

welcome to

THE LIONS



2022-2023

~~TEAM TEACHERS~~

MRS. FARR – SOCIAL STUDIES

MISS GLENN – LANGUAGE ARTS

MR. MAYO – MATH

MRS. STARKS – STEM (EXPLORATORY)

MRS. WILLIAMS – SCIENCE





“Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much.” – Helen Keller

Math – Mr. Mayo

○ 6th Grade Math Curriculum

Topic 1: Positive Rational Numbers

Topic 2: Integers & Rational Numbers

Topic 3: Numeric & Algebraic Expressions

Topic 4: Equations & Inequalities

Topic 5: Ratio & Rate

Topic 6: Percent

Topic 7: Area, Surface Area, & Volume

Topic 8: Data

*A syllabus, pacing guide, and unit map for each topic are available on Schoology.

○ Grading Procedures:

60% Major Grades – Assessments

40% Minor Grades – Assignments



Math – SAVVAS and Other Resources

- SAVVAS is our math curriculum. Students will be able to access the online homework at home through their Clever page. Students will be given time in class each week to work on homework.
- Study guides will be provided before each test. All homework is due on study guide day. Homework is graded for accuracy.
- Workbook pages and additional practice pages are placed in students' binders at the beginning of each topic. They are to be used as a reference and as extra practice. They are not graded assignments.
- Khan Academy is a great free resource for extra practice and help with our math topics.
- Logging into SAVVAS at home:
 - Go to DMS webpage
 - Go to "For Students"
 - Click "Clever"
 - Click on the SAVVAS EasyBridge App
 - Click the blue link. This will take students to their materials.



Aug 31

6:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Curriculum Night: Leopards and Pumas

View All +



Announcements

+ Email from Mrs. Armstrong

Mrs. Armstrong recently sent an email out to families regarding information. [Click here to read the email!](#)

+ Camp Drake 2021

We are excited about this year and all the excitement that it will bring from Camp Drake, presented by Mrs. Armstrong (Principal) and the presentation itself, too!

If you were able to attend in-person, please take a moment to thank Mrs. Armstrong.

If you are planning to drop off or pick up your student by car, please watch this [video](#) for a brief tour of the car rider line.

+ Auburn Youth Lacrosse Club Fall Registration

REGISTRATION WILL CLOSE AT 12:01pm 8/2/2021. Please visit [www.auburnyouthlax.com](#) or contact Meghan...

- ACS Parent and Student Handbook
- Clever
- Destiny Library Search
- DMS Student Handbook
- DMS Tech Support
- Envision Math
- Harassment/ Bullying Information
- Library
- Math Placement
- Office 365
- PBIS Rewards
- PowerSchool Student Grade Portal
- Schoology
- STAR Testing
- Student iPad HelpDesk Ticket

Tweets by @AuburnCityEdu

Auburn City Schools @AuburnCityEdu

During the week of August 23-27, ACS reported 93 confirmed cases of COVID-19 to the ADPH.

READ MORE: facebook.com/10792312933293



Language Arts – Miss Glenn

- Content:
 - Greek and Latin Roots
 - Figurative Language
 - Genre
 - Elements of Plot
 - Pronouns
 - Writing – Writing of the Week, Essays
 - Reading
- Grading:
 - Major Grades – 60%
 - Minor Grades – 40%
- Supplies:
 - Binder
 - Pencils



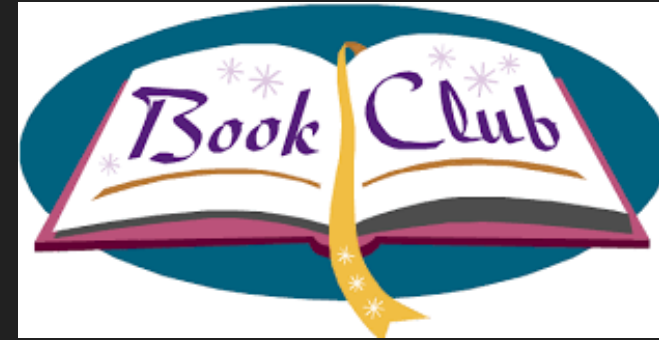
Students will read if we give them the books, the time, and the enthusiastic encouragement to do so. If we make them wait for the one unit a year in which they are allowed to choose their own books and become readers, they may never read at all. To keep our students reading, we have to let them.

