

# THE DODGE DISPATCH

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### Dates to Remember:

Dodge Science Fair	2/6
Parent-Teacher Conf. 1-4pm	2/9-10
PAC meeting 6:00 pm	2/13
Valentine's Day	2/14
Saturday Clean-up 8 am -12pm	2/18
Saturday School 8-11 am	2/18
Spirit Week	2/20 to 2/22
Rodeo Vacation	2/23 to 2/24

## 2017-18 DRESS CODE CHANGES

Families, after all the hard work of the committee and the support of the students, staff, and parents, there are some changes to the current dress code that will be presented to the TUSD school board for approval. These changes will not go into effect until the 2017-2018 school year that begins in August.

1. Color of polos will include white, baby blue, and forest green only (no teal). This was approved by 76% of voters.
2. Jumpers, and dresses must be solid colored in black or tan, or match the white, baby blue, or forest green in cotton or cotton twill blends. Must have sleeves or be worn over a dress code shirt. This was approved by 72% of voters.
3. Outerwear is discouraged in the classroom but if it is needed it must be a solid colored jacket or sweater. Only writing depicting colleges or universities are allowed. Hoodie style jackets and pullovers are not permitted on campus. This was approved by 80% of voters.

## AFTER SCHOOL EVENTS

Parents and Students:

It is the school's policy that **no** student may stay after school for a function unless they are part of the club, tutorial, or sporting event. All students are to leave campus at the end of the event via bus, if provided or the parent must be here with their child for supervision. An example is staying to watch a friend at soccer—they may only do this if the parent is also in attendance.

Further, no student may leave campus and return for any event unless they are with their parent (no walking to 7-11 for a treat). This is for everyone's safety.

Think for yourselves  
and let others enjoy  
the right to do the  
same.

- Voltaire

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# SCIENCE FAIR PROJECTS



Dodge Science students have been working to complete their Science projects. Students were encouraged to prepare a Science Fair project to compete in the Dodge Science Fair and SARSEF (Southern Arizona Research, Science and Engineering Fair).

This year's fair will be held **March 29th – April 1st 2017** at the Tucson Convention Center. The judging will be done for the Dodge Science Fair next week. Based on the results of the Dodge Science Fair, students have the opportunity to enter their project at the SARSEF event. Applications are due by March 24th to participate in SARSEF.

## PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

Parent teacher conferences will be held at Dodge on February 9th and 10th. Parents are being contacted to arrange for conferences for grade level teams. We will have half days on Thursday, February 9th and Friday, February 10th. Students will be released to lunch at 12:20 pm and the school day will end at 12:50 pm. If students are not staying for lunch parents may pick students up at 12:20 pm.



Students who are riding buses will take their regular bus at 12:50 pm-this is three hours earlier than normal. There are no activity buses or after school programs (tutorial or athletic practice) on these two days. Students will not be released from the campus unless there is a parent present to take them. Please plan to pick up all students in the west parking lot on Parent/ Teacher Conference days.

## KEYBOARD SKILLS FOR TESTING

Dodge will be testing for AZMerit using computers this year. Teachers have been working with students to practice working on key boarding and computer skills. Mr. Kruszewski, our technology teacher, uses a program to teach students keyboarding. **The website is located at [typing.com](http://typing.com).** All students are encouraged to go online and practice their keyboarding skills. Any student not in technology may see Mr. Kruszewski to sign up for a login; Dodge will monitor the student time and accuracy on the program for those students who have signed up. Dr. Schulter will provide an incentive for any student who spends time practicing and achieves a level of accuracy. The details for the incentive will be outlined in the next Dodge Dispatch and will be in the daily announcements as well. Some teachers will also provide incentives to students as well.

## HIGH SCHOOL REGISTRATION

One of the most stressful events for 8th graders is registering for the first time online for their high school freshman classes. This information is necessary for high schools to plan their courses accordingly; to ensure that the classes the students are requesting are the ones being offered and available to the students.

That said, there is a lot of information that has been coming home with your 8th grader. Also, check the Dodge website as we will post any high school event that they share with us. If you do not know what high school your child is scheduled to attend, please contact the office and we will let you know what we have as their home school.



Our day of registration is Tuesday, February 21st. If your son or daughter is absent, I will help them complete the process on Wednesday or Thursday of the same week. I will ask your child to write their choices down to share with you.

