

DODGE CITY MIDDLE SCHOOL

Opening New Worlds for Personalized and Purposeful Learning

Weekly Principals' Bulletin

August 26th - 30th of 2013

TOP FIVE THING'S WE BELIEVE STUDENT ASSEMBLIES

This week DCMS will be conducting our annual "[Top Five Things We Believe](#)" student assembly. Dodge City Middle School has made a commitment to positive interaction by recognizing that every word and action by teachers sent to a student sends a message of growth. We have strived to create positive relationships with our students through the continuous recognition of appropriate behaviors. All grade level assemblies will begin at 8:00 P.M. Assembly dates are posted below. Please join us in the auditorium as we celebrate our ongoing success by sending out a message that everyone is important and that no one will be left behind. ([See also Top Five Things We Believe Handout](#))

- Tuesday, August 27th 8th Grade
- Thursday, August 29th 7th Grade
- Friday, August 30th 6th Grade

FIRE DRILL

We will be conducting an August fire drill before the end of the month. Make sure that you have reviewed and prepared your classes for fire drill evacuation. The 2013 – 2014 [Fire Drill and Tornado Plan](#) should be posted in all classrooms.

SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

The official [2013 September Calendar](#) will go out on Thursday, August 30th. If you have any events you would like to post please contact Mr. King by the end of the day on Wednesday, August 29th.

THIS WEEK IN ATHLETICS

DCMS will be holding our preseason scrimmage on Thursday, August 29th from 4:00 – 6:00 @ the stadium. The JUCO has a game on Saturday so neither DCMS or CMS will have access to the field on this day. DCMS & CMS will share the field during this scrimmage & will take turns (occasionally) using the whole field. This has helped with finding officials as well. I will speak with our Booster Club president as we will need to have watermelon provided to our players right after this scrimmage as well.

TEACHER EVALUATION ORIENTATION

[Teacher evaluation orientation](#) will be held on Wednesday, August 29th for those teachers who are the district evaluation cycle. The meeting will be held in the library media center at 7:30 A.M. Teachers unable to attend this meeting may choose the [iTunes U option](#). The iTunes U option for accessing the [e4E Teacher Evaluation training materials](#) is located on the DCMS wiki. Teachers choosing the iTunes U self study option should present their certificate of completion at the time of your first scheduled observation. Any teacher who completes the self study iTunes U option will receive one staff development point entered into your MyLearning Plan. To access this information on your iPad you will need to download iTunes U by completing the following steps.

(Please note that if you already have iTunes U on your iPad skip steps 1 -3 and go to step 4.)

1. Select the following link on your iPad for [iTunes U](#)
2. You will be prompted to enter your iTunes account
3. Download the application
4. To request access to the teacher evaluation training materials click on the following link: [e4E Teacher Evaluation iTunes Course](#)

GRADE LEVEL PROFESSIONAL LEARNING COMMUNITIES

PLC Leaders will meet with instructional coaches on Tuesday, September 3rd at 7:30 A.M. in the Library conference room. The purpose of the meeting will be to plan the September 11, late start day. The topic for the meeting will include instructional walkthroughs.

Resources for this week's Wednesday's Grade Level PLC's include a multiple menu of items to choose from;

- [PLC Schedule Grade Level Schedule](#)
- [PLC Weekly Online Summary Form](#)
- [Seven Easy Steps to Access USD 443 ELA & Math Curriculum Units in File Maker](#)
- [Building Level Assessment Schedule, includes \(MC, State Testing, KELPA, and SRI\)](#)
- [KSDE Writing Assessment Manual](#)
- [DCMS Action Plan & API SMART Goals](#)

BUILDING LEADERSHIP MEETING (TUESDAY, AUGUST 27TH)

There will be a short BLT meeting at 3:20 in the Library Conference Room.

- Building Leadership Team August 27th Agenda

ANNUAL SAFETY TRAINING INFORMATION

USD 443 Employees are required to complete annual safety training. Each employee will complete the training online at www.publicschoolworks.com/232.

Training will open September, 2013 and will close on the first week of November 2013. There are three (3) courses and each employee must successfully pass all three (3) courses to be considered complete. As each employee passes a course, it will not be possible to go back and take the test for a higher score. Only USD 443 employees are required to complete this training. 613 employees will complete training through 613.

