

OCTOBER NEWSLETTER

Dodgeland Elementary



A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

I HOPE THIS MESSAGE FINDS YOU WELL! FALL HAS OFFICIALLY ARRIVED, AND THERE'S A CRISP, EXCITING ENERGY BUZZING THROUGHOUT OUR SCHOOL. OCTOBER IS ALWAYS A WONDERFUL TIME IN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL-IT'S WHEN OUR STUDENTS ARE FULLY SETTLED INTO THEIR ROUTINES AND DIVING DEEPER INTO THEIR LEARNING.

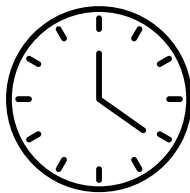
OCTOBER IS A WONDERFUL MONTH FOR READING! WE WILL BE HOSTING OUR ANNUAL BOOK FAIR ON OCT. 8 & 15. THIS IS A FANTASTIC OPPORTUNITY TO ENCOURAGE A LOVE OF BOOKS AND HELP US ADD NEW RESOURCES TO OUR SCHOOL LIBRARY AND CLASSROOMS.

REMEMBER, READING WITH YOUR CHILD FOR JUST 15-20 MINUTES A DAY HAS A MONUMENTAL IMPACT ON THEIR VOCABULARY, COMPREHENSION, AND OVERALL ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT. EVEN IF YOUR CHILD IS AN INDEPENDENT READER, TAKING TIME TO READ TOGETHER REMAINS A POWERFUL BONDING EXPERIENCE.



FRIENDLY REMINDERS

SCHOOL STARTS PROMPTLY AT 7:55 AM



BREAKFAST STARTS AT 7:30 AM

SAFETY FIRST WHILE RIDING A BIKE/SCOOTER/SKATEBOARD

- REMIND YOUR CHILD TO NOT CUT THROUGH THE CLINIC PARKING LOT
- WALKING BIKES ON SCHOOL GROUNDS DURING DROP OFF AND PICK UP TIMES



OCTOBER EVENTS

- October 6: Fundraiser Forms Due
- October 6: 3rd Grade Field Trip to Madison Zoo & Gardens
- October 14 : RESCHEDULED Picture Re-Take Day
- October 9: 4th Grade Walking Field Trip
- October 20: Dodge County Officer Training 5:30-8PM
- October 23: 4K Field Trip to Busy Barns Adventure Farms
- October 23: 1st Grade Field Trip to Madison Zoo
- October 24: PD Day- No School for Kids
- October 25: FFA Fall Festival
- October 28 5K Field Trip to Eberts Greenhouse Village

FRIENDLY REMINDERS



DROP OFF ROUTINES

- **PARK IN THE PARKING LOT IF WALKING YOUR CHILDREN TO THE DOORS.**
 - **IF YOU USE THE CIRCLE DRIVE, DROP YOUR CHILD OFF AT THE CURB ONLY SO THAT TRAFFIC CAN KEEP MOVING.**
- **CHILDREN SHOULD NOT BE DROPPED OFF BEFORE 7:30AM.**
 - **IF YOU NEED THEM TO BE DROPPED OFF PRIOR TO 7:30, THEY SHOULD REPORT TO THE DODGELAND DEN AT DOOR #29. CONTACT THE OFFICE IF YOU WANT YOUR CHILD TO USE THIS PROGRAM. (THE COST IS \$5/HOUR.)**
- **BREAKFAST STARTS AT 7:30AM. PLEASE HAVE YOUR CHILD AT SCHOOL BY 7:40AM AT THE LATEST SO THEY HAVE TIME TO EAT BEFORE SCHOOL STARTS AT 7:55AM.**

PICK UP ROUTINES

- **FOCUS ON PICK-UP:**
 - **ONCE THE FINAL BELL RINGS, STUDENTS SHOULD PROCEED DIRECTLY TO THEIR DESIGNATED PICK-UP LOCATION, BUS, OR WALKER ROUTE TO MEET THEIR RIDE AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE.**
- **SAFE ZONE:**
 - **FOR THE SAFETY OF EVERYONE DURING OUR BUSY DISMISSAL PERIOD, WE ASK THAT STUDENTS REFRAIN FROM ACTIVITIES LIKE CLIMBING TREES, CHASING GAMES, OR ROUGH PLAY. THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARTNERSHIP IN KEEPING OUR END-OF-DAY ROUTINE ORDERLY AND SECURE!**

ATTENDANCE

Being at school, on-time every day, is important for student's learning, both academically and socially. Of course, ill children should stay home to rest so they can return as soon as possible. Thank you for helping your child be at school each day. Every minute counts!

DID YOU KNOW?

WHEN A STUDENT MISSES 2 DAYS A MONTH, IT ADDS UP TO:

- **MISSING 20 DAYS A YEAR**
- **MISSING 30 HOURS OF MATH OVER THE SCHOOL YEAR**
- **MISSING 60 HOURS OF READING AND WRITING OVER THE SCHOOL YEAR**
- **MISSING OVER A YEAR OF SCHOOL BY GRADUATION**

SCHOOL FEES



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 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 14, your child will not receive milk at morning snack.

25-26 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.

How to pay for fees?

