



October 2019



Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
	1 Whole Grain Cheese Quesadilla	2 Breakfast Day!	3 Taco Salad w/ Shredded Cheese	4 Cheese Nachos
7 Whole Grain Cheese Pizza	8 Grilled Cheese Sandwich	9 Chicken Nuggets	10 Hot Dog	11 1/2 Day: Dismissal @ 12:00
14 Whole Grain Cheese Pizza	15 Chili w/ Meat Sauce	16 Stuffed Baked Potato	17 Taco Salad W/ Shredded Cheese	18 Macaroni & Cheese
21 Whole Grain Cheese Pizza	22 Cheese Nachos	23 Choice of Hamburger or Chicken Patty	24 Spaghetti	25 Whole Grain Cheese Quesadilla
28 Whole Grain Cheese Pizza	29 Sloppy Joe's	30 Chicken Nuggets	31 Hot Dog	

Reminders

- Please keep the office informed of ANY changes in your phone numbers or your address.
- Medication intake policy: *Parents must leave medication with the prescription in the office.*
- School uniform is the polo and BLUE or BLACK pants/skirt: NO JEANS, NO LEGGINGS, NO JEGGINGS, NO YOGAS, NO JOGGERS.
- Hoodies must not have any logos except The Dearborn Academy
- Boots are NOT part of the uniform.
- Safety is one of the most important issues for our children at The Dearborn Academy. Please report to the office when you are visiting the school.

The Dearborn Academy Board Meeting

Wednesday, October 17, 2019 @ 4:30 p.m. at the school. All are invited!



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Mark Your Calendar

September 30 – October 19: NWEA MAP Testing (KG-8th Grades)

October 2: Count Day

October 3: PIC Meeting @ 3:00 p.m.

October 4: Parent /8th Grade Field Trip

October 10: Progress Reports sent home

October 11: 1/2 Day: Dismissal @ 12:00 p.m.

October 16: Late Start: Classes Start @ 9:00 a.m.

October 17– October 19: 8th Grade Washington D.C. Trip

October 21 – October 25: Be a Buddy Week

October 27: School Spirit Shirt Day

October 24 – October 28: Hearing Screening

October 29: Fall Picture Day

October 30: EL PBIS Reward Day

October 30: Trunk or Treat @ 4:30 p.m.-6:00 p.m.

November 5: NO SCHOOL (Election Day)

Mission Statement

The Dearborn Academy is a unique charter school serving a multicultural community through individualized, focused instruction allowing each student to achieve academic excellence and exhibit social responsibility.

Vision

We are an Academy dedicated to academic excellence for our young learners. We are innovative, empowering, and absolutely committed to the continuous social development and academic growth of all students. We establish a school learning environment in which our academic goals are articulated with laser sharp clarity and are regularly monitored.

We provide an academic environment where quality learning is fun and enjoyable. We create an atmosphere of trust and support for all learners where diversity is celebrated and honored. We develop actively involved learners who are building self-confidence and a sense of responsibility to be engaged in the global community.

School Hours

7:15 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Buses, student arrival, and breakfast begin at 7:15 a.m. Students are sent to their classrooms at 7:55 a.m. (elementary) and 7:50 (middle school).

Children who are late to school (after 8:05) **MUST** report to the office before going to class. We urge you to make every effort to have your child at school ON TIME each day so that your child has a good beginning to their day. When students are late, it disrupts the class as well as causing the tardy student to miss specific directions for the day.

If you need to pick up your child early, we ask that you call the school office at 313-982-1300 a minimum of ONE hour prior to arriving.

Principal's Message

As I look out my window, it is to see leaves falling and pumpkins on front porches. I know we are all amazed at how fast September flew by! Now that October is here, we have become aware of an (ever so slight) drop in our temperatures. It is hard to believe that we have been in school for over a month. Please remember that our PK-5 students go outside, and now is the time to bring sweaters or light jackets for recess time. October is always a fun month at school...we will be jumping into all things Fall. Time flies when you have this much fun! The progress reports will be sent home on October 10th. Please review your child's progress. The first quarter ends on November 1st. It will be here faster than we know it. This year we will also celebrate our first Trunk or Treat event on October 30th (please look for the flyer coming home soon).

We have certainly had a fantastic month here...it has been super busy, but the progress the students have made in just a few short weeks has been remarkable! By now, everyone is settling in well to their new classrooms, their new routines and getting down to the business of learning. This year has so much in store with our new curriculum programs; our entire team is excited to observe students' growth! Knowing that we are a team, please contact your child's teacher regarding any questions or concerns.

PK News

Welcome to our first newsletter of the preschool year. We are so excited to start our school year! We hope that you are all looking forward to working along with us in this exciting developmental stage for your child. We are so happy to have your child(ren) in our class! For the last few weeks, we have focused on learning and finalizing our different routines throughout the day. We have prepared the classroom for our children to have as much fun and learning as possible. Children will have the time to explore and adjust to their new environment and everyone in it. The first few weeks of school focused on building a routine, community, and social skills.

KG News

Welcome to an exciting new school year! We have so many fun and engaging learning opportunities planned for our Kindergartners this year. During the first few weeks of school, we spent a lot of time getting to know the routines and procedures in the classroom and around school. A big focus was on how to be a respectful, responsible, and safe TDA Dolphin.

We will be using Zoophonics to help us learn our letters, the sounds they make, and how to write them. In math, we will begin by exploring the different math tools we will be using throughout the school year and how to write and count to 10! For social studies we will focus on being good citizens in our school and community.

We are looking forward to a great year with you and your child! Please remember to stop in if you have questions or concerns.

1st Grade News

We have had a great first few weeks in first grade! The students are working hard and learning all about being a responsible citizen. Please make sure students are reading for at least 20 minutes every night. Please remember to send your child to school with a jacket because we will be going outside for recess as long as weather permits. We are looking forward to a great year and to seeing you at conferences in November.

