

July 2013

# DCMIS

# Cardinal Newsletter

Enrollment  
Thursday, August 1st  
From 7AM to 7PM



## Dodge City Middle School

NASSP Regional Breaking Ranks Showcase School

Opening new worlds for personalized and purposeful learning.

## WELCOME TO DODGE CITY MIDDLE SCHOOL.

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Dodge City Middle school is a very specialized school that understands the physical, intellectual, ethical, psychological and emotional development of the young adolescent and addresses those needs through a carefully planned school structure. The school has been nationally recognized in 2013 as a NASSP Breaking Ranks Showcase School and was recognized in 2011 as a KAMSA Middle School of the Year finalist.

The school culture of Dodge City Middle School provides a positive and supportive environment in which the individual student is provided the opportunity to explore, learn, grow and use their skills to become independent learners and thinkers. A flexible schedule combined with an evolving, progressive

curriculum and a highly educated and enthusiastic faculty allow for exceptional learning opportunities for each child.

Dodge City Middle School subscribes to a philosophy that centers on the unique needs of middle level students. Our school believes that middle level education can best be met in a school setting that provides a student-centered program. To this goal of student centered believes, we recognize that students of this age are undergoing greater physiological, psychological and social re-orientation than at any other period in their lives. Thus, the overall purpose of Dodge City Middle School is to meet the educational, developmental and social needs that emerge in this transitional period.

**FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL**  
**Wednesday, August 21, 2013**

*Welcome Cardinal's Back!*

**DODGE CITY MIDDLE SCHOOL**

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## The Cardinal Newsletter

July 2013 will be the first and only school wide mailing of the Principal Cardinal Newsletter. The following Cardinal newsletters will be e-mailed and posted on our website at the end of each month. Newsletter posting notifications will also be sent out through Remind 101, a texting services that is available for parents and students. This newsletter will contain information about school activities and important events. Please take time to read about what's happening at school by visiting Cardinal News links by month. If you would like to receive the newsletter by postal service, please notify the school at 227-1610. Team news will be posted and updated continually on the team blogs. To reference our online website with school news you can go to <http://dcmscardinals.weebly.com/>

## Enrollment Thursday, August 1, 2013

Enrollment is scheduled to be held at Dodge City Middle School, 2000 6th Avenue on Thursday, August 1st from 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. PTO will be at enrollment so parents may sign up for various committees. Please help—PTO is in need of parents to volunteer. This organization does so much for our students. Parents who have a smart phone or a mobile device are

encouraged to bring them to enrollment. We will have a HELP desk set up for enrolling in Skyward Family Access and Remind 101.

Students who have participated in the summer reading program will need to bring their summer reading logs to enrollment. We will be handing out invitations during enrollment for the reading reception award nights for all students who have read 50 minutes or more a week. All reading logs must have parent signatures to qualify for a summer reading award.

## Spirit Shirts on Sale during

### Enrollment

Spirit Shirts will be on sale for \$10.00 during enrollment and on Back to School Nights. A limited quantity of the 2013 – 2014 Spirit Shirts will be available on Thursday, August 1st. Every Thursday is a Spirit Day at DCMS. On spirit day, students can wear a spirit shirt of their choice as long as it has a Cardinal logo. We encourage all DCMS students to show their pride by wearing their spirit shirts every Thursday. Our first spirit day will be on Thursday, August 22nd and we would like to see 100% of our students showing DCMS pride by wearing a Spirit Shirt of their choice. P.E. shirts are not considered a spirit shirt.

DCMS SPIRIT  
SHIRT \$10  
LONG SLEEVED  
\$3 EXTRA

**PURCHASE**



**CARDINAL LOGO SPIRIT SHIRT**

## BACK TO SCHOOL



## SCHOOL PICTURE DAY

**AUGUST 28TH**



### INDIVIDUAL SCHOOL PICTURES

LIFETOUCH will be taking individual school pictures on Wednesday, August 28th.

## Lanyards Available During

### Enrollment

Dodge City Middle School Student Council has purchased lanyards to sell to the students for the 2013-2014 school year. The lanyards are red with the school mascot, the Cardinal, and the letters "DCMS Cardinal" printed in white. This past school year, students were issued student IDs by the school district. Students were required to carry their IDs and had to present them for various school functions. The decision to purchase lanyards was made because students frequently lost their IDs and they couldn't be easily replaced. It's believed these attractive accessories will contribute to positive school spirit, eliminate the problems created by lost IDs and offer a place for students to display their DCMS Awards they receive throughout their middle school career.

Lanyards will be available during enrollment and throughout the school year for a cost of \$2.00 each.

