

October Newsletter

DODGELAND ELEMENTARY



A Message From The Principal

HELLO FAMILIES!

IT IS HARD TO BELIEVE THAT WE HAVE FINISHED A MONTH OF SCHOOL ALREADY. WE ARE NOW IN FULL SWING OF THE SCHOOL YEAR. WE HAVE BEEN GETTING TO KNOW YOUR STUDENTS AND HAVE BEEN PRACTICING PROCEDURES AND ROUTINES EVERY DAY. NEXT MONTH WE LOOK FORWARD TO PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES AND FOR SOME GRADES, FALL FIELD TRIPS.

AS WE MOVE THROUGH THE SCHOOL YEAR, PLEASE CONTINUE TO STAY UP TO DATE WITH YOUR CHILD'S CLASSROOM BY CHECKING THE CLASS DOJO PAGE FOR MESSAGES AND CELEBRATIONS. YOU CAN ALSO USE THE MESSAGING SYSTEM THERE TO COMMUNICATE WITH YOUR CHILD'S TEACHER AND SUPPORT TEACHERS. PLEASE READ THROUGH THIS MONTH'S NEWSLETTER FOR IMPORTANT INFORMATION AND UPCOMING EVENTS. AS ALWAYS, IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE FEEL FREE TO REACH OUT TO ME!

HAPPY FALL!

MRS. HUELSMAN

Important Dates

- OCT. 2ND: NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS
- OCT. 5TH: FUNDRAISER ORDERS DUE
- OCT. 5TH: PTC MEETING @ 7:30
- OCT. 27TH: PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES- 4:00-7:30
- OCT. 29TH: PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES- 4:00-7:30
- OCT. 27TH: BOOK FAIR 4:00-7:30
- OCT. 29TH: BOOK FAIR- 4:00-7:30
- OCT. 30TH: NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS

What is an Administrative Hold?

THIS IS NOT A LOCKDOWN!

AN ADMINISTRATIVE HOLD IS A PROCEDURE WE USE TO KEEP HALLWAYS CLEAR FOR SHORT PERIODS, WHETHER FOR STUDENT PRIVACY DURING A MEDICAL ISSUE OR HALLWAY MANAGEMENT WHEN NECESSARY. CLASSROOMS OPERATE NORMALLY DURING A HOLD, AND ALL STUDENTS REMAIN SAFE AND LEARNING INSIDE.

Lunchroom Silverware

WHEN PACKING A COLD LUNCH FOR YOUR STUDENTS PLEASE REMEMBER TO PACK THEM THE SILVERWARE THEY WILL NEED. THE SILVERWARE HERE AT SCHOOL IS FOR STUDENTS WHO ARE HAVING HOT LUNCH! THANK YOU FOR HELPING US OUT WITH THIS!



Herb Kohl Award

EACH YEAR, HERB KOHL FOUNDATION RECOGNIZES TEACHERS AND PRINCIPALS ACROSS OUR STATE. WANT TO NOMINATE SOMEONE OR LEARN MORE ABOUT IT?

CLICK HERE



Herb Kohl
Educational Foundation, Inc

Winter Weather Drive



AS THE WEATHER TURNS COLDER, WE ARE HOSTING A WINTER CLOTHES DRIVE TO HELP ENSURE ALL OF OUR STUDENTS STAY WARM THIS SEASON!

WE WILL BE COLLECTING GENTLY USED OR NEW WINTER COATS, HATS, GLOVES, AND SCARVES.

WE ARE IN ESPECIALLY HIGH NEED OF WINTER BOOTS OF ALL SIZES!

PLEASE DROP OFF ANY DONATIONS IN THE COLLECTION BINS LOCATED IN THE ELEMENTARY OFFICE!

THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR WARMTH, GENEROSITY, AND SUPPORT FOR OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY!

WE ARE ALSO COLLECTING DONATIONS OF CHILDRENS CLOTHES TO KEEP STOCKED AT SCHOOL FOR ACCIDENTS AND MESSSES THROUGHOUT THE YEAR! NEW OR GENTLY USED KIDS CLOTHING OF ALL SIZES!



