

# DODGELAND ELEMENTARY NEWSLETTER

April 2026

## Drop-off/Pick-up Etiquette

A little refresh - When dropping off or picking up your child at school, parents are required to stay inside their vehicle while in the designated drop-off zone. Although we understand that everyone is doing their best during this busy party of the day, getting out of the car can unintentionally cause delays and create unsafe conditions for students and other drivers.

To help keep traffic moving smoothly and ensure safety of all families, we kindly ask that everyone follow the established drop-off/pick-up guidelines and remain in their vehicles while in the active drop-off lane. If you need to assist your child to their to the door/classroom - please park in the parking lot and walk in the designated crosswalks.

Thank you for your cooperation in keeping our school arrival time safe and efficient for everyone.

## Upcoming Events

- April 6 - Classes Resume, HOSA Pizza Ranch Fundraiser @ 4 PM
- April 7 - Referendum Voting Day
- April 8 - Talent Show Entry Forms Due
- April 9 - Dodgeland Girl Scouts 5:15-7:45 PM
- April 15 - Talent Show Auditions (After School), 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip to Horicon Marsh
- April 17 - Visit from Author - Diane Nienas
- April 20 - Talent Show Dress Rehearsal (After School)
- April 21 - Talent Show @ 6 PM
- April 22 - *NO SCHOOL* - Professional Development Day
- April 23 - 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip to Farm City Days
- April 27 - School Board Meeting @ 6:30-7:30 PM

# A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Happy April! I hope this message finds you and your family well and enjoying the beautiful spring weather. (when we get it!) I am afraid that this month will go by quickly and I don't want to miss a second with your children!

April is a month of renewal and reflection. As we embrace the change of seasons, it's a perfect time to encourage our children to set new goals and continue to strive for their best. We are proud of the hard work our students have shown so far this year, and we look forward to seeing them flourish as we move closer to the end of the school year.

Important Dates:

- Annual Elementary Talent Show: Plan to join us to see our talented students show us their stuff on Tuesday, April 21 starting at 6:00 pm in the elementary gym.
- No School: Professional Development Day Wednesday, April 22. Dodgeland Den will be open for the day if there are at least 7 students signed up. Sign up [here](#).

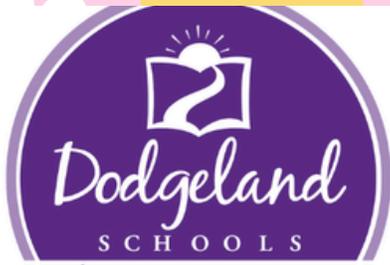
Reminders:

- Please ensure your child is prepared for the changing weather as we transition into spring. Layers are always a great choice!
- We appreciate your continued support in ensuring that students arrive on time for school and are ready to learn.

Thank you for being an essential part of our school community. Your involvement and support make a significant difference in our students' lives. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out.

Wishing you and your family a wonderful April!

Mrs. Huelsman



**VOTE APRIL 7<sup>th</sup>**  
Operational Referendum

- ✓ Maintain Class Sizes at Elementary School
- ✓ Continue Middle School Athletics
- ✓ Sustain Elective & Advanced Courses in the Middle & High School
- ✓ Operational Expenses

# SUPPORTING STUDENTS IN TRANSITION

The Dodgeland School District is committed to supporting students and families experiencing housing instability. Under the **McKinney-Vento Act**, families or unaccompanied youth in temporary living situations **may qualify** for additional **educational support**.

## Who Qualifies?

You may be eligible for support if you are living in any of the following situations:

- **Doubled up:** Living with friends or relatives due to economic hardship.
- **Sheltered:** Living in an emergency or transitional shelter.
- **Temporary:** Living in a motel, hotel, car, or campsite.
- **Substandard:** Living in a home without utilities (water, heat, or electricity).
- **Unaccompanied: Students living with someone who is not a legal guardian.**

## Available Resources

If you qualify, the district can provide assistance with:

- **School Stability:** Staying in your current school during and after a move.
- **Enrollment:** Waived school fees and simplified registration requirements.
- **Nutrition & Supplies:** Free school meals and necessary school supplies.
- **Transportation:** Assistance with busing or gas cards to get to school.

