

# DODGELAND ELEMENTARY NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER  
2024

## 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 Homecoming, 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

## Reminders

Picture Retake Day is September 30

Homecoming Week is the week starting September 30

Friday October 4 is a 2:30 release for the Homecoming Parade - Parade is at 4:00





## Upcoming Events

- Fundraiser Packets Due: October 7
- Parent/Teacher Conferences: October 9 4:00 - 7:30
- Parent/Teacher Conferences: October 16 4:00 - 7:30
- Early Release Day: October 24
- No School: October 25

## Contact Info

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## Importance of Sleep

One way to help your child do their best at school is to make sure they get enough sleep each night. The National Sleep Institute recommends that children aged 6-13 should get between 9-11 hours of sleep each night, and for students aged 3-5, they recommend 10-13 hours of sleep each night. Students that are tired at school have a hard time concentrating on their work, are more irritable and are more likely to be emotional with peers and family members.

<https://www.mayoclinichealthsystem.org/hometown-health/speaking-of-health/sleep-an-essential-element-of-success-for-children>

### Did you Know?

Did you know there's a Dodge County Teacher of the Month? Which teacher do you want to nominate for this recognition? If selected by American Bank, they will receive 200 for their classroom/supplies!

If you would like to nominate a teacher, send an email to [marketing@americanbankbd.com](mailto:marketing@americanbankbd.com). Nominations should be in a short essay form and include why the teacher should be recognized, how they go above and beyond for their students, extracurricular activities they are involved in, how they make a difference in their community, etc. Nominations are reviewed at the end of each month and a recipient is chosen for the next month.

For more information, please visit

[https://americanbankbd.com/dodge-county-teacher-of-the...](https://americanbankbd.com/dodge-county-teacher-of-the-...)  
or call 920-356-6999.



# Health Guidance for Going to School

Showing up to school every day is critical for

children's well-being, engagement and learning.

## Make sure to send children to school if they are:

- Generally healthy and well.
- Participating in usual day-to-day activities.
- Children can even go to school if they:
  - Have a mild cold, which may include a runny nose and/or cough.
  - Have eye drainage without fever, eye pain or eyelid redness.
  - Have a mild stomachache.
  - Have a mild rash with no other symptoms.
  - Have head lice. Though they are annoying and should be treated, lice are not a reason to exclude a child from school.
  - Haven't had a fever overnight and they have not taken fever-reducing medicine during that time.

**Avoid keeping children at home unless they are too sick to participate. Please see the back of this handout for details. Note that in most situations, a health-care provider's note is not needed to return.**

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Children may also avoid school due to anxiety (symptoms may include decreased appetite, feeling tired, stomachache, headache etc). If you are worried that your child may be suffering from anxiety, talk with your teacher, the school nurse, social worker or other school staff to discuss the challenge and identify what can help your child stay in school.

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**If your child has a compromised immune system or is at high risk for complications from common illnesses, please talk to your school (school nurse if available) about developing a plan with you and your child's health-care provider to keep your child healthy and safe while attending school.**

*Please note: This document is not meant to take the place of local health department/school district guidance including about contagious illnesses such as Covid-19 and the flu.*

# Reasons to keep me home from school and what needs to happen before I can return

What is my symptom?	When should I stay home and when to seek medical care?	When can I return to school?
<b>Fever</b>	I have a fever of 100.4°F (38°C) or higher. <b>Seek medical care</b> if I have fever and any of the following: ear pain, sore throat, rash, stomachache, headache or tooth pain.	If I have not had a fever overnight without the use of fever-reducing medication and I am feeling better.
<b>Vomiting and/or diarrhea</b>	If I have vomited 2 or more times in the last 24 hours. If my stool is watery and I may not make it to the toilet in time. <b>Seek medical care</b> if I have stomach cramping and fever, I have bloody or black stool, or I am showing signs of dehydration (tired and sleepy, dry mouth and not urinating at least once in the last 8 hours).	If I did not vomit overnight and I am able to drink liquids without throwing up. If my diarrhea has improved.
<b>Persistent cough or trouble breathing</b>	<b>Seek medical care</b> if I have a persistent cough, difficulty breathing or trouble catching my breath or if I develop a fever with the cough. These symptoms may be signs of Covid-19 or flu and should be evaluated by a health-care provider.	Once I am feeling better and I have been cleared for return by my health-care provider. If my symptoms were due to asthma, please make sure that I have permission to use breathing medication at school.
<b>Rash</b>	<b>Seek medical care</b> if the rash has blisters, is draining, is painful, looks like bruises and/or if I develop a fever.	Rash has healed or I have been cleared for return by my health-care provider.
<b>Eye irritation</b>	<b>Seek medical care</b> if I have eye swelling, eye pain, trouble seeing or an eye injury.	Once I am feeling better.
<b>Sore throat</b>	<b>Seek medical care</b> if I have drooling, trouble swallowing or a fever and/or rash.	Once I am feeling better. If I was prescribed an antibiotic by my health-care provider, then I can return 12 hours after the first dose, if I am without fever and I am feeling better.