Playworks

PLAYWORKS IS A NATIONAL NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION THAT PARTNERS WITH SCHOOLS AND COMMUNITIES TO IMPROVE CHILDREN'S HEALTH AND WELL-BEING THROUGH SAFE, INCLUSIVE, AND HEALTHY PLAY



Coach Maggie

OUR PLAYWORKS COACH, COACH MAGGIE, WILL BE BACK IN THE BUILDING WORKING WITH MRS. CHAMBERS OUT AT RECESS PLAYING GAMES AND REVIEWING EXPECTATIONS! SHE WILL BE HERE OCTOBER 8TH!



Six Simple Principles of Play

In our experience at Playworks, focusing on a few key principles of play ensures the most joyful, free and fun experience for all children and adults. Try on these approaches in your school!

playworks.org

1. **Every kid** has the opportunity to play every day - from the classroom, to the playground and in the neighborhood.
2. Kids **get to choose** to play and to choose games that make them happy.
3. Kids have the **right tools to resolve playground conflicts** on their own.
4. **Adults play alongside kids**, modeling and supporting a culture of trust, positivity and fun.
5. Play is **not treated as a reward** to be revoked.
6. **Everyone is welcome** to join in the game, because playing together is a great way to build community.



Psychotherapy Center of Waunakee



Mental Health Support at School

Our school partners with the **Psychotherapy Center of Waunakee (PCOW)** to provide mental health support for students during the school day. PCOW therapists can help students with things like stress, anxiety, depression, friendships, family changes, grief and loss, self-esteem, and other life challenges.

Having a therapist at school makes it easier for students to get support without having to travel to an outside office. **If you think your child could benefit from therapy, please reach out to Jen Johnson at Dodgeland (920-386-8293) or [PCOW](#) to learn more.**

8 Ways Students Can Prioritize Mental Health and Wellbeing



PRIORITIZE SELF-CARE
Make time for activities or hobbies you enjoy.



STAY RESTED AND WELL NOURISHED
Get enough sleep and eat balanced and nutritious meals.



STAY ACTIVE
Exercise can help reduce stress and improve mood.



LIMIT TECHNOLOGY USE
Set boundaries for screen time and digital interactions.



PRACTICE MINDFULNESS
Try meditation, deep breathing, or yoga to stay present and manage stress.



MAINTAIN SOCIAL CONNECTIONS
Building and maintaining a support network is essential for mental well-being.



TIME MANAGEMENT
Avoid overloading yourself with tasks and allocate time for relaxation.



PRACTICE POSITIVE SELF-TALK
Cultivating self-compassion can improve your overall outlook on life.

Parents, Teachers, Community

OUR OCTOBER MEETING WILL BE MONDAY, OCTOBER 5TH AT 7:30PM.

[GOOGLE MEETS LINK HERE](#)

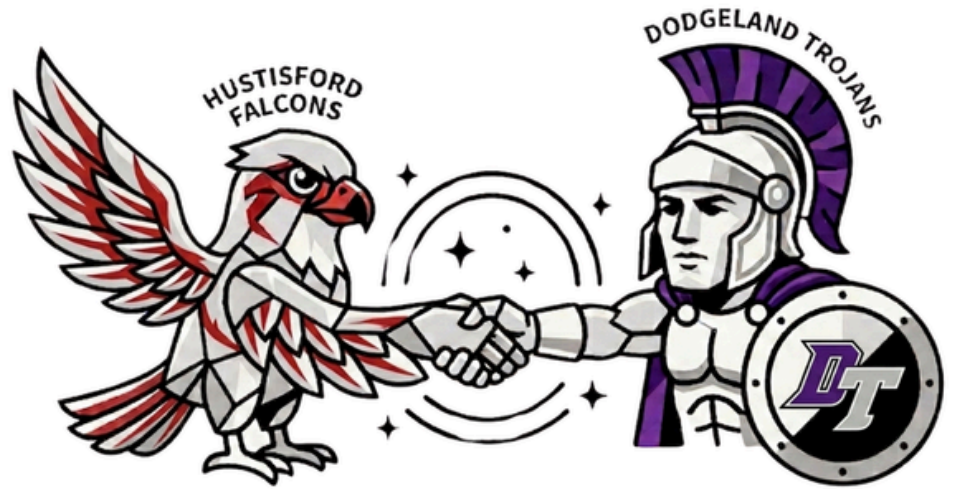
THE PTC IS WORKING TOGETHER TO DONATE MEALS FOR THE TEACHERS FOR THE NIGHT OF PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES! IF YOU ARE ABLE PLEASE CLICK THE LINKS BELOW TO SIGN UP TO BRING IN A DISH!

