



**Dickinson
Middle School**

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DMS NEWSLETTER

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Notes from the Principal, Cassie Francis

Welcome to DMS!



Welcome to the 2020-2021 school year! The beginning of school is always an exciting time for students, parents, and staff.

Please encourage your students to take advantage of the more than 20 after-School activities we have for students at DMS. Currently, we have Marimbas, Football, Cross-Country, Volleyball, and girls Golf.

Parent Advisory Council (PAC)



We are seeking members to join our Parent Advisory Council (PAC). If interested in joining and having your name added to the list, please email rgreenwood@dpsnd.org.



Dates to Remember

Sept. 6	NO SCHOOL (Labor Day)
Sept. 13	School Board Meeting @ 5:00
Sept 16	PAC Meeting @ 6:00
Sept 17	Citizenship/Constitution Day
Sept 24	Early Release @ 1:00
Oct 18	Picture Day

Student Success



DMS has many structures and processes in place to make sure your child has a successful year, both academically and socially. We have high behavior expectations for each student in our classroom. Teachers have adopted the Positive Behavior Intervention Support (PBIS) process for the classroom. The process concentrates on teaching appropriate behaviors, not just expecting them. The PBIS process also affirms students when right decisions are made. Our guidelines for success are Prepared, Engaged, Attitude, and Kindness. These behaviors are taught throughout all classes by all staff.

Dickinson Backpack Program



The Dickinson Backpack Program is a food program which provides school-age children with easy-to-prepare food on weekends and during school breaks. This program is meant to assist families, who may be struggling financially. If you believe your child(ren) could benefit from this program, please call the school office (701-456-0021) and request a form. If you have any questions, please call Kristin Seaks at 701-590-0134.

Peanut & Nuts



We do have multiple students in our building that have peanut/tree nut allergies. If you have a child that brings a sack lunch to school please remind them to be very careful when bringing anything with a peanut or nut product. There are designated peanut zones in the cafeteria and I expect the student body to be responsible and sanitary when eating peanut or nut products. Peanuts and or tree nuts are not to be brought or eaten as a snack in the locker area or classroom.

Dress Code Expectations



Please take a moment to visit with your child about dress code at school. The DMS dress code can be found on page eleven of the student handbook (student planner). A few items to discuss for boys might be tank tops (cover upper body) and pants need to be pulled up and at waist level. For girls shoulder straps on blouses or tanks must be greater than 2" and no midriff should show. Girls should not wear low cut tops that reveal cleavage. Skirts and shorts should extend below the fingertips when held straight down. Any clothing that is vulgar, is gang related, or belittles other races, genders, nationalities, or religion has no place at school.

We Are Here to Help



Middle school is a time of transitions for students as their young adolescent brain is just beginning to develop and increase cognitive (frontal cortex) skills. This combined with maturity of their bodies can sometimes make us feel like our child has somehow changed overnight. Please know you can contact any of our counselors Meghan Emard (6), Dawn Weber (7), and Janelle Yoder (8) at any time if you need advice or simply want to share information about your son or daughter.

DPS School Pantry and Closet

Dickinson Public Schools is happy to announce that we now have a School Pantry and Closet to help serve the needs of families whose children attend school within DPS. If you need access to the School Pantry or Closet, please contact Mrs. Rychner our school Social Worker.

Free Dental Care



Dickinson Middle School has once again partnered with Ronald McDonald Care Mobile to provide preventative and treatment dental services to students in need. Please contact your child's grade level counselor if you are interested in the program.

6th Grade - Meghan Emard (memard@dpsnd.org)

7th Grade - Dawn Weber (dweber@dpsnd.org)

8th Grade - Janelle Yoder (jyoder@dpsnd.org)

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