



# Dodgeland S C H O O L S

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401 South Western Avenue  
Juneau, WI 53039



## Calendar

### April

30 Purple Purpose Room Open House

### May

1 Elementary Talent Show 6:00 PM

8 Elementary Concert 6:30 PM  
grades 1, 2, and 3

9 Elementary Concert 6:30 PM  
grades 4 and 5

15 MS/HS Choir Concert 7:00 PM

16 MS/HS Band Concert 7:00 PM

### May cont.

17 NHS Blood Drive

17 Senior Scholarship  
Awards Night 7:00 PM

26 Last Day of School for Students

26 High School Graduation 6:00 PM

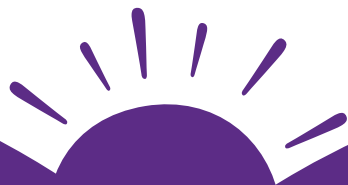
### June

7 Summer School begins

## Online apparel order

Show your school pride wherever you go!

Dodgeland Apparel can be purchased online at any time at: <https://tinyurl.com/DodgelandApparel>



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# WE Are Dodgeland

April 2023

## We Are Dodgeland

The mantra, *We Are Dodgeland*, represents unity as a school district. The diversity of our communities enriches our district's identity and should be celebrated. *We Are Dodgeland* is also a challenge to ensure every learner knows he or she belongs at Dodgeland.

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## Every Day at Dodgeland Great Things are Happening

We have incredible teachers, support staff, and coaches to teach our learners and help them explore their interests and passions. Research has shown that students who are involved in extracurricular activities are more likely to be successful in school, which is demonstrated throughout this newsletter as we share with you some great accomplishments of our students. I encourage you to follow our Facebook page to see regular posts of the great learning and activities happening within our school each day (just search Dodgeland School District).

The Dodgeland Board of Education has also begun to provide recognition at our monthly School Board meetings. The Board is excited to Share Dodgeland Pride by recognizing students and staff for their achievements, as well as business members/community partners for their support of Dodgeland. If there is someone you would like to nominate for public recognition, please feel free to reach out to a School Board member or me.

Sincerely,

**Jessica Johnson**

District Administrator

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## Middle School Forensics Competitors Qualify for State!

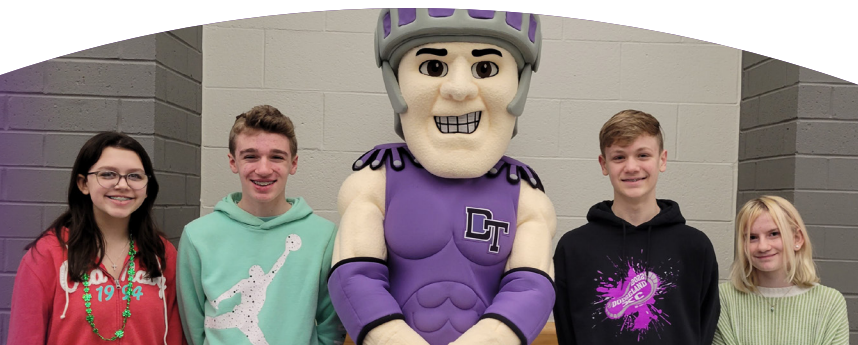
Forensics is public speaking and acting, giving students great experiences to build self-confidence and develop public speaking skills in a fun and supportive environment. Students choose from 18 different categories to compete individually or in small groups, growing from the feedback they receive from judges after each competition. Our state qualifying group wrote their own script for the category of Group Acting. Congratulations to Braxton Soldner, Lily Powers, Sophia Muth and Jaxon Sikora!

*Pictured left to right: Lily Powers, Jaxon Sikora, Braxton Soldner, Sophia Muth*