## Open House & Back to School

### Nights

You are cordially invited to attend Dodge City Middle School Open House. This special open house invitation is to all sixth, seventh and eighth grade students and their parents. The sixth grade Back to School Night is scheduled for Tuesday, August 20th and the seventh and eighth grade is scheduled for Monday, August 19th. All Back to School Nights for sixth, seventh and eighth grade will be held at Dodge City Middle School from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. The purpose of this back to school night is to provide an opportunity for students to review their schedules, find their classrooms, meet with their teachers and check their locks and locker locations. Sixth grade parents are invited to attend team meetings and tour the school.

**SUMMER  
READING  
AWARDS**

## Summer Reading Award Reception

In addition to this year's back to school night, DCMS will be hosting a special reading reception for our top summer readers. Any student in grades six, seven or eight who has read 50 minutes a week or more and has a signed parent/guardian reading log will be eligible to attend the reading reception. The reading reception for the seventh and eighth grade will be held on Monday, August 19th starting at 5:30 p.m. in the South Gym. The sixth grade top summer reader reception will be held on Tuesday, August 20th starting at 5:30 p.m. in the South Gym.



## Individual School Pictures

LIFETOUCH will be taking individual school pictures on Wednesday, August 28th. All students will be photographed, but those students wanting to purchase picture packets must pay for them at the time the pictures are taken. Anyone that is not satisfied with his/her school pictures may return the entire assortment to the school within three school days, and a refund will be made by check. A retake day is scheduled for October 19th. Picture day will be a non-uniform day. Students will be asked to follow the non-uniform dress code. This will be the picture used for the yearbook! Remember that payment is required at the time pictures are taken. Please make checks payable to LIFETOUCH.

## Parent Academy Nights

This year Dodge City Middle School continues the Parent Academy program aimed at helping to strengthen communications and connections between middle school students, their parents and DCMS. The Parent Academy nights have been designed with a variety of topics and activities focused on the important relationships at this critical point in the students' lives. Throughout the year we dedicated different nights to different topics that directly impact the parents and students of DCMS.

Family Learning Events are held in culturally enriching venues to provide educational activities for families with middle level aged children, designed to foster strong relationships between parents and children. "Family-strengthening interventions impact both parenting processes and child outcomes. Successful programs promote parent-child bonding..." (American Educational Research Association, 2007).

Venues for this year will include; Digital Parent Night including Bully Prevention and Internet Safety, "iPad Awareness Nights" for all grade levels, "Love and Logic Presentation", "Fitness and Health Night" and "Silent Epidemic Presentation". Workshops and parent night resource will be built into the event so that families can learn and have fun together at the same time. Next year DCMS will help promote these events by sharing a flier with parents. All Family Learning Event information will be posted on the school DCMS Parent Academy Website as well as featured articles printed in the Cardinal Newsletter.

The Parent Academy was created with the goals to:

- educate parents about the importance of their role in school and home;
- strengthen the family unit;
- unite families and schools; and
- inform parents of their rights, responsibilities and the educational opportunities available to their children and to them personally.

## LATE START DATES & INFORMATION

This year the school district has elected to go to 13 late start days for the purpose of school improvement and teacher professional development. This will support our district efforts to improve instruction for our students and prepare us for the changes associated with common core curriculum and new assessments. Late start dates are posted below as our school will adjust school starting times from 8:05 to 9:25 a.m. The following are the scheduled late start days for the 2013 – 2014 school year:

- Wednesday, September 11th and 25th
- Wednesday, October 9th and 30th
- Wednesday, November 6th
- Wednesday, December 11th
- Wednesday, January 15th and 29th
- Wednesday, February 12 and 26th
- Wednesday, March 26th
- Wednesday, April 30th
- Wednesday, May 7th



Any student who arrives early during the regular school hours will be served breakfast between 7:30 to 8:00 a.m. and will be invited to participate in a supervised, alternative academic activity. Alternative activities will include curriculum from our theme of the month which include, health, nutrition, technology, bullying and careers. Some of these academic programs will include guest speakers with supporting videos. The daily schedules for late starts are posted below.

