

welcome to

THE LIONS



2023-2024

~~TEAM TEACHERS~~

MRS. FARR – SOCIAL STUDIES

MISS GLENN – LANGUAGE ARTS

MRS FAUST – MATH

MRS. STARKS – STEM (EXPLORATORY)

MRS.WILLIAMS - SCIENCE





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

Math – Mrs. Faust

○ 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](#) +

Home

Our School

For Parents

For Staff

For Students

Teams

School Zone Locator



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 Drake.

If you are planning to drop off or pick up your student by car, please [review 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 Meagan

ACS Parent and Student Handbook

Clever

Destiny Library Search

DMS Student Handbook

DMS Tech Support

Envision Math [and other important](#)

Harassment/ Bullying Information

Library

Math Placement [and other presentation](#)Office 365 [\(Microsoft Products\)](#). [Here](#) is the

PBIS Rewards

PowerSchool Student [and other](#) to improve Camp

Grade Portal

Schoology

STAR Testing [in this year](#), please [review this](#)

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

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**AUBURN
CITY
SCHOOLS**

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



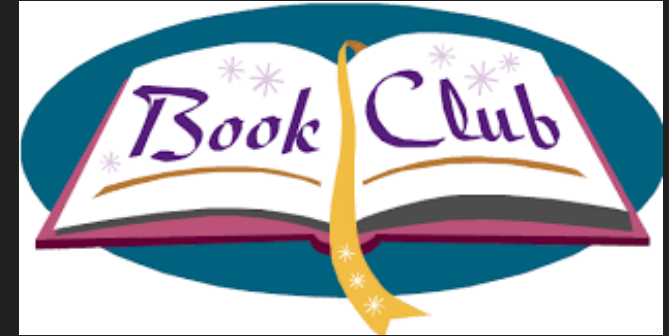
Students will read if we give them the books,
the time, and the enthusiastic
encouragement to do so. If we make them
wait for the one unit a year in which they
are allowed to choose their own books
and become readers, they may never read
at all. To keep our students reading, we
have to let them.

~ 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

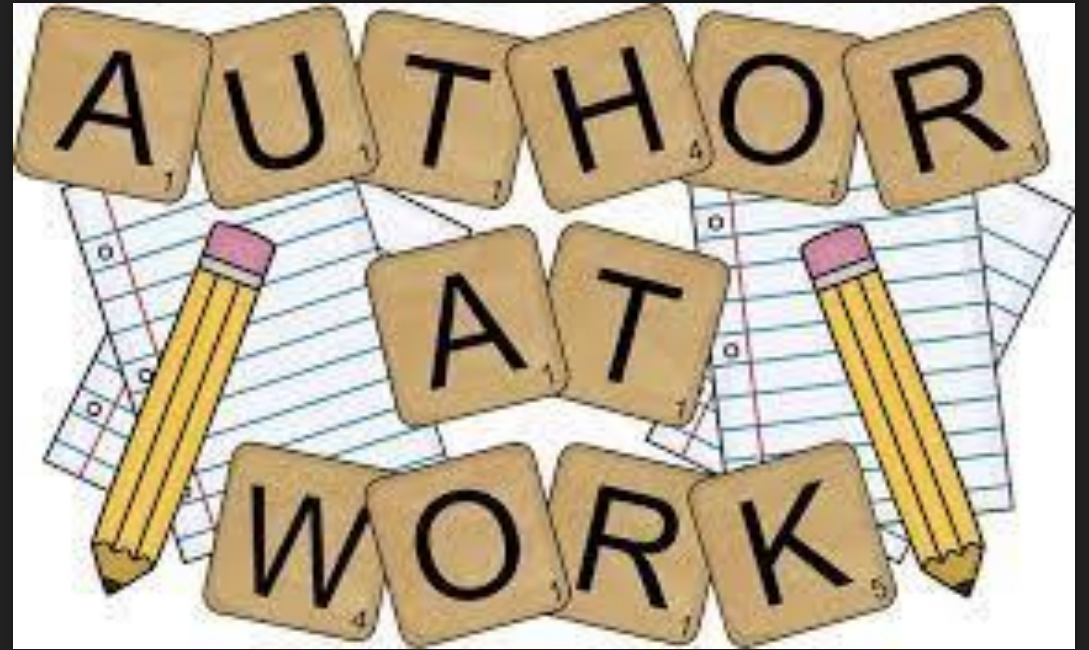


Monthly Reading Challenges



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
- 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.