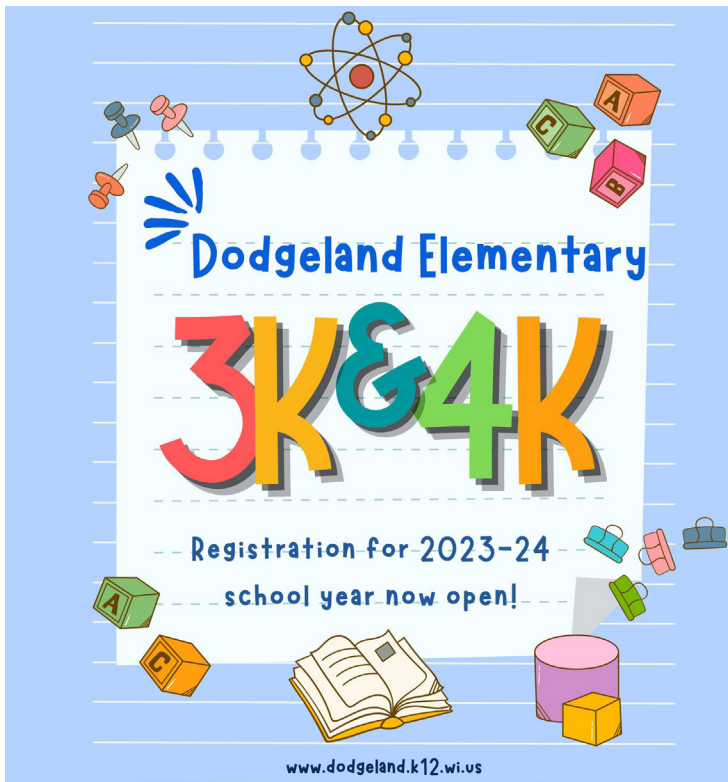


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## 3K and 4K Screening

**April 19th and 20th**

Dodgeland 3K and 4K Registration for the 2023-2024 school year is OPEN! Children who live in district who are 2 1/2 or 3 years old whose parents or caregivers have concerns regarding speech or developmental delays are encouraged to sign up for a time to meet with our early childhood team during the event. If your child is 3 or 4 years old by September 1st, they are eligible to join our 3K or 4K program. This year we will be returning to our in-person screening process for students to see a classroom, for parents to ask questions, and to complete registration materials for the fall. For screening times, please follow this link: <https://bit.ly/desscreening> or scan the QR code.

## Dodgeland 3K Program

Play-Based 3K program from 8am - 11am

- Follows our Dodgeland School district calendar
- Consistent 2-day (T/TH), 3-day (M/W/F), or 5-day options
  - » 2-day option: \$15/day (\$1065/year)
  - » 3-day option: \$12/day (\$1260/year)
  - » 5-day option: \$10/day (\$1760/year)
- Wraparound Care is available (\$5/hr)
  - » 6:30am - 7:30am
  - » 11:00am - 5:45pm
- Transportation is NOT provided
- Toilet Training not required

## Dodgeland 4K Program

Play-Based 4K program from 8am - 3am

- Follows our Dodgeland School district calendar
- Consistent 4-day (M - TH) or 5-day option
- Wraparound Care is available (\$5/hr)
  - » 6:30am - 7:30am
  - » 11:00am - 5:45pm
- Transportation provided on regular district bus routes
- Toilet Training not required
- One-time yearly School Fee: \$25
- Weekly access to art, music, PE, guidance and library lessons.

**Space is Limited and applications will be accepted until spots filled.**

## To start the process:

please sign up for a time to bring your child to our screening using the link in the post description.

**Questions? Call 920.386.4404 ext 1010**





## New Face at Dodgeland

Please help us welcome our new school nurse, Leah Neis, to Dodgeland. Nurse Neis has served as a Registered Nurse for eleven years at the VA Hospital, Poser Clinic, and Columbus Community Hospital, along with 16 ½ years as an Emergency Responder. Many years ago she volunteered as a softball and baseball mom and is happy to be back at Dodgeland in her new role as our school nurse.



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## Support for Mental Health

In January we asked for parent input on a mental health survey. From that survey, we learned:

- 90% of parents think about their child's mental health often
- 81% say their child has good/excellent mental health now (when completing the survey)
- 60% say they are concerned about their child's mental health
- Parents would prefer to watch a recorded session vs an in person event to learn about mental health topics

Supporting the overall well-being of students is important to our work at Dodgeland. With our mental health grant funds, we are excited to be able to offer Care Solace as a support available to all families in need of finding mental health support. This resource is available for students, parents and staff. You can find information about this new resource in this newsletter or contact Ashley Neis, School Social Worker at [neisa@dodgeland.k12.wi.us](mailto:neisa@dodgeland.k12.wi.us) or 920-386-4404, ext. 1021 to get started.

We have added a new page to our website for Mental Health Resources and a monthly newsletter, which you can find at <https://www.dodgeland.k12.wi.us/families/mental-health-resources.cfm> or go to [www.dodgeland.k12.wi.us](http://www.dodgeland.k12.wi.us) then choose Families, and then Mental Health Resources.

### IT'S OKAY TO ASK FOR HELP



Care Solace connects students, staff, and their families to care. At no cost to you, Care Solace will quickly and confidentially find available mental health and substance use providers matched to your needs.

Find the right help at the right time.



#### 24/7/365 MULTILINGUAL SUPPORT

A multilingual team is available 24/7/365 to help you understand options, call providers on your behalf, and schedule an appointment.



