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SWDHU Grade 6 Immunizations

The Tdap (Tetanus/Diphtheria/Pertussis) vaccine, and a MCV4 (Meningococcal) vaccine, are required for children entering 7th grade. Representatives from Southwest District Health Unit will be administering these vaccines on Wednesday, March 27th at DMS for those families who are interested.



Dates to Remember

- Mar 1 No School
- Mar 10 Daylight Savings Time Begins
- Mar 11 School Board Meeting
- Mar 13 Early Release (1:30)
- Mar 14 PAC Meeting
- Mar 19 Quarter 3 Ends
- Mar 20 Spring Begins
- Mar 27 SWDH Grade 6 Immunizations

High School Project Update

Dickinson High School is continuing to plan and design the new high school which is going to enhance the learning experiences for our students. The new high school is being designed with our transition to a career academy curriculum in mind. Please attend the upcoming community engagement meetings to be informed on the latest news and updates on the project. Also check out the high school's webpage <http://www.dhs.dickinson.k12.nd.us/> for information from past engagement meetings, renderings of the new building, and informational videos about the project. Upcoming public engagement meetings are:

- March 13 @ 7:00 PM *School Tours @ 6:00 PM
- March 28 @ 7:00 PM *School Tours @ 6:00 PM
- April 10 @ 7:00 PM *School Tours @ 6:00 PM
- April 25 @ 7:00 PM *School Tours @ 6:00 PM
- April 30 @ 7:00 PM *School Tours @ 6:00 PM
- May 7th Referendum Vote

Principal Notes - March 2019



End of Trimester

NDSA

In the next few weeks you should receive a letter about the North Dakota State Assessment (NDSA). This year we have worked hard to minimize the impact of testing on students and our schedule. Testing will be complete utilizing the second and last weeks of April. Additional testing information will be placed on the Dickinson Middle School Web Page with approximate times and dates for each grade. Please make sure to visit with your child about the importance of testing. The NDSA is not only a way to measure the effectiveness of schools, but is also a tool that teachers use to help drive their curriculum and instruction. The NDSA also helps us identify students who need more assistance or enrichment.

Please encourage your child to join a spring sport. We have boys and girls track, boys golf, and girls tennis.

- 6-7-8 Boys & Girls track start date is March 18th
- 7-8 Girls tennis start date is April 1st
- 7-8 Boys golf start date is April 8th

PAC

Any parents interested in being a member of the Parent Advisory Committee (PAC), should contact me at 456-0021. The PAC meeting this month is on March 14th at noon at DMS.



Music News



March has been designated by the National Association for Music Education as "Music In Our Schools Month". The purpose of MIOSM is to raise awareness of the importance of music education for all children - and to remind citizens that school is where all children should have access to music. To help celebrate this wonderful music month the World Music Drumming classes will be creating QR codes with drumming complements to their favorite tunes and display them in the music hallway. Viewers can scan the codes and hear the student recordings. Various musical demonstrations will be happening in the school throughout the month.

Math Counts

The Math Counts Competition was held on February 7th at Dickinson State University:

Individual Round:

- 1st: Tyler Maszk
- 2nd: Chris Fleig
- 3rd: Gus Zettel
- 6th: Brandon Shutes
- 7th: Abby Lange
- 8th: Kelby Gion
- 10th: Jack Goodall



Team Round:

The DMS team took 1st place. Team Members were:
Chris Fleig
Tyler Maszk
Brandon Shutes
Gus Zettel

Countdown Round:

- 1st: Chris Fleig

Stark County Spelling Bee

The Stark County Spelling Bee was held on February 13th. Congratulations to Chris Fleig (1st) and Catelyn Devero (2nd). Thanks for a job well done!



National History Day Regional Competition



DMS hosted its first National History Day regional competition on February 27th. A total of 57 students from 7th and 8th grade participated in the event. Judges from around the community and state came to judge the presentations. Students began with a class project that everyone was required to complete. Teachers narrowed down their top projects, which then moved on to compete at the regional event. National History Day allows students to research historical topics of their choice and present the information in a variety of formats including an exhibit, website, research paper, and others. 35 students advanced to the state competition, which will be held April 12th in Bismarck at the ND Heritage Center and State Museum. From there, students have a chance to advance to the national competition which will be held at the University of Maryland in early June.

Tennis Anyone?



Any 7th or 8th grade girls that are interested in playing tennis and missed the sign up date should contact Mr. Hrouda at bhrouda@dpsnd.org