~ Donalyn Miller

**Students should
always have a book
to read.**

They can check out books from the library or bring books from home. They should keep a book or two in their backpack at all times.

Book Clubs

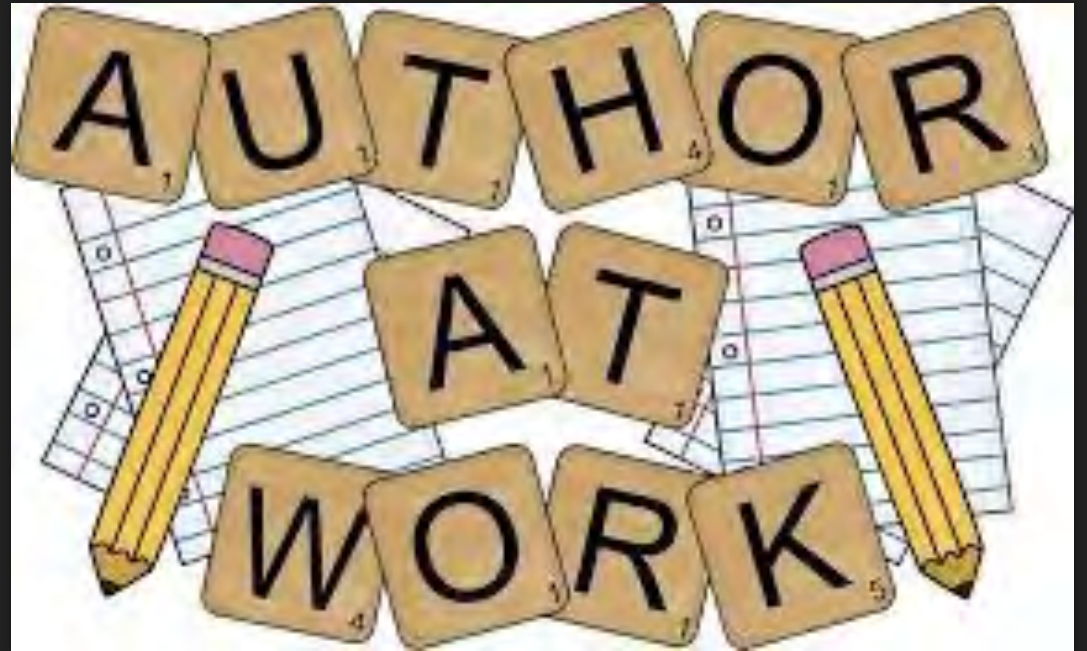


Great Book Race



Writing

- Writing of the Week
- Essays
- Reflections
- Writing Units



Social Studies – Mrs. Farr



- Most grades will consist of in-class daily assignments.
 - Some grades will be based on class participation.
 - Study guides and notes are given prior to every test.
 - Rubrics are given for all projects.
 - Daily items for class- bring pencil, binder with paper, and colored pencils.

- Upcoming Topics:
 - Immigration into the U.S.
 - Women Suffrage
 - Progressivism, Imperialism, and Expansionism
 - Spanish-American War
 - WWI- Causes/Effects
 - The Great Depression and Dust Bowl
 - WWII- Causes/Effects; Holocaust

What does Social Studies look like?