*If you don't know whether to send your child to school or have specific concerns regarding your child's health, contact your child's health-care provider, a local urgent care or the school nurse.*

# Math Tip of the Month

Calendars, clocks, and coins, oh my!

You can strengthen your child's math foundation by practicing everyday skills.

## Calendars

Write down important dates (birthdays, vacations, game dates). How many days, weeks, or months until...? How many days between your birthday and Mom's or Dad's birthday? If \_\_\_\_\_ is on a Tuesday and \_\_\_\_\_ is in 23 days, what day will that be?

## Clocks

What time do you go to bed? What time do you get up? Is that a.m. or p.m.? Where would the hour hand be? Where would the long hand be? How long do you sleep? If practice is at \_\_\_ and it takes 20 minutes to get there, what time should we leave? You can play for 1 hour. What time do you need to stop? How long does it take to brush your teeth? Eat breakfast? Which takes longer?

## Coins

Collect coins in a jar. Check pockets, couch/chair cushions, under car seats. Sort them and talk about the names and values of each. Practice counting by ones (pennies), fives (nickels), tens (dimes) and twenty-fives (quarters). Mix them up and grab a handful. How much do you have?

Resource: "Building a Strong Mathematical Foundation at Home, 2014 Math Unity LLC, [www.FamilyMathNight.com](http://www.FamilyMathNight.com)

"According to a study in the National Library of Medicine, 93% of adults in the United States experience some level of math anxiety. Incorporating math into your child's daily

routine can help them develop a positive relationship with this essential subject."

Source: <https://www.splashlearn.com/blog/why-is-math-important-for-kids-to-learn/>

**FACT PRACTICE**

**ATTENTION ALL 3RD-5TH GRADE PARENTS!!**

Never hesitate to practice multiplication facts with your child. After all it is knowledge they need for life!

x	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
2	0	2	4	6	8	10	12	14	16	18
3	0	3	6	9	12	15	18	21	24	27
4	0	4	8	12	16	20	24	28	32	36
5	0	5	10	15	20	25	30	35	40	45
6	0	6	12	18	24	30	36	42	48	54
7	0	7	14	21	28	35	42	49	56	63
8	0	8	16	24	32	40	48	56	64	72
9	0	9	18	27	36	45	54	63	72	81

It's really only 36 facts to memorize once they understand the basics of multiplying.























Nutritious • Delicious • Wisconsin

Greetings,

Our school is participating in [Wisconsin Harvest of the Month](#)! Harvest of the Month is a statewide campaign that encourages students to eat more fruits and vegetables. Each month, our school will feature one Wisconsin-grown fruit or vegetable that is seasonally available. We will encourage students to taste, explore, and learn about the importance of eating fruits and vegetables in the classroom and cafeteria.

Watch the school menu, newsletter, Facebook page, and postcards sent home with students for more information about the Harvest of the Month fruits and vegetables. We will feature fruits and veggies from this list:

wisconsin harvest of the month		FEATURED FRUITS & VEGGIES					
autumn	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>apples</li><li>winter squash</li><li>broccoli</li><li>cranberries</li><li>kale</li></ul>						
winter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>carrots</li><li>sweet potatoes</li><li>cabbage</li><li>potatoes</li><li>beets</li></ul>						
spring	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>greens</li><li>asparagus</li><li>sweet peas</li><li>lettuce</li><li>radish</li></ul>						
summer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>summer squash</li><li>peppers</li><li>tomatoes</li><li>corn</li><li>cucumber</li></ul>						

Ask your child about Harvest of the Month foods and prepare these foods at home. Providing many opportunities for your child to try new foods is important for building healthy eating habits and adventurous eaters.

