Duncombe Elementary

Newsletter

TOGETHER WE RISE: Raising the Bar, Closing the Gap, Believing All Kids Do Well If They Can

October

2020

Important Dates

Oct. 2nd National Custodian Day

Oct. 5th No School

Oct 7th. Picture day

Oct . 20th Conferences 4-8 pm

Oct. 22nd No School, Conferences 8-4 & 4-8

Oct. 23rd No School

Conferences will be held :

Tuesday Oct. 20th from 4-8 pm

Thursday Oct 22nd from 8-4 and 4-8 pm.

There will be NO SCHOOL on the 22nd.

All conferences will be held through Zoom .

You should have received a message on how to sign up for your conference time.

If you have any questions please contact Tina in the office 515-574-5623

Duncombe Elementary

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Director of Education Services
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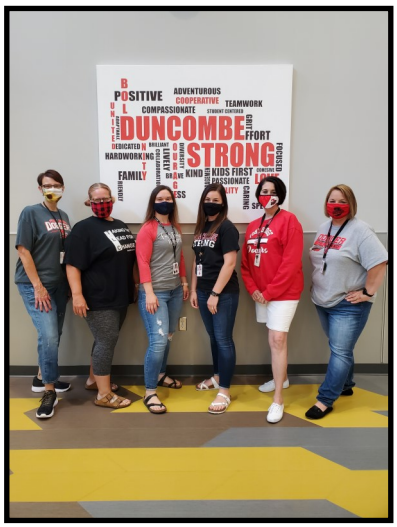
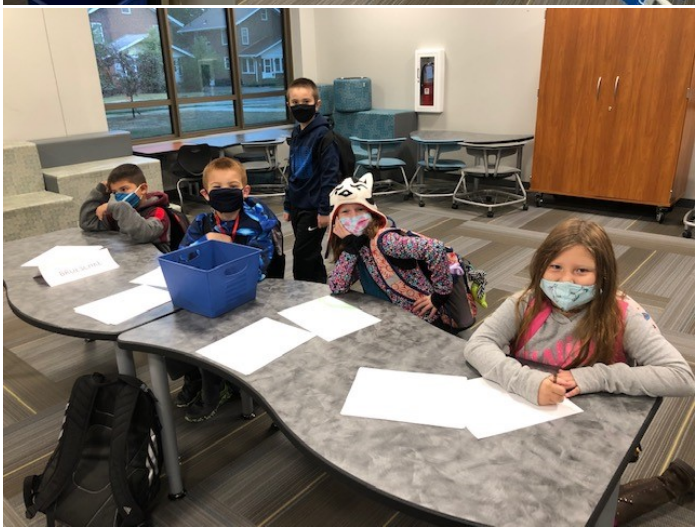


We would like to welcome you to Duncombe School!

We have missed you so much!!



It has been a great start to 2020-2021! Keep up the great work.

SCHOOL PICTURE DAY IS COMING

School picture day is Wednesday, October 7 for At School learners. It is important students arrive at school on time on picture day. At Home students will have school pictures taken between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. on Friday, October 9 at the Central Office. Families can come at whatever time is most convenient for them.

Please consider ordering school pictures online this year. To order before picture day visit MyLifeTouch.com. You will need to enter the Picture Day ID, which can be found on the picture day flyer and is unique to your school. You can also find the ID using the Picture Day Finder on the Lifetouch website.

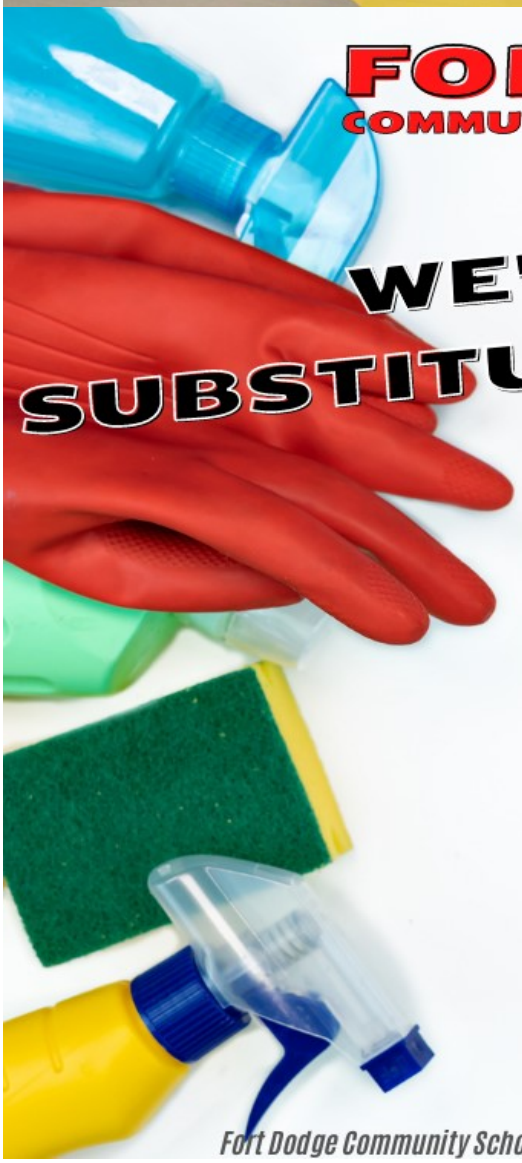
If you plan to send the order form and payment to school with your child you will need to send the exact amount for payment as the schools will not have change. Your child will need to be responsible for the form and payment as parents/guardians are currently not allowed in our buildings due to the public health landscape.