- Class Discussions and Notes
- Cooperative Learning Group Activities
- Plays / Skits and Debates
- Guided and Independent practice
- Geography skills
- Study Guides / Review Games
- Tests / Quizzes / Projects
- Schoology Updates and Due Dates

Science – Mrs. Williams

- 1st Semester:
 - Understanding Weather and Climate
 - Exploring Plate Tectonics
- 2nd Semester:
 - Researching the Sun-Earth-System
 - Exploring Planetary Systems
- Mini-Units:
 - Rocks and Minerals
 - Alternative Energy Sources
- Grading:
 - Major Grades: 60%
 - Minor Grades: 40%
- Class Expectations:
 - Daily Classwork
 - Homework (If students don't finish work in class)
 - Study nightly to prepare for tests / quizzes
 - Keep a neat / organized folder
 - Check Schoology daily



Science – Daily Routine

- Students will come in each day to a Bell Ringer question. We will hold a classroom discussion about the Bell Ringer question, and a quiz will be given over the previously discussed bell ringers approximately every two weeks.
- Our classes will include a variety of lessons, including whole group, small group, and individual activities. Some of these activities include labs, projects, videos, notes, vocabulary, class discussions, review/games, tests, and quizzes.
- Most science work will be done in class. It is very important that they keep up with daily notes, assignments, and data!
- Please encourage your students to use their study guides to prepare for quizzes and tests, and check Schoology for regular updates and important information.



~EXPLORATORY CLASSES~

Each student has all exploratory classes in 6- week rotations.

STEM – MRS. STARKS

The focus of STEM class is to introduce students to careers in science, math, and technology.

Students will work cooperatively in groups to do projects.

There will be a heavy focus on engineering and hands-on learning assignments



ART – MRS. SPEIR



IN ART THEY WILL DO
MANY CREATIVE
PROJECTS USING
VARIOUS MEDIUMS.



THEY WILL ALSO LEARN
DIFFERENT PERIODS OF ART,
CHARACTERISTICS OF THOSE
WORKS, AND
CHARACTERISTICS OF ART.
WE STRIVE TO BRING OUT THE
INNER ARTISTS.



Current Events – Mrs. G-H

Current Events, now called Elective Survey, will help students understand what is happening in the world while delivering the news in an age-appropriate manner.

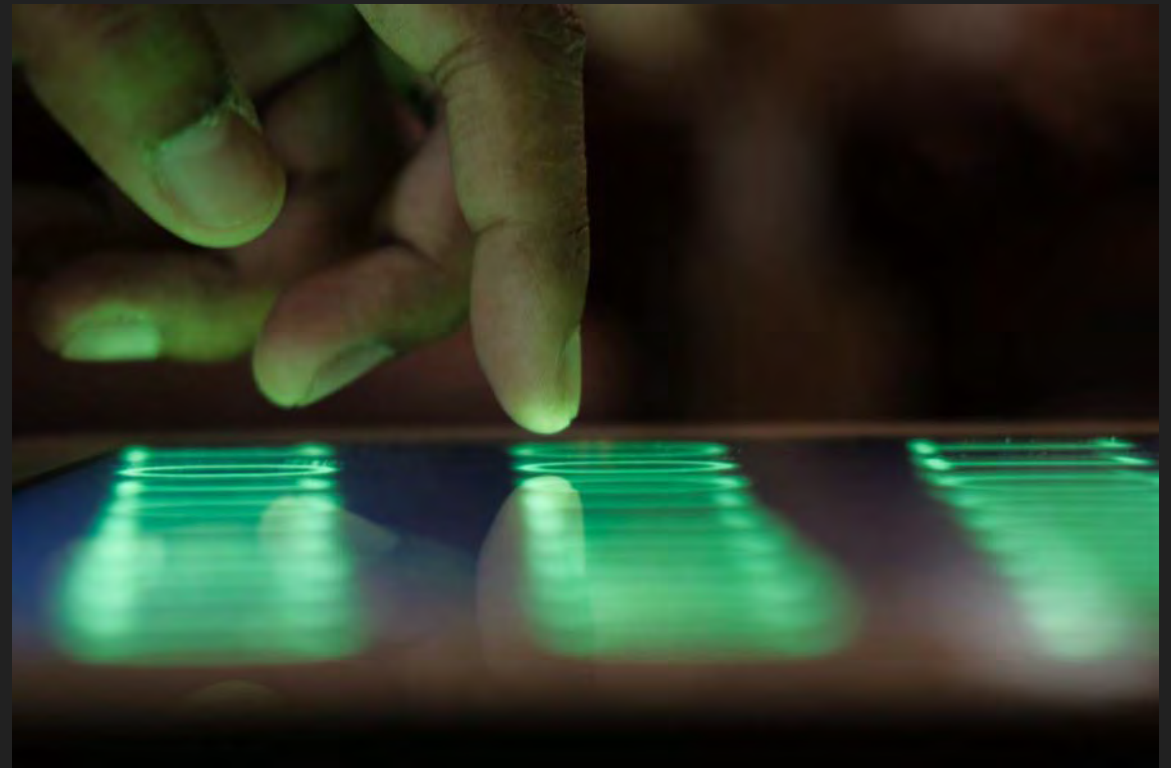
They will be required to read or watch a news story of their choosing for homework and share their findings with the class.