#### CARE REGARDLESS OF INSURANCE

Connect to care with any coverage including Medicaid, Medicare, and sliding scale options for those without insurance.



#### EASY ACCESS TO CARE

Use Care Match, the self-serve website, to find a provider on your own.

**GET CONNECTED TO CARE TODAY**

**888-515-0595**

[caresolace.com/](http://caresolace.com/)



Please note: Care Solace is not an emergency response service or mental health services provider. In the event of a life threatening emergency, call 9-1-1 or the National Suicide Hotline 9-8-8.

WE Are giving...

## Dodgeland Girls Cross Country Team and Logan Pickart Earn State Academic Awards

The Dodgeland Girls' Cross Country Team and Logan Pickart added another honor to their long list of accomplishments for the 2022 season. The girls' team was named by the Wisconsin Cross Country Coaches Association as a State All-Academic Team. The Trojans have a team GPA over 3.5. Logan was named as an individual to the team with his unweighted GPA of 4.0. You must qualify to compete at the State Meet to be eligible for this award.

Members of the girls team are seniors Sayrah Benzing, Tara Schaalma, and Hannah Prinz; juniors Sandra Osorio, Ava Raasch, and Lydia VandeBerg; sophomore Mallory Kohn; and freshman Angelina Prill.

"The award shows their commitment to both academics and athletics. We have outstanding student athletes at Dodgeland to work with. The hard work, effort, and self discipline they display both in the classroom and on the practice field will help them excel in life. We are so proud of all our runners for earning these awards", stated Coach Barry Smanz.

*Pictured left to right front: Angelina Prill, Sayrah Benzing, Logan Pickart, Hannah Prinz. Back Ava Raasch, Tara Schaalma, Lydia Vandeberg, Mallory Kohn*



## Academic Pentathlon Team to Compete at Nationals!

Academic Pentathlon is the middle school version of Academic Decathlon. The middle school team competes in five academic events: fine arts and music, mathematics, science, social studies, and a written essay. This year's Academic Pentathlon team has qualified to compete at the national competition in California this May. Good luck to Braxton Soldner, Alex Justmann, Beau Reiter, Keeley Schultz, Jayden Prescher, and Jaelyn Ubick.



## Congratulations to High School Musicians!

Several high school students qualified for the State Solo and Ensemble. Congratulations to Matthew Caine (Saxophone solo), Zoey Amis (Classical Solo), Rebecca Eggebrecht (classical solo), and Emma Verbeten (Classical and Musical Theater Solo).

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## Congratulations Dodgeland High School Robotics Team!

The Tesla Trojans qualified for state as part of the 2nd place team alliance out of 28 teams at the regional competition. At the state competition, they competed against 24 teams. They won three of their six matches at State and secured a 16th place finish! Congratulations to this year's team members: Logan Pickart, Treyton Grahn-Schultz, Colton Pickart, Noah Roberts, and Eric Mohr along with coaches Bill Pickart and Craig Johnson

*Pictured front left to right: Logan Pickart, Treyton Grahn-Schultz, Colton Pickart Back: Noah Roberts, Eric Mohr*



## Academic Decathlon Takes 2nd Place at State Competition

What do a rocket scientist, two veterinarians, a plumber's apprentice, a doctoral student in mathematics at the University of Minnesota, an architecture student, a lineman for the county, an environmental engineering student at the University of Chicago, a state wrestling champion, an art teacher, and a professional jazz musician in Japan all have in common? All were Dodgeland graduates and participants in Academic Decathlon while in high school.

*Left to right: Tyler Rogers, Robert Link, Noelle Thull, Emma Verbeten, Lori Henthorne, Nicole Sheeley, Carson Stiller, Balin Zahn, Morgana Zahn, Dani Caspersen, Ava Finger*

Academic Decathlon is a nationwide program dedicated to academic excellence in high schools. Academic Decathlon provides students of all learning levels the opportunity to excel academically through team competition. The Academic Decathlon is a team competition where students match their intellects with students from other schools. Essentially, they study to take tests for fun while competing against other teams. Students are tested in ten categories: art, economics, essay, interview, language and literature, mathematics, music, science, social science, and speech. All content is aligned with the yearly theme; this year's theme is the American Revolution.

Congratulations to this year's Academic Decathlon team for their success at the state competition! The DHS Academic Decathlon team placed 2nd place for Division 4 and also qualified to compete in the Online Nationals. In addition, several individual medals were earned:

**Ava Finger** (Scholastic): 2nd place in Speech  
**Emma Verbeten** (Varsity): 1st place in Interview  
**Robert Link** (Honors): 1st place in Interview  
**Morgana Zahn** (Honors): 1st place in Speech, 2nd place in interview, 3rd place in Art, 3rd place in Literature, 3rd place in Overall Honors, and the Team Top Scholar.



