

## Dickinson Junior High School

November 1, 2024

Dickinson JH families,

What an incredible October we've had at DJHS! Our teachers and staff are committed not only to academic growth but also to supporting each student's social and emotional well-being. With their hard work and dedication, I am confident we'll continue achieving success and look forward to celebrating the many accomplishments that lie ahead this school year.

Students have completed unit assessments and have set meaningful goals for the 2nd nine weeks. Our teachers are also analyzing these results to tailor interventions for every student, focusing on essential standards mastery. Through Gator Grow time and small group instruction in their classrooms, we're ensuring that each student's needs are met in every standard. We believe all students can excel, and we are committed to providing the tools they need to succeed.

This month, we are thrilled to host our Veterans Day Program at Dickinson JH. If you are a Veteran, we would be honored to welcome you for a brief celebration with your student. Look for more details below, and keep an eye out for additional information sent via email. We hope to see many families join us for this special event, which we look forward to making an annual tradition.

November is also a time for gratitude, reflection, and thankfulness. We are so grateful for our wonderful teachers and staff who make our school a special place. Please consider sharing a note of thanks with a teacher or staff member to recognize the educational opportunities they provide to our students. ***Additionally, if you'd like to contribute to our staff lounge, we welcome donations of snacks, water, soft drinks, and sweet or savory treats to make this month extra special for our DJH team.*** Thank you for your generosity and support!

I truly appreciate your partnership in your child's education. Together, we're building a positive learning environment where every child can thrive. Should you have any questions or concerns, don't hesitate to reach out to our school office.

Wishing you and your family a joyful November!

Sincerely,

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### Attendance

We are continuing to focus on regular school attendance each day! Students are receiving class rewards for reaching each of our attendance levels. Our campus goal is 96% each day! Please strive to get your students to school every day! We miss them when they are not here. Please send any absent notes to our attendance office at the email address below. Thank you for partnering with us to ensure every child makes progress!

- Jacqueline C Rodriguez-[jrodriguez@dickinsonisd.org](mailto:jrodriguez@dickinsonisd.org)



### Cell Phones

- To ensure high levels of learning for ALL students, we require that cell phones be turned off and put away **out of sight** in a purse or backpack during the hours of 7:45-3:15 pm daily.
- Cell phone messages may be checked by students during lunch.
- We ask that you support our efforts to ensure your student's academic success by reinforcing our expectations regarding cell phones.
- **If a cell phone is confiscated by a staff member, the student's parent/guardian MUST pick the phone during the hours of 7:30-3:30pm.**

### Snacks

- In the best interest of the health and well-being of all our students, we kindly request that you send only dry snacks and water with your child to school.
- By adhering to this policy, we can promote a healthier and more focused learning environment, while also reducing the risk of allergies and maintaining a clean and safe school environment.

### Money for Meals

- **November 4-November 15-** We are collecting money to donate to MI Lewis. MI Lewis is the local food bank that serves families in the community. All money raised goes directly to MI Lewis and they are able to use that money to assist families in our community. We want to collect the most money in the district! The winning homeroom class will win a donut party! Students can purchase the following to raise money for the food bank. Parents may also donate directly to their student's homeroom class. Our goal this year is \$3000!!!!
  - Hat pass- \$1
  - Slides pass- \$1
  - Hoodie pass- \$1
  - Pajama pants pass- \$2
  - Rent a courtyard table for 4 friends - \$20 (10 available each day)

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### **Wall of Heroes for Veteran's Day**

Dickinson Junior High will celebrate Veteran's Day by making a "Wall of Heroes" to honor those who have served in the armed forces. We are inviting our students to ask about any veteran in their family and bring in the information so that each veteran in our community can be honored. Please send a photocopied photograph of your family veteran in uniform. Please include information such as student's name, veteran's name and how they are related, the branch of service, and years served. Send all pictures labeled with this information to Mrs. Henry or Mrs. Battleson by 11/5/24 at the library circulation desk. These photographs will be used to honor our community veterans on the Wall of Honor.

