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Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
		1 Cheese Quesadilla	2 Taco Salad	3 Cheese Nachos
6 Whole Grain Cheese Pizza	7 Chicken Nuggets	8 Spaghetti w/ Meat Sauce	9 Cheese Calzone	10 Mac & Cheese
13 Whole Grain Cheese Pizza	14 Chili w/ Meat Sauce	15 Hot Dog	16 Taco Salad	17 1/2 Day (NO LUNCH)
20 Whole Grain Cheese Pizza	21 Spaghetti w/ Meat Sauce	22 Chicken Patty	23 Cheese Quesadilla	24 1/2 Day (NO LUNCH)
27 Memorial Day (NO SCHOOL)	28 Whole Grain Cheese Pizza	29 Cheese Calzone	30 Taco Salad	31 Cheese Nachos

### Mark Your Calendar

- May 1: SIP Meeting @ 7:00 a.m.
- May 6 – May 10: Charter School Week
- May 6 – May 10: Staff Appreciation Week
- May 7: MAPSA Parent and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip
- May 9: 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Progress Reports sent home
- May 13 – May 15: Hearing Screening
- May 13 – May 31: Spring MAP Testing (KG -8<sup>th</sup> Grades)
- May 15: Late Start
- May 16: Steel Drums Band Assembly
- May 17: 1/2 Day: Spring Fling
- May 17: KG Round-Up
- May 24: 1/2 Day: PD
- May 27: Memorial Day (NO SCHOOL)
- June 4 – June 5: Pupil Holiday (NO SCHOOL)
- June 3-7: Book Fair
- June 6: PK Stepping Up Ceremony
- June 7: EL Field Day
- June 7: MS Cedar Point Trip
- June 11 - 12: Mobile Dentist
- June 12: School Spirit Shirt Day
- June 13: Parent/Guardian Volunteer Breakfast
- June 13: MS Semester 2 Reward (MS Field Day)
- June 13: 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Farewell Celebration
- June 14: Last Day of School
- June 14: KG Stepping Up Ceremony

### 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

As the 2018-2019 school year comes to a close, please be assured that the learning is continuing until June 14<sup>th</sup>. Testing, final assignments, projects, homework, etc. all still need to be completed. As such, please do not take your students out of school unnecessarily or make appointments during school hours. This will only serve to interfere with the last days of learning.

With the change in the weather and the increase in student activities after-school we are seeing some overall changes in the students. Behavior is a little looser, homework is being missed and overall students appear to be ready for a summer break. We have talked with students reminding them that we are looking for their best behavior in the classrooms, playground, bus, and all areas of their school day. We expect all students to behave in a respectful and safe manner. We are proud of them and their accomplishments and encourage students to finish out their school year doing their best! Thank you for your continued support.

### 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.
- Students will **NOT** be released to siblings under the age of 18 years

### The Dearborn Academy Board Meeting

May 29<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 pm-6:00 pm @ TDA. All are invited!

### PK News

It is the end of the school year for our little preschoolers. Our classroom continues to be a wonderful place where students are choosing their interests and sharing what they know with one another and their teachers. The children are growing fast. This month we will work on our memory and recall skills by revisiting much of what we learned and have done through this school year. Everyone continues to write their name and practice recognizing their letters and numbers up to 20. Within the month of May your child will be able to visit our Kindergarten classrooms to get a feel for what is coming in the fall. This will be an exciting time for your children, and a wonderful way to help them smoothly transition.

First week of June, is our last week of the preschool year. We will be planning a two-hour event for your children. It will be our final Advisory meeting, and a special farewell party. We ask that every parent attend with their child. There will be food, refreshments and fun games for all. More information to come.

Thank you for supporting our growing children!

### Kindergarten News

As we wind down the school year, the Kindergarten classes continue to work very hard. The students are continuing to work on writer's workshop. During writer's workshop, the students learn the proper way to write stories. They continue to work on writing sentences correctly, along with drawing clear pictures.

The students have been trying very hard to stretch out the letter sounds in the words they want to use, along with trying to use the correct vowels, digraphs, and blends. They will begin to start learning more about long vowel sounds and the silent "e" this month.

The students have also been working hard on reading. They continue to try and stretch out the letter sounds in the words they do not know, along with pointing to each word as they read. The reading provides better comprehension. It also allows students to continue to recognize characters, settings, and plots in stories.

In Math, we have been learning subtraction. They will continue to review addition as well. When addition and subtraction problems are mixed together they can be very confusing, so any practice at home would be appreciated. We also will be learning about number place values by using base ten blocks.

In Social Studies, the students have been learning about what makes a community. They are learning the different places in their community, along with neighbors and neighborhoods. Once we finish up with Social Studies, we will be going back to Science and learning about plants

Thank you for all the support and please remember to keep studying those sight words and returning homework on Fridays.



### 1<sup>st</sup> Grade News

The school year is flying by! First graders are so excited to be learning about where food comes from and how to make healthy choices. Please encourage your children to choose healthy snacks. Healthy food is essential for proper brain development. In May we will begin counting down the school days. First grade will also be taking the MAP assessment again. Please make sure your child is well rested the night before the exam and has a healthy breakfast in the morning. Please continue encouraging your child to read every night. Reading is very important for every subject.

