



October 2017



Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
2 Whole Grain Cheese Pizza	3 Whole Grain Cheese Quesadilla	4 Beef Hot Dog	5 Taco Salad w/ Shredded Cheese	6 Cheese Nachos
9 Whole Grain Cheese Pizza	10 Macaroni & Cheese	11 Chicken Nuggets	12 Turkey Wrap	13 1/2 Day: Dismissal @ 12:00
16 Whole Grain Cheese Pizza	17 Chili w/ Meat Sauce	18 Stuffed Baked Potato	19 Taco Salad W/ Shredded Cheese	20 Sloppy Joe's
23 Whole Grain Cheese Pizza	24 Cheese Nachos	25 Choice of Hamburger or Chicken Patty	26 Spaghetti	27 Whole Grain Cheese Quesadilla
30 Whole Grain Cheese Pizza	31 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

Tuesday, October 24, 2017 @ 4:30 p.m. at the school. All are invited!



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Mark Your Calendar

October 2: SIP Meeting @ 4:00 p.m.

October 4: Count Day

October 6: Parent Field Trip

October 12: Progress Reports sent home

October 13: 1/2 Day: Dismissal @ 12:00 p.m.

October 24: Board Meeting @ 4:00 p.m.

October 23 – October 27: Be a Buddy Week

October 23 – October 26 & November 2: K-5 Vision Screening

October 26 – October 27: 8th Grade Washington D.C. Trip

October 27: Halloween Night

November 7: 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

Our year is up and well under way. September, as always, was an exciting and busy month for us at TDA with the practicing of rules, routines, and procedures. October and the fall season have officially arrived! It is great to see students settled into their classrooms and working and learning each day. Please check-in daily with your child(ren) and see what they are learning at school. Also, please ensure you are checking their book bags/planners nightly and corresponding with their teacher(s).

Now that we are in our routine and things are running smoothly, we have noticed that we have some children who are arriving at school too early (before 7:15 a.m.) or late (after 8:05 a.m.). At TDA we have usually opened our doors early to allow students and parents to come in as they arrive. Though breakfast begins to be served at 7:15 a.m., official supervision does not begin until 7:30 a.m. so it is best if children arrive close to, or just after that. We realize this does not always match with work or life schedules. Nonetheless, there are still quite a few students that arrive well before and while we allow them in the school, we expect that they will find something calm and quiet in the cafeteria. Thank you in advance for trying to get your kids here on time and not too early (or too late). If you have any questions/concerns, please feel free to contact me at (313) 982-1300 or aalavi@thedearbornacademy.org.



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

PK News

We are so happy to have your children in our class! The last few weeks we have focused on learning and perfecting our different routines throughout the day. Throughout the next few weeks we will focus on activities geared towards the interests and needs of the children in the classroom. We would like to invite any parents/guardians/family members to come in and volunteer/read to our classroom (the book can be in any language). It is always wonderful to see parents in the classroom. We enjoy it just as much as the children do! See me at drop off or pick up one day if you are interested!

****With the weather starting to change we want to remind you to bring in appropriate clothing for the weather, please!****

KG News

Welcome to Kindergarten! We are well on our way to learning all sorts of new and exciting things. We have started to practice learning how to identify, read, and write our names. In reading, we are learning all about rhyming words and the letters in the alphabet. During math time, we are learning about shapes, colors, and numbers 1-10. We are becoming responsible TDA Dolphins by learning how to be respectful and safe in all areas of the school. Look for homework to be coming home soon!!

1st Grade News

We have had a great first couple of weeks in first grade! The students are working hard and learning all about being a responsible citizen. Don't forget students will have math homework every night. Please also be reading for at least 20 minutes every night. We are looking forward to a great year and look forward to seeing you at conferences.



2nd Grade News

This month in second grade, students began learning an abundance of new facts and concepts. In math, students focused on number sense, telling time to the hour, addition, and patterns in mathematics. In ELA students learned short vowel sounds. Their spelling lists focused on short vowels and helped to increase their understanding of the short vowels and the sounds they make when used in words. Students read and analyzed stories such as *Henry and Mudge*, *All in the Family*, *My Family*, and *Family Poetry*. Along with their work in handwriting, students have begun to explore the writing process of choosing a topic or prompt, and writing consistently every day for longer periods. In social studies students are learning about communities, both communities in general and their own. As we progress further in to the school year, students will begin exploring ecosystems in science.

3rd Grade News

Happy October! We are so proud of our students and their focus on PBIS. They come to school every day ready to be responsible, respectful, and safe! Encourage your child to share with you how their day went and what they did to be respectful, responsible, and safe at school. In Math, we will continue working hard and focusing on our addition and subtraction fact fluency. Please practice basic addition and subtraction math facts at home with your child. We will soon be moving into multiplication and it is important that they are fluent in their addition and subtraction facts. In Reading, we will continue to work in small groups based on your child's reading level. We will focus on reading strategies and comprehension. Please encourage your child to read every night. For writing, we will be working on personal narratives as we follow the steps in the writing process. Social Studies will continue to focus on the geography of Michigan while Science will focus on weather. All of your child's homework will be written in their planner every day. Please make sure you are checking and signing your child's planner every night to ensure that they have completed all of their homework. It is important that we work together in order for your child to succeed. We look forward to meeting you all at Parent-Teacher Conferences next month! As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact us!

4th Grade News

We hope you had a fun and relaxing summer! We are thrilled to have your child join us in fourth grade!

To start of the year, we 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 flashcards 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 history of our country and state.

As your child's teachers, 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 are settled into our routines. Please remember, that every night students need to be getting their planners looked at, and signed, by a parent. Please check the planner for what we did in class, as well as what the homework assignments are. Make sure your student is being responsible and getting homework done, with their best effort.

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 our kids healthy!

Middle School News

6th grade will be studying Ecosystems in science class while also learning and applying their knowledge of fractions and cooking in math class. In Social Studies, 6th grade will be figuring out "How to be a Geographer." Reading and writing skills will continue to be practiced in their language arts class.

7th grade will be studying molecules and how it relates to the ratio of Integers they will studying in math class. While in Social Studies 7th grade will be comparing and contrasting the First Empires. Reading and writing skills will continue to be practiced in their language arts class.

8th grade will be diving into Earth's History in Science while reviewing integers and fractions in math. In Social Studies, students will be studying America as part of a British Empire. Reading and writing skills will continue to be practiced in their language arts class.

World Languages News

Arabic Low Elementary: During October, students will learn/ review 6-8 letters and words associated with the letters. They will learn/practice days of the week – colors-number songs. We are focusing on sounding out letters with short vowels. They will practice writing words on their journals. They will complete activities on letters and numbers (1-9).

Arabic High intermediate and MS: During October, students will learn words related to family and school; they will practice writing sentences using pronouns. They will practice using commonly used expression in Arabic when meeting new people.

PE News

Please make sure make sure your student(s) wear proper shoes for Physical Education class. Tennis shoes are the safest shoes to wear during physical activity! Let's move safely!

