



# SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

**WELCOME BACK!**

## A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

WELCOME BACK DODGELAND ELEMENTARY STUDENTS AND FAMILIES!

I AM SO EXCITED TO START ANOTHER SCHOOL YEAR AT DODGELAND. OUR CUSTODIAL STAFF HAS BEEN WORKING HARD ALL SUMMER GETTING THE BUILDING READY FOR STUDENTS. I CAN'T WAIT FOR YOU TO SEE SOME OF THE FUN CHANGES THAT WE HAVE IN STORE FOR YOU THIS SCHOOL YEAR!

OUR OPEN HOUSE EVENT IS ON WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 28. I WILL BE PRESENTING SOME IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR PARENTS IN THE IMC THAT NIGHT AT 5PM AND REPEATING AT 6:30PM. ALSO NEW THIS YEAR, OUR SCHOOL PICTURES WILL BE TAKEN THAT DAY AS WELL FROM 2-6PM. THIS WAY YOU CAN SEE THE PICTURE BEFORE YOU ORDER THE PHOTOS TOO!

PLEASE READ THROUGH OUR NEWSLETTER FOR MORE IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING THE UPCOMING SCHOOL YEAR. I CAN'T WAIT TO SEE YOU ALL ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3 FOR THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL!

## REMINDER

EARLY RELEASE DAY SEPTEMBER 25  
ELEMENTARY DISMISSAL IS 12:20  
LUNCH WILL BE SERVED

**AUGUST/  
SEPTEMBER  
EDITION**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### PICTURE DAY

**AUGUST 28TH, 2-6PM**

### OPEN HOUSE

**AUGUST 28TH, 5-7PM**

### FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

**SEPTEMBER 3RD**

### FUNDRAISING PACKETS GO HOME

**SEPTEMBER 16TH**

**SPECIAL SURPRISE FROM  
MRS. HUELSMAN**

**SEPTEMBER 20TH**

## STAY IN TOUCH

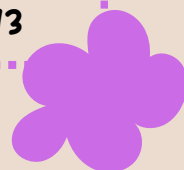
PLEASE ALLOW 24 HOURS FOR A RESPONSE



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**920-386-4404 EXT. 1013**



## BUS INFORMATION



**LAMERS TRANSPORTATION - JOEL SCHAAALMA - MANAGER**

**YVONNE BACON - OFFICE ASSISTANT**

**920-386-2200 EXT. 11411 - JOEL**

**920-386-2200 EXT. 11412 - YVONNE**

- THE IN-TOWN BUS STOPS IN JUNEAU WILL CONTINUE TO RUN AT THE DOLLAR GENERAL STOP AND THE LIBRARY STOP. IN ORDER FOR YOUR STUDENT TO RIDE THE BUS FOR THESE STOPS, YOU **MUST** SIGN UP YOUR CHILD WITH THE BUS COMPANY, LAMERS. THEIR PHONE NUMBER IS (920) 386-2200, EXTENSION 11412. IF YOUR CHILD IS NOT ON THEIR BUS LIST, THEY WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO RIDE.
- COMMUNICATION WITH LAMERS BUS COMPANY - JOEL SCHAAALMA OR YVONNE BACON - IS VERY IMPORTANT SO THAT ROUTES REMAIN ON SCHEDULE THROUGHOUT THE SCHOOL YEAR.
- IF YOUR CHILD WILL NOT BE RIDING THE BUS FOR ANY REASON, PLEASE CALL 920-386-2200 EXTENSION 11411 OR 11412 AND LEAVE A DETAILED MESSAGE BEFORE 6:30 AM.
- PICK UP OR DROP OFF TO LOCATIONS OTHER THAN THE CHILD'S HOME ARE PERMITTED ONLY FOR SUPERVISION OR DAYCARE PURPOSES. THESE ARRANGEMENTS MUST BE MADE IN ADVANCE WITH THE BUS COMPANY MANAGER OR BUS COMPANY OFFICE ASSISTANT.
- PARENTS MUST TRANSPORT ANY FRIENDS GOING TO SOMEONE'S HOME OR FOR A SLEEPOVER. THE LAMERS BUS DRIVERS WILL NOT TRANSPORT OTHER STUDENTS NOT ASSIGNED TO THEIR ROUTE. BUSES DO NOT HAVE THE CAPACITY TO TRANSPORT EXTRA RIDERS. DODGELAND ADMINISTRATORS AND OFFICE PERSONNEL WILL NOT BE APPROVING ANY BUS REQUESTS - EVERYTHING GOES THROUGH LAMERS.
- 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.
- IF YOU HAVE A STUDENT RIDING THE EC/4K BUS, THERE MUST BE AN ADULT AT THE STOP FOR THE DRIVER TO HAND THE STUDENT OFF TO. IF NO ONE IS THERE, THE CHILD WILL REMAIN ON THE BUS WHILE THE ROUTE CONTINUES UNTIL A PARENT CAN BE NOTIFIED.



