

# Dalton Elementary & Middle School

## Welcome Back!

### **Dates to Remember**

Aug. 21	First day of school for grades 1-12
Aug. 23	First day of school for Kindergarten
Aug. 30	Magazine Sale begins grades 3-8
Sept. 3	NO SCHOOL – Labor Day
Sept. 5	Magazine Sales – turn-in day
Sept. 5	8 <sup>th</sup> grade class trip meeting (more info below)
Sept. 7	Magazine Sales – turn-in day
Sept. 10	NO SCHOOL – Fair Day
Sept. 13	Magazine Sales – final turn-in day

### **A Message from the Principals**

It's here! The 2018-19 school year has arrived. I hope everyone had a good summer and had an opportunity to relax a little. The staff has been working to get the building ready, and everything looks great. I'm sure many of you have heard that we have a new middle school principal, Mr. Watkins, who comes to us from Chippewa Middle School. I am excited to work with him and hope that you will take the time to welcome him to Dalton.

Since we left in May, we have made a few changes to procedures and programs in the elementary school. These changes revolve around classroom parties, food in the classrooms, and an after school program. Details about these changes follow in this newsletter. Please take some time to read over them and contact us if you have any questions.

Again, the school year is here and it's time to get started. I'm excited to see how the students have grown and can't wait to see all the great things they accomplish this year.

Miss Cherie Marthey, DES Principal

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Hello Dalton Middle School parents and students, welcome to the 2018-2019 school year. As principal of Dalton Middle School, it is a sincere pleasure and honor to be a member of this great school community. Entering into my 12<sup>th</sup> year in education, this will be my 6<sup>th</sup> as a middle school principal. I look forward to working with our dedicated staff to provide the best possible educational programs for our students.

Along with the staff, I will work hard to continue the legacy of success established at Dalton Middle School by building strong relationships with parents, students, staff, and the Dalton and Kidron communities. We will

focus on character education initiatives, 21<sup>st</sup> century skills, fostering a nurturing safe environment for children, use of data to inform instruction, consistent implementation of newly adopted instruction strategies to increase students' achievement, and providing exciting and challenging enrichment opportunities for all students.

Our goal is for every child to be successful. If you have questions or concerns, be sure to call or email your child's teachers. If Mrs. Troyer or I can be of any help please feel free to contact us. Have a great year!  
Mr. Steve Watkins, DMS Principal

### **DMS Starting Time/Dismissal Time**

7:15 a.m.	Students permitted in the building
7:30 a.m.	School begins, Tardy bell rings
2:35 p.m.	Dismissal bell

### **DES Starting Time/Dismissal Time**

8:10	Students permitted in the building
8:25	School begins, Tardy bell rings
3:20	Dismissal bell

### **Transportation Information**



Information regarding your child's bus pick-up and drop-off times will be available during open house on Wednesday, August 15<sup>th</sup> for middle school and on Monday, August 20<sup>th</sup> for elementary students. Remember that you will need to fill out a transportation form if your child is to be picked up or dropped off anywhere other than your home. This form is available on "Final Forms." **Also, anytime your child is riding the bus to a different location than he/she is scheduled for, a note must be turned into the school office.** Please call or email Mr. Jason Byrnes, Transportation Supervisor, at (330) 828-2410 or [jbyrnes@daltonlocal.org](mailto:jbyrnes@daltonlocal.org) if you have any questions.

### **Kidstop at OABGC**

Dalton Elementary & Middle School is happy to announce a new partnership with the Orrville Area Boys and Girls Club. Through this partnership, we will be offering Kidstop for any K-8 grade student. Kidstop is an afterschool program that provides homework help, tutoring, a variety of activities and dinner for all their members for a cost of \$10 per week per child. Dalton

Local schools will be providing transportation to the OABGC for an additional \$1 per student per day, making the total for a week being \$15 per child. If you are interested in this program you can contact the OABGC at (330) 683-4888 or stop by the elementary office for a copy of the forms.