FOOD SHOULD BE BROUGHT TO THE ELEMENTARY OFFICE BY 3:00PM ON THE DAY YOU SIGNED UP FOR!

[CLICK HERE TO SIGN UP FOR OCTOBER 27TH: SIGN UP HERE!](#)

[CLICK HERE TO SIGN UP FOR OCTOBER 29TH: SIGN UP HERE!](#)

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Volunteer Application Portal

WITH FIELD TRIPS RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER PLEASE REMEMBER TO
FILL OUT THE VOLUNTEER APPLICATION ONLINE IF YOU WISH TO BE A
CHAPERONE!

*** 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](#)

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.

Your Presence Matters!

Good school attendance means...



Preschoolers
build skills and
develop good habits
for showing
up on time



**Elementary
students**
read well by the end
of third grade



High schoolers
stay on track for
graduation



College students
earn their degrees

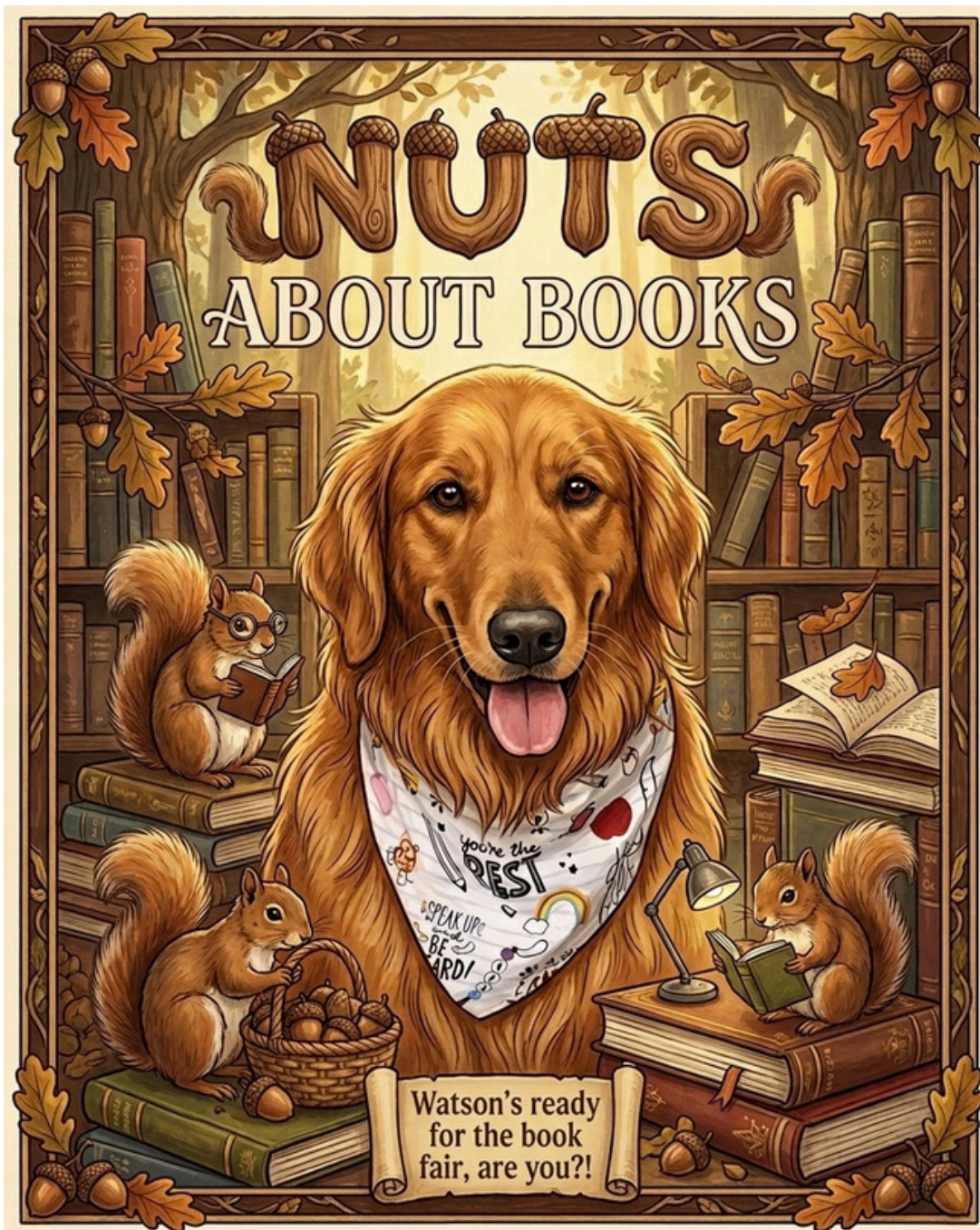


Workers
succeed in their jobs

Too many absences—excused or unexcused—can keep students from succeeding in school and in life. How many are too many? 10% of the school year—that's 18 missed days or 2 days a month—can knock students off track.

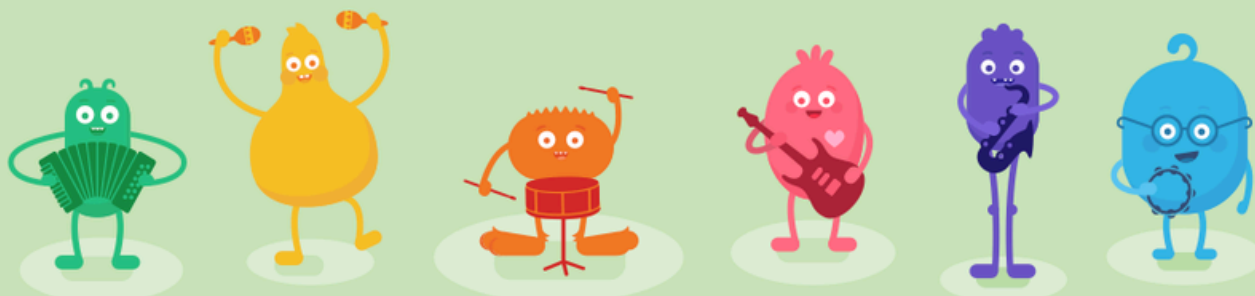
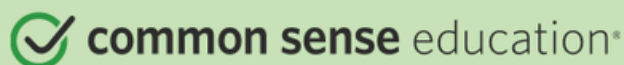


www.attendanceworks.org



TUESDAY, OCT. 27
&