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



Students will work cooperatively in groups to do projects.



Grading is based heavily on participation.



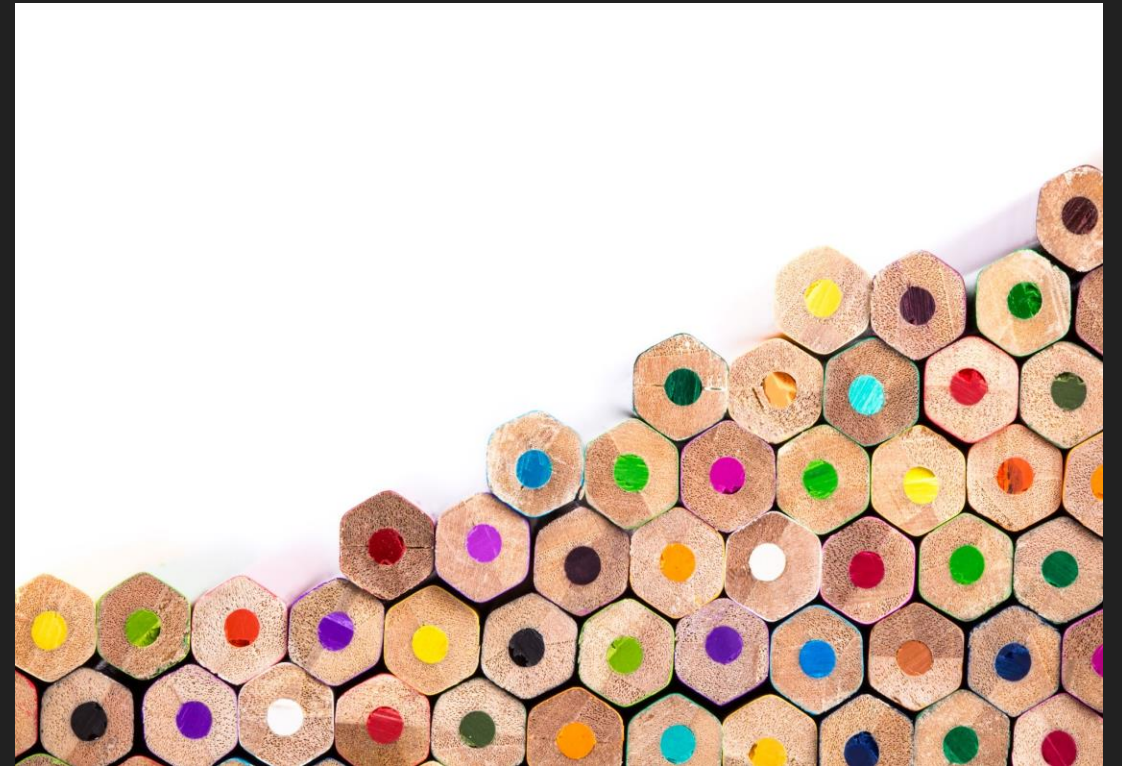
ART – MRS. SPEIR



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.

