



BACK-TO-SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Dodgeland Elementary

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Jenny Huelsman

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Gearing Up for a Great Year, Together! **– A Message from our Principal**

Welcome to our back-to-school newsletter!

As summer winds down, a new academic year brings fresh excitement for local families. This edition is packed with practical tips, community resources, and everything you need for a smooth transition back to the classroom.

We are thrilled to welcome back our returning families and extend a warm greeting to the new students joining us from Hustisford! To ensure a seamless start, Hustisford K–12 principal Mr. Pete Moe will be in the building on select days to lend a helping hand—we're delighted to have him working alongside us.

Be sure to check out the rest of the newsletter to meet all the wonderful new staff members joining our team this year. We are so glad you are here and look forward to a fantastic year together!

Maternity Leave Announcement

Please note that Miss Patti (Elementary Office Admin Assistant) will be on maternity leave from the start of the school year through mid-November. During this time, Miss Ella Huelsman will be stepping in as the long-term substitute admin assistant and will serve as the primary face of the elementary office. Whether you need assistance in person, over the phone, or via email, Miss Ella will be available to help with any day-to-day office needs. You can reach her directly by calling the elementary office 920-386-4404 x 1010 or emailing her at huelsmane@dodgeland.k12.wi.us.



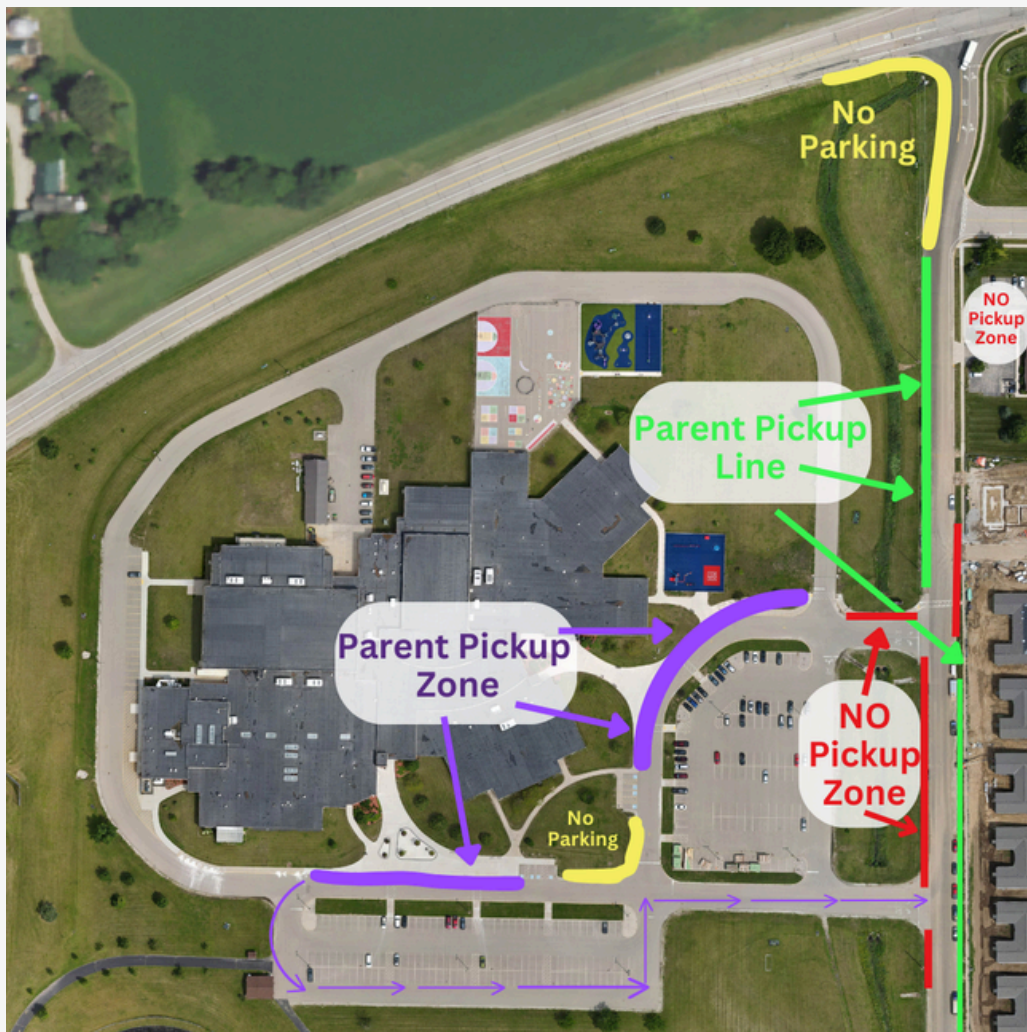
DROP-OFF PROCEDURES

Safety is our primary concern for student drop-off and pick-up procedures. We ask for your patience and cooperation to ensure children are dropped-off and/or picked-up safely each day.

Please use caution and patience while driving to ensure student safety.

Student Drop-Off Procedures:

- Parents may drop off their child in front of their child's respective building, using the access roads. Buses will drop off Middle and High School students in front of the MS/HS and then move to the rear of the building to drop off Elementary School students. Cars should **never** be left unattended in the circle drive/in front of the Elementary School. Any parent planning to walk into school with their child must use the parking lot and crosswalk.
- Cars should never drive behind the school or drop off @ the Big Playground



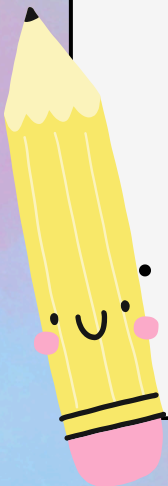
PICK-UP PROCEDURES

Student Pick-Up Procedures:

- The Juneau Police Department will enforce the “no parking zone” on South Western Avenue back to Highway 26. Overflow of cars will be moved up South Street.