This is a great class that will help students start to understand the importance of researching, organizing information, and citing sources.



Digital Connections – Mrs. Dyer

- In digital connections, they will gain a deeper understanding of technology.
- They will become better typists, and do projects centered around digital mediums.



Foreign Language – Coach Halverson

- The primary purpose of this course is to expose students to a new language.
- Students will develop basic conversation skills in Spanish.
- They will also be introduced to the unique geography, history, and culture of the regions.



MUSIC – MR. MCCULLOUGH

- In music, students will explore:
 - Rhythm Patterns
 - Note recognition
 - Elements of Music
 - Sight Reading
 - Creating Movement with Music
 - So much more



Physical Education (PE)



Grading

- 10 points/day
- Wearing Proper Shoes
- Participation



Units

- Team Sports
- Individual/Dual Sports
 - Fitness Games
 - Health Lessons
- Adventure Education (Cooperative Learning)
- Fitness Training... and More!

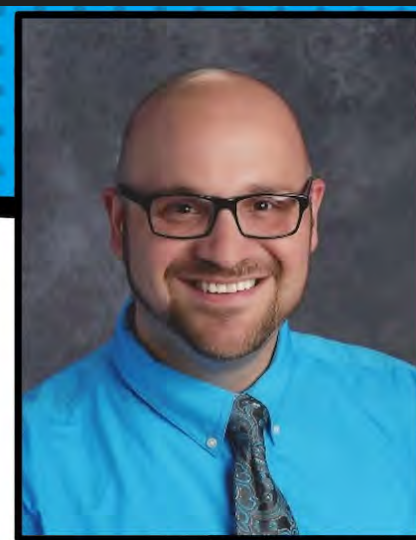
- Goal: To develop physically educated individuals who:
 - HAVE LEARNED skills necessary to perform a variety of physical activities
 - ARE physically fit
 - PARTICIPATE regularly in physical activity,
 - KNOW the implications of and benefits from involvement in physical activity, and
 - VALUE physical activity and its contribution to a healthful lifestyle.

MR. KEEL

×Adam Keel is a nationally certified counselor and is proud to be your child's school counselor. Contact him at awkeel@auburnschools.org or 334.887.1940, and visit his website at auburnschools.org/awkeel or school counselors' website at auburnschools.org/Page/2476

×Services include, but are not limited to:

- Monthly classroom guidance lessons.
- Individual and small group support.
- Responsive services and crisis management.
- Referrals to community agencies and therapists.
- Collaboration and consultation to ensure success.



