 4:00 pm (dismissal 2:40 pm)

3 - DMS Cross Country - Monroe Invite - 4:15 pm (dismissal 2:10 pm)

3 - DMS Football - Home vs. Westby - 4:30 pm DHS Football/Soccer Field

5 - DMS Cross Country - Platteville Invite - 9:00 am (bus leaves 7:40 am)

7 - Community Information Session - Iowa County Health & Human Bldg. 6:30 pm

8 - DMS Volleyball - Home vs. River Valley - 4:00 pm

8 - DMS Football - Away vs. Platteville - 4:30 pm (dismissal 3:00 pm)

8 - Community Information Session - Ridgeway Community Center 6:00 pm

10 - DMS Volleyball - Home vs. Mineral Point - 4:00 pm

10 - DSD Homecoming Parade - 6:00pm

11 - DSD Homecoming Assembly ELP - 12th Grade - 2:00-3:15 pm - DHS Lover Gym

12 - DMS Cross County - Albany Invite - 11:20 am

15 - DMS Cross Country - Cuba City Invite - 4:30 pm (dismissal 3:10 pm)

17 - DMS Football - Home vs. Darlington - 4:30 pm DHS Football/Soccer Field

21 - No School-Professional Development for staff

23 - 7th & 8th Boys Basketball - practice starts

November

1 - Early Release -12:00 dismissal-End of 1st Quarter

4 - Beginning of 2nd Quarter

18 - No School-Professional Development for staff

27 - No School

28 - No School-Thanksgiving

29 - No School

December

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

1 - No School-New Years

2 - Classes Resume