



February 2019



Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
				1 Cheese Nachos
4 Cheese Pizza	5 Chili w/ Meat Sauce	6 Chicken Nuggets	7 Cheese Calzone	8 1/2 Day Dismissal @ 12:00
11 Cheese Pizza	12 Cheese Quesadilla	13 Taco Salad	14 Sloppy Joe's	15 Mid-Winter Break NO SCHOOL
18 Mid-Winter Break NO SCHOOL	19 Cheese Pizza	20 Spaghetti w/ Meat	21 Grilled Cheese Sandwiches	22 Mac & Cheese
25 Cheese Pizza	26 Cheese Calzone	27 Chicken or Beef Patty	28	

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

Wednesday, February 27th @ 4:00 p.m. All are invited!



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Mark Your Calendar

January 28th—March 8th:
Re-Registration for Existing Students

February: Black History Month (School-Wide Activities)

February 4th—March 22nd:
WIDA Testing (ELs ONLY)

February 7th: 8th Grade High School Orientation @ 5:30

February 8th: 1/2 Day Dismissal @ 12:00

February 13th: Late Start @ 9:00

February 13th: Count Day

February 13th: Middle School Winter Social

February 15th & 18th: Mid-Winter Break (NO SCHOOL)

February 26th: School Spirit Dress Down Day

February 27: Spring Picture Day (Dress Up/NO JEANS)

February 28: Progress Reports sent home

March: March Reading Month Activities (K-5 ONLY)



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 7:45 a.m.

Students wanting breakfast must arrive by 7:30.

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

Some friendly reminders:

The flu is making its way through The Dearborn Academy. Based on our experiences with the flu, please make sure your children are 100% better before sending them back to school.

Please respect the school zone speed limits of 15 miles and the placement of orange cones.

Please review the School Calendar for 1/2 days and Late Starts.

Please send healthy snacks with your children. If you need a list, please ask us for one.

Although it is barely the new year, we have begun to re-register our students for the 2019-2020 school year. Watch for additional information and timelines in the very near future!

PK News

“Children learn as they play. Most importantly, in play children learn how to learn” (Fred Donaldson). This quote is a reminder that your child’s play is actually learning.

Even though February is the shortest month of the year, we have a lot going on in our classroom. Each day we encourage the children to become more independent. We ask them to serve themselves at meal times, open their own milk cartons and snack bags. Cleaning up after themselves and after playing is a daily routine. We really model and encourage putting toys and materials away after use before moving onto different activity. One last thing that we are really encourage them to do on their own is buttoning, zipping, and snapping their own coats, and clothing. We encourage you to practice that with them at home as well. Parents play an important role in their children’s education and for that, we created a parent’s group chat on WhatsApp. We love that we can keep the parents well informed of their children’s education. Using this app has allowed us to connect with parents and supplement our daily notes with pictures of what the children are doing. Also, it is a great way to stay connected to your child/ren while at school. This month we have a Parent Advisory Meeting on Friday February 22nd at 8:00! There will be snacks and parent/child activities. Please join us!

Kindergarten News

We have started off 2019 with a lot of new learnings. The students have started writer’s workshop, where they will learn to label pictures, write sentences, tell stories, and make lists. This month they will be introduced to narrative writing and will be writing narrative stories. The students will learn how to stretch out words in order to spell them. They will also continue to practice their sight words.

In Math we will be learning how to correlate sets with the correct number, counting by tens, along with addition and subtraction. We continue to learn and practice our numbers 1-20, by writing them, counting, and recognizing them.

In Social Studies, we will finish up learning on the past, present, and future and switch over to Science.

It has been a great start to a new year. Thanks for all the support and please remember to keep studying those sight words and return homework on Fridays.

1st Grade News

We are back in the swing of things in first grade! This month we are starting a new unit on long ago and today. We will be looking at school and family life from the past and compare it to school and family life today. When you are reading at home with your child you can ask them questions about the story to help them with these skills. We are still working on math fact fluency. You can practice math facts at home every night to help increase fluency. This month we will be celebrating the 100th day of school!

2nd Grade News

February is an exciting month! In ELA, we will be continuing –ed and –ing words, “or” “ar” words, author’s purpose, main idea, cause and effect, and strengthening our writing skills. In math, we will be subtracting single digits, we will introduce triple digit addition with borrowing, and telling time to the quarter after. In science, we will be learning about animal habitats. In social studies, we will be learning about landforms. We will also be celebrating Valentine’s Day. The students are welcome to bring each student a valentine card. Both second grade classes have 23 students. Feel free to contact your student’s teacher with any comments or questions.