Most of the freshman classes are the same across all schools—English, Algebra/Geometry, and a science—the other classes will be electives. If your child is taking Spanish this year, then he or she will want to take Spanish 3-4 for next year. If you want to see a course book that shows most of the electives, go to the district website and select your child's high school. Each school is to have their course book online, if it is not there, please contact the school. Have the discussion with your child prior to our registration day so that they are prepared with their elective choices and alternatives to their first choice for each elective.

Please contact me at [donna.sanders@tusd1.org](mailto:donna.sanders@tusd1.org) or the school if you have questions or concerns.

## NEW SOUND SYSTEM

Dodge will make updates to the existing sound system including replacing the amplifier and speakers and the addition of wireless microphones in the cafeteria. Dodge site council approved the use of undesignated tax credit money to pay for the update to the sound system which is used for Drama, Choir, Band, and Orchestra during evening performances at Dodge. Since the sound system is currently not operating we hope to have the update made as quickly as possible.

## SANDWICH SATURDAY

Students from Dodge Traditional Magnet Middle School and their families participate in making sandwiches for the Homeless at Saint Phillips Church on Saturday morning every four weeks at 7:30 am. We had our last Sandwich Saturday on January 28, 2017. We make 700 sandwiches which are wrapped and bagged. Our next two Sandwich Saturdays are on Saturday, February 25, 2017 and March 25, 2017. We hope to see you there. Participation in this event is really appreciated and you always feel good after you attend.

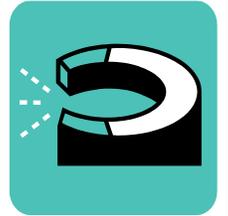
## ITEMS NEEDED



As you start your spring cleaning, if you have any gently used stuffed animals that your child no longer wants, we can use these in our Fall carnival. We usually ask for these in the fall and are often told that you donated either the previous spring or during the summer—so please keep us in mind as these stuffed animals are prized by our students at the carnival.

## MAGNET SELECTION

The Tucson Unified School District—School Community department has sent home the first round of letters for next school year (2017-2018). We are awaiting letters of acceptance of offered placement to attend Dodge Traditional Magnet Middle School. We have postponed our February Orientation event as we are waiting to receive names and contact information for families who have accepted placement.



## AZMERIT TESTING

Dodge will be testing our students for the AzMerit online this school year. We will begin the writing test on Thursday, March 30th and will continue to test groups of students through the month of April this year. We need parents help in a couple of ways during testing.

1. We are asking that parents not schedule appointments to pull students out of school for the first three weeks in April. If a student must have an appointment it would be best to schedule appointments in the afternoon after testing has been completed so that we can minimize the number of students who need to take make-up tests.
2. We are asking that students bring headphones to use during the online testing. We will have headphones available for students who do not bring their own, but students may be more comfortable using their own headphones.
3. We could use donations of healthy snacks for students to have during testing. Please bring healthy snacks to you child's Home Base class.

## DODGE SOCCER

Both the Girls' and the Boys' Soccer teams are undefeated this season. Come out and watch the Girls' and Boys' Soccer teams play against Vail at Vail on Monday, February 6, 2017 and against Doolen at Doolen on Thursday, February 9, 2017. Good luck to both teams as they finish the regular season this week.



## PASTA FOR PENNIES

Our National Junior Honor Society is sponsoring the Pasta for Pennies fundraiser. Dodge joins 29,000 schools nationwide in the fight against blood cancers. For the month of February, we will collect change to help people who are sick with blood cancers like leukemia, lymphoma, and myeloma. All you have to do is collect coins and other donations and put them in your classroom's collection box. Check under cushions, in the car, in your locker, on the sidewalk, and in your family's junk drawer! Teachers will distribute the boxes and notices to each student in their Home Base. Please be aware that any teacher's donation may not be more than the student's total donation. The Home Base class with the most donations will be able to enjoy a beautiful pasta lunch provided by Olive Garden!! Let's get collecting!

## TAX CREDIT DONORS

On behalf of Dodge Traditional Magnet Middle School, I would like to personally thank all donors of tax credit money that support our programs. I am extremely grateful for the generosity of our Dodge families and community. It is not too late to make your tax credit Donation to Dodge. Donations are due by April 15, 2017 for the 2016 calendar year.

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