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**Allergy Aware School**



There are children attending Dickinson Public Schools who have life-threatening allergies to peanuts and tree nuts. The teachers and staff strive to provide a safe environment for all students. Therefore, your cooperation is requested to avoid exposure of these allergens to students. Please avoid sending any snacks that are eaten in the classrooms containing peanuts, peanut oils and/or tree nuts with your child to school. Our lunchroom has a designated area for students who choose to bring items to school to eat at lunch with peanuts/tree nuts. These students are seated at a designated table that they are allowed to bring other students (friends with them too). Parent(s) or guardian(s) should read labels before sending foods with their child to school. Parents if you have a child who has a life threatening allergy please be certain to contact the school to ensure that staff knows about it and the student has the proper medical plan in place to maximize that child's safety.

**Conferences**



Parent-Teacher Conferences are scheduled for October 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> from 3:30 PM - 6:30 PM. Please watch for

more information regarding conferences in the coming days.

**Dates to Remember**

- Oct 9 School Board Meeting
- Oct 11 Picture Day
- Oct 13 Pink Out Day
- Oct 8-14 Fire Prevention Week
- Oct 12 & 13 Scholastic Book Fair
- Oct 14 Surround the State in Song
- Oct 19 & 20 No School (Administrator's Conference)
- Oct 23-27 Red Ribbon Week
- Oct 23-27 Scholastic Book Fair
- Oct 24 & 25 Parent/Teacher Conferences
- Oct 25 Flu Shots @ DMS
- Oct 27 Early Dismissal @ 1:00 PM
- Oct 27 School Dance
- Oct 27 End of 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter
- Oct 31 Happy Halloween



**No School**

No school October 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> (Administrator's Conference).

**Book Fair**



A Scholastic Book Fair will be held on October 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> and again on October 23<sup>rd</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup> in the Library Media Center.

**Winter Wear Distribution**



When: October 26<sup>th</sup>  
Time: 3:00 - 6:00 PM  
Where: Hillside Baptist Church  
1123 10<sup>th</sup> St East  
Adult and children winter gear available  
Flu shots available  
Lots of vendors  
Kids pumpkin corner  
FREE SUPPER

**Picture Day**



Picture Day will be on Wednesday, October 11<sup>th</sup>. We use these photos for the school yearbook, and also your child's student ID.

Parents should have received an email from Jostens with picture day information. **All orders must be submitted online.** Our Event Code for picture day is FE213123.



### Surround the State in Song Festival Choir



We are celebrating in song with nearly 615 students across the state of North Dakota on Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup>. That has increased by over 100 students from last year! Dickinson's site has the second most students participating of the seven sites where this festival is being held.

The Dickinson Middle School will host 14 of these schools from Southwest North Dakota with students representing grades 5-7 at our own concert on Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 pm. There will be a \$5/person door charge for ages 13 and up.

This concert is sponsored and supported by the ND American Choral Directors Association. This organization promotes excellence in choral music through performance, composition, publications, and teaching.

We have 18 Dickinson Middle School students participating in this concert. They will rehearse for one day together under the direction of a guest conductor, Mrs. Kayla Kilwein, St. John's Lutheran Church Music Director and past music teacher at Prairie Rose Elementary and pianist, Mrs. Julie Opdahl, retired secretary and past accompanist for the New England Public Schools Music Department.

Please come and support our young singers as they present their concert.

### Red Ribbon Week



Red Ribbon Week is slated for October 23-31. DMS will be celebrating Red Ribbon Week. The theme is "BE KIND TO YOU MIND. LIVE DRUG FREE".

### Pink Out Day



October is Breast Cancer awareness month. Friday, October 13<sup>th</sup> we will have PINK OUT day at DMS. We are encouraging the building to wear pink. Student Council members will be selling donuts during the week to raise money for this cause. All proceeds will be donated to The American Cancer Society.

### School Dance

On Friday, October 27<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM there will be a dance for DMS 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students. **Only DMS students are allowed at the dance with DMS dress code in effect.** Snacks and beverages will be available for purchase. Students will need their Student I.D. for admittance. Price of admission is \$5.00.



### Halloween



Halloween falls on Tuesday, October 31<sup>st</sup> a school day. At DMS we **will not** be celebrating Halloween by dressing in costume. Individual classrooms, however, may have content that are part of the academic curriculum. Students who dress in costume will be asked to change into regular attire. No Halloween candy or treats should be brought to school, as we are an allergy conscious school.

### Flu Shots



Sanford Health will be at DMS on **October 25<sup>th</sup>** to administer flu shots. In order to receive the flu shot, you must complete a consent and insurance form for your child.

Forms are available on our DMS website and in our Student Service office.

Upon completion of the forms, please turn into Student Services.

Your child will be called out of class for a short period of time, given the vaccine, and return to class.



### National Fire Prevention Week



National Fire Prevention Week is October 8<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup>. During this week, please review with your family an escape route that can be used in your home in the event of a fire. This is also a great time to check the batteries in your smoke detectors.

### Extra Help



If a student needs assistance at DMS they have access to multiple levels of help. As a parent it is sometimes easy to see your child needs help, but difficult to know what resources at school are available to them.

If you believe your child needs help academically or socially, please contact a counselor (701-456-0021). Counselors are well aware of available opportunities and can personalize needed interventions. Our counselors are Amanda Jilek (6<sup>th</sup>), Trista Dakken (7<sup>th</sup>), and Meagan Emard (8<sup>th</sup>),

### Reach Your PEAK at DMS



Being prepared, engaged, having a good attitude and being kind all have intrinsic values that are beyond measure. Teachers, counselors, administrators and all staff want to reinforce the importance of these behaviors when students are actively, "caught being good". Verbal praise, social recognition and PEAK rewards are some of the ways students receive positive reinforcement for desired behaviors. Random reinforcement of positive student behavior has been shown to increase the desired behavior.

