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Dickinson JH Families,

As we step into the second month of the semester, I'm excited to share updates and highlights from our school community. February brings a renewed sense of energy and countless opportunities for growth, and I'm looking forward to continuing this journey with each of you.

This month, our commitment to academic excellence remains strong. Our educators are planning engaging lessons and activities designed to spark curiosity and deepen learning. Our goal is to create a space where students feel inspired and excited to come to school every day.

February is also packed with special events! From celebrating Black History Month and honoring our incredible counselors to spreading Valentine's Day cheer, enjoying Mardi Gras festivities, and embracing Go Texan Day, there's something for everyone. We encourage all students to join the fun by participating in our themed dress-up days to strengthen our sense of community.

To our parents and guardians, thank you for your unwavering support and partnership. Your involvement plays a crucial role in your child's success, and we're grateful for your dedication to fostering a positive learning environment here at Dickinson JH.

I'm confident February will be a month filled with growth, learning, and shared accomplishments. Let's make it a memorable one together!

With gratitude,

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**Attendance**

We are continuing to focus on regular school attendance each day! 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, Campus Attendance Clerk-[jrodriguez@dickinsonisd.org](mailto:jrodriguez@dickinsonisd.org)



**RLA Benchmark-Campus Shut Down Days