SIT in my  
**ASSIGNED SEAT**

**Aisle  
Clear**

**Talking  
Voice  
Volume**



**Hands and  
feet to self**

**Sit until  
your stop**



*Be*  
**KIND**

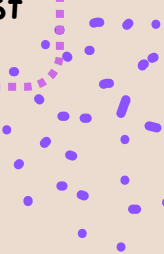
**DODGELAND DEN  
UPDATE**

**WALKING OR RIDING A  
BIKE TO SCHOOL?**

**\*\* DODGELEND DEN WILL  
CLOSE THIS YEAR AT 5:30PM \*\***

**BE SAFE.**

**PLEASE REMIND STUDENTS TO USE THE SIDEWALKS  
AT ALL TIME. CUTTING THROUGH THE JUNEAU CLINIC  
ON WESTERN AVE. IS DANGEROUS. STUDENTS MUST  
GO AROUND TO AVOID POSSIBLE ACCIDENTS.**





## **FEE INFORMATION**

**NEW THIS YEAR: ALL SCHOOL FEES WILL BE RECORDED AND TRACKED IN POWERSCHOOL. SCHOOL FEES WILL BE ASSOCIATED WITH STUDENTS AFTER THEIR 5TH DAY OF SCHOOL, YOU WILL BE ABLE TO PAY ALL FEES AT THAT TIME. PLEASE WATCH FOR A BRIGHT ARROW MESSAGE ONCE FEES HAVE BEEN POSTED.**

## **SPECIAL TREAT**

**A SPECIAL SURPRISE FROM MRS. HUELSMAN FOR EVERYONE THAT IS PRESENT IN SCHOOL ON FRIDAY, SEPT 20!**



## **HANDBOOK CHANGE**

### **RELEASE FROM SCHOOL- -APPOINTMENTS DURING SCHOOL DAY**

**WE ENCOURAGE PARENTS TO MAKE MEDICAL AND DENTAL APPOINTMENTS AFTER SCHOOL HOURS SO AS NOT TO INTERRUPT LEARNING. IF YOUR CHILD DOES NEED TO LEAVE THE BUILDING DURING THE SCHOOL DAY, PLEASE COME INTO THE OFFICE TO GET HIM/HER AND TO SIGN HIM/HER OUT. THIS IS FOR THE SAFETY OF THE CHILD. IT IS OUR WAY OF KNOWING THAT THE CHILD HAS LEFT THE SCHOOL WITH THE PROPER PERSON.**

**\*\* NEW: PLEASE PLAN ACCORDINGLY WHEN COMING TO PICK YOUR CHILD UP FOR AN APPOINTMENT. WHEN YOU ARRIVE, WE WILL CALL THE CLASSROOM TO NOTIFY THEM THAT AN ADULT IS PRESENT TO PICK THEM UP. THIS WAY WE CAN MAXIMIZE THE AMOUNT OF TIME YOUR CHILD IS LEARNING IN THE CLASSROOM. THIS MEANS THAT IT MAY TAKE 3-5 MINUTES AFTER YOU ARRIVE, BEFORE YOUR CHILD IS IN THE OFFICE TO BE SIGNED OUT. ALSO, SEND A NOTE OR MESSAGE AHEAD OF TIME TO THE CLASSROOM TEACHER THROUGH EMAIL, TEXT, CLASS DOJO OR WRITTEN NOTE.**

**A CHILD RETURNING TO SCHOOL FROM AN APPOINTMENT NEEDS TO BE CHECKED INTO THE OFFICE WITH A NOTE FOR OUR DOCUMENTATION TO ASSIST WITH MAINTAINING ACCURATE ATTENDANCE RECORDS. THIS NOTE DOES NEED TO BE ON LETTERHEAD OR OTHER MEANS FROM WHICH YOUR CHILD HAD THEIR APPOINTMENT.**







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# Help Your Child Succeed in School: Build the Habit of Good Attendance Early

## DID YOU KNOW?

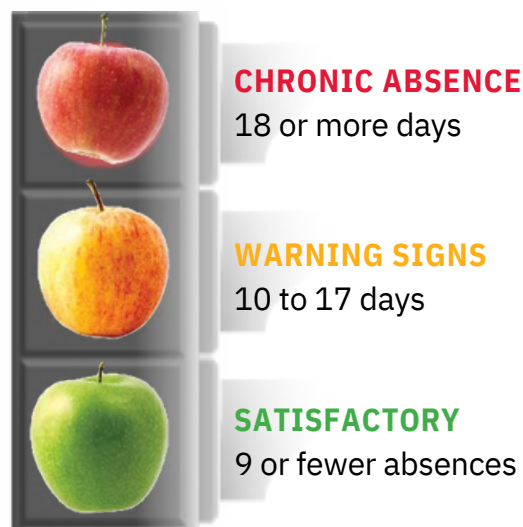
- Starting in preschool and kindergarten, too many absences can cause children to fall behind in school.
- Missing 10%, or about 2 days each month over the course of a school year, can make it harder to learn to read.
- Students can still fall behind if they miss just one or two days every few weeks.
- 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 session.
- 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.