- To protect the safety of our bicyclists and walkers heading up South Street to Fairfield Avenue, we encourage all traffic to leave our campus by turning right (South) onto South Western Avenue and then using either Cross or Kindt Streets to access Fairfield Avenue or Main Street. This traffic flow will create the safest environment for all students and efficiently move cars into, and then off of, our campus.
- Parents should **NOT** meet students in the Juneau Medical Clinic parking lot.
- At the end of the day, buses will pick up all students (Elementary, Middle, and High School) at the rear of the building by the playground.

Students Walking/Bike Riding Home:

- Crossing Guards are located at Hwy 26/S Fairfield Ave (by Village Garden Restaurant) and on Western Ave. Students should NOT cross HWY 26 by Piggly Wiggly on Western Ave.
 - ***Reminder: there is no Crossing Guard by Kwik Trip
- Students should walk on sidewalks and are **NOT** allowed to walk/bike through the parking lot of the Juneau Medical Clinic on Western Avenue.
- Elementary students walking home or getting picked-up will be dismissed at 3:05 PM. Those picking up children must wait along the curb in the elementary circle drive. Overflow parents should line up along South Western Avenue (and then to South Street if needed), which is the same place as last year. Students will watch for their ride along the sidewalk in front of the elementary. **Parents that park in the lot, must walk across the circle drive to escort their children to their car.**
- Middle/High School students walking home or getting picked-up will be dismissed at 3:10 PM.



IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

 Get ready for an amazing school year! Please mark your calendars with our upcoming back-to-school events 

Important Upcoming Dates

- August 24th: "Gear Up for Middle School"
- August 26th:
 -  Picture Day: 2:00 PM – 7:00 PM
 -  Back to School Bash: 3:00 PM – 6:00 PM
 -  Open House: 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM
- September 1st: First Day of School!
- September 8th: 1st Parent Teacher Community (PTC) Meeting Virtually @ 7:30 PM
- September 14th: Elementary Fall Fundraiser Begins
- September 29th: Picture Re-take Day 
- October 3rd: Fall Festival & Car Show
- October 5th: Fundraiser Orders Due
- November 9th: Fundraiser Orders Pick-Up

FRIENDLY REMINDER

MAIN SCHOOL SCHEDULE



BREAKFAST: 7:30 AM



**SCHOOL STARTS
PROMPTLY AT
7:55 AM**



DISMISSAL: 3:05 PM



3K SCHEDULE

8:00 AM - 11:00 AM



LUNCH TIMES (Vary by Grade)



12:00-12:25 PM
(4K/5K/1st)



12:30-12:55 PM
(Grade 2-3)



1:00-1:25 PM
(Grade 4th-5th)



Thank you for being part of our school community!