We hope you join us in this opportunity to promote eating fruits and vegetables!



**FOOD WISE**  
Healthy choices, healthy lives.

UW-MADISON EXTENSION

Wisconsin Harvest of the Month is a project of The University of Wisconsin-Madison Division of Extension FoodWise program.

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# Harvest of the Month



## Apples are the Harvest of the Month!

### Add apples to your favorite family meals:

- Mix apple chunks into your hot cereal.
- Pair apple slices with cheese.
- Add thin apple slices to chicken salad or peanut butter sandwich.

Make meals and memories together. It's a lesson kids will use for life.

- Select** – Choose firm apples with smooth and shiny skin.
- Store** – Refrigerate in a plastic bag for up to 3 weeks.
- Prepare** – Eat whole or sliced. Leave on the skin for extra nutrients!

### Did you know?

There are over 7,500 varieties of apples grown across the world. Some Wisconsin favorites include Gala, McIntosh, Golden Delicious, Honey Crisp, and Cortland.



Nutritious, Delicious, Wisconsin!  
#WHarvestoftheMonth



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## SU/SO

**Speak Up, Speak Out** is a one-stop resource for:

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

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



Brought to you by the Wisconsin Department of Justice

## Community

### DODGELAND COMMUNITY BRIEFING

Join us for a community presentation and discussion about Social Connectedness and Youth Mental Health in Dodge county. Expect engaging research findings and thought-provoking table discussions.

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 14**  
**6:00 PM**

**DODGELAND SCHOOL COMMONS**



The U.S. Surgeon General and many others consider loneliness and isolation to be one of the largest public health challenges we face. Research shows that without adequate connection, loneliness and isolation contribute to depression, heart disease, stroke, anxiety, and dementia.



DodgeLand School District is a part of the Every Child Thrives network and a unique opportunity to take part in a leading-edge, national movement to build socially connected communities.

We invite all community members to be a part of the community conversation to be a part of positive change for the future.

**STRONGER Together**  
Building a more connected community





# Beach Party Homecoming '24 Spirit Week Dress Up Days



**M**

**REPRESENT DAY**

What are your interests and hobbies? Show us your interests like wearing a jersey from your favorite sport team or a shirt about an interest you have like Pokemon or princesses.



**T**


**DRESS LIKE A FAVORITE  
SEASON/HOLIDAY/TRADITION DAY**

Relive your favorite season of the year by dressing as a holiday or a tradition your family has during the year!  
No full costumes please.



**W**

**OUTDOORSY DAY**



The outdoors offers so much to explore! Camping! Fishing! Picnics! How do you like to enjoy outside? Wear camo, clothes to go fishing or hiking in, etc. No sharp objects/weapons.



**Th**

**BEACH/TROPICAL DAY**


Island breeze and sunny skies. Dress like you're ready for summer vacation or like a movie with island vibes.  
i.e. Moana, Finding Nemo, Lilo/Stitch.



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**PURPLE PRIDE**

Show that Dodgeland pride by wearing purple!





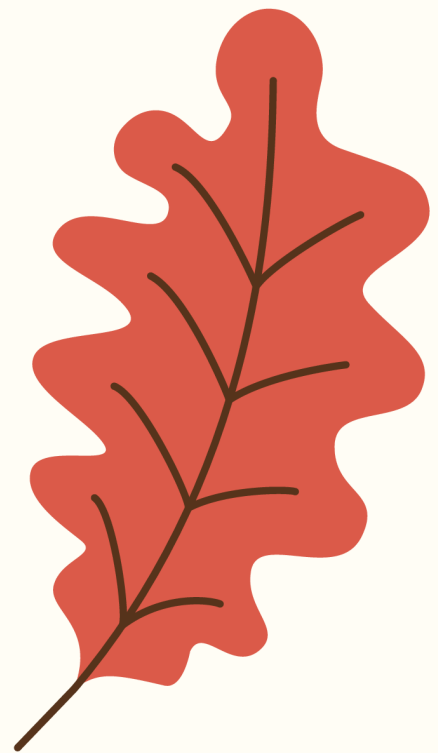


## Reminders

- Parents: Please drop off students at the door at the beginning of the day. If your child needs help getting to their class, we will help them with the transition.
- Students should not walk or ride their bikes through the Juneau Clinic parking lot
- Bus Info: If your child is not riding the bus, please contact the bus company. This is especially important if the student is getting picked up early. If the bus picked them up in the morning, they will be looking for them to ride after school.
- Snack Break Milk - The semester fee for snack break milk must be paid in full by **Friday, October 4**. Students with an unpaid balance will not be served milk starting Monday, October 7.
- Playground: The playgrounds are off limits until after 5:30 unless you are a Dodgeland Den participant. Also, playground equipment is used during the day only and only for our school students.