To log on you will use your user name which will be your last name dot your first name (example: doe.jane). Your password is your ID# which you can find on your ID badge or on your paystub (example: 055526).

SCHOOL PICTURE DAY (Wednesday, August 28th)

Wednesday, August 28th is a non-uniform day. Students may choose between non-uniform attire or spirit shirt. Social Studies teachers' classes are to follow the Picture Day Schedule posted on Cardinal Spaces. Adjustments may be made if the photographers get overloaded.

- Teacher pictures will be taken between (7:20 – 8:00), (10:45 – 11:00), (11:48 – 12:23) and (12:33 - 1:05).
- Arrange students by alphabetical order in one line and have them hold their envelopes.
- Teachers may be photographed either first or last if you missed the 7:20 – 8:00 call. A PTO helper will fill out a camera card.
- Picture packages will be printed only for those students paying on picture day.
- Hopefully the picture day rotational schedule will allow for some instructional time and eliminate wait time. Please try and arrive at your scheduled time.
- Teachers will need to escort students to the auditorium to ensure proper behavior at all times.

First Period:

8:40 – 8:45 6th Grade Social Studies (Ms. Larsen)
8:45 – 8:50 6th Grade Social Studies (Mr. Legg)
8:50 – 8:55 8th Grade Social Studies (Mrs. Ramos)
8:55 – 9:00 8th Grade Social Studies (Mr. Lee)

Second Period:

9:23 – 9:28 6th Grade Social Studies (Ms. Larsen)
9:28 – 9:33 6th Grade Social Studies (Mr. Legg)
9:33 – 9:38 7th Grade Social Studies (Ms. Johnston)
9:38 – 9:43 7th Grade Social Studies (Mr. Brandenburg)
9:43 – 9:48 8th Grade Social Studies (Mrs. Ramos)
9:48 – 9:53 8th Grade Social Studies (Mr. Lee)

Third Period:

10:08 – 10:13 6th Grade Social Studies (Ms. Larsen)
10:13 – 10:18 6th Grade Social Studies (Mr. Legg)
10:18 – 10:23 7th Grade Social Studies (Ms. Johnston)
10:23 – 10:28 7th Grade Social Studies (Mr. Brandenburg)
10:28 – 10:33 8th Grade Social Studies (Mrs. Ramos)
10:33 – 10:38 8th Grade Social Studies (Mr. Lee)

Fourth Period:

10:45 – 11:00 Break
11:00 – 11:05 7th Grade Social Studies (Ms. Johnston)
11:05 – 11:10 7th Grade Social Studies (Mr. Brandenburg)
11:10 – 11:15 8th Grade Social Studies (Mrs. Ramos)
11:15 – 11:20 8th Grade Social Studies (Mr. Lee)

Fifth Period:

11:38 – 11:43 8th Grade Social Studies (Mrs. Ramos)
11:43 – 11:48 8th Grade Social Studies (Mr. Lee)
11:48 – 12:23 Break

Sixth Period:

12:23 – 12:28 8th Grade Social Studies (Mrs. Ramos)
12:28 – 12:33 8th Grade Social Studies (Mr. Lee)
12:33 – 1:05 Break
1:05 – 1:10 6th Grade Social Studies (Ms. Larsen)
1:10 – 1:15 6th Grade Social Studies (Mr. Legg)
1:15 – 1:20 7th Grade Social Studies (Ms. Johnston)
1:20 – 1:25 7th Grade Social Studies (Mr. Brandenburg)

Seventh Period:

1:53 – 1:58 6th Grade Social Studies (Ms. Larsen)
1:58 – 2:03 6th Grade Social Studies (Mr. Legg)
2:03 – 2:08 7th Grade Social Studies (Ms. Johnston)
2:08 – 2:13 7th Grade Social Studies (Mr. Brandenburg)

Eighth Period:

2:38 – 2:43 6th Grade Social Studies (Ms. Larsen)
2:43 – 2:48 6th Grade Social Studies (Mr. Legg)
2:48 – 2:53 7th Grade Social Studies (Ms. Johnston)
2:53 – 2:58 7th Grade Social Studies (Mr. Brandenburg)