Join us for the 2nd Annual Back to School Bash on Wednesday, August 26, from 3:00–6:00 PM for an afternoon packed with fun for the whole family!

Bounce Houses
Mario Kart Tournament (\$5 entry fee with cash prize)
Face Painting
Games & Activities
Music
Slushie Bar
Delicious Food Trucks
Petting Zoo

Tie-Dye Your Own Event T-Shirt!

Youth Sizes: \$20

Adult Sizes: \$25

Preorder here: <https://gofan.co/event/6666800?schoolId=W119418>

Whether you're getting ready for a new school year, looking to connect with friends, or just want an afternoon of family fun, there's something for everyone!

Bring your family, invite your friends, and help us kick off the school year with an unforgettable community celebration. We can't wait to see you there!



LITTLE REMINDERS

Walking or Riding a Bike to School?

Please remind students to use the sidewalks at all times. Cutting through the Juneau Clinic on Western Ave is dangerous. Students must go around to avoid possible accidents. Intersection of South St and S. Fairfield Ave has flashing crossing signs. Children crossing will need to push the button on the post to activate lights when they want to cross

First day Tips

- Doors open for Breakfast @ 7:30 am **only Door 2**
- 3K can be dropped off in building starting @ 7:45 am
- 4k/5k on Small Playground
- 1st-5th grade on Big Playground
- Doors 1 and Door 29 open @ 7:45 am for all students to go to lockers → classrooms
- If dropped off before 7:30 am, your child will be sent to Dodgeland Den and will be charged appropriately for their time at wraparound care.

Seals on Wheels



Do you want your child to participate in this FREE program?

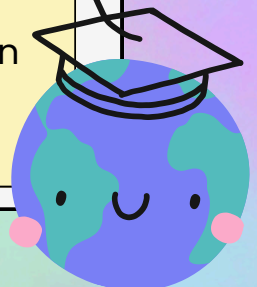
The Seals on Wheels staff comes right to the school twice a year to apply a varnish fluoride treatment and the other a cleaning/fluoride/sealant treatment. This is for all students in elementary, middle and high school! Make sure to fill out the online consent form [HERE](#) so that your child(ren) can receive these free treatments.

Support for Families in Transition

Are you a family in transition seeking support?

You're not alone. Our community is here to help with a variety of resources, including access to food and essential supplies.

For assistance, please contact our Homeless Coordinator, Jen Johnson, at **920-386-8293**. She can connect you with the resources you need.



SCHOOL FEES

- School Fees will be assessed 5 days after the first day of school
 - Payment: on PowerSchool via RevTrak, in the office with cash, check, or credit card
 - Via PowerSchool parent login, by clicking on "Balance" for your student and it will redirect you to RevTrak
- Milk Fees:
 - \$40.50 (Semester 1 milk) + \$40.50 (Semester 2 milk) = \$81
 - You do not need to pay both fees right now, **only Semester 1 milk** fees in order for your child to continue having milk at snack
 - If you do not want your student to receive milk for the morning snack break, please contact Patti Rupnow/Ella Huelsman in the elementary office at 920-386-4404 x 1010.
 - Students who qualify for free meals (not reduced) have had milk fees waived.
 - If Semester 1 milk fees are not paid **by Oct 12**, your child will not receive milk at morning snack.
- School Material Fees:
 - School fees are waived for materials, co-curricular/athletic participation, instrument rental, art and tech ed fees for students who qualify for free/reduced meals, but **ONLY** if you have checked the waiver consent box on the online meal application to share that information with administrative district personnel or have completed and submitted a paper copy of the waiver/consent form. If your children qualified after the start of the school year, you have 30 days from the date of qualification to return the signed waiver consent. If you have any questions regarding this process, please contact Kimi Pasewald at 920-386-4404 x 1001.



WELCOME TO A HEALTHY NEW SCHOOL YEAR!



Nurse - Katie Bortz
bortzk@cesa.org



Important Information Regarding Student Medications



Initial Medication Drop-Off

If your child takes daily medication (prescription or over-the-counter) and you would like it kept in the Nurse's Room, **please bring the medication to our Open House or the first day of school.** Having everything ready helps us ensure your child's health needs are safely met from the very first day of classes!