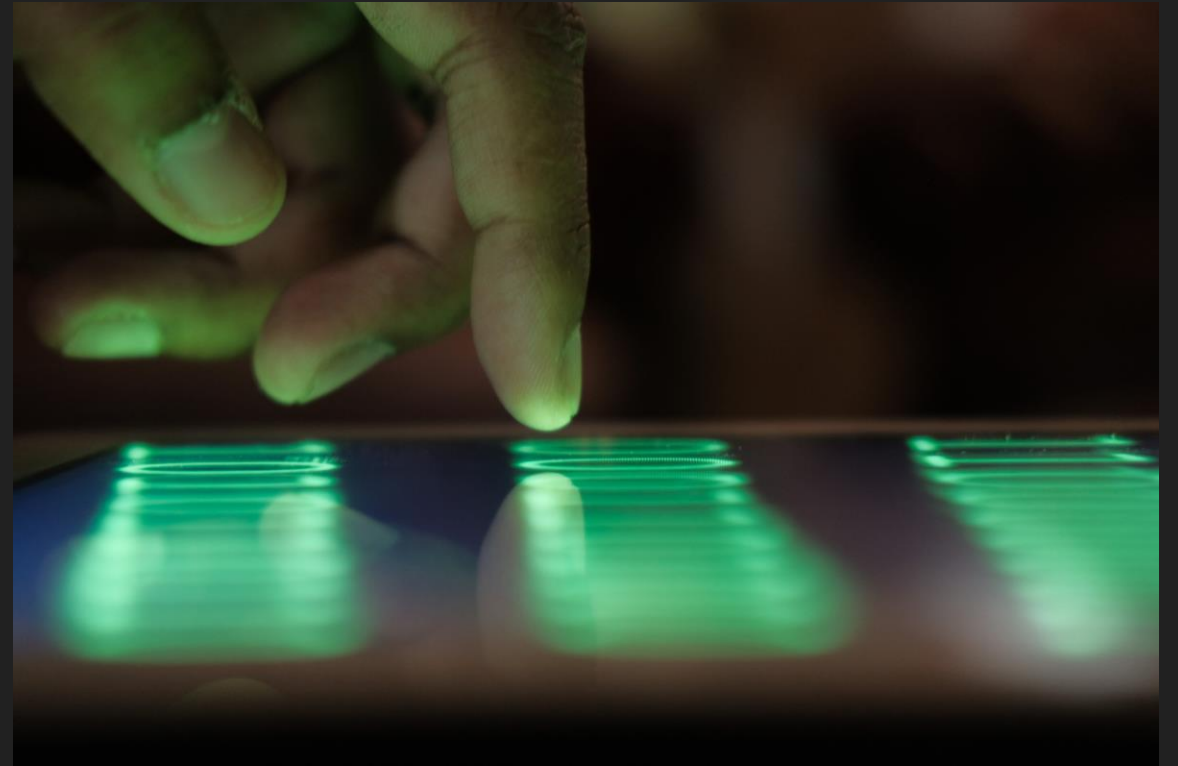
They will be required to read or watch a news story of their choosing for homework and share their findings with the class.

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.

INAPPROPRIATE SHOES FOR PE



3 Questions:

Can I move in them safely?

Are my toes covered?

If I kick an object will my shoe come off?

NO CROCS, SANDALS, or BOOTS



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

×Focuses on Academic (School), Career (Work), and Personal/Social/Emotional (Life)

×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.
- Gray Team Folders: Calendars in the folder should be used to keep up with due dates, announcements, and grade progress. Folders will also hold info to take home for parents.
- Daily Schedule: 6 Periods (54 minute classes)



2023-2024 Master Schedule:

		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:10-8:30	20 min.	HMRM AM	HMRM AM	HMRM AM	HMRM AM	HMRM AM
8:33-9:27	54 min.	A ₁ Cosmic Cats	B ₂ Panthers	C ₃ Tigers	D ₅ Lions	E ₆ Leopards
9:30-10:24	54 min.	B ₂ Panthers	C ₃ Tigers	D ₅ Lions	E ₆ Leopards	A ₁ Cosmic Cats
10:27-11:21	54 min.	C ₃ Tigers	D ₅ Lions	E ₆ Leopards	A ₁ Cosmic Cats	B ₂ Panthers
11:24-11:54	30 min.	WIN	WIN	Advisory	WIN	WIN
11:57-1:30	93 min.	SL ₄ Pumas	SL ₄ Pumas	SL ₄ Pumas	SL ₄ Pumas	SL ₄ Pumas
1:33-2:27	54 min.	D ₅ Lions	E ₆ Leopards	A ₁ Cosmic Cats	B ₂ Panthers	C ₃ Tigers
2:30-3:24	54 min.	E ₆ Leopards	A ₁ Cosmic Cats	B ₂ Panthers	C ₃ Tigers	D ₅ Lions
3:27-3:30	3 min.	HMRM PM	HMRM PM	HMRM PM	HMRM PM	HMRM PM

