

Wolverine Weekly
Parent Edition
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Thanks to those who met with me during a Zoom last week. I am always open to input and love hearing your ideas on how we can continue the strong tradition of DMS. You have been nothing but supportive as I've moved into the role of principal at DMS, and I am thankful for you.

Items of Interest:

- Our character word of the week was *Thoughtfulness*. What a testimony to the character of our students that even during a time of Digital Learning, teachers had no trouble recognizing this characteristic among our student body. Teacher Natalie Birchett recognized 7th grader Bo Henslee for his thoughtfulness. She was very touched to learn that he prays for her. Teacher Adam Wright recognized 8th grader Aliyah Murphy for her thoughtfulness. He says she has checked on her teachers several times during these stressful times.



- **Grades will close on May 15.** Grades earned this last 9 weeks may help but not harm.
- **Removing Items from Lockers:** We are going to allow a time for students to enter the building to retrieve items from lockers. For the safety of our children, this will be a highly controlled situation. To minimize exposure, parents will stay in cars. Teachers will be on hand to ensure that only 10 students at a time enter the building. Students should bring a bag with them. They will enter the building from the front, main entrance. They will go to their lockers, gather belongings into the bag, and leave from the side exit. We will have a cart on hand where they can place library books and textbooks. To minimize risk of exposure, there will not be time to clean out as they go; they will need to take all items with them and sort/organize at home. **Dates will be Friday, May 8 from 11:30-3:00 PM and Friday, May 15, from 11:30- 3:00 PM.** (Fridays were chosen, because construction workers are not here on Fridays.) Items which remain in lockers will be gathered and kept safe until next year.
- **Awards and Honors:** We are going to host a Ride-Thru for each grade level. In keeping with what had already been decided and is on the Big Calendar, the 8th Grade Drive Thru will take place on Thursday, May 21, from 10:00-11:30 AM. The 6/7th Grade Drive Thru will take place on Friday, May 22, from 10:00-11:30 AM. This will be a time of celebration as teachers line the drive to wave and give shout outs as students ride thru. Due to construction, this will be staged in the bottom level parking lot.
- **8th Grade:** In addition to the drive thru, we are planning a video to highlight each 8th grade student. More details on this forthcoming.
- **Digital Learning** continues on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday.
- **Meals:** This week, we will deliver two days of meals on Monday. On Wednesday, we will deliver 7 days of meals. The following week, we will deliver on Wednesday only (7 days of meals). Parents may also drive-through at DES or DAVIS from 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM.

Feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns! michellebeeler@dadecs.org

Quote of the week: “When life gets you down, you know what you gotta do? Keep swimming!” (-Dory)