Required Paperwork

All medications must be accompanied by a completed medication form. Please print, complete, and hand the appropriate form to the school nurse or designated staff member along with your child's medication.

Please select the proper form for your child's needs:

- [Self Carry Prescription Medication Form](#)
- [Prescription Medication Consent Form](#)
- [Over the Counter Medication Consent Form](#)



Refills & New Medications

As the school year gets underway, we have a designated day for routine medication drop-offs to keep our health room running smoothly.

- **Preferred Drop-Off Day:** Mondays (Starting September 14th)
- **What to bring:** Any new medications, routine refills , and their corresponding updated forms.

Thank you for partnering with us to keep our students safe, healthy, and ready to learn!

BUS TRANSPORTATION

Important Bus Transportation Information

- Daily Communication:
 - Dodgeland Residents – Cierra Schaalma (920) 386-2200 x 11411
 - Hustisford Residents – Jim Pelech (262) 673-3777 hartford@goriteway.com
 - VERY IMPORTANT to communicate directly with Lamers (Dodgeland Residents) or Riteway (Hustisford Residents– Tuition Agreement or Open Enrolled) if your child will not be riding the bus for any reason, please call the appropriate company and leave a detailed message before 6:30 AM.
- **Riding the Early Childhood Bus:** Students will not be dropped off if there is no supervisory adult for your child, your child will remain on the bus while the route continues until a parent can be notified
- **ALL STUDENTS** will have an assigned seat on the bus. For safety reasons, as well as to encourage successful bus trips, students must sit in this seat at all times!
- **New this year:** Bus transportation info can be found in PowerSchool
 - Log into Parent Portal and under the Transportation Tab you will find :
 - Bus Number
 - Bus Route
 - Pick up and Departure time
 - Please be 5 min early to be sure you don't miss the bus

Navigation

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Student

Transportation Information: Test, Student DNU

From/To School	Route Number	Description	Address	Start Date	End Date	Pickup or Dropoff time
From	L1		1801 Transport Drive	09/01/2026	06/02/2027	
To	L1		1801 Transport Drive	09/01/2026	06/02/2027	07:15 AM

NEW VOLUNTEER APPLICATION

VOLUNTEER APPLICATION PORTAL NOW LIVE!

We are excited to announce the launch of our new Volunteer Application Portal!

Please note that paper application forms are no longer available or accepted. All prospective volunteers must complete their application online.

***** If you have not filled out and been approved by the District Office in the past 2 years – please go ahead and take time to fill out the application if you plan on chaperoning any field trips or volunteering any time in the classroom.**

How to Access the Portal

Option 1: Navigation Menu

1. Visit our district website.
2. Go to Menu > District > District Information.
3. Select Volunteer Application.

Option 2: Direct Link Click here to go straight to the form: [Online Volunteer Application](#)

Thank you for your continued support and commitment to our school community!



HELP YOUR CHILD SUCCEED IN SCHOOL:

Build the Habit of Good Attendance Early

Did you know?

- Starting in preschool and kindergarten, too many absences can cause children to fall behind in school.
- Missing 10%, or about 2 days each month over the course of a school year, can make it harder to learn to read.
- Students can still fall behind if they miss just one or two days every few weeks.
- Being late to school may lead to poor attendance.
- Absences and tardiness can affect the whole classroom if the teacher has to slow down learning to help children catch up.

Attending school regularly helps children feel better about school – and themselves. Start building this habit in preschool so they learn right away that going to school on time, every day is important. Eventually good attendance will be a skill that will help them succeed in high school and college.

What you can do

- Set a regular bedtime and morning routine.
- Lay out clothes and pack backpacks the night before.
- Keep your child healthy and make sure your child has the required shots.
- Introduce your children to their teachers and classmates before school starts.
- Develop backup plans for getting to school if something comes up. Call on a family member, a neighbor, or another parent.
- Try to schedule non-urgent related medical appointments and extended trips when school isn't in season.
- If your child seems anxious about going to school, talk to teachers, school counselors, and other parents for advice on how to make your child feel comfortable and excited about learning.
- If you are concerned that your child may have a contagious illness, call your school or health care provider for advice.
- If your child must stay home due to illness, ask the teacher for resources and ideas to continue learning at home.

When Do Absences Become a Problem?



