



October 2018



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

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

Date and Time TBD. All are invited!



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Mark Your Calendar

- October 2: SIP Meeting @ 7:00 a.m.
- October 3: Count Day
- October 5: Parent Field Trip
- October 1-October 19: NWEA MAP Testing
- October 11: Progress Reports sent home
- October 12: 1/2 Day: Dismissal @ 12:00 p.m.
- October 17: Late Start: Classes Start @ 9:00 a.m.
- October 18- October 20: 8th Grade Washington D.C. Trip
- October 22 - October 26: Be a Buddy Week
- October 26: School Spirit Shirt Day
- October 30: Fall Picture Day
- October 30: Halloween Night @ 4:30 p.m.-6:00 p.m.

November 7: NO SCHOOL (Election Day)



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

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).

This is also the time for parents/guardians to think about their child's academic expectations: to review the achievements and/or struggles of the past year, and to establish new goals and objectives.

If you feel that the opportunities might be too easy or too challenging, please address their teachers, requesting program enhancement or tutoring. Schools are not just places for children to spend time during the day. Instead, they are a child's office, where they work at their own level of challenge. It has been said that a school is a place with four walls and the future inside. Most of these dreams are very doable once the journey is broken down into smaller steps.

During these early days of the school year decide on expectations and goals with your child. Research shows that when students have practical goals for themselves, there is a direct link to academic performance. When these goals are also in line with behaviors, success is within reach. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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 will be spending a lot of time getting to know the routines and procedures in the classroom and around school. A big focus will be 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 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. 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.

2nd Grade News

October will be an exciting month in second grade! We will be in our academic routines. In math, students will learn about identifying time one hour ago and one-hour from now, numbering a clock face, identifying even and odd numbers, adding two facts, creating and reading a repeating pattern, and identifying weekdays and days of the weekend. In ELA, students will be able to determine between statements and questions, write to narrate, long vowels, and identifying the author's purpose. In social studies, students are learning the differences between the three types of communities, basic needs of life, types of people in the communities, and transportation. In science, students are learning about matter, the three states of matter, and changes between states of matter. Please remember that reading logs are due each Friday and students are asked to read 20 minutes each night.



3rd Grade News

Welcome to third grade! We are so excited to have your child in our class! We are so proud of how well the students are doing with the routines and procedures. Please make sure you are signing their planner every night to ensure their homework is completed. In math we are working on addition and subtraction facts. Please work on these with your child. Soon we will work on multiplication and these will help them. In reading we are working on comprehension and reading strategies. Reading 20 minutes every night will help increase comprehension and fluency. If you read with your child, ask them questions about the story. In Social Studies we will work on the geography of Michigan and in science we will be learning about the weather. We look forward to meeting you at Parent-Teacher conferences and as always, feel free to contact us about any questions and concerns!

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 be getting their planners looked at and signed by a parent. Please check for what we did in class, as well as what the homework assignments were. Make sure your student is being responsible and getting it 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 your kids healthy!

Art News

All of September, Elementary students were learning the proper rules and procedures for the Art classroom. Now that it is October and know the expectations, we can FINALLY get to making some art! The 4th and 5th graders are going to be studying lettering and graffiti art this month – they will be creating their name using graffiti lettering! This is great way for them to take notice of artwork that could be in their own neighborhoods. The 2nd and 3rd graders are going to be reviewing what they have learned about color and apply it to a tree artwork – they are going to need to use their math skills on this project to properly grid the paper! The 1st graders are going to be going through all the basics of kindergarten this month – remember all those color groups, lines, and shapes? Well they're back! Kindergarten will have a beginning focus on the colors of the rainbow and the first two color groups – primary and secondary.

The 7A group is going to be hard at work this month after learning about all the Elements of Art in September. We will have 3 artworks done by the end of the month! The first is to focus on creating form on a 2D surface by drawing a natural item in multiple ways. The second project will be a deeper look at creating implied texture; they will be drawing a close-up image of an animal. Then the final project of the month will be working on creating space in an artwork. Not only will we be working with different kinds of materials, but we will also be working on how to share artwork with an audience, give feedback, and write artist statements that explain the artistic process.

We have a lot of amazing things happening in the Art Room this year! You can also stay up-to-date by following us on Instagram (@MrsTArtClass) or by checking in on my classroom website (MrsTsArtClass.Weebly.com)!

PE News

October is Healthy Lung Month. We are going to focus on keeping our lungs healthy by learning about our lungs, where they are located, what they are used for, how we can keep them healthy, and what exercises can strengthen our lungs.

Middle School News

Math: Welcome back to another great start to a school year! The 7th and 8th grade math classes will be adventuring into the world of Rational Numbers. They will first learn about rational numbers and then look to see where they use them in the real world. The 6th grade math classes will be reviewing decimal operations and how decimals are all around them in the real world and affect them on a daily basis. Let's keep this momentum going this year!

ELA: Mrs. Fink's 7A, 7B, and 8B classes have been organizing and working on Elements of Fiction. They will continue reading and writing fiction this month, with a focus on comprehension and story elements.

Science: Welcome back! I am overly excited for this school year as we have lots of fun science projects and experiments to perform! If you have the chance, please send in Ziploc bags, paper/plastic cups, or paper towels with your student, science can be messy sometimes!

6th graders will begin their unit on ecosystems. Their big project includes making a mini ecosystem of their own using 2-liter bottles. We will be focusing on learning about the flow of energy between living and nonliving parts of an ecosystem, photosynthesis and its importance to ecosystems, and how populations grow and shrink.

7th graders will begin their unit on structures and properties of matter. Their big project includes developing models of atoms and molecules. We will be focusing on learning about elements, molecules, and states of matter.

8th graders will begin their unit on the history of earth. Their big project includes making a timeline of their lives including pictures. We will be focusing on learning how earth's surface has changed and the evidence scientists use to explain how old earth is.

Social Studies: Social Studies is always mixing the creativity of students to whatever subject they are studying. We have recently been preparing the 8th Graders for American History. This is done by showing them the growth and structure of the Native American people before European exploration. The students will soon get a project on which explorers they want to research and present in class! The 7th graders, on the other hand, have just read about the awesome and intense history of Earth's formation of the Paleozoic and Mesozoic Era. We as a class are working on our skills on life before human civilizations to get ourselves prepared. Who doesn't like Dinosaurs? The 6th Graders have been doing their best at becoming detectives. As a geographer they need to understand what questions we ask and the globalization issues that connect everyone. Social Studies is as always, the best subject!