THURSDAY, OCT. 29
4:00-7:30PM

DURING PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES



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,

Dodgeland Elementary

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



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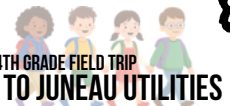
MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

			1	2  NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS DODGELAND DEN IS OPEN
5  PTC MEETING @7:30	6	7 3RD GRADE FIELD TRIP TO THE GARDENS AND MADISON ZOO  WORKOUT WEDNESDAY	8  4TH GRADE FIELD TRIP TO JUNEAU UTILITIES 5TH GRADE INSTRUMENT SIGN UP 4:30-5:30PM	9 PURPLE PRIDE FRIDAY 
12  BREWERS DAY THEY ARE GOING TO MAKE IT ALL THE WAY!	13	14  WORKOUT WEDNESDAY	15  4K FALL FEST @SCHOOL 2ND GRADE FIELD TRIP TO MILWAUKEE MUSEUM 	16 PURPLE PRIDE FRIDAY 
19  PACKERS DAY	20	21  WORKOUT WEDNESDAY	22  5K FIELD TRIP TO EBERTS FARM	23 PURPLE PRIDE FRIDAY 
26  NATIONAL PUMPKIN DAY WEAR ORANGE! SCHOOL BOARD MEETING 8:30	27 PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES 4:00-7:30  BOOK FAIR 4:00-7:30	28  WORKOUT WEDNESDAY	29 PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES 4:00-7:30  BOOK FAIR 4:00-7:30	30  NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS DODGELAND DEN IS OPEN