



Dalton Elementary & Middle School September 2018 Newsletter

Dates to Remember in September

- 4 PTO Meeting – 7:00 pm DES Library
 - 5 Magazine sale turn-in day
 - 5 8th gr student/parent mtg regarding their class trip next spring – 5:45 pm
 - 7 Magazine Sale turn-in day
 - 7-24 PTO Spirit Wear Fundraiser (free shipping from 9/15-10/2) – www.daltonspiritwear.com
 - 10 No School – Fair Day
 - 11 Cheer Clinic – 3:30-5:00 (if you're registered)
 - 12 Cheer Clinic – 3:30-5:00 (if you're registered)
 - 13 Magazine sale **final** turn-in day
 - 14 Cheer Clinic participants will cheer during the 1st quarter of the high school game
 - 28 5th gr singing the National Anthem at the HS football game
- October
- 8 Fall picture day
 - 10 Parent/Teacher Conferences 4:00-7:00 pm
 - 12 Cookie Dough Fundraiser begins
 - 15 Parent/Teacher Conferences 4:00-7:00 pm

Messages from the Principals

The 2018-19 school year is under way and we are off to a great start at Dalton Elementary. I would like to thank all of you for helping to make the start of the year a success. We will continue to work out some small kinks we have encountered along the way, and we greatly appreciate your patience as we do so. As usual, many of our classroom teachers work hard to provide you with weekly newsletters that contain important dates and activities. In addition, please make sure you look through the rest of this newsletter for information regarding our new program at the Orrville Area Boys and Girls Club, Box Tops and much more. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns. Thanks again for a great start to the year. Miss Cherie Marthey, Elementary School Principal



Hello Dalton Middle School Families,

The start of the school year has gone very smoothly with our students and staff. We have been off to a great start with our PBIS (Positive Behavior Intervention and Supports) program and students have been doing great. We have also implemented a “caught being kind” program to identify kindness at our school. When students are found doing a kind act they are recognized here at school. Many hands on activities have been ongoing with our students in the classrooms and these are being displayed on our website and our twitter page (@theDaltonMS). We will also communicate important dates and information through our DMS updates email. If you have not received this please contact the office. Thank you again for a great start to the 2018-2019 school year and we appreciate your support of Dalton Middle School! Mr. Steve Watkins, Middle School Principal

Orrville Area Boys and Girls Club

Dalton Elementary and Middle School have partnered with the OABGC to offer KidStop. KidStop is an after school child care program. It is open Monday –Friday until 6 pm. The cost is only \$10 per week to the club and \$5 per week to the school for transportation. At KidStop the students receive FREE tutoring, help with homework on a daily basis, and dinner and snack are provided. Please contact the school office for more details or to sign up.

Middle School Interims/Progress Reports

Traditionally we sent home interim reports for our students at the middle school level in the middle of each grading period. We have discovered with our technology using Progress Book and email we are communicating effectively about the children’s progress every day. Since we have information posted daily, we discovered an interim was not

needed. As always, you may contact a teacher at anytime if you would like more information by either email or phone. We were having problems with parent access earlier this school year, but it appears to be available now.

Book Fair

A Scholastic Book Fair for students in grades PreK-8 is scheduled for October 9-11. Students will have an opportunity during the school day to attend. Also, the Book Fair will be open during the hours of 4:00-7:00 pm on Wednesday, October 10th, which is the first evening of Parent/Teacher Conferences.

BoxTops for Education

What's better than great products? How about great products that earn money for the school. Please keep an eye out for BoxTops for Education labels. Ask your friends, families and neighbors to watch for them. Cut them out and send them to the school or drop them off at the Dalton Library. They all add up to free money that can be used to purchase many items for our students and classrooms. You can visit www.boxtops4education.com to find products, coupons and track our school's progress. We have included a collection sheet to get you started.