### ***Late Arrivals or Leaving Early***

Students arriving after the tardy bell will need to be signed in at the office by an adult. You will need to park your car in the lot to do this – do not park in the drop off lane. If there is not a staff member at the doors when you drop off your child you will need to park and walk your child into the building. The tardy bell for DMS rings at 7:30 and for DES at 8:25. If you pick your student up early, you will also need to come and sign them out. Again, this is for your child's safety, we thank you for your cooperation.

### ***Drop Off and Pick Up Procedures***

We have a couple of requests that would help things flow well:

- Drop Off: Please drop off in the actual drop off zone which is indicated by the white lines on the pavement as well as the “red” area on the sidewalk.
- Pick Up: In an effort to minimize traffic backup onto Church St., if you are picking up your child after school, please enter the pick up loop and stay to the right. If the loop is full, vehicles waiting on the street should cautiously enter the left side of the loop and proceed to the parking lot. At that point, you may either park your car and proceed to the pick up area to get your child or wait until there is room to enter the loop and circle back around into the loop. If you have questions, please call.

**Please remember to send in notes in the morning or call the school by 1:45 for DMS students or by 2:45 for DES students, if there is a change to your child's dismissal plans. Please call the school, do not email regarding changes in dismissal plans.**

### ***Breakfast is Served***

Breakfast will be served at 7:15 am for middle school students and at 8:10 am for elementary students. Elementary parents, if you are dropping your child off and they are eating breakfast, please consider dropping them off between 8:10 and 8:15 so that they have as much time as possible to enjoy their breakfast.

### ***School Lunches***

You can access the school lunch menu by going to our district website at [www.dalton.k12.oh.us](http://www.dalton.k12.oh.us) or

requesting one from the school secretary. Also, please remember to send the money in an envelope marked with the student's name and class. Lunch prices are:

- \$2.55 – Grades K-4 (includes a ½ pint of milk)
- \$1.25 – Grades K-8 Breakfast
- \$2.80 – Grades 5-8 (includes a ½ pint of milk)
- \$0.50 – Additional milk may be purchased
- \$3.00 – Adult lunch (milk not included)

You can pay for lunches online at [myschoolbucks.com](http://myschoolbucks.com). There will be a \$2 transaction fee and you will need to know your student's school ID number, which can be obtained by the school secretary.

### ***Free and Reduced Lunches***

You received an application for free and reduced lunches at open house or it was attached to your child's schedule. Qualification is determined on annual income, size of family and medical expenses. Only one application will be needed for each family. Fill out the forms and return them to the school promptly. These forms are also used to qualify our district for state and federal funds. We would appreciate if you would fill out the form if you feel you qualify, even if you don't wish to take advantage of the program.

### ***Absences***

Please call the school if your child is going to be absent at 330-828-2405 (ES by 8:25 am and MS by 7:30 am). If the student misses due to a medical appointment, **please get a doctor's excuse.**

### ***Newsletters and Website Information***

Check out Dalton Local School's website at [www.dalton.k12.oh.us](http://www.dalton.k12.oh.us). Daily announcements, newsletters, athletic news, teacher pages, school closings/and or delays, and so much more are posted for your information. Look for newsletters at the beginning of each month; look under the Dalton Elementary or Dalton Middle School headings. If you don't have email we will send a copy of the newsletter home with your child.

### ***Dalton Local Schools Text/Email Alert System***

Dalton Local Schools has a text and email alert system for weather alerts, delays, cancellations, event updates or any information parents, students or staff should know about in a timely fashion. We will still utilize the website banner crawl and Twitter for additional information. This gives Dalton Local Schools another outlet to get important information to parent, students, staff and the community.

To sign up, go to Dalton Local Schools website select quick links and then text alerts. If you signed

up last year check to make sure your account did not expire.

### ***Classroom Parties***

The decision has been made to change the way Dalton Elementary School conducts classroom parties this year. Unfortunately, events in recent years have caused us to reevaluate the safety of our students while at school. For those who have participated in the past, you can appreciate the large number of parents we have descending on the building for these parties. In light of our safety concerns, we have decided to have all classroom parties organized and managed by our classroom teachers. While parents may be asked to donate items for a party, room parents will no longer be used to organize or run the parties.