### **Veterans Day Ceremony**

We would like to invite students and any family member who is a Veteran to join us for our Veteran Day Ceremony on November 11<sup>th</sup> from 1:15am - 2:15 am. Please RSVP by Thursday, November 7<sup>th</sup> by using this link so that we know how many students and veterans that will be enjoying the ceremony and light refreshments. Parents of students performing are welcome to attend as well.

<https://forms.gle/wMsKAJFD4Qtsd5117>

### **Thanksgiving Luncheon for Students**

On November 14, 2024, we will have our Thanksgiving lunch. The menu for the day is turkey/dressing with a roll, apple or peaches spiced with whipped topping, green beans, mashed potatoes, cranberry sauce, turkey gravy, and a sugar cookie. All lines will have the same menu.

### **Thank a DJH Staff Member This Month:**

- Take time to thank a teacher this month! This time of year can be rough and a little thankful note or snack will go a long way! We want to make sure our teachers know how much we appreciate all that they do for our students!
  - Stock the Lounge-Sodas, sweet or salty snacks, water, etc.
  - Thank you notes from students and parents

### **Food and Nutrition**

- Breakfast is available to all students at no cost to families.
- Lunch will be \$2.75 per meal. Students wishing to purchase their lunch will need to have money to put in their accounts.
  - Students who qualify for "reduced" lunch will get free lunch this year.
- To add money to your student's lunch account, [click here](#)
- Please fill out [this](#) meal application for internal purposes; regardless of the results, your student will continue to receive breakfast.
- Students may also bring money from home to purchase additional snack items.

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### Upcoming Events:

- **November 4-November 15-** Money for Meals
- **November 1-** Instructional Planning Day (No School for Students)
- **November 1-** Region Orchestra Clinic & Concert at Westbrook Int & Clear Springs HS
- **November 2-**Region Orchestra Clinic & Concert at Westbrook Int & Clear Springs HS
- **November 4-**Cross Country Meet-Girls @ Seabrook, Boys @ Mcadams
- **November 4-** Student Council Meeting After School in Cafe
- **November 5-** Fire Drill
- **November 5-** Boys Basketball Parent Meeting in DJH Gym @ 5:30pm
- **November 5-** Girls Basketball Parent Meeting in DJH Gym @ 5:30pm
- **November 6-** Progress Report Grades Posted
- **November 6-** Boys Basketball vs Seabrook-8th Home 7th Away
- **November 7-** Girls Basketball vs Seabrook-8th Home 7th Away
- **November 7-** Fall Theatre Show-NOSES OFF in DJH Auditorium @ 6:30pm
- **November 8-** Fall Theatre Show-NOSES OFF in DJH Auditorium @ 6:30pm
- **November 8-** Fall Theatre Show in DJH Auditorium @ 6:30pm
- **November 9-** Region Band Clinic & Concert at Kranz Junior High
- **November 11 -** Veterans Day Ceremony 1:15pm
- **November 13-** Boys Basketball vs Creekside-8th Home 7th Away
- **November 14-** Girls Basketball vs Creekside-8th DHS 7th Away
- **November 14-**Thanksgiving Luncheon in Cafeteria
- **November 18-22- Campus Book Fair**
- **November 19-**Pictures Retakes
- **November 19 -** Quiz Bowl at McAdams 4pm-5pm
- **November 20 -**CEIC Meeting-Campus Improvement Committee Meeting @ 3:30
- **November 20-** Boys Basketball vs Friendswood-8th Away 7th Home
- **November 21-** Girls Basketball vs Friendswood-8th Away 7th Home
- **November 22-** Substitute Appreciation Day
- **November 25-29-** Thanksgiving Break!! Enjoy the time with your family and friends!

### December-Save the Dates:

- **December 7-**6th Grade Dance Clinic 9am-1pm in DJH Girls Gym
- **December 9-13-** 2nd 9 Weeks Curriculum Based Assessments
- **December 13 -** Winter Dance Show 6pm
- **December 17-** Band Holiday Concert 6pm
- **December 19 -** Choir Winter Concert Auditorium at 6pm