## October Field Trips

- October 17 - 4K Field Trip Busy Barns
- October 23 - 5K Field Trip Pumpkin Patch
- October 23 - 1st Grade Field Trip Henry Vilas Zoo
- October 30 - 3rd Grade Field Trip Olbrich Gardens and Henry Vilas Zoo





## SCHOOL FEES

Dear Dodgeland Families,

All school fees have been associated with students in PowerSchool, including course-specific fees at the secondary level.

All District information regarding fees can be found on our website at:  
<https://www.dodgeland.k12.wi.us/families/forms-and-payment.cfm>

School fees are 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](https://www.dodgeland.k12.wi.us/families/Forms_and_Payment/Documents/PowerSchool%20Fee%20-%20RevTrak%20Directions%20V24_1.pdf)

\*Please Note - it does NOT work to pay fees through the PowerSchool app. You will need to use an internet browser when using your phone and login to PowerSchool online.

Semester milk fees have been added for elementary students. If you do not want your student to receive milk for the morning snack break, please contact Trisha Pieper in the elementary office at 920-386-4404, ext. 1010. Students who qualify for free meals (not reduced) have had milk fees waived.

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 for free/reduced meals over summer, the waiver consent form must be received by September 20th in the District Office. 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, ext. 1001.


New this year, school meals can be paid through PowerSchool. In the past, families have added to a lunch account for one student and the amount was shared amongst siblings. With our new system, you will need to add an amount to each child’s account. You can then “add to cart” and pay for all student meals in one transaction. You can still send cash/check to school for meal accounts with a note for Mrs. Bolman on how to allocate amounts for your children.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding your child’s fees, please reach out to the appropriate school office:

Elementary 920-386-4404, option 5  
Middle/High 920-386-4404, option 4

Sincerely,

Jessica Johnson





# OCTOBER 2024



## Dodgeland Elementary School

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	1	2	3	4
<b>HOMECOMING WEEK!</b>  Represent Day (Sept. 30) Also picture retake day	<b>HOMECOMING WEEK!</b>  Season/Holiday/ Tradition Day	<b>HOMECOMING WEEK!</b>  Outdoorsy Day	<b>HOMECOMING WEEK!</b>  Beach/Tropical Day	<b>HOMECOMING WEEK!</b>  Purple Pride  Homecoming Parade at 4:00
7	8	9	10	11
<b>***Fundraiser Packets Due***</b>		Work Out Wednesday  <b>Parent/Teacher Conferences &amp; Scholastic Book Fair 4:00-7:30 p.m.</b>		<b>PURPLE PRIDE DAY</b>  
14	15	16	17	18
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21	22	23	24	25
	<b>National Color Day!</b> EC 3K - Purple 4K - Green 5K - Pink 1st - Yellow 2nd - Black 3rd - Blue 4th - Orange 5th - Red	Work Out Wednesday  <b>5K Field Trip Pumpkin Patch 1st Grade Field Trip Henry Vilas Zoo</b>	<b>Students Early Release Day - Lunch Served Elementary Dismissal Time 12:20 pm</b>	<b>NO SCHOOL</b>
28	29	30	31	
		Work Out Wednesday  <b>3rd Grade Field Trip Olbrich Gardens/Zoo</b>		

 SCHOLASTIC

*It's* **BOOK FAIR** *time!* 



**When**

Wednesday, Oct. 9th & 16th  
4:00-7:30 pm

**Where**

Dodgeland School Library  
Can't make it in person?!  
Shop online October 8th-17th!

<https://bookfairs.scholastic.com/bf/dodgelschool>

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**BOOK FAIR**

*¡Es la hora de la* **FERIA DEL LIBRO!** 



**Cuando**

Miércoles 9 y 16 de octubre  
16:00-19:30

**Dónde**

Biblioteca de la escuela de  
Dodgeland  
¿No puedes hacerlo en persona?  
¡Compra en línea del 8 al 17 de

octubre!

<https://bookfairs.scholastic.com/bf/dodgelschool>