Note: These numbers assume a 180-day school year

IMPORTANT: COMMUNICATE WITH THE OFFICE FOR YOUR CHILD'S ABSENCE



DODGELAND
SCHOOL DISTRICT



HOW TO REPORT AN ABSENCE



CALL IN FOR ATTENDANCE

- Elementary Office: 920-386-4404 X 1010
- MS/HS Office: X 1031



LEAVE A VOICEMAIL if calling outside office hours (7:30 am - 3:30 pm).



FOR APPOINTMENTS OR SICKNESS

- Provide a **NOTE** to the office
- They will be **MEDICALLY EXCUSED.**



PARENTS CAN ALSO EMAIL

elattendance@dodgeland.k12.wi.us
for Elementary Office

attendance@dodgeland.12.wi.us
for MS/HS Office



ELEMENTARY OFFICE ABSENCE ALERT

If an excuse is **NOT** received **BEFORE 9 AM**, an **AUTOMATED CALL** will be made to the primary parent/guardian regarding the absence.

RECEIVING MESSAGES FROM SCHOOL

DODGELAND SCHOOL DISTRICT COMMUNICATION GUIDE

We utilize Bright Arrow, an automated system, to send mass phone calls, text messages, and emails to families. Having trouble receiving up. Having trouble receiving them? Check these points:



1. CHECK YOUR EMAIL

Email providers may mark Dodgeland emails as spam/junk. These can come from specific staff or information@dodgeland.k12.wi.us



MARK AS NOT SPAM.
Check both folders.



2. UPDATE CONTACT INFO

Email address or cell number is inaccurate in PowerSchool.

Instructions:
COMMUNICATE WITH THE OFFICE for any changes during the year.



CALL SCHOOL OFFICE



3. OPT IN FOR TEXTS

If you did not "Opt In" initially, you won't receive texts. **BUT YOU CAN CHANGE THIS NOW:**

YES TO: 79041

SIMPLY TEXT THE MESSAGE 'YES' TO 79041.

(Make the 'YES' and '79041' very prominent)

WELCOME OUR NEW ELEMENTARY STAFF



Delaney
Vetter

2nd Grade Teacher



Marissa
McPherson

**Elementary Para
in grades 5K-2**



Chloe Meschke

District School Psychologist



Meredith
Franklin

**Elementary Para
in grades 5K-2**



Elizabeth
Grant

**Elementary Para in
grades 3k/4k**



Olivia
Barefield

**Special Ed Teacher
for 4th grade**



Erica Grebel

**Early Childhood/3k/4k
Special Ed Teacher**



Autumn Giese

District Registrar

WELCOME OUR NEW ELEMENTARY STAFF



Jackson
Ryan

Elementary PE Teacher



Andrew Hodel

**District School
Psychologist**



Jean
Haan

1st Grade Teacher



Sean Logan

**Elementary Para in
grades 1-3**



Jennifer
Greer

3rd Grade Teacher



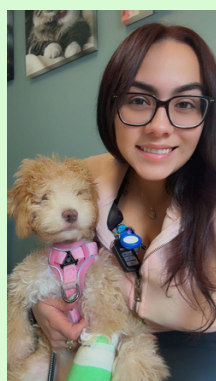
Tammy
Schellpfeffer

**District Reading
Specialist**



Lydia
Knibbs

**5th Grade
Teacher**



Carmen
Ramirez

**Elementary
Para in Grades
5K-3**



Andrea
Rosenow

**Special Ed Para
in 5th grade**

Congratulations to Alexander B., our Back to School Bash T-Shirt Design Contest Winner!

A huge shoutout to this talented 2nd grader for creating this year's winning design!

We loved Alexander's creativity, Trojan pride, and awesome artistic style.

Be sure to check out his amazing design on the official 2026 Back to School Bash t-shirt! Now on sale (pick up at the Back to School Bash on Wednesday, August 26!) <https://gofan.co/event/6666800?schoolId=WI19418>.

Thank you to everyone who submitted designs and helped make this contest so much fun.