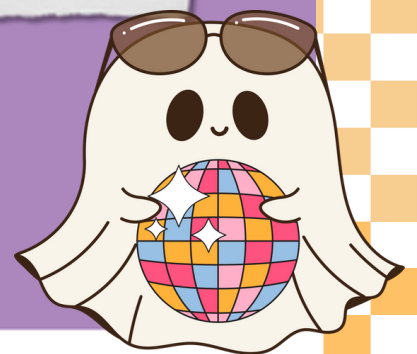
- All school fees can be paid through PowerSchool parent login, by clicking on "Balance" for your student. Directions on how to Pay for PowerSchool Fees can be found at:
- https://www.dodgeland.k12.wi.us/families/Forms_and_Payment/Documents/PowerSchool%20Fee%20-%20RevTrak%20Directions%20V24_1.pdf
- All school fees can be paid in the office via cash, credit card, or check in the office.

Each month you will get a monthly statement from the District Office with a list of any fees owed on each child's account.



How To See Your Students Photos

Make sure to fill out the form if your student needs to retake their school photo.



If you have not been able to see your students photos follow these steps!

1. Click this link and either log into your account or create your account. <https://shop.jostenspix.com/login>

2. Once your logged in at the top of the page click "Find Your Student?"

3. You will be asked for your students First and Last Name, and the event code. FE300925 is the event code for our school.

4. You will be asked for your students ID Number. This can be found in your powerschool Parent Portal. Or you can choose "I don't have this information" and a request can be sent to our staff.

(If a request has been sent please allow time for it to be approved)

5. If you need a retake please fill out the form Miss Patti sent out

STAND UP, SPEAK OUT:

ANTI-BULLYING EFFORTS

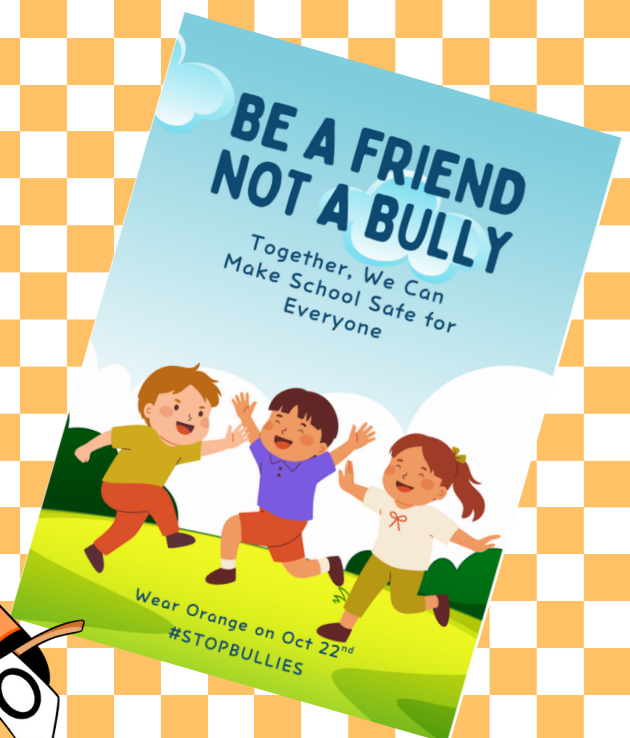


This month, we're focusing on fostering a safe and kind school environment. We encourage all students to participate in our Anti-Bullying Poster Contest! This is a fantastic opportunity for students to use their creativity to design powerful messages about kindness, inclusion, and what it means to be an upstander. Additionally, please mark your calendars for Tuesday, **October 22nd**, as we ask all students and staff to **Wear Orange** to show our collective solidarity against bullying. Together, we can make sure every student feels respected and valued.

Parents Act Now! is a dedicated space to help parents and caregivers understand and learn how to handle the different types of bullying situations that may affect your child or teen, whether at school, at home or in the community.

Click below for resources:

PARENTS ACT NOW! BULLYING PREVENTION RESOURCES





Grades K–5 Digital Citizenship Curriculum Letter to Parents

Dear parents and caregivers,

Your child is taking part in classroom lessons from **Common Sense Education**. Common Sense helps kids learn the habits and skills they need to use technology safely and responsibly in school, at home, and beyond.

WHAT IS DIGITAL CITIZENSHIP?

Kids today may seem like experts at using technology, but the digital world requires all kinds of skills and habits that kids don't just pick up as they go. Digital citizenship helps them learn those skills.

The Common Sense lessons help kids in grades K–2 develop healthy media habits and learn how to be safe online. Lessons for kids in grades 3–5 continue to focus on screen time and online safety. Older kids also learn about how to recognize cyberbullying, what is and isn't OK to share online, and how to find credible news and information.

WHAT FAMILIES CAN DO

Common Sense Education provides resources to help you support your kid's learning. As we teach these lessons in class, we'll be sending home tip sheets, videos, and activities for you to do with your kids. You can visit the Common Sense website at www.commonsensemedia.org for more.

Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions. Working together with Common Sense Education, we can prepare today's kids to think critically and use tech in positive, creative, and powerful ways.

Sincerely,

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To learn more about Common Sense Education's tools and resources, visit www.commonsense.org/education.