



November 2017



Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
		1 Chili with Meat Sauce	2 Taco Salad	3 Cheese Quesadilla
6 Whole Grain Cheese Pizza	7 NO SCHOOL	8 Chicken or Beef Patty	9 Turkey Wrap	10 1/2 Day: Dismissal @ 12:00
13 Whole Grain Cheese Pizza	14 Cheese Quesadilla	15 Taco Salad	16 Hot Dog	17 1/2 Day: Dismissal @ 12:00
20 Whole Grain Cheese Pizza	21 Mac & Cheese	22 1/2 Day: Dismissal @ 12:00	23 Thanksgiving (NO SCHOOL)	24 Thanksgiving (NO SCHOOL)
27 Whole Grain Cheese Pizza	28 Cheese Nachos	29 Spaghetti w/ Meat Sauce	30 Sloppy Joe's	

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 YOGAS
- 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

November 30th @ 4:30 p.m. All are invited!



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Mark Your Calendar

- November 1:** *Picture Day (Uniforms ONLY)*
- November 2:** *Title I Spanish/English Parent Night @ 4:30 – 7:00 p.m.*
- November 3:** *Title I Arabic/English Parent Night @ 4:30 – 7:00 p.m.*
- November 6:** *SIP Meeting @ 4:00 p.m.*
- November 7:** *Election Day (NO SCHOOL)*
- November 9:** *1st Quarter ends*
- November 10:** *1/2 Day Dismissal @ 12:00*
- November 10-November 17:** *Book Fair*
- November 16 & November 17:** *Parent Teacher Conferences*
- November 20:** *Court of Dreams basketball game @ Little Caesars Arena*
- November 22:** *1/2 Day Dismissal @ 12:00*
- November 23 & November 24:** *Thanksgiving Break (NO SCHOOL)*



Please collect and send in all box tops to your child's teacher.

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

Happy November parents/guardians and students! A few reminders about safety... especially with respect to dropping off students in the mornings. We are asking you to please be careful and considerate of students and other drivers around the school. Please drop off your child at the sidewalk and do not form a second line. Most of us need to be at work or elsewhere at a certain time but not at the expense of the safety of any of our students or their families. Before and after school are busy traffic times; however, working together we can ensure safety for all.

Please make every effort to join us at our MANDATORY Title I Parent Night (either Thursday, November 2nd or Friday, November 3rd). Due to parent requests, we are offering two nights to accommodate our diverse language populations.

Report Cards will be distributed at Parent Teacher Conferences on Thursday, November 16th and November 17th. This is a glimpse of how your child is progressing this quarter in individual content areas and in their learning skills. Communication between home and school is important. We know that this has a very positive impact on student achievement.

PK News

We want to remind all parents that the weather is getting cold and we go outside twice a day, so please make sure you send your children to school with the appropriate clothing!

A few parents have asked for us to send home some sheets for their child to work on their name. If you are interested in this, please see us and we will print you off some traceable name sheets.

If any parents would like to come in to volunteer, please see us and we will set up a day and time! We would love to have parents come read to us, play with us, and help us with our small group activities!!

Kindergarten News

Our Kindergartners have been learning lots of new and exciting things! Students are continuing to practice rules and procedures in our classrooms and in the school. They are learning about each letter of the alphabet and the sounds they make. They have been practicing writing the letters correctly, along with their names. We have also been focusing on rhyming words, syllables, parts of a book, concepts of print, and the appropriate way to read a book. In math, students are continuing to learn about numbers 1-10, graphing, and sorting with hands-on math materials. We will be finishing up our citizenship unit in social studies. Once we have finished our social studies unit, we will be moving into Science. As we introduce Science, students will be learning what science is and what it is all about. Then we will move into learning the five senses.

Just a reminder that homework packets go home on Monday and are due to the teacher Friday.

1st Grade News

First grade is in full swing and students have done an amazing job learning about being a responsible citizen. They showed their knowledge of what it means to be a responsible citizen with a video project to conclude the unit. We are excited to begin the next unit - Where Food Comes From. Students will be fully immersed in learning all about farms, how food gets from farm to table and about making healthy food choices.

2nd Grade News

This month in 2nd grade, students have been working on a variety of skills and concepts. In math, students continue to practice their addition skills, and are being introduced to polygons, basic fractions, and new math terminology. In Language Arts, students have been analyzing texts, discussing cause and effect in writing, and story structure. They are being introduced to new vocabulary, as well as strengthening their writing and spelling skills. In Social Studies, we have been discussing community, focusing on what makes up a community, and why people choose to live in communities. We have discussed both communities in general and our own community. In science, students have been introduced to habitats, and their characteristics. In the upcoming month, students will continue in their studies of community and habitats, as well as strengthen their knowledge in skills for both Language Arts and Mathematics.

3rd Grade News

Happy November! Please make sure you are signing your child's planner every night. We are checking for parent signatures every day as that is one form of communication between us teachers and parents. Their planner has all of their homework listed for the night and any important notes for parents. This also allows you to check and make sure that your child is completing their homework. In Math, we are focusing on telling time, adding and subtracting two and three-digit numbers, and rounding. We are also working on basic addition and subtraction fact fluency. Please practice these facts at home. Ask your child how they are earning an ice cream sundae December! Encouraging your child to read every night will also benefit them. Take a few minutes after they read to ask them questions about what they read and ask them to summarize the story for you. In science, we are learning about our weather and climate. In social studies, we are moving into the economy in Michigan. Your child's success depends on not only school work, but also working at home. We look forward to meeting with all of you and discussing your child's progress thus far at our first Parent-Teacher Conferences on November 16th and 17th. As always, please feel free to contact us if you have any questions or concerns.

