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Dates to Remember

Promotion at Catalina High 6:00 pm	5/21
6th Gr Field Trip	5/20
Last Day of School – NO Backpacks	5/22
Future Dates	
Registration Textbook Pickup	7/25
Teachers Back on Campus	7/28
Students 1st Day Back	7/31



ADIOS TO 2013-2014

Can you believe the end is here?

The last week of the 2013-2014 school year has finally arrived and many students are beginning to realize that for some this is their last year at Dodge. Eighth graders will be promoting to many of the Tucson high schools. We wish all of our promoting students continued success in their future endeavors and will look forward to hearing about their choices of colleges in the not too distant future.



BAND & ORCHESTRA CONCERT

WOW! The students outdid themselves as they performed for the last time this school year. First, all students were given the opportunity to hear the kids play during an assembly held during the day and then on the evening of May 15th, the two orchestras and the three bands performed a variety of music which had many toes tapping. Mrs. Julia White has much to be excited about the performance of these students. Many students will move on to high school, but a large number of remaining students plan to take orchestra or band again next year.

The Orchestra and Band students have a process where they select stellar students who demonstrated citizenship, community service, and leadership. These students were awarded trophies. Orchestra students selected Isaiah Omack, Mari Simpson, and Alexandra Goffrier. Band students selected Analisa Martinez, Diego Encinas, and Kelsey Kerley.

Will you succeed?
Yes, you will indeed!
(98 and 3/4 percent guaranteed.)

— Dr. Seuss

"Oh the Places You'll Go."

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SUMMER SUGGESTIONS

First and foremost, contact your neighborhood Pima County Library. They are offering a summer reading program and it's FREE. www.library.pima.gov This summer's Reading Program for 6th thru 12th grade begins on May 22nd and runs through July 19th. Once kids sign up, they will track their progress on line and there are incentives to keep them reading through the summer.

Libraries are another cool place to relax and enjoy a good book. Signing up is easy and provides your middle schooler with a world of choices of books to read. They also offer lots of teen activities that are scheduled on their calendar.

Most of the county pools will be open starting Memorial Day weekend. Swim lessons will begin June 2nd and the cost is \$20 for a two-week session of eight classes—parents can enroll children as young as 6 months. For information about fees, hours, and class offerings, visit webcms.pima.gov and click on the pools link.

Check with your neighborhood bowling alleys, last year they had a "kids bowl free" except for the shoe rental. And, they even offered a special deal for the "sitter".

Many of the theaters offer special deals during the mornings, Monday through Fridays. Some have the kids getting in for free, the adults at a cost and others offer the option of getting tickets in advance.

Don't forget that the malls have play areas that are air-conditioned and have a variety of activities for the kids to do—Moms can take a book or a magazine to relax and cool off in the heat of the day.

Children's Museum of Tucson — has free admission the second Saturday of every month.

Bookmans has free family-friendly events (see bookmans.com for the schedule). Another place to have a quiet time to read.

Success Maker — There is a link on the Dodge website (<http://dodgemagnet.weebly.com/>) to access the Success Maker program for those students who have been working on the program through the school year. Students can use their regular login to access the program.

Math Program — TenMarks Math Program is a free program available this summer beginning the first week of June. This is a program for students to prevent the math drain.

PENNIES FOR PASTA



Dodge students did an outstanding job bringing pennies for pasta for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society (LLS)—\$1,134.88 was collected by the student body. When the LLS was founded in 1949, a blood cancer diagnosis was nearly always fatal. Thanks in part to the innovative research funded by LLS, survival rates have doubled, tripled and even quadrupled for blood cancer patients. The funds that Dodge students raised will support research and provide vital information, services and financial aid to patients and their families.

Congratulations to Mrs. Harris' class for the largest contribution and bringing the 2nd largest donation was Mr. Ifkovits class.