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade News

This month the students will be taking the MAP Math and ELA tests that they took in the fall. We will be doing some review and preparing for those tests.

In Math we will start to learn about multiplication. We will look at multiplying by 2's and 5's. We will look at right angles, different types of lines, and different types of graphs.

In ELA we will continue with reading and reading comprehension. Try asking your child questions about the books that they read at home! This will help with their understanding and let you know that they can understand what they are reading. We will be looking at Poems, multiple meaning words, story structure, and facts and opinions.

In Science we will still be working on Habitats and will start Earth's Systems. If you have any shoe boxes at home, please feel free to send them with your child so we can make our own habitats here at school and share them with others!

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade News

This is the month we have been preparing for all year. This month we will be taking our state's standardized test (M-STEP). This test has all the content we have been learning about all year and measures what your child has learned in math, reading, and writing in third grade. It is very important that your child comes to school on time during these testing days (May 21<sup>st</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>). They should be getting plenty of sleep the night before and eat a healthy breakfast. All the students have been doing great all year long and we are confident they will do great as long as they give their best effort. They also will be taking the MAP tests on the 14<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>. Should you have any questions or concerns feel free to contact us.

### Specials News

**Media:** Our 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders are enjoying the first book of the Harry Potter series by listening to a professional reader. Our K and 1<sup>st</sup> graders are increasing their knowledge of reading by identifying characters and settings in a story. Our 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> graders are expanding their literacy terms by reading a short story and identifying characters, settings, plot sequence, inferences, and vocabulary through self-assessment. TDA has put in a Reading Lounge next to the library so our readers can enjoy a comfortable reading session. Books are being checked out and in on a daily basis.

**PE:** During the month of May we will be going outside for Physical Education as long as the weather permits. Please make sure your son/daughter is dressed for the weather.

### 4<sup>th</sup> Grade News

Wow! This school year is flying by! It feels like it was just the first day of school!

This month your child the M-Step and the NWEA-MAP. It is imperative that your child be in school and on time on the test taking dates. It is also important that your child gets a good night's sleep and a healthy and filling breakfast. Please make sure to encourage your child to do their very best on all tests!

Our focus in math will continue with long division and multiplying two digits by two digits. These two skills will help your child succeed in the fifth grade. Another skill that we will continue to focus on is dissecting word problems. You can help your child with this skill by practicing word problems at home.

In reading, we will continue along in our Journeys book. Children will be reading stories that take place in the future and have more of a science fiction aspect to them. We will continue using story maps to find the elements of all stories to help your child grow.

Any practice you and your child do at home, will only help set them up for a life time of growth!

### 5<sup>th</sup> Grade News

It is hard to believe that we are already in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of school! With that being said, we know how hard it can be to stay focused at the end of the year; the weather is getting nice, it is daylight longer, and many of the students have summer on their brains! Please stress to your student how important it is to stay focused through the end of the year. We are still learning! The last quarter is very important, and the content they are learning will help them be prepared for the next grade. Please continue to check your student's planner daily and make sure homework is getting completed!

Also we are very excited for our upcoming field trip to Greenfield Village! The trip will go on rain or shine, so please make sure your student is prepared for the weather! If you have any questions about the trip or would like to chaperone, please contact your child's classroom teacher though the main office, 313-982-1300. All chaperones must pass a background check prior to trip.

Let's finish this school year strong!



### Middle School News

**Math:** 6<sup>th</sup> grade will be moving from one step equations and inequalities into two step equations and inequalities.

7<sup>th</sup> grade will be moving on from 2 dimensional geometry, to 3 dimensional geometry.

8<sup>th</sup> grade will be moving on from discovering Pythagoras and his amazing theorem into 3 dimensional geometry.

**ELA:** In May, Mrs. Finkbeiner's classes will wrap up an Argumentative Research Paper project they began last month, and begin working on their final unit for the year, Poetry.

**Social Studies:** Social Studies is always mixing the creativity of students to whatever subject they are studying. We have covered the Manifest Destiny and westward approach to war and expansion by the United States. That means of course, that with new states added, the Civil War is coming. The Civil War is always the highlight of the last part of middle school for students, with the decision between free and slave states to create power within congress. Everyone is definitely excited! The 7<sup>th</sup> graders have finished the classical Empires of the world except for their last- Rome. The Romans have a great group of lessons on their growth, expansion, influences, and fall. The Fall of the classics is the end of the 7<sup>th</sup> grade curriculum and is always mind-blowing as it leads into the modern world. The 6<sup>th</sup> Graders have ended on the vast argument of politics and the choice of government. But in an interesting twist, the end of the year we focus on the environment, as it is discussed on every scale of government, economics, and every subject discussed this year. Students will see the influences of culture, the population of individual areas, and the effect that we as humans have upon this world. Social Studies has once again won the day as engaging because we are the best subject!

**Science:** 8<sup>th</sup> graders will be continuing a unit on earth, specifically on rocks and natural disasters.

7<sup>th</sup> graders will continue learning about physics, and how energy helps us live.

6<sup>th</sup> graders will use their prior knowledge of DNA to explore natural selection and evolution.

### World Language 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 continue 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.