4th Grade News

We have had a great start to our fourth grade year! In science, your child has continued learning about sound and light waves. They have completed many exciting science experiments to help them expand their knowledge of waves. Your fourth grader will continue learning about waves for the next couple of weeks.

During math, your fourth grader has reviewed many skills from third grade. Soon, they will be take what they know to learn new math skills that they will carry with them for the rest of their lives. Please be sure to keep practicing mental math and multiplication facts at home!

We have been reading many fascinating stories throughout the last couple of weeks. Every Friday there is a reading test that your child will take. The test directly correlates with the vocabulary in the story and the story elements. Although your child is reading the stories in class, be sure to ask them questions about what they are reading.

In social studies, the fourth graders have been learning about different roles of the government. They have begun learning about The Bill of Rights. We will continue to learn about the government for the next couple of weeks.

As a reminder, spelling tests are also on Fridays. So please make sure your child is studying those words throughout the week!

We appreciate all that you do for your child and for our school! Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions, comments, or concerns.

5th Grade News

It is hard to believe it is already November! This school year is flying by! Please help your child stay on track by checking their planner every night, and making sure their homework is complete. If they need help on homework they are welcome to come in early; please make sure they are here by 7:30 am at the latest if they need help. Students also need to be studying for their spelling and reading tests each week.

Also please make sure your child is getting to school on time. Your child should be in the classroom by 8:00 am. Students who walk in late, miss key information that is given. Help them be successful by getting them here on time.

Both 5th grade classrooms are in need of tissues! If you are able to donate a box it would be appreciated.

World Languages News

Spanish KG and 1st grade: During the weeks of November the students will continue reviewing previously learned vocabulary at the beginning of each lesson. The students will be introduced to shapes and colors in Spanish which will be reviewed through matching games. Each week a short story in Spanish/English will be read to the class in order to have the class hear the vocabulary learned that week.

Spanish Low elementary: During the weeks of November, students will start the "self-introduction activity" in Spanish, to encourage verbal participation. The students will also be introduced to the colors, which will be combined into the "self-introduction activity." After learning the colors, we will focus on learning numbers 1-20. At the end of each week the students will be assessed through a matching quiz in order to encourage them to practice at home.

Spanish 6th and 8th grade: During the weeks of November we will continue our "Musica lunes" and Musica miercoles" where the students are introduced to simple every day vocabulary from a music video. After watching the music video we will continue discussing cultural similarities and differences. Students will also learn how to discern from masculine and feminine nouns.

Arabic Low Elementary: During the weeks of November, Students will practice the days of the week song, the numbers 1-10 song and will play matching games to practice the alphabets. They will be introduced to the letters Da-Tha-Ra-Za-Ja-Kha and will learn words that starts with these letters.

Arabic High Intermediate and MS: During the weeks of November, students will identify ten colors, numbers 1-20, family members, and recall days of the week. Students will practice connecting and disconnecting words. Students will recognize and use pronouns in sentences. They will also complete activities associated to their weekly words.

KG: students will be introduced to more alphabets (THA, JEEM, HAA) with words that show how they shape at the beginning, middle and end. We will be also practicing the numbers from 10-20 in addition to colors. We will also practice numbers and vocabulary and play games like, (Matching puzzles).

Middle School News

Math: In the upcoming lessons 7A/7B & 8B will be focusing on fundamental number operations, specifically how the operations of multiplication, division, addition, and subtraction are used when applied to positive and negative integers, fractions, decimals, square roots, variables and exponents.

In the month of November, 6th grade will be learning about ratios and how we use ratios in our daily life. 8A will be diving into the word or exponents and roots to learn how to write extremely small and large numbers appropriately in a formal document.

ELA: In Mrs. Finkbeiner's ELA class, 7th graders will be wrapping up their unit on story elements, and beginning a unit on theme and personal stories. 8A will be making the transition from writing arguments into writing about themselves.

In Mrs. Awada's class, the 6th graders will be working on short stories and its elements that incorporate reading strategies (predict, visualize, connect, question, clarify, evaluate) and vocabulary building strategies (context clues, prefixes and suffixes). In writing, they will work on the writing process and will review how to write a good paragraph.

The 8th graders will work on short stories and the fairy tales. Students will focus on effective reading and vocabulary building strategies. In writing, they will work on the writing process and will review how to write a good paragraph.

Science: Sixth grade will begin their unit on interdependent relationships in ecosystems. Some vocabulary words covered this unit include; competition, coexistence, symbiosis, parasitism, mutualism, commensalism, predator, prey, and biodiversity.

Seventh grade will begin their unit on chemical reactions. This unit they will learn the differences between physical and chemical reactions! Students will have to remember science lab safety because they will be mixing lots of chemicals this unit!

Eighth grade will start their unit on forces and interactions. They will learn Newton's laws of motions and prove those laws to be true through different physics labs!

Social Studies: Social Studies class has finished the first Unit of the year to master the basics of how to be a geographer, historian, and beginning of North American History. 6th Graders are moving on from absolute and relative location to analyze population on earth. 7th Graders are moving on to studying the first civilizations of the Ancient World. 8th Graders are moving on from the first British Colonies to the American Revolution. Students are becoming more and more challenged throughout the year on not only learning the information but using it to argue and generalize the information.