NO EXCUSES UNIVERSITY

The Dodge Traditional Magnet community feels strongly about promoting higher education. Over the summer we would like for all students to participate in looking at various colleges. We have talked about having college days next year— we will allow students to wear a polo shirt of their college of choice on these selected days.

We encourage all families to talk about colleges with their children—whether it is the parent or grandparent, friend, or neighbor. It is not about whether you will go to college, it is about where you will go to college and what you will study. This conversation helps students realize that higher education is available and should be pursued by all students.



SUMMER PLANS

Summer will seem long if the kids don't have something to do. This is a time when they should be taking on more chores at home—washing dishes, cleaning rooms, or doing the laundry.

If nothing else this summer, all students should read. Every day—even if it's recipes to make dinner, the newspaper, or an instruction manual. Reading to a younger sibling is also a great way to boost your middle schooler's reading fluency. Check out the article on page 2 about Pima libraries.

Students should help with shopping—figuring cost—looking at ads for specials, and planning meals. They could measure their room to plot a new layout. Using math on a daily basis will help to keep them sharp in mathematics.

Let them write—whether it's a letter to a grandparent/aunt/uncle—perhaps a letter to a friend. Let them write stories using first person and third person. But also have them write "how to" instructions—and then try out their instructions—how to make a PB & J sandwich, how to program the TV remote, or how to program the smart phone—just a few ideas.

Don't forget to do your school supply shopping during the summer when the sales occur. You can always see what your child needs by viewing the Dodge website— <http://edweb.tusd1.org/Dodge/> - you then go to the Parents area and see the Supply button. You will find each grade level's supply list.

8TH GRADE BBQ

The eighth grade students attended the Eighth Grade Barbeque and Dance hosted by the eighth grade teachers. There was an opportunity to enjoy hamburgers and hotdogs along with a variety of side dishes. The students played volleyball, tug-o-war, and other games in the courtyard area. Many students spent time talking and enjoying each other's company before they were admitted into the cafeteria for the eighth grade dance with a surprise theme. Everyone had a great time.



VOLUNTEER TEA



The Volunteer Tea with a "You Rock" theme was held on Wednesday, May 14, 2014 to honor the volunteers who help out at our school throughout the school year. A special thanks to our committee, Mrs. Harris, Mrs. Emrich, Mrs. Camacho, and Mrs. Kadrich who organized the event and the collection of food and drink from the staff. Many of our volunteers were in attendance as orchestra and band students played several songs. The choir sang a special song to all of our volunteers. The beautiful flower arrangements were given away to some of the honored guests.



THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU DO

It is a well known fact that it takes a village to raise a child. Well, middle school years tend to be the roller coaster years so children at this age vary with the wind. We are as successful as we are because of all that you, the parents, do for the Dodge community. We would like to highlight a few as the list would extend to many pages— but to touch on a few ... supplying materials to the science classrooms; presenting in the classrooms; chaperoning on field trips; working on campus beautification; carnival preparation, sponsoring, and working; student council dances; eighth grade dance and BBO; and then the gifts you give to us—winter break gifts to staff; National Teachers’ Day lunch and treats on Thursdays we were well fed all year.



CLOTHING DONATIONS

Please remember to donate any dress code shirts, pants, shorts, and skirts to the Dodge Middle School clothing closet. If your child has outgrown his or her dress code clothing, please think of donating those items that are in good repair to our clothing bank. The district clothing bank is even more limited in their ability to help children with our dress code clothing. Your items are never tossed, we use them—for the incidental need and for those needing longer term commitments. Even if you have some prior PE uniforms, please send them in. Thanks again for helping others.



BUILDER’S CLUB DONATIONS

The Community Resources Team (Cindy Lingel and Bob Heskruge) at Aviva Children’s Services were presented crocheted blankets and handmade toys by the Dodge Middle School Builders Club. The students have worked throughout the year developing crocheting and sewing skills so that these items could be donated to children in the foster care system. The Builders Club — sponsored by Mrs. Ponticelli and Mrs. Camacho — was presented with a certificate for their donations and hard work for their community.

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