**We are here to help.** All inquiries are handled with care and confidentiality. Please contact the Director of Student Services for more information or to access these services. Jen Johnson can be reached at [johnsonjen@dodgeland.k12.wi.us](mailto:johnsonjen@dodgeland.k12.wi.us) or 920-386-8293

**Thanks,**  
**Jen Johnson**  
**Director of Special Education and Pupil Services**

# SCHOOL OPERATIONAL REFERENDUM COMING IN APRIL

ALL THINGS DODGELAND—ALL IN ONE PLACE! COMMUNICATION JUST GOT A WHOLE LOT EASIER! WE ARE THRILLED TO INTRODUCE THE DODGELAND EXCHANGE, A DIGITAL HUB DESIGNED SPECIFICALLY TO SAVE YOU TIME. THINK OF IT AS YOUR PERSONAL SCHOOL DASHBOARD.

INSTEAD OF SEARCHING THROUGH VARIOUS MENUS ON OUR WEBSITE, YOU CAN NOW HEAD TO THE EXCHANGE FOR:

THE LATEST DISTRICT NEWS  
SOCIAL FEEDS AND UPCOMING EVENTS  
REFERENDUM INFORMATION  
COMMUNITY RESOURCES AND BOARD UPDATES

STAY IN THE LOOP INSTANTLY:

[DODGELAND EXCHANGE](#)



**DON'T MISS OUT:**  
**GET ALL THE LATEST UPDATES  
AND ACCURATE INFORMATION**



SIT THE DODGELAND EXCHANGE: [HTTPS://WWW.DODGELAND.K12.WI.US/DISTRICT/DODGELAND-EXCHANGE.CFM](https://www.dodgeland.k12.wi.us/district/dodgeland-exchange.cfm)

## 1. BRINGING BIKES TO SCHOOL – DO NOT CUT THROUGH THE CLINIC PARKING LOT:

NOW THAT IT IS GETTING WARMER, MORE AND MORE STUDENTS LIKE TO RIDE THEIR BIKES, SKATEBOARDS, AND ELECTRIC SCOOTERS TO SCHOOL. PLEASE HELP YOUR CHILD REMEMBER TO:

- PARK THEIR BIKES, E- BIKES, E- SCOOTERS IN THE BIKE RACK IN FRONT OF SCHOOL, USE A BIKE LOCK IF HAVE ONE
- USE THE SIDEWALK AROUND THE CLINIC, DO NOT CUT THROUGH THE PARKING LOT TO STAY SAFE FROM CARS BACKING UP
- DURING MORNING AND AFTERNOON, WALK BIKES/SKATEBOARDS/E- SCOOTERS WHEN THERE ARE MORE PEOPLE PRESENT TO AVOID ACCIDENTS, AND ESPECIALLY ACROSS BOTH CROSSWALKS

## 2. PLAYGROUND HOURS:

- THE PLAYGROUND AND BLACKTOP AREAS AROUND THE SCHOOL OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AT 5:30 EACH DAY WHEN THE DODGELAND DEN CLOSSES. IF YOU AND/OR YOUR CHILDREN WANT TO USE THE EQUIPMENT, YOU MUST COME AFTER OUR AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM ENDS.

## 3. SPRING DATES - MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

IF YOU'RE LIKE ME, YOUR SPRING CALENDAR GETS BUSY FAST! PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THESE UPCOMING SPRING ACTIVITIES!