General Information

- Arrival / Dismissal: Bus routes are posted on the website. All students were given name tags for use when they are car riders.
- Transportation Form: Form has to be completed for any bus transportation changes. Students must hand the signed form to the bus driver to get on the bus.
- Planners: Planners should be used to keep up with due dates, announcements, and grade progress.
- Daily Schedule: 6 Periods (54 minute classes)



Our Daily Schedule

2022-2023 Planning Periods:

		<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>
8:10-8:30	20 min.	Bridge	Bridge	Bridge	Bridge	Bridge
8:33-9:27	54 min.	A Panthers	B Tigers	C Pumas	D Leopards	E Cosmic Cats
9:30-10:24	54 min.	B Tigers	C Pumas	D Leopards	E Cosmic Cats	A Panthers
10:27-11:21	54 min.	C Pumas	D Leopards	E Cosmic Cats	A Panthers	B Tigers
11:24-11:54	30 min.	W.I.N Time	W.I.N Time	Advisory	W.I.N Time	W.I.N Time
11:57-1:30	93 min.	SL Lions/SPED	SL Lions/SPED	SL Lions/SPED	SL Lions/SPED	SL Lions/SPED
1:33-2:27	54 min.	D Leopards	E Cosmic Cats	A Panthers	B Tigers	C Pumas
2:30-3:24	54 min.	E Cosmic Cats	A Panthers	B Tigers	C Pumas	D Leopards
3:27-3:30	3 min.	HMRM PM	HMRM PM	HMRM PM	HMRM PM	HMRM PM

Lions / DMS Procedures

- **Procedures:** Letters with LIONS team procedures were sent home when school started. Also, you can refer to the *student handbook* for a complete explanation of school policies and procedures.
- **Colors:** Teal, Purple, and Gray
- **T-Shirts:** Lions team specific long sleeve shirts will be sold in the fall. **Wear Lions shirts every Thursday**☺
- **Academics/Zeros:** Please check the Parent Portal weekly to see what your child is missing. Don't wait until the end of the 9 weeks to inquire about grades. (Parent portal will be available very soon.)
 - **Missing Work:** 1's in the grade book indicate a student can still submit work for credit; 0's in the grade book mean work will no longer be accepted for credit. (See student handbook for further explanation.)
- **Mid-term Reports and Report Cards:** These are sent home each 9 weeks.
- **Capturing Kids Hearts (CKH)-** Purpose, 3 Hand Signals, and Social Contracts
- **Discipline:**
 - ★ PBS school-wide discipline plan which includes an online reward system and a place for students to purchase rewards with the money earned.
 - ★ Discipline Points- 100 points each semester
 - ★ Follow DMS/ACS rules in student planner

ID Badges

- ID badges must be worn by all students and faculty at DMS.
- Students will use the ID Badge for access to the different buildings.
- The ID Badge will be utilized to purchase breakfast / lunch in the cafeteria and for checking out books in the Media Center.



ID Badge Important Information

Students will be issued a J. F. Drake Middle School Identification Badge and lanyard as a feature of our safety plan. Students will be required to properly wear this form of identification around their neck throughout the entire school day.

Damaged, lost, or badges that have been altered in any way will result in students having to purchase a new badge for \$5.00.

Disciplinary consequences for students not having their Identification Badge are as follows:

- 1st Offense – warning and temporary badge issued
- 2nd Offense – student serves one (1) day of silent lunch
- 3rd Offense – student serves two (2) days of silent lunch and administrative conference
- 4th Offense – student serves one (1) day in after-school detention
- 5th Offense and subsequent offenses – student serves two (2) days of after-school detention up to an ISS Placement.



Know the Expectations.....

- Keep high expectations but encourage recovery from mistakes – this is the time to let your child make mistakes!
- ACS Policies in the Parent/Student Handbook (www.auburnschools.org/domain/1614)
 - Attendance – 5 unexcused absences = truancy Early Warning court
 - Electronic Device Policy
 - Dress code
 - Check out time limit (3:00 p.m.)
- DMS School Rules outlined in student handbook (front of planner)
 - Students and parent sign each year – this year you will sign an additional reminder document.
 - Electronic devices
 - Tardies to class (three = detention)
 - Medication
 - Discipline

Do the Right Thing.....