Volunteers

The district has adopted a volunteer release form. We are required to have all volunteers sign this form before helping in the school or with school sponsored events. Our volunteers are vital to the education of our students and we appreciate your help more than we will ever be able to let you know. This policy is one more step to help keep our students safe. Volunteers need to sign in/out in the office and are required to wear a "Volunteer" lanyard.

From the School Nurse

The following screenings will be conducted during the school year:

Vision: Grades K-5, 7, 9 and 11(also any student that did not pass screening last year, new students to the district, and any student that school staff or parent feels need screening)

Hearing: Grades K, 1, 3, 5, 9 and 11

Postural (back): Grades 6, 7, and 8

If you have any questions please contact Diann King, school nurse at 330-828-2405.

Also, I will be posting items of health/wellness issues, resources that are available etc. on the web site. Look under the wellness tab. These items will be updated periodically.

Attention 5-8 Grade Choir Parents

Choir Parents! Want to receive text updates with choir information? This would include information regarding fundraisers, music booster information, concerts, important dates, and reminders.

Sign up for Remind! It is a safe, free app that allows the teacher to send text messages to a large group without sharing the numbers. To join, just send a text to the number 81010, and include the code below in the message. Please take note which group(s) your child/ren are involved in and sign up for the correct group.

- 5th grade Choir use the code @dms5th18 in the message
- 6th Grade Choir use the code @dms6th18 in the message
- 7th Grade Choir use the code @dms7th18 in the message
- 8th Grade Choir use the code @dms8th18 in the message

5th Grade Choir

Our 5th grade students have been preparing to honor our country by singing the National Anthem prior to the football game on Friday, September 28th against Waynedale. Go Bulldogs!

The Counselors' Connection

My name is Mrs. Melissa Carathers, and I am the DEMS school counselor. I am available at the elementary and middle school levels for individual and small group counseling services. Areas of concern may be academic and/or nonacademic, such as school transitions, friendships/relationships, family changes, grief, organization skills and test anxiety. I also coordinate a variety of programs within the school to address career awareness, financial literacy, character education, leadership, and healthy choices. If you have a concern, please feel free to contact me by phone at [330-828-2405](tel:330-828-2405) or email at mcarathers@daltonlocal.org. We are fortunate to also have clinical counselor, Mrs. Ann Dennison, LPCC, from The Counseling Center as a resource for our families. Her services are only available through a referral from a school administrator, school counselor or the CARE Team. Please contact one of

us if you would like to discuss her services. We hope your family has a great 2018-2019 school year.

State Testing Information for Parents

Attention 3rd grade parents, the fall ELA State test will be administered on October 24th-25th. Please mark your calendar.

Fridays are Spirit Days!



Hey all you Bulldog fans! Show your Bulldog pride by wearing your orange & black on Fridays – Spirit Days!

Football Tickets



Tickets for home football games are available for purchase in the office until 9:00 am on Friday mornings. Pre-sale tickets for adults are \$5 and student tickets are \$3. If you purchase tickets at the gate they are \$6 for adults and \$4 for students. If you purchase tickets and are unable to attend the game, you may use the ticket at any home football game.

Drop off Reminder

If you wish to walk your child to the building during morning arrival times, please remember that you need to park your car in the lot. Drivers may use the drop off lane if they remain in their car when dropping off students. This is necessary to keep the traffic moving efficiently. Thanks for your cooperation!

EXCESSIVE ABSENCE POLICY FOR THE DALTON LOCAL SCHOOLS

Grades K-4

If a student accumulates more than **38 hrs.** excused and/or unexcused absences (hours missed for suspension are not included) during a month that student/parent/guardian will receive a letter explaining that their absences could result in retention or placement for the following school year. All absences over **42 hours** will need to be for medical reasons and an excuse from a doctor's office will be needed.

Grades 5-12

If a student accumulates more than **30 hours.** excused and/or unexcused absences (hours missed for suspension are not included) during a single nine-week grading period, that student will receive an "F" grade in all subjects affected by the absences. All absences over **30 hours** will need to be for medical reasons and an excuse from a doctor's office will be needed.