2nd Grade News

We have had a fabulous first month with your children! They have learned the expectations, rules, and procedures of our classroom. We will continue to work on these as needed. This month in math we will be working on addition, subtraction, numbers within 100, time and money. In writing, we will begin teaching our students about grammar and opinion writing. In reading, we will be using our new guided reading resources to work on individual reading, iReady for practice, and practice phonics. In science, we will be learning about the states of matter.

3rd Grade News

Welcome to the first 3rd grade newsletter! For the month of October, we will be learning place values in math. For reading, we will begin our new Fountas and Pinnell program. Students will be assessed in both math and reading using I-Ready. In writing, we will practice writing personal narratives. Throughout the 3rd grade year, we will learn the scientific process in science and geography and history of Michigan in social studies. We are excited to start off this new year with your child!

4th Grade News

We hope you have a fun and relaxing summer! We are thrilled to have your child join us in fourth grade! To start of the year, your child played many, "Getting to Know You" games with students and teachers. As a class, we went over the expectations we have for all students at TDA in the classroom, hallways, during recess, and during lunch.

Coming up in the near future, your fourth grader will be starting to learn about sounds and waves during science. They will also continue to use the Scientific Method that we learned about in the beginning of the school year. In math, we will continue to work on our basic facts. Please make sure you are working with your child on their one-digit by one-digit multiplication facts at home. If you need flash cards to practice, please have your child ask his/her teacher for some! We will continue to study addition and subtraction throughout the next month too. During reading we will be working on summarizing the story we read. This will help us comprehend our reading. Overall, this strategy will make your child a stronger and more confident reader. To start off our social studies unit, we will be assessing what we learned over the last couple of years. We will also begin to add on to our knowledge of historians and the sources they use.

As your child's teacher, we are really looking forward to learning and growing with them throughout the year. Please feel free to contact us with any questions or comments!

5th Grade News

Now that it is October, we should be all settled into our routines. Please remember that every night students need to get their planners looked at and signed by a parent. Please check for what we did in class, as well as what the homework assignments are. Make sure your student is being responsible and getting it done, with their best effort. You should also make sure your student is reading 20 minutes each night at home. The only way to improve on reading is to practice! This is a great activity for you and your child to do together or have your child read to a younger/older sibling.

With Halloween fast approaching, keep in mind that our school is choosing to have healthy snacks as part of all holiday parties and celebrations. If your child would like to bring in something to share with the class, make it a healthy treat, or small token (stickers, cards, etc...). We can have just as much fun at parties without junk food! Help us keep your kids healthy!

World Language News

Arabic 8th grade: Students will be introduced to the greeting unit in Arabic, where they will learn how to greet classmates in culturally appropriate ways, recognize cultural practices (protocols and manners for greeting people the same and across genders) and products (various types of clothes) of the Arabic-speaking world. They will also compare and contrast the way of greetings from various Arab countries, and the ways of greetings from non-Arab countries as well.

Arabic KG: Students will continue learning the alphabets along with their sounds, and examples of the words that start with these letters. Students will continue practicing writing their names in Arabic, as well as singing the song of the days of the week.

Arabic Low Elementary: Students will continue learning the alphabets along with their long vowels and short sounds, in addition to learning some vocabulary words for each of these letters. Students will also practice connecting and disconnecting words.

Art News

This October we will be exploring Texture in Art. Students will be learning about visual and actual (physical) texture. We will be experimenting with different materials that have texture and identifying these textures. Lower elementary students will be exploring textures around them in a school environment and in nature to get inspired and experimenting with texture plates to imitate them in 2D artwork. Upper elementary kids will be creating collages with elements of physical texture created from colored paper, tissue paper, foam, and found objects. Middle school students will be working on large mixed media project inspired by Emotion or Feeling that will incorporate both visual and physical textures; they will be getting familiar with different art materials and learning how to use them properly and purposefully to create certain visual effects.

Middle School News

Math: 6th grade will be diving into the world of ratios and how it relates to their everyday life. 7th grade will be working on Integers in the world around us. 8th grade will be discussing rational vs irrational numbers.

ELA: All students in Ms. Finkbeiner's class have had a great time learning to use the new reading program, AmplifyELA. They began by working on a unit where they used detail to enhance their writing. They will then be moving into a unit where they focus on reading.

In Mr. Forte's class 6th grade students are learning what narrative writing is and the famous work of Ronald Dahl. Our 7th grade students will be reading "The Red Scarf Girl" and learning how to "focus" their writing. 8th grade students will learn the art of author perspectives; what does the author mean by what they wrote? Let's find out!

Social Studies: Social Studies is always mixing the creativity of students to whatever subject they are studying. We have recently been taking 8th Grade through a recap of North American history. This means we've covered colonization of America, the French and Indian War and the American Revolution. Students will be creating their own movie of these events! But the creation of the American government will be their next step which is full of drama and excitement. The 7th graders on the other hand have just read about awesome creatures in the Paleozoic and Mesozoic Era. But it's the beginning of human civilization that we are to be discussing soon on the first domestication and use of advanced society. Everyone is definitely excited for their first civilization's unit but we have a build up to that (literally). The 6th Graders have done a great job in getting to know what the year is about. But it's the middle school expectations of what's to be done that is going to be tough. 6th Graders are going to master not just how to draw maps but change their purposes, perspectives, and how to read them. Social Studies is as always, the best subject!

Science: For the month of October we are reviewing the scientific method and what it means to think like a scientist. Topics include: What is science? What type of work scientists actually do? As well as understanding technology and engineering. We will answer these question and identify how this affects or affected the world around us in the past, present and future.

