



Dodge City Middle School

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“Making A Difference @ DCMS”

Dodge City Middle School will foster a culture with independent learning where students can achieve their full potential in academics, personal, physical and moral development in the 21st Century.

August 7, 2017

Welcome Back!

We are quickly approaching the opening of the first day of school as we transition from summer vacation marking August 17, 2017, as the start of a new school year. This year’s theme is “Making A Difference @ DCMS”. Our focus will be on developing 21st College and Career Readiness skills. We will strive to help students become emotionally, academically and socially competent individuals who are resourceful, academically engaged and responsible members of society. I am looking forward to this school year for many reasons including the implementation of our Multi Tier System of Support to ensure all students learn, opportunities for professional growth in “Teach Like A Champion,” and meeting individual student needs through our Individual Plans of Study. As to new teachers, I would like to welcome to the DCMS family the following new teachers:

- Mrs. Cheryl Buckner6th Grade Science
- Ms. Mandy Camacho7th Grade Science
- Mrs. Kimberly Copenhaver7th Grade Connect
- Ms. Ashley Dales.....Reading Seminar
- Ms. Sarah Beth HeilCounselor
- Ms. Carol JenknerProblem Solving
- Ms. Danna Pogue.....6th Grade ELA
- Mr. Scott Schuette.....Health & Strength & Conditioning
- Mrs. Molly Weber.....7th ELA

Middle school is a vital developmental link between elementary school and high school—a span of time when young people actively seek a sense of purpose and place. It is our job as middle level educators to provide time for students to explore multiple opportunities, while also keeping them engaged, challenged and supported.

We believe our children are gifts with limitless potential when nurtured in a caring environment. Through the efforts of our entire school community, we can help them to develop their own unique skills and talents and prepare them for continued success far beyond their early adolescent years. With Cardinal Pride I welcome each and every individual to a prosperous year, dedicated to “Growing Stronger Together”.

Our school is what it is because of our staff of dedicated, aspiring men and women establishing a common goal to do what is best for students and always looking for ways to continue to achieve this goal. What we must remember when approaching each year is our school is not about programs, it is about people like you who make Dodge City Middle School a place of enjoyment for students to learn and teachers to teach. Dodge City Middle School is truly about a climate of trust.

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Additionally, we believe in the “Top Five Cardinal Ways” of providing a middle level framework for individual success. Our school culture promotes caring for one another, being organized, having pride, getting involved and the importance of setting personal goals. At Dodge City Middle School every individual matters. When students learn in a safe and nurturing environment, they strive to attain exceptionally high levels of academic achievement. Each year, we recognize more and more students for their academic achievements through the Cardinal Award of Academic Excellence. Our focus is on learning and sending our students to high school well prepared for their next level of academic success.

This year we will be implementing our Multi Tier System of Support, focusing on improving individual student academic needs in both math and reading. To accomplish this focus, we will need to establish a means by which we understand individual learning needs and design our lesson plans to meet those needs. We will continually strive to provide avenues to help students reach success by monitoring academic deficiencies through our Student Intervention Team. This will mean teachers and teams will frequently focus on the individual child as we communicate different levels of needs both academically and behaviorally. Our classrooms will articulate the presence of clear learning expectations where learning objectives are reinforced with high degrees of checking for understanding, supported through meaningful feedback as we incorporate multiple ways to deliver purposeful explicit vocabulary instruction.

To accomplish these goals, we must revitalize the foundations we have constructed for success built around this year’s theme of “Making A Difference @ DCMS”; with the central purpose of ensuring that every student is College and Career Ready. These are the future ready College and Career foundations; transcending with middle level education constructed around our teams of teachers, Professional Learning Communities and effective teaching practices.

Attached you will find a tentative schedule of back to school events.
Let us make the 2017 – 2018 school year our best year yet!

Sincerely,

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