WE Are thinking...

## Valedictorian/Salutatorian

Dodgeland High School is pleased to announce that Logan Pickart has been named Valedictorian and Kira Schall has been named Salutatorian of the Class of 2023.



**Valedictorian Logan Pickart** has earned a grade-point average of 4.451; completing 11 AP courses and earning multiple college credit-hours. He is a member of the Future Business Leaders of America, National Honor Society, Link Crew, Student Council, and Tesla Trojans high school robotics team. Additionally, Logan competes in Track and Field and Cross Country and qualified as an individual athlete to compete at the Fall 2022 State Cross Country meet. He received the distinction of all state

cross country academic team in 2022. His commitment to academic achievement, combined with his service to the Dodgeland community and his other passions, has made him a true inspiration to his peers. Logan will attend Michigan Technological University this fall to study Computer Science.



**Salutatorian Kira Schall** has earned a grade-point average of 4.387. She has completed seven AP courses and three college courses. Kira is active in Volleyball, Softball, Future Business Leaders of America, FFA, National Honor Society, Student Council, and serves as a Senior Class Officer. In addition to her many activities dedicated to serving the Dodgeland community, Kira has combined her agricultural and entrepreneurial skills with her beekeeping and honey production. Kira's

balance of academics, service, and athletics has made her a model student at Dodgeland High School. Kira is still deciding on the university she will attend this fall, but will be studying marketing and public relations.

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## Trailways Conference Math Meet

Math for fun?! That's right! Last week we had several high school students apply their math skills to the Trailways conference math meet.

The Algebra 1 team took 6th place as a team. Laurence Oneson and Brina Draeger scored in the top 20.

The Geometry team took 4th place as a team. Olivia Downey and Zoye Hilby scored in the top 20 and Anton Mikolainis scored in the top 10!

**Congratulations to all of our  
Dodgeland Mathletes!**

***Pictured left to right in front:** Ryan Romero, Savannah Bubolz, Laurence Oneson, Brina Draeger, Alyssa Thull, Andy Kelley  
**Back:** Zoye Hilby, Angelina Prill, Mrs. Zambo, Abigail Oestreich, Logan Blattner, Anton Mikolainis, Olivia Downey, and Ms. Lucius*



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# Willy Wonka Kids

Dodgeland Elementary students performed the musical Willy Wonka Kids for parents and community members on March 24 and 25th and provided a great deal of comedy and entertainment. Musical cast members have been rehearsing after school to prepare for their big show. This is the 2nd year of an elementary musical led by Mr. Ben Johnson, elementary music teacher. High school junior Paris Rennhack assisted as a student director and choreographer.

**Pictured left to right:** Riely Grosz, Makenna Reider, Marshall Damrow, Brylee Klueger, Marcus Cornelius, Milo Soldner, James Payton, Zena McCabe, Jaxson Mills-Hanson, Aubree Reider



**Middle picture: Centered:** Brylee Klueger **Squirrels (LtoR):** Vincent Bloom, Nevaehly Bloom, Samantha Beaudou, Emrie Rennhack, Giselle Tabares

**Bottom picture:** Ember Stanton, Izabella VanBoxtel, Gracie Wegner, Lucy Kreuziger, Amara Hahn, James Payton, Brielle Schmitt, Aliyah Rehak, Joslynne Reinwald, Athena Barlow, Aerabella Siegel



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## PLEASE JOIN US FOR AN OPEN HOUSE

April 30th, 2023 at Dodgeland High School  
12:00-3:30 PM | Public welcome!

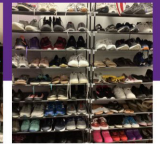
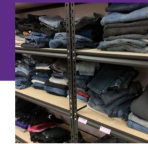


The Purple Purpose room is a room in Dodgeland High School where students in the district and local community can go to pick out school supplies, clothing items, hygiene products, and more—all for no cost to the students.

### PURPLE PURPOSE

#### RUN BY DODGELAND NHS

- ✓ Tour the room
- ✓ Get questions answered by NHS members
- ✓ Find out how to get involved



### QUESTIONS? CONTACT US

☎ 920-386-4404 Ext. 1308

🔍 Search Dodgeland NHS on Facebook

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- Threat reporting system
- Threat assessment consultation
- Critical incident response
- General school safety guidance

Reports can be made 24/7, online at [speakup.widj.gov](https://speakup.widj.gov) or by calling **1-800-MY-SUSO-1 (1-800-697-8776)**.



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