3rd Grade News

We can’t believe we are already into the second month of the New Year! The third graders have been working really hard. We have begun multiplication. It is so important that they practice their multiplication facts. We will be having a timed test every Friday to learn our facts, so the more practice, the easier it will be for them to fluently understand them. Learning these facts will be so helpful for them for the rest of the school year and for the rest of their academic career. In reading, we are continuing to ask ourselves questions during our reading to help us deepen our comprehension. This month we are taking the reading NWEA as well to see our progress thus far. It is so important that you continue to read with your child and ask them questions about the story. In social studies, we have been learning about the history of Michigan and the students are finding it so fascinating. In science, we will begin learning about the phases of the moon. There will be some exciting activities and observations with this unit, so we know the students will really enjoy this. Thank you for being supportive during your child’s third grade journey; they are learning a lot. Now let’s hope the groundhog sees its shadow so we can have some warm weather!! As always, feel free to contact us about questions or concerns.

Library News

The Library is buzzing with busy READERS!!

K-2 have been listening and discussing books on Fantasy and Fairytales. Our Dolphins discuss who the characters are, where and when the story took place and events of the story.

3rd graders have just finished reading “Charlotte’s Web.” The book was discussed to help our Dolphins comprehend the story with references to their background and adding information that will help them to better understand the theme of friendship.

4th and 5th graders have just finished the award winning novel “Bridge to Terabithia.” It deals with themes of family, friendship, and death.

4th Grade News

As always, we have been learning so many fun things! In science we are continuing to learn about the different types of rocks and the rock cycle. We will be completing this unit mid-February and moving into learning about Energy and Motion. During our Energy and Motion unit, children will learn how to complete a circuit.

In social studies, we are learning about the three branches of government along with the responsibilities of each. Your child will also learn the core democratic values of our country such as freedom, fairness, and equality!

During math we are progressing quickly. Within the next month we will be working on reading and creating different types of graphs. We use graphs to track information. This is a life skill that children will need. Along with graphs we will improve upon our measurement skills by practicing! To help your child with measurement, you can have them measure things around your home. As always, please continue to practice multiplication and division facts with your fourth grader!

This month we will also be focusing on Black History Month. We will be reading many stories that are about the Civil Rights Movement and equality. While they are reading these stories, we will be talking about Author’s Purpose and the elements of the stories. Continuing to practice these skills will help your child analyze stories. Reading at home for 30 minutes a night is a great way to see your child’s reading skill improve.

Thank you for letting us help your child grow!

5th Grade News

It is hard to believe that we are already half way through the school year! This point of the year is very critical for all of our students. We are learning lots of new things and preparing for the M-STEP, which the students will take this April. This is not a good time for students to let their study habits start to slip; please make sure your students are completing their homework each night, studying their spelling words, and reading. Also make sure students are arriving at school on time. If your student is going to be absent, make sure you call the main office. Your student will have to make up all of their work upon their return, and it is their responsibility to ask for the make-up work. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact your child’s teacher. Let’s make the second half of this year great!

Middle School News

Math: 6th Grade will be finishing fraction work from adding and subtracting to multiplying and diving into fractions within equations and move into Ratio equations and start to use Graphs alongside Ratios.

7th grade will be moving from comparing unit rates with quantities measured in the real world to solve multistep ratios and percent problems such as sales tax, tips and discounts.

8th grade will be diving in-depth into Proportional relationships to investigate slope of a line, and be able to analyze real world issues to create a linear function.

ELA: In February, Mrs. Finkbeiner’s ELA students will continue to work on Non-Fiction Text. They will be wrapping up their interactive notebook activities, doing Non-Fiction Writing, and taking a unit test.

Social Studies: Social Studies is always mixing the creativity of students to whatever subject they are studying. In 8th grade, we have covered the creation of the United States Constitution- but how well did it work? That is answered by following new presidents such as Adams, Jefferson, and Madison. This means that students will see how each president had handled the issues of their time either positively or negatively impacting the United States future. The 7th graders have built their own Pyramids, discovered what mummification is with real organs being prepared and salted, and gotten a bit of the mysterious Vedic books of India. Though ultimately the students have finished the Ancient World and will now be learning about the Classical World starting with the Greeks. Students will learn how the classical helped forge the world that we have today. The 6th Graders have begun on the frustrating but oddly interesting story of the economics of the world and how it is run on different levels in different countries. The 6th Graders might have learned about where people live, who they are, how to map it. But these next units on Economics and Government show countries on a grander scale of control and choice to gain success. Social Studies has once again won the day as engaging because we are the best subject!

Science: 6th graders will continue their unit on growth, development, and reproduction of organisms. We will be focusing on genes and proteins, mutations, and inheritance and genetic variation.

7th graders will continue their unit on structure, function, and information processing. This includes taking a closer look at cells, anatomy of a cell, bodies and systems, and sensory receptors.

8th graders will continue their unit on Earth’s systems. They will study the water cycle, predicting weather, ocean currents, and the influences of weather and climate.

World Languages News

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

Arabic Low Elementary: Students will start learning the alphabets along with their long vowels and short vowels, in addition to learning some vocabulary words for each of these letters. Students will focus on learning the seasons and the characteristics of each one in Arabic.