Our Daily Schedule

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

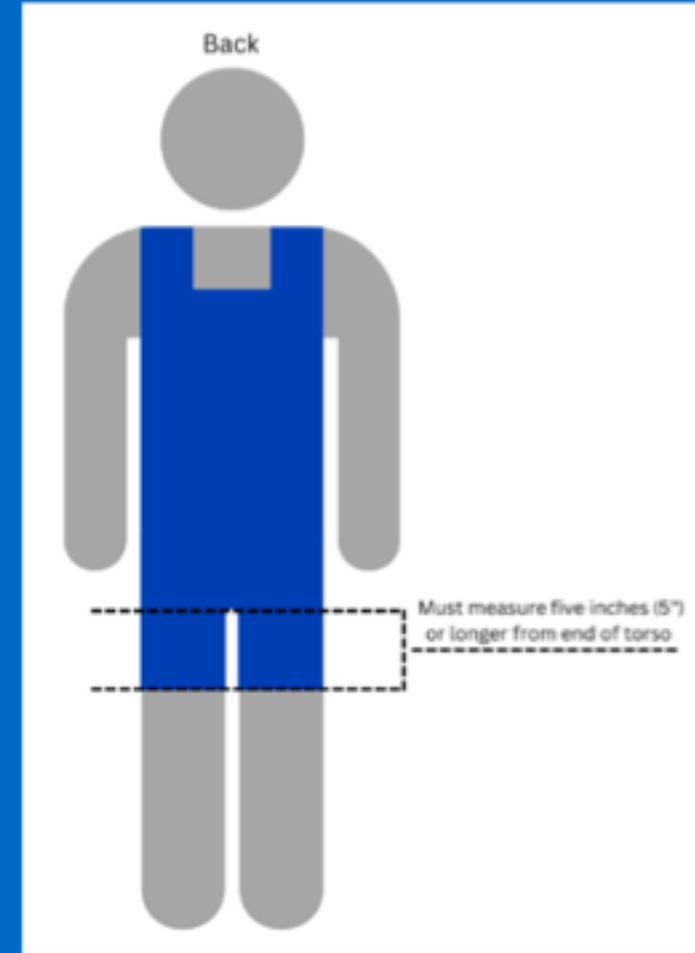
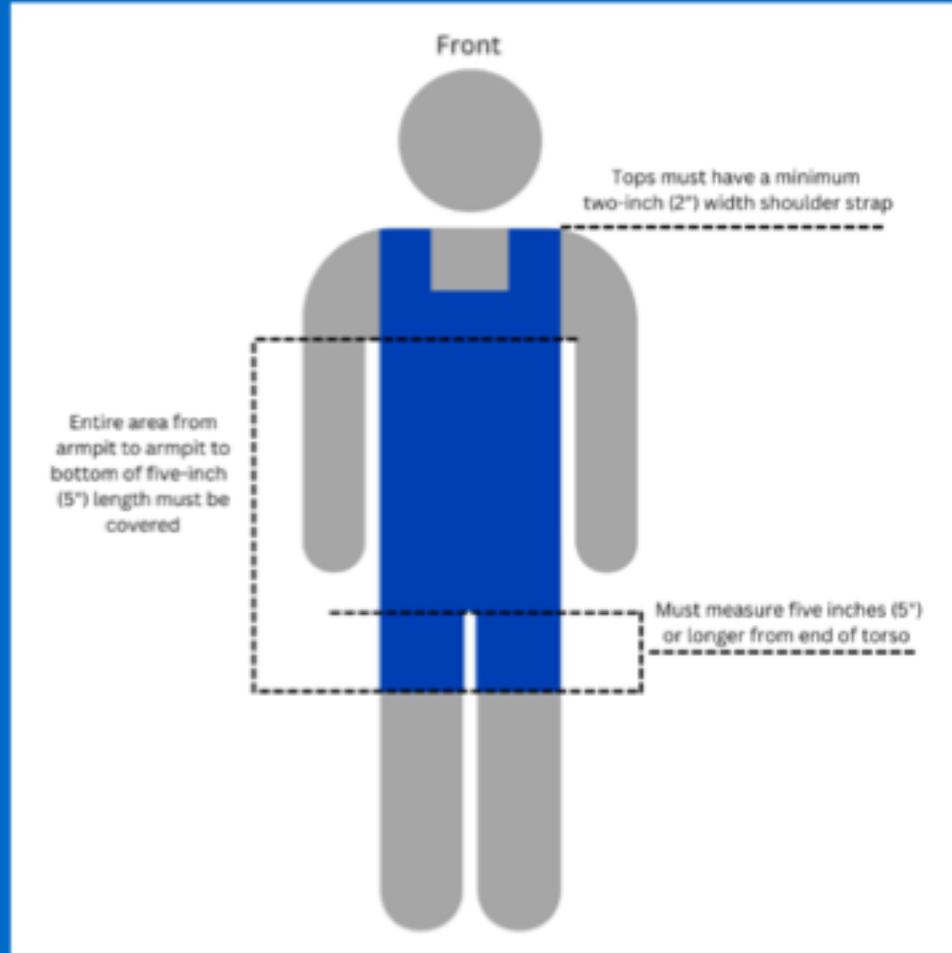
DMS / PBIS Discipline Procedures

