

Newsletter

Detroit Lakes
Middle School

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Spring Athletics

With warmer weather approaching, now is the time to consider signing your student up for a spring sport. Registration can be completed by following the link on the middle school website, ms.dlschools.net. Boys have the option to participate in baseball, golf, tennis, track & field, or trap shooting. Girls are able to participate in softball, golf, track & field, or trap shooting. Spring sports are entirely weather dependent, and start dates will be announced as weather permits. If your student has not participated in school activities before, please make sure a copy of their sport's physical is on file with the main office before registration can be completed.

Successful Student Habits

As our 8th graders prepare to move on to the high school and other grades prepare to advance, it is a good time to focus on what habits for success students should think about. Author William Wadsworth (2019) examined the work of Dr. Stephen Covey and developed a list for consideration. Here is his proposal of effective habits.

1. Students being Proactive - Students are active and choose what happens in their destiny. They reduce risk and stress to avoid last minute issues like cramming and late work.
2. Students know where they are going - Students have a plan. It is usually not a firm, rigid career map, but they have good ideas of where they want to be in 2-3 years time. What they like, potential colleges, how to make that happen.
3. And they focus on getting there - Successful students prioritize things in proper order. Study first, and play when work is done.
4. Students Persevere - Students have grit, and are deliberate and sustained in their efforts to deal with things that may be tough. Aspirational language is present "I can't yet" vs I can't.
5. They study smart - Students spend most of their time on quality learning techniques. Most common is retrieval practice, bringing information to mind using a spaced learning schedule to revisit knowledge over time.
6. Students are helpful - They are good, supportive classmates, exchanging resources and always happy to assist friends. They also help teachers by being open about what they don't understand, despite best efforts.
7. Students take care of themselves - They take care of physical health, eat well, exercise, and get good sleep. Mental and emotional health are also priorities, taking time to relax and develop relationships with family and friends.

Dates of Interest:

Wednesday, March 4 – Early

Dismissal at 2:00 PM

Thursday, March 5 – DLMS

Parent/Teacher Conferences 4:00

– 8:00 PM

Monday, March 9 – DLMS

Parent/Teacher Conferences 4:00

– 7:00 PM

Thursday, March 12 – 8th Grade

Registration Meeting in High

School Gym 6:00 PM

Friday, March 13 – No School

Monday, March 16 – All City Band

Rehearsals

Tuesday, March 17 – All City Band

Concert at 7:30 PM

Monday, March 30 – All City Choir

Rehearsals

Tuesday, March 31 – All City Choir

Concert 7:30 PM

Wednesday, April 1 – Early

Dismissal at 2:00 PM

Friday, April 10 – No School

Thursday, April 30 – 5th Grade

Choir/Band Concert 7:00 PM

Tuesday, May 5 – DLMS Band

Concert 7:00 PM

Friday, May 15 – Last Day of

School

Lunch Balances

It is important for parents/guardians to periodically review their student's lunch account balance. These accounts can be depleted rather quickly, especially if you have more than one student using the family lunch account. As of March 3rd, there are 41 students at DLMS with a negative balance greater than \$100. Payments can be made in person with check or cash in any district school office, or online with a credit card. The link for online payments can be found on the middle school website. We will be contacting parents/guardians with negative lunch account balances bi-monthly via mail/email. Thank you for your attention to this.

MCA Testing

This spring opens the annual Minnesota Comprehensive Assessment (MCA) window across the state. This assessment is held for grades 3 – 11 and tests students in the areas of math, reading and science. DLMS will open its testing window mid-April and the window will close May 8th. During this testing period (and throughout the year) please ensure your students are well rested and ready to do their best on this assessment.

DLMS Summer Construction

The last day of school in May will kick-off another round of summer construction across the district, including DLMS. The building will see updates to the main floor including improved lighting, ceiling upgrades, and updates to HVAC heating and cooling systems.

** Remember to check the lost and found before the end of the school year.
Unclaimed items will be donated after the last student day. **



Attend – Achieve – Behave