<b>B LUNCH - 6th Grade **</b>			
<b>*Math/ELA Times</b>			
1st	9:36-10:30	1st	9:36-10:11
		2nd	10:14-10:49
2nd	10:33-11:27	3rd	10:52-11:27
4th	<b>Team/Plan</b>		11:30-12:05
<b>12:08-12:43 A LUNCH *</b>			
5th	<b>Plan/Team</b>		12:46-1:21
6th	1:24-2:18	6th	1:24-1:59
		7th	2:02-2:37
7th	2:21-3:15	8th	2:40-3:15

<b>A LUNCH - 7th Grade *</b>			
<b>*Math/ELA Times</b>			
1st	<b>Team/Plan</b>		9:36-10:11
2nd	10:14-11:08	2nd	10:14-10:49
		3rd	10:52-11:27
3rd	11:11-12:05	4th	11:30-12:05
5th	<b>Plan/Team</b>		12:08-12:43
<b>12:46-1:21 B LUNCH **</b>			
6th	1:24-2:18	6th	2:40-3:13
		7th	2:40-3:14
7th	2:21-3:15	8th	2:40-3:15

<b>C LUNCH - 8th Grade ***</b>			
<b>*Math/ELA Times</b>			
1st	9:36-10:30	1st	9:36-10:11
		2nd	10:14-10:49
2nd	10:33-11:27	3rd	10:52-11:27
4th	11:30-12:24	4th	11:30-12:05
		5th	12:08-12:43
5th	12:27-1:21	6th	12:46-1:21
<b>1:24-1:59 C LUNCH ***</b>			
7th	<b>Team/Plan</b>		2:02-2:37
8th	<b>Plan/Team</b>		2:40-3:15

<b>Explorers/Electives</b>		
1st	7th Grade	9:36-10:11
2nd	<b>Team/Plan</b>	10:14-10:49
3rd	<b>Plan/Team</b>	10:52-11:27
4th	6th Grade	11:30-12:05
5C (6th)	7th Grade	12:08-12:43
5th	6th Grade	12:46-1:21
<b>1:24-1:59 C LUNCH ***</b>		
7th	8th Grade	2:02-2:37
8th	8th Grade	2:40-3:15



**FOOTBALL CHECKOUT WILL 'KICKOFF'  
ON SATURDAY, AUGUST 17TH  
FROM 9:00-11:00A.M.  
IN THE NORTH GYM.**






## SKYWARD Family Access

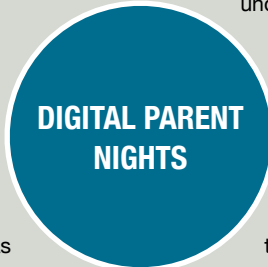
During enrollment, DCMS will provide a help desk for any parent who would like to enroll in the Family Access student reporting system. We will provide support for both online enrollment and apps for mobile devices such as cell phones or tablets.

Family Access by Skyward is a free service designed for families who would like to easily track your student(s) academic progress while at school. The service allows parents or guardians to view your student's attendance, grades, schedule, food service balance, progress, assignments and emergency information. Using Family Access does require an application form with the appropriate information to validate parent and/or guardian that would like to have a login and password assigned to them. Parents and/or guardians of the same student(s) can share the same login and password if that would be easier for them. We also want to remind everyone that this is a free service and you do not have to worry about sending any money at any time.

## iPads for Students and Digital Parent Nights

In January of 2013, all students at DCMS will be issued an iPad for classroom use. To qualify for an iPad parents and students must attend one of the parent night training sessions that will be held in October and November. The purpose of these parent nights is to:

- Establish the importance of following the districts user agreement and proper care of mobile devices
- Understand the standards associated with digital literacy of both teachers and students
- Review the differences between knowledge construction as opposed to content delivery
- Improve access from the classroom to the resources of Learning@DCMS
- Educate DCMS students as to the importance of appropriate and ethical behavior online



During the Digital Parent Nights students and parents will be asked to sign a user agreement ensuring that each student and parent understands the responsibilities associated with having and operating a mobile device on campus. Critical to the effective participation in using a mobile device like an iPad are the digital citizenship skills that are associated with enabling students to protect their reputations, develop their voice, and develop into safe and savvy Internet users. That is why every parent should make an effort to attend one of the three scheduled Digital Parent Nights. Students will not be issued a mobile device unless they have attended one training session and the User Agreement has been signed by both the parent and students. Parents who have more than one student attending Dodge City Middle school may choose one night that best fits their schedule. The digital parent nights have been scheduled for the following dates and times.

SIXTH GRADE	SEVENTH GRADE	EIGHTH GRADE	MAKEUP NIGHT
<b>TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22ND</b> Digital Parent Night "iPad Awareness" Auditorium - 6:30 p.m.	<b>TUESDAY, OCTOBER 29TH</b> Digital Parent Night "iPad Awareness" Auditorium - 6:30 p.m.	<b>TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5TH</b> Digital Parent Night "iPad Awareness" Auditorium - 6:30 p.m.	<b>TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12TH</b> Digital Parent Night "iPad Awareness" Auditorium - 6:30 p.m.