### ***Birthday Treats and Food in Classrooms***

We enjoy many traditions which go along with acknowledging birthdays. We announce the birthday child's name on the morning announcements, classes sing the "Happy Birthday" song, and families have always had the option of bringing in treats for his or her classmates. Please know that you do not have to send treats or gifts with your child on his or her birthday. Teachers take great pride in making your child feel special on their birthday. If you do feel the need to send something for your child to enjoy with her or his classmates, please follow these guidelines.

The distribution of food or treats outside the school lunch program shall be limited to foods which are individually, commercially wrapped. Foods made at home may not be distributed within the school. If your child wants to bring a birthday treat, encourage them to bring in a healthy snack or even better; bring an item for the classroom such as a classroom book (signed and dated by your child) or other classroom supplies such as pencils, erasers, etc. The reason for this strict adherence to this policy is because of the growing number students who struggle with food allergies, diabetes, and childhood obesity. Individually packaged items which would be considered healthy snacks include: pretzels, baked crackers, and granola bars. **Please do not send cupcakes, doughnuts, or sheet cakes for your child's birthday treats. These items are not individually wrapped and do not meet the guidelines of our district policy. Cupcakes, cakes, doughnuts will be sent back home.** According to new procedures, any time food is brought into school by a teacher or student, a "food request" form needs to be turned into the Nurse's / Principal's Office. Teachers need to account for all allergies prior to distributing food in their classroom. Please plan ahead if you want to send food items (for the whole class) into the classroom. This policy is expressly concerned with foods involved in classroom parties or treats for students and is not meant

to limit the preparation of foods directly related to the school curriculum and approved by the building Principal. We are strongly encouraging families to send non-food items on birthdays. Instead of a food item, please consider sending something for the class to enjoy such as:

- A game for the classroom
- A classroom book (A nice touch would be having your child pick it out, sign it, and date it.)
- A classroom set of items for each child to keep such as pencils, pens, erasers, markers, etc.

The items listed above will still make your child feel special and they will last a lot longer than a food item.

### ***Magazine Sales – Grades 3-8***

This fundraiser will kick-off on August 30<sup>th</sup>. The monies raised from this fundraiser will be used for field trips, assemblies, technology and classroom materials for the students. **Please note: the funds raised by a 6<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade student will go towards their Camp Wanake trip (6<sup>th</sup> grade) or 8<sup>th</sup> grade class trip; they will not receive prizes.**

### ***PTO***

PTO will continue to support our K-8 students and teachers as they have in the past. Attending meetings and volunteering to help with PTO sponsored events is a great way to get involved. The first meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 4<sup>th</sup> in the DES library at 7:00 pm. Hope to see you there! Additional details will be forthcoming in the PTO newsletter.

### ***8<sup>th</sup> Grade Class Trip***

A meeting is scheduled for 8<sup>th</sup> grade students and parents on Wednesday, September 5<sup>th</sup> to discuss the class trip. The meeting will take place in the commons area with doors opening at 5:30 pm and the meeting beginning promptly at 5:45.

### ***Immunization Update***

Students entering grade 7 will be required to have a recent Tdap and MCV4 (Meningococcal) Vaccine. Proof of receiving these vaccines is required to be on file in the school office **prior** to the first day of school. Proof of vaccine can be in the form of a recent immunization record or a note from the Doctor/Health Department where the vaccine was given. If you have any questions, please contact your physician or Diann King, School Nurse, at 330-828-2405.



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***Bulldog Cheer Clinic***

The DHS Cheerleaders will be hosting a cheer clinic for interested students in grades K-6. The clinic will be held on Tuesday, September 11<sup>th</sup> and on Wednesday, September 12<sup>th</sup> in the DLEMS Commons Area from

3:30-5:00 pm. Those participating will then cheer at the high school varsity game during the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter on Friday, September 14<sup>th</sup>. Information will be sent home with students soon.

# Bulldog Pride, District Wide!

