

Wolverine Weekly Parent Edition
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Considering we remain in a pandemic, I can't ask for anything better. DMS has exceptional students who come to school each day with a smile. This is to your credit, parents. You have raised fine young men and women who are polite and well mannered. They have been taught right and wrong, and I appreciate them very much.



New Items:

- **DMS Virtual Teacher:** DMS teacher Nikki Wright is serving our Virtual students and will do a fabulous job with this task.
- **Welcome** to Pamela Chambers and Shannon Ricker! They are joining DMS as paraprofessionals.
- Here is a DMS **Presentation** that will be added to as the year progresses. [Presentation](#) You'll notice the beautiful murals featuring student art. Thank you to teacher Brandi Gann for making this happen!
- Featuring students on our facebook page, our webpage, and in the local newspaper is a great way to let our kids know how proud we are of their accomplishments. In order to publish your child's photo and name, we need the signed Permission form returned. This was part of paperwork sent home on the first days of school. Make sure your student has returned the forms.
- **School lunches:** As a federal program, our School Nutrition Department has a no-charge policy. Preparing for the school year, I decided to tackle this issue by continuing the established practice that DMS had in place before I came on board as principal. The only difference has been that I will not be paying for student lunches from my personal bank account, as had the previous principal. All DMS students have been offered a lunch, regardless of money owed by the parent. This will remain the practice under my leadership; no DMS student has been denied a lunch, nor will they be. I appreciate the efforts Superintendent Dr. Harris and our Board of Education are putting into finding a resolution to the debt incurred from unpaid school lunches. I encourage anyone with questions, suggestions or concerns about DMS to contact me directly.
- DMS is offering several new **student leadership** opportunities.
 - Teachers have named **Student Ambassadors** to serve as greeters/welcomers when we have new students enroll and as we have guests to DMS.
 - Interested students have filled out applications to serve on the **Principal's Advisory Board**. Those applications have been turned in to our receptionist who is going to number the applications and black out the student names, to ensure the applications are anonymous. A panel consisting of Assistant Principal Lloyd Ellison, counselor Aaron Stanton and Academic Coach Lisa Bell will review the applications and determine the 7 students to serve on the panel.
 - Coming soon, students will vote on a **Student Council** representative from each 1st Academic Class. Officers will be voted upon by the 8th grade class to include a President, Vice President, and Class Planner. Teacher Beverly Adkins has graciously agreed to sponsor this group.

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