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Visit Attendance Works at [www.attendanceworks.org](http://www.attendanceworks.org) for free downloadable resources and tools!

# SEPTEMBER 2024

## Dodgeland Elementary School

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2  Labor Day No School	3  	4  Work Out Wednesday  	5	6  Purple Pride Day!  
9	10	11  Work Out Wednesday  	12	13  Purple Pride Day!  
16  Fundraising Packets Sent Home	17	18  Work Out Wednesday  	19	20  Special Surprise from Mrs. Huelsman for students that are in attendance today!! Purple Pride Day!  
23	24  BrewerDay! Wear your Brewers Attire  	25  Students Early Release Day - Lunch Served Elementary Dismissal Time 12:20 pm	26	27  Purple Pride Day!  
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"YOU CAN NEVER GET ENOUGH  
**BOOKS**  
INTO THE HANDS  
OF ENOUGH  
**CHILDREN**"  
*Dolly*



## Inspire A Love of Reading

Enroll your child in Dolly Parton's  
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## MESSAGES FROM SCHOOL

WE CONTINUE TO UTILIZE AN AUTOMATED SYSTEM, BRIGHT ARROW, TO SEND OUT MASS PHONE CALLS, TEXT MESSAGES AND EMAILS TO OUR FAMILIES. WHEN PARENTS AREN'T RECEIVING THIS INFORMATION, WE OFTEN FIND THE FOLLOWING:

- EMAILS ARE GOING TO YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS, BUT ARE GOING TO SPAM/JUNK. THESE EMAILS MAY COME FROM THE EMAIL ADDRESS OF A SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR (I.E. JOHNSONJ@DODGELAND.K12.WI.US, MODAFF@DODGELAND.K12.WI.US, HUELSMAN@DODGELAND.K12.WI.US, GISCHIA@DODGELAND.K12.WI.US OR FROM JOHNSONJEN@DODGELAND.K12.WI.US) PLEASE MARK THIS AS "NOT JUNK" SO YOU AREN'T MISSING OUT ON FUTURE EMAILS.
- THE EMAIL ADDRESS OR CELL PHONE NUMBER IS NOT ACCURATE IN POWERSCHOOL. PLEASE MAKE SURE TO COMMUNICATE WITH THE OFFICE IF ANY CHANGES NEED TO BE MADE DURING THE SCHOOL YEAR.
- IF YOU DID NOT "OPT IN" TO THE ORIGINAL TEXT MESSAGE FROM SCHOOL THEN YOUR PHONE WILL NEVER RECEIVE A TEXT MESSAGE FROM US. BUT YOU CAN CHANGE THIS NOW BY SIMPLY TEXTING THE MESSAGE OF "YES" TO THE PHONE NUMBER 87569.

## 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 THE ELEMENTARY, MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL! MAKE SURE TO FILL OUT THE ONLINE CONSENT FORM ONLINE HERE SO THAT YOUR CHILD(REN) CAN RECEIVE THESE FREE TREATMENTS.

[WWW.SEALSONWHEELSWISCONSIN.COM](http://WWW.SEALSONWHEELSWISCONSIN.COM)

## SEEKING VOLUNTEERS!

Variety of options during or after the school day!

- Listen to kids read
- Help in the lunch room
- Help at sports events
- Help with special events
- and MORE!!!!

Parent and community volunteers play a vital role in enhancing our school activities and programs. Your involvement not only supports the students and staff but also strengthens the community bond!

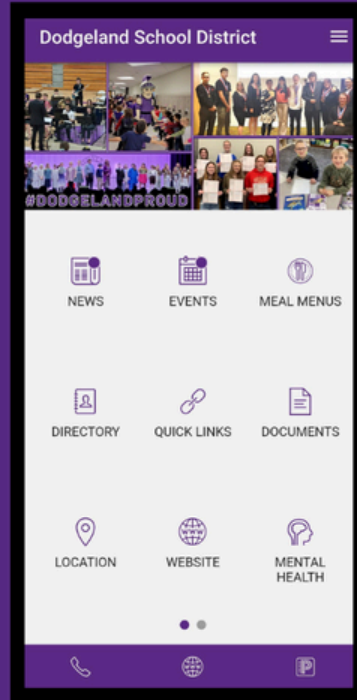
Sign up at:



<https://bit.ly/VolunteerDSD>  
or contact Jessica Johnson at  
920-386-4404 ext 1002



# Dodgeland School District App



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