Principal Notes – May 2019

Last Days of School
May 22nd marks the last day of school this year. The last day of school is an exciting day for students, yet a busy day for staff. This day is used to organize student's possessions, return books, clean out lockers, and say goodbye to friends and teachers. Please help your child prepare for this day by having them check their room for any library or school books. Please make sure you have paid your lunch bill or any other expenses (lunch, gym locks, yearbook, lost library books) your child has incurred over the past nine months.
During the last week of school students will participate in multiple celebrations and events. Please follow our Facebook page or website to stay up to date on all the events at DMS. Have a wonderful summer!

Dates to Remember

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Staff Appreciation Week
The week of May 6th - 10th is Staff Appreciation Week. All of the staff at DMS are very important in your child's life. Be sure to let your child's teacher and all other staff members know how special they are this week!

Fourth Quarter Report Cards

Report Cards and the NWEA MAP Spring Student Reports will be mailed to parents the first week of June. Please notify the office if you have had a change in your mailing address.

Music News - Spring Concerts

Grade 6 Band and Ubuntu Marimba Group Concert will be held on May 13th @ 7:00 PM in the Forum @ DMS.

Grade 7 & 8 Band Concert will be held on May 14th @ 7:00 PM in the Forum @ DMS.

There will be a Spring Concert on Thursday, May 16th which will feature 7th and 8th Grade Choirs, 7th Grade World Music Drumming Students and the 8th Grade Guitar Students.

Performances are at 6:30 PM for Drumming 7-Period 2 and Guitar 8-Period 3 and at 7:30 PM for Drumming 7-Period 1, Guitar 8-Period 4 and Choir Students.

Last Day of School

DMS will dismiss for the summer on Wednesday, May 22nd @ 3:35 PM.
2019-2020 Bus Registration

Bus Registration for the 2019-2020 school year will take place May 15th – July 24th at the Central Administration Office. Bus fees must be paid at the time of registration. Please call the bus shop at 456-0003 for boundary questions. Registration forms are available at the Central Administration Office or online at www.dickinson.k12.nd.us/transportation-information.

Art Open House

When: May 15
Where: DMS Gallery
Time: 5:30 – 7:00 PM

Spring Activities

Spring activities are upon us which means students will be absent from school for competitions. Please remind your student to complete all work and maintain high grades if they are to participate in competitions. Extracurricular activities are an important part of school, but academics need to be maintained for students to be absent from school. For students to be eligible, they must be passing all classes, additionally, they must have all work complete and handed in before departing.

Immunization Reminder

Please take a moment to insure that your child’s immunizations are up-to-date before the start of school next fall. The vaccines Menactra and Tdap are required for entry into 7th grade.

Dickinson Middle School Registration

Registration for DMS will be held on August 12, 13, 14 & 15. More details will be available at a later date.

Title I News

Attached to this Newsletter you will find a parent survey. If your child received Title I Math Interventions this year, Math Boost or Small Group Math Instruction, we encourage you to fill out the survey and return it with your child. These surveys were sent home with each individual child, but we wanted to make sure we had another way of getting this in your hands.

Additionally, Small Group Math, Math Boost, and Interventions will be decided by Administration, Core Math Teachers and Interventionists at School Improvement Camp this summer. Preference will be given to students that qualify based on common forms of assessments.

Child Abuse Prevention Walk

Date: May 18, 2019
Where: West River Ice Center (West Side)
Activities and Lunch

Raise awareness by joining your community in promoting healthy, positive interactions with our children.

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 May 16th at noon at DMS.
The public is invited to attend the Dickinson Public Schools Teacher/Staff Retirement and Recognition program to be held on Wednesday, May 8, 2019, at 7:00 pm in the Dickinson High School Risser Auditorium. A reception will follow in the Dickinson High School commons area. Resignations and retirees with ten or more years of service to the district are: John Abrahamson (19 years of service), Leslie Dykema (20 years of service), Merrill Fahlstrom (20 years of service), Linda Greenwood (42 years of service), Butch Hrouda (24 years of service), Amy Jahner (28 years of service), Patricia Kilwein (28 years of service), Catherine King (12 years of service), Patricia Levorsen (31 years of service), Dorothy Martinson (18 years of service), Yvette Schubert (20 years of service), James Steckler (43 years of service), Keith Traquair (13 years of service), Sonita Wegner (27 years of service), and Tod Winter (25 years of service).

Please join us in thanking and supporting the Dickinson Public Schools teachers and staff for their many years of service and dedication to the school district.

Summer Activities
Check out the information available in Student Services regarding different summer activities

Parenting News
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Maintain a Consistent Schedule Over the Summer Months

Summer is a time to relax - but not a time to relax important routines. Routines help your child cooperate, develop responsibility and become self-disciplined. They also make it easier to adjust when school starts again. Maintain routines for:

- **Sleep.** During the summer, your child’s bedtime and rising time may be later than usual. Once you choose a reasonable sleep schedule, however, stick with it.

- **Reading.** Summer offers extra time for reading. Visit the library weekly and encourage reading every day, including in fun spots, such as the pool or the park.

- **Meals.** Make it a priority to have at least one family meal a day. This is a chance to catch up and enjoy each other’s company.

- **Screen time.** Extra free time should not mean more time for TV and video games. Use the guideline recommended by experts – no more than 10 hours of screen time total per week.

West Dakota Parent & Family Resource Center is open during the summer for all of your parenting needs.