#Dodgeland #TrojanPride #BackToSchoolBash
#StudentCreativity #FutureArtist





**JOIN US FOR THE FIRST
DODGELAND / HUSTISFORD
PARENT • TEACHER • COMMUNITY
(PTC)
MEETING**

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8
7:30PM ON GOOGLE MEET**

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

**PARENTS, TEACHERS,
FRIENDS, FAMILY,
COMMUNITY MEMBERS
WE NEED HELPERS!**



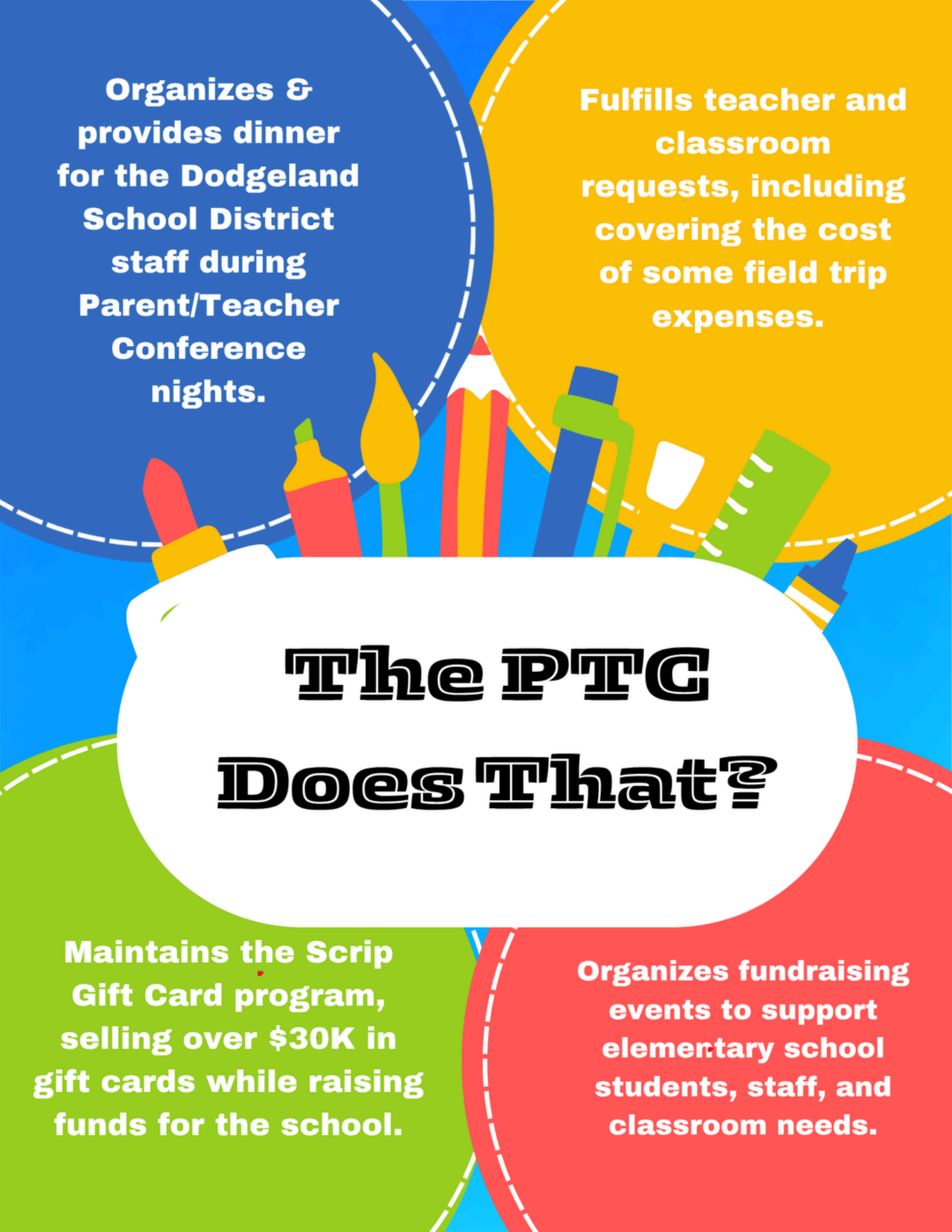
**FOR QUESTIONS OR MORE INFO
PLEASE EMAIL
JOHNHUSTISPTC@OUTLOOK.COM
OR
HUELSMAN@DODGELAND.K12.WI.US**

**AGENDA & GOOGLE LINK
WILL BE PROVIDED PRIOR TO MEETING**



Organizes & provides dinner for the Dodgeland School District staff during Parent/Teacher Conference nights.