NO SCHOOL

October 5 * October 22 * October 23

National School Lunch Week: October 13-19

President John F. Kennedy created national School Lunch Week in 1962. The week recognizes the importance of a healthy school lunch in a child's life, and the impact it has inside and outside of the classroom. Nearly 30 million students are served healthy lunches every school day!
School nutrition programs play a critical role in ensuring all students receive nutritious lunches, which follow strict federal nutrition standards. School lunches include servings of fruits and vegetables, whole-grains, lean protein and low-fat dairy.
Please take a minute the week of October 11 to thank the food service providers at your child's school for helping your child power through the day by serving healthy lunches.



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COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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WE'RE HIRING SUBSTITUTE CUSTODIANS!

FLEXIBLE HOURS & COMPETITIVE SUPPLEMENTAL INCOME

REQUIREMENTS:
HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA OR GED
PASS BACKGROUND CHECK
MUST BE ABLE TO REGULARLY LIFT AND MOVE UP TO 50 POUNDS
HAVE A VALID DRIVER'S LICENSE
COMPLETE AN APPLICATION AT **FDSCHOOLS.ORG**

$15 PER HOUR

Fort Dodge Community School District is an equal opportunity/affirmative action employer.

Dodger Academy Facebook Page

Dodger Academy now has a Facebook page to share the fun learning and activities that take place in our after school program. Please like and follow Dodger Academy on Facebook!

New School Nurses Facebook Page

The FDCSD school nurses have started a Facebook page to keep families up to date with important medical information. Please like and follow Fort Dodge Community School Nurses on Facebook!

School Libraries Facebook Page

The FDCSD school libraries have a Facebook page to share with families the fun learning that takes place in our libraries and makerspaces. Please like and follow Fort Dodge School Libraries on Facebook!

National School Bus Safety Week: October 18-24

The school bus is the safest vehicle on the road. Students are about 70 times more likely to get to school safely when taking a school bus instead of traveling by car.

The greatest risk to children is not riding a bus, but approaching or leaving one. Teach your children to follow these practices to make school bus transportation safer.

- Safety Starts at the Bus Stop. Your child should arrive at least 5 minutes before the bus is scheduled to arrive. Remind your student to wait for the bus at least three giant steps (6 feet) from the curb.
- Get On and Off Safely. When the bus arrives, your child should wait until it comes to a complete stop, the door opens and the driver says it's ok before approaching the door. Encourage kids to use the handrails.
- Use Caution Around the Bus. Remind your child to never walk behind a school bus. If you child must cross the street in front of the bus tell him/her to walk along the sidewalk or side of the street to a place at least 5 giant steps (10 feet) in front of the bus before crossing. You child should make eye contact with the driver to ensure the driver can see him/her.

In addition, drivers can make school bus transportation safer by learning and obeying the school bus laws.

- Yellow flashing lights indicate the bus is preparing to stop to load or unload children. Motorists should slow down and prepare to stop their vehicles.
- Red flashing lights and extended stop arms indicate the bus has stopped and children are getting on or off the bus. Motorists must stop their cars and wait until the red lights stop flashing, the extended stop arm is withdrawn and the bus begins moving again before they can start driving again.

Thanks for helping us keep our kids safe on our school buses

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School Safety Emergency Response Protocols

The FDCSD, in collaboration with local law enforcement and first responders, has adopted four standard response protocols for use in emergencies. During an emergency, one or more of the following responses may be implemented.