- MAY 1 @ 6:30 PM OF MICE AND MOZART MUSICAL
- MAY 2 @ 2:00 PM OF MICE AND MOZART MUSICAL
- MAY 13 AND 14 @ 5:30-6:30 PM - ART SHOW
- MAY 13 @ 6:30-7:30 PM - K-2 SPRING CONCERT
- MAY 14 @ 2:30 - 4K SPRING CONCERT
- MAY 14 @ 6:30- 7:30 PM - 3-5 SPRING CONCERT
- MAY 27 @ 6 -7 PM- KINDERGARTEN (5K) GRADUATION



# SUMMER SCHOOL REGISTRATION

#DODGELANDPROUD



**If you want to see the book, it is linked on our District Website:**

**<https://www.dodgeland.k12.wi.us/families/summer-school.cfm>**

**If you want to sign your child(ren) up for the Dodgeland Den this summer, the registration is part of summer school registration**

**OPEN 6:30AM-5:30PM  
MONDAY-FRIDAY**

**GRADES 4K-6**

**NEW THIS YEAR**



# **SUMMER DEN**

**REGISTRATION THRU:  
POWERSCHOOL  
STARTING MARCH 25,  
2026**

**RATES:**

- \$40/CHILD FOR UP TO 10 HOURS/DAY

Summer Dodgeland Den will run from Wednesday, June 3 through Friday, August 14.

Students participating in Summer Den **must** also sign up for Summer School courses.

**ACTIVITIES:**

- **ARTS & CRAFTS**
- **WATER GAMES**
- **MUSIC & DANCE**
- **FUN SPORTS**

**FOR MORE INFO, CONTACT LEXI  
AT  
HUELSMANA@DODGELAND.K12.  
WI.US**

# Of Mice and Mozart

Contact Info: Ms Carrie Houk  
houk@dodgeland.k12.wi.us

by Michael and Jill Gallina

## Rehearsal Dates & Times:

No Rehearsal During Spring Break

April 7 April 8 3:10-4:30

April 14 April 15 3:10-4:30

April 21 3:10-4:30

April 28 April 29 3:10-4:30

April 30 Dress Rehearsal 3:10-4:30

May 1 Performance Call Time 5:00 PM

May 2 Performance Call Time 12:30 PM



**DODGELAND ELEMENTARY**



# The **BEST** Way To Buy Back-To-School Supplies!

- ✓ The Exact School Supplies Your Teacher Requested
- ✓ Teacher Certified and Approved
- ✓ **NEW** Personalized Labels
- ✓ ONLY Name Brand Products Like:



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**FISKARS**



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TO ORDER



**Congratulations, DODGELAND ELEMENTARY families... your 1st Day School Supplies store is now open. Yes, it feels early. And that's actually the point. Ordering now means you can check school supplies off your list before summer even begins. No scrambling in July. No store runs in August. Just the exact supplies teachers requested, handled in a few simple clicks. It only takes a few minutes to select our school and choose your child's grade. Everything will arrive packaged and ready for the first day. There's something nice about heading into summer knowing one big thing is already done.**

**Order Here: <https://1stdayschoolsupplies.com/gs/114722>**

**CALLING ALL 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> GRADE BOYS!**



# **JR. TROJAN FOOTBALL**

**Are you interested in playing  
Jr. Trojan Football in the  
2026/27 school year?**

**Keep watching the newsletter for an important  
meeting to discuss the operation  
and opportunities to be involved in May!**





**Dodgeland**

**HOSA**

**Monday, April<sup>6th</sup>**  
Health Occupations Students of America

**4 pm - 8 pm**

**Beaver Dam, WI**

# WE ARE HIRING!

## POSITION(S):

- ✓ PART-TIME SPECIAL EDUCATION PARAPROFESSIONAL

Beginning Date:  
As soon as possible

[APPLY NOW!](#)

Visit our website for more information. Applications for certified positions can be submitted through WECAN!



*Dodgeland*  
S C H O O L S

*The Road to a Better Tomorrow*

ENJOY YOUR  
**SPRING**  
*Break*

**MARCH 30-**  
**APRIL 3**