- 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

DRESS FOR SUCCESS

- Follow ACS policy (www.auburnschools.org/Page/5968) - consistency is our goal and is a PRIMARY focus for us as we start 2023-2024 school year. Just because it was allowed last year – this year will be different!
- **Typical issues at DMS:**
 - Shorts that are above 5 inches from the bottom of the torso
 - Pants with holes - rips or tears must be below 5" from end of torso unless concealed by material beneath holes
 - Tops must overlap with pants/bottoms to conceal abdomen/waist - including during activity
 - 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 if your child is out of dress code. Students will be sent to ISS to sit until clothes arrive. Repeat offenders will earn disciplinary consequences.

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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 2023-2024



Drake Middle School 6th Grade Supply List 2023-2024

LANGUAGE ARTS

- ½ inch binder with pockets

MATH

- 1 plastic folder with brads and pockets
- 2 composition notebooks
- 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
- 4 glue sticks

OPTIONAL SUPPLIES:

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

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.

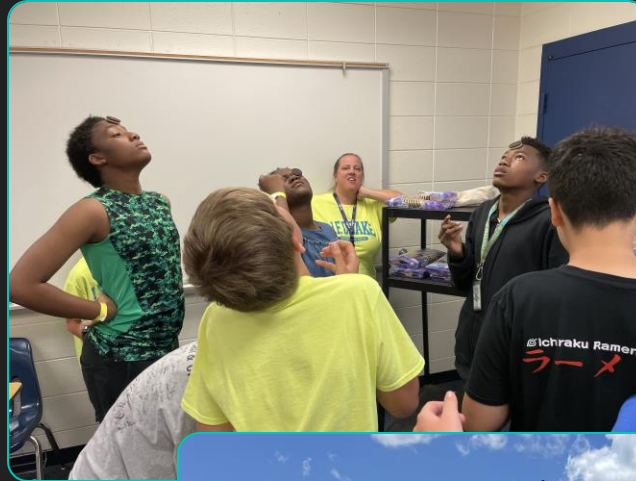
- Hot Lunch
- Salads
- Sandwich Boxes
- Muffin Boxes
- Snack Box
- A La Carte Items



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



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 2023-2024
- 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

SUPPORT Teachers and Our School Through PTO

Information from Mrs. Armstrong's parent email 8/20/23

- 1. Join PTO!** On My School Bucks, search for "DMS PTO Membership Dues". A family membership is \$5.00 and can be purchased through My School Bucks or at curriculum night. *As an incentive, any PTO memberships or teacher appreciation donations to this point plus those received on Monday and Tuesday of this week will enter your family in a special raffle drawing later this week!*
- 2. Donate to the teacher appreciation fund!** On My School Bucks, search for "Drake PTO One Stop Shop". These funds help provide breakfast, lunch, snacks, and launch teacher appreciation week in February 2024. *As an incentive, any PTO memberships or teacher appreciation donations to this point plus those received on Monday and Tuesday of this week will enter your family in a special raffle drawing later this week!*
- 3. Please consider donating snacks for the monthly teacher snack cart!** Teachers love to see the PTO volunteers and the snacks coming down the hallway each month! [CLICK THIS LINK](#) to sign up to donate snacks! *You may drop off any items for the teacher snack cart (even if you didn't sign up) at the table in the lobby at Curriculum Night!*



If you are interested in becoming
a business sponsor, please click
this QR code!



Lions' Pride

Bravery ~ Hard Work
Strength ~ Courage



**WE ARE SO GLAD YOU JOINED US
FOR CURRICULUM NIGHT.**

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