EVACUATE: evacuate is used when there is a need to move students from point A to point B in an orderly fashion. A fire drill is an example.

SHELTER: shelter is used when there is a need for personal or group protection. A tornado drill in an example.

SECURE the PERIMETER: secure the perimeter is used, often at the request of the police department, as a preventive measure when there is a threat outside/near the school. This response was formerly known as a lockout.

LOCKDOWN: lockdown is used when there is a threat inside the school.

What can parents/guardians do to help our schools be prepared for an emergency?

Ensure your contact information is current in Infinite Campus.

Keep all medical information for your child up to date with the school.

Talk to your child about the need to follow directions in an emergency and to pay close attention during drills.

During an emergency, please do not come to or call the school. Listen for information, updates and instructions to come from the district.

SAFESCHOOLS ALERT

The FDCSD is now using *SafeSchools Alert*, a tip reporting service that allows students, staff, and parents to submit safety concerns to our administration four different ways:

Phone: **515.373.4351**
Text: **Text to 515.373.4351**
Email: **1876@alert1.us**
Web: **Use the link under Events at fdschools.org or visit http://1876.alert1.us**

When you submit a tip, be sure to use the FDCSD identification code 1876 in your communication.

Every tip SafeSchools Alert receives about our district is immediately logged in the system and our administration is notified so we can investigate and take appropriate action.

Together, using SafeSchools Alert, we can make our district a safer place to learn and work!

It is the policy of the Fort Dodge Community School District not to discriminate on the basis of race, creed, color, ancestry, age, gender, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, disability, physical attributes, religion, political party preference, political belief, socioeconomic status, veteran's status, actual or potential parental, family or marital status in its programs, services, and employment practices. If you have questions or grievances related to this policy, please contact Dr. Stephanie Anderson (Director of Student Services - Elementary), and Dr. Kirsten Doebel (Director of Student Services - Secondary), Central Administration Office, 104 South 17th Street, Fort Dodge, IA 50501, (574-5678) or contact the Civil Rights Midwestern Division for U. S. Department of Education Office, 500 W. Madison Street, Suite 1475, Chicago, IL 60661-4544. (Alternate for Section 504 is Lynnae Harvey, Director of Special Education/Special Needs, 515-574-5675).

The District's Compliance Coordinator for Affirmative Action is Lisa Negus, and can be reached at 574-5657 or 104 South 17th Street, Fort Dodge, IA 50501.

The District's Designated Investigators of Physical/Sexual Abuse of Students by School Employees are Dr. Stephanie Anderson (Director of Student Services - Elementary), and Dr. Kirsten Doebel (Director of Student Services - Secondary). They can be reached at 576-1161 or 104 South 17th Street, Fort Dodge, IA 50501. The alternate is Lynnae Harvey. She can be reached at 574-5675 , or 104 South 17th Street, Fort Dodge, IA 50501.

The District's Officers for Harassment Complaints and Allegations are Dr. Stephanie Anderson (Director of Student Services - Elementary), and Dr. Kirsten Doebel (Director of Student Services - Secondary). They can be reached at 576-1161 or 104 South 17th Street, Fort Dodge, IA 50501

No Dodger Academy on early dismissal days due to weather

If school must be cancelled, delayed or dismissed early due to weather conditions, announcements will be made via:

Infinite Campus Phone Calls & Texts
FDCSD Facebook and Twitter
www.fdschools.org
TV Stations: WHO, KCCI & WOI
Radio Stations: KWMT, KKEZ, KXFT, KZLB, KIAQ, KVFD, KTLB
The Messenger website and social media

If you currently do not receive phone calls/texts from the District and would like to, please log into your Infinite Campus Parent Portal and change your Contact Preferences.

FDCSD Partners with Peachjar for new Virtual Backpack

The FDCSD has partnered with Peachjar and has begun sending digital flyers directly to parents. Peachjar provides an innovative flyer management system that sends school-approved digital flyers directly to parents' inboxes and posts them on the schools' web pages. Now parents can easily find and view flyers and take action immediately to sign up for activities and events.

Community organizations may register with Peachjar as a "Program Provider" and upload flyers for distribution to the desired school(s). Peachjar charges a fee for this service, but free events are free to upload. Paper flyers will no longer be distributed and the calendar format Virtual Backpack on our homepage has been removed.

After a flyer has been submitted through Peachjar, it is routed automatically to the district office for approval then emailed as a visually engaging, full-color image to parents.

To learn more or to become a Program Provider visit www.peachjar.com.