Fulfills teacher and classroom requests, including covering the cost of some field trip expenses.

The background features a vibrant design with large, overlapping circles in blue, yellow, green, and red. A cluster of colorful school supplies, including pencils, pens, and a lightbulb, is positioned behind the central title. The title itself is contained within a white, cloud-like shape.

The PTC Does That?

Maintains the Scrip Gift Card program, selling over \$30K in gift cards while raising funds for the school.

Organizes fundraising events to support elementary school students, staff, and classroom needs.

SPEAK UP. SPEAK OUT.

You have the power to save and help others!

If you know someone that needs help, you can head to The Speak Up, Speak Out Resource Center to report a tip.

They can assist with:

- THREAT REPROTING
- CRISIS RESPONSE AND RECOVERY
- BEHAVIORAL THREAT ASSESSMENT AND MANAGEMENT
- GENERAL SCHOOL SAFETY GUIDANCE

CALL 911 IF THIS IS AN EMERGENCY



**UPDATE YOUR
CONTACT INFO**



CALL

1-800-MY-SUSO-1 or Text "SUSO" to 738477 to Report a tip
(Text messages will not be received via 1-800-MY-SUSO-1)
To place Telecommunications Relay Service (TRS) calls, dial 711. Msg frequency varies. Msg & data rates may apply.
Text HELP for help and STOP to cancel.
P3 [Terms](#) and [Privacy Policy](#)



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iOS



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DODGELAND ELEMENTARY

OUR FALL FUNDRAISER IS COMING!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!



BEGINS
MONDAY
SEPT. 14

ORDERS DUE
MONDAY
OCT. 5

ORDER PICK-UP
MONDAY
NOV. 9

Sky's The Limit

AMAZING PRIZES...
ENDLESS POSSIBILITIES!



★ WATCH FOR YOUR FUNDRAISER PACKET AND MORE
INFORMATION COMING HOME SOON! ★

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Thinking Fall?

Dodgeland FFA will once again be **HOSTING** our

FALL FESTIVAL & Car Show

OCTOBER
3



MORE INFORMATION TO COME!

Bring the whole family for a great day of fall fun!



APPLE
DUNKING



HOMEMADE
APPLE &
PUMPKIN PIES



BAKE SALE



WAGON
RIDES



AND MANY MORE
FUN ACTIVITIES
FOR THE FAMILY!

GREAT FUN. GREAT MEMORIES. *See you there!*

Don't forget to

CHECK OUT THE

DODGELAND

FFA



BOOTH AT OPEN HOUSE!

See the fun instore for
this upcoming year!

Get involved and
ignite your passion!



LEADERSHIP



LEARNING



GROWTH



COMMUNITY

#FFA

LEARN. LEAD. SUCCEED.

ORDER YOUR
TROJAN
FAN GEAR TODAY



SIDELINE
STORE



Unlimited product and design options!
Orders ship direct to you!

**PERSONALIZE
YOUR GEAR**



ADD YOUR OWN
NAME AND NUMBER

**SCAN HERE
TO SHOP NOW**



Or Find Your Store Here:
Sideline.bsnsports.com

NOW AVAILABLE



Add spirit to your space with

**WALL
DECALS**



SHOP TOP BRANDS



September



MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

	1 	2 WORKOUT WEDNESDAY 	3	4 Dodgeland Pride 
7 NO SCHOOL 	8 Parent Teacher Community (PTC) - 1 st meeting @ 7:30 pm VIRTUAL	9 WORKOUT WEDNESDAY 	10	11 Patriot Day: Wear Red, White, and Blue 
14 Elementary Fall Fundraiser Begins	15 Hoodie Day - wear your favorite hoodie 	16 WORKOUT WEDNESDAY 	17	18 Dodgeland Pride 
21 Wear your Favorite NFL Team 	22	23 WORKOUT WEDNESDAY 	24	25 Dodgeland Pride 
28 School Board Meeting 6:30-7:30PM	29 PICTURE RE-TAKE DAY 	30 WORKOUT WEDNESDAY 	1 National Pumpkin Spice Day - Wear something Fall 	2 Dodgeland Pride 