**THE FIRST DAY OF PRACTICE**  
**FOR ALL FALL SPORTS**  
**WILL BE ON MONDAY,**  
**August 19th @ 3:15 p.m.**


# SUMMER READING AWARDS

7th & 8th Grade August 19th  
6th Grade August 20th



## BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHTS

7TH & 8TH GRADE MONDAY,  
AUGUST 19TH

6TH GRADE TUESDAY,  
AUGUST 20TH

ALL OPEN HOUSE EVENTS  
WILL START AT 6:30 &  
END AT 8 P.M.

## School Supplies (NO PERMANENT MARKERS OR WHITE OUT)

The students in grades sixth through eight will be provided a school agenda. The three ring zipper binder is listed on your child's school supplies list and may be purchased at local stores that carry school supplies. This year's school supply list for Dodge City Middle School is listed below.

### Sixth Grade

- 3 Ring Zipper Binder – 2"
- #2 pencils
- 1 pencil bag with zipper closure
- 1 pkg. wide rule notebook paper
- 1 pkg Crayola Crayons
- 1 pkg. colored pencils
- 1 box washable colored markers (not Sharpie)
- 6 pocket folders with prongs – different colors
- 1 pair Fiskar scissors – sharp point
- 1 8 oz. Bottle Elmer's Glue (white) or glue sticks
- 1 12" ruler with metric/inch measure
- 1 pencil eraser
- 1 box Kleenex
- 1 dry erase markers and 1 eraser
- 2 highlighters

### Seventh/Eighth Grade

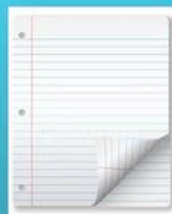
- 3 Individualized Spiral Notebooks
- 6 Pocket Folders
- Notebook Paper – loose leaf
- Colored Pencils
- Blue/Black Ink Pens
- #2 Pencils
- 3 Ring Zipper Binder – 2"
- Pencil Holder
- Notebook Pencil Carrier (3 holed fits in binder)

**School  
Supply List**

## STUDENT SUPPLY CHECKLIST NO MARKERS OR WHITE OUT



Seven 3 Whole Punched  
Pocket Folders



Notebook Paper



Blue/Black Ink Pens



#2 Pencils/Mechanical Pencils



1- Box of Kleenex



1 - 2" Xpanz  
Zipper Binder



Colored Pencils

## CARDINAL NEWSLETTER

Newsletter posting notifications will be sent out through Remind 101, a texting services that is available for parents and students. The Cardinal newsletter will contain information about school activities and important events.

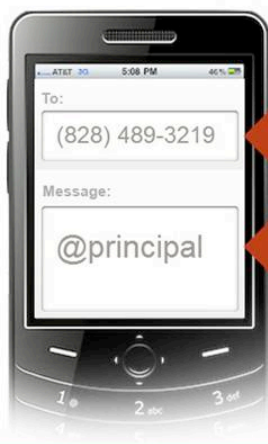
## Remind 101 & Parent Notifications

During enrollment we will be asking parents and students to sign up for Remind 101. This year, we are encouraging all parents to sign up for Remind 101. Remind 101 provides a safe, easy way for teachers and the school to communicate with students and parents using the latest technology. This year our goal is to keep our parents informed of all school events and activities. Many times, parents need important information about what school events are available for parents to attend. Parents need to be informed and one way to keep in touch with our parents is through the use of technology and cell phones. To enroll in DCMS Remind 101 parent notifications, follow the directions below using your cell phone or e-mail address.

### Sign Up For DCMS Remind 101

Send a text message to: (828) 489-3219

With the message: @principal



Text the number

With the message

OR SEND AN EMAIL

Send an email to: principal@remind101.com  
(leave the subject and body blank)

To: principal@remind101.com

Subject:



Send an email to:  
principal @remind 101

Leave the subject  
& body blank



## TOP FIVE THINGS

### WE BELIEVE AT DCMS

#### 1. Set Personal Goals

- Every Student Sets a Goal
- One Academic
- One Behavior

#### 2. Stay Organized

- Three Ring Zipper Binder
- Learn Note Taking Skills
- Keep A Student Agenda

#### 3. Caring

- Caring is important by building relationships
- Dodge City Middle School is a supportive environment where
- Everyone works together to ensure success
- We build safety nets to help students succeed
- We work to prevent bullying
- Say No to Teasing

#### 4. Look Sharp

- Have Pride in Yourself
- Every student is a member of our community
- Represent Dodge City
- Represent Dodge City Middle School

#### 5. Get Involved

- Something to look forward to every day
- Make a Contribution