



Dakota Elementary School Newsletter

September 1, 2022

Our vision is to prepare all students to make positive contributions in an ever changing world.

Principal's Message

We are off to a great start! I am so proud of our staff and students for the smooth start to the school year. Our students have been demonstrating good conduct and high levels of attention towards learning. During the first week of school, I visited each class to discuss our school expectations and attempt to set the tone for the school year. Part of my classroom visit included a reminder that we are all on the same team- Dakota Elementary School. These visits provided an explanation of what a team is. The descriptions of how teams behave included working towards common goals and operating interdependently. My hope is that with all of us (students, parents and staff) working together, we can continue our momentum and have an amazingly successful school year. We got this!



Important Information

- Students will be practicing emergency drills throughout the school year. This will include fire, tornado, bus safety and lockdown drills. Many of these drills will occur during the month of September.
- On August 30, all students received information about the Fannie May PTO fundraiser. This is a big fundraiser for our PTO and any participation is appreciated. Please speak with your child about how to safely participate in candy sales.

- Please be very cautious when driving through the school parking lot. Cell phone use and passing school buses is unsafe and illegal.
- Please monitor your student's lunch account balance. This can be done through Skyward (family access- food service tab).
- Please have your student read 30 minutes each night. This is an important task because it influences academic success, strengthens ELA skills and can inspire thinking/creativity.
- Please continue to help us maximize our time and eliminate disruptions by arriving promptly to school each day. Our doors open at 7:50 and students should be ready for the morning meeting at 8:05.
- Please pay all school fees and submit physicals as soon as possible.
- The main office has really appreciated all the parental support with the new office check in procedure. It is important that parents/guests remember to bring their ID if they plan to enter the hallway.



Mark Your Calendar

- 8/30 Fannie May Fundraiser Kickoff
- 9/1 Lockdown Drill
- 9/2 SIP Day (Early Dismissal- 11:30)
- 9/5 No School- Labor Day
- 9/13 Fannie May Fundraiser Concludes
- 9/14 PTO Meeting 7:00 at HS
- 9/22 PTO Movie Night (more info to follow)