- **Bully free is our goal!**
 - Teach children to not be a victim and report for themselves and others (www.auburnschools.org/domain/657)
 - We cannot investigate if we do not know!
- **Medication**
 - **You must have medical forms on file with the nurse for ANY medication** *Ibuprofen, Tylenol, etc. should not be kept in purses, backpacks, etc.*
- **Cell phones**
 - Turned OFF - not to be seen, heard, or used between 7:50-3:30
 - If seen or heard, student will be warned and parent contacted.
 - If they are in use (text/call/video/etc.) they will be taken according to policy.
 - 1st time - we keep it 24 hours and a parent picks it up
 - 2nd time - we keep it 10 days and a parent picks it up
 - 3rd time - we keep it till the end of the semester and a parent picks it up

iPad Use and Expectations

○ iPad Usage

- Each student received an iPad for school use.
- DMS students **will not** take iPads home. Students will leave iPads with homeroom teacher every afternoon and pick them up each morning.
- iPads are for **instructional use** only.
- Students who do not use their iPad appropriately will receive consequences.
 - 1st offense – Warning and Parent contact
 - 2nd offense – One (1) day of silent lunch
 - 3rd offense – Two (2) days of silent lunch and administrative conference
 - 4th offense – One (1) day of after school detention
 - 5th offense – Student loses iPad access for remainder of semester.

Technology Tutorial

- [Schoology](#) – our learning management platform
 - This is what you will use if you enter a remote learning mode at any point during the year.
 - Know your child's password to Schoology!
- [Envision](#) – this is our online math textbook
- [Office 365](#) – your child has a school-based email address and access to cloud storage, composition, and sharing with teachers
- [PowerSchool](#)– this is our new (statewide) information system and grading platform
 - Allow time for entering of grades
 - Teach children to self-advocate and discuss grades with teachers
 - Parent Portal – Letter went home last week with information for parent login access

DRESS FOR SUCCESS

(DRESS CODE)

- Follow ACS policy (www.auburnschools.org/domain/1614) - consistency is our goal
- **Typical issues at DMS:**
 - **Shorts** that are above 4 inches above the knee
 - **Pants with holes** - **MUST HAVE FABRIC UNDERNEATH** (ACS Dress Code revision May 2019)
 - **Leggings** with t-shirts or too short of an over-garment - over-garments "must cover private areas in front and back" (ACS Dress Code revision May 2019)
 - **Pants must be worn at the waist**
- **When in doubt, don't wear it!**
- Teach your child about the difference in school clothes and weekend clothes.
- **Extra clothes are an excellent idea for many reasons!**
- Parents/ guardians WILL be called to bring clothes. Students will be sent to ISS to sit until clothes arrive.

DMS / PBIS Discipline Procedures

- PBIS Rewards are part of our school-wide PBS (Positive Behavior Support) discipline program. -Rewards are awarded each week to students, mainly during homeroom, but may still be earned from ANY class up to the teacher's discretion.
- Rewards can be earned by doing the following in homeroom:
 - If the student has not received any silent lunches and detentions/referrals/ISS/suspensions that week
 - If the student wears his/her team T-shirt on established days (Thursdays)
 - ☆ Discipline Points- 100 points each semester
 - ☆ Follow Team/DMS procedures
 - ☆ Teacher classroom procedures

Discipline Points Breakdown

- Silent lunches will be given when our social contract is broken or classroom expectations are not met. We typically give warnings and reminders before we give a silent lunch, so silent lunches are a last resort for us.
- Students will have to complete a reflection form that informs their parents of their silent lunch. Students are to return the form signed by a parent the next day.
- Each 9 weeks, silent lunches start over. Discipline points start over each semester.

Students will lose discipline points when the following consequences are incurred.

Each Silent Lunch	School-Wide Detention	In School Suspension	Bus Suspension	Suspension (Out of School)	Alternative School Placement
-5 points	-10 points	-20 points per day	-25 points per suspension	-25 points per day	-100 points per semester

LIONS SUPPLY LIST 2022-2023



Supply List 2022-2023

LANGUAGE ARTS

- 1 inch binder with pockets
- 1 set of 5 dividers with tabs

MATH

- ½ inch binder with pockets
- 1 composition notebook
- 2-pack of black Expo marker
- 1 calculator -Texas Instruments TI-30 XIIS

SCIENCE/SOC. STUDIES

- 1 inch binder with pockets
- 1 set of 5 dividers with tabs

EXPLORATORY

- 1 plastic folder with brads and pockets
- 1 sketch book

GENERAL SUPPLIES:

- 1 set of wired ear buds for iPad
- Handheld pencil sharpener
- Pencils
- Pens
- 3 yellow highlighters
- 3 multi-colored highlighters
- 2 packs of colored pencils
- 2 packs of loose-leaf notebook paper
- 2 packs of index cards
- 1 ruler
- 4 glue sticks
- 1 ream of copy paper

OPTIONAL SUPPLIES:

- 1 container of Clorox/Lysol wipes
- 1 container of hand sanitizer

SHOPPING LIST

- 2 1" binders with pockets
- 1 ½" binder with pockets
- 1 plastic folder with brads pockets
- 2 sets of 5 dividers with tabs
- 1 composition notebook
- 1 sketch book
- 1 set of wired ear buds for iPad
- Handheld pencil sharpener
- Pencils
- Pens

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DMS Cafeteria Info

- Money can be placed into student lunch accounts on MySchoolBucks.com or they can bring a check / cash to school.
- All checks and cash should be in an envelope labeled with the child's name and amount.
- Breakfast and Lunch served daily.

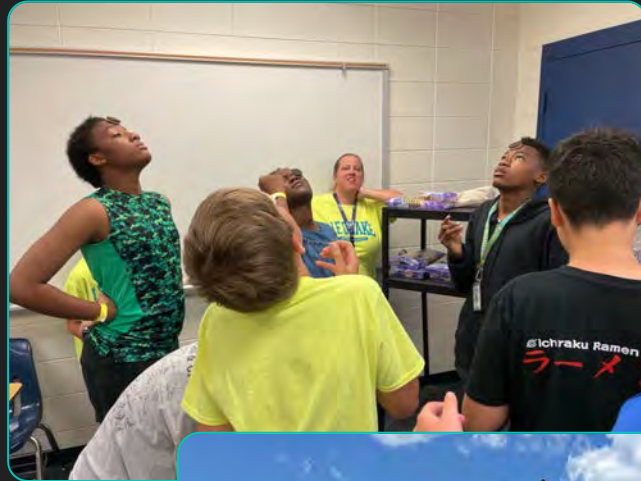
- Hot Lunch
- Salads
- Sandwich Boxes
- Muffin Boxes
- Snack Box
- A La Carte Items



DMS Grab and Go Lunch

IT DOESN'T GET ANY BETTER THAN THIS.....

- PEP RALLIES
- TEAM CELEBRATIONS
- FIELD TRIPS
- DRESS UP DAYS
- Great Break



**DRAKE MIDDLE
SCHOOL
COMMUNITY
SERVICE**

AMBASSADORS
STUDENT COUNCIL
BOOK IT FOR BOOKS
BEAT BAMA FOOD
DRIVE
COINS FOR CANCER



BOOK IT FOR DRAKE

★ 5K & FUN RUN ★

Planned for February
Details Coming Soon

Goal = 100% participation

Proceeds from the race
buy books, technology,
classroom and teacher
materials, and fund
professional development

**Interested in
learning more
about being a
business
sponsor?**



Scan me!

DMS Communication

Lions Team
Weekly Email
(Newsletter):

If you do not
receive an email,
please let us know
and we will add
you to the list.

- DMS PTO Facebook: J.F. Drake
Middle School PTO 2022-2023
- Instagram - @jfdrakemiddleschool
Team Instagram @lionsdms
- Schoology – team and class
specific information
(ACS.SCHOLOGY.COM)
 - Students received training and
login information
 - Can be accessed from DMS
website

Lions' Pride

Bravery ~ Hard Work

Strength ~ Courage



WE ARE SO GLAD YOU JOINED US FOR CURRICULUM NIGHT.

Lions



GLENN

LIONS ~ BEST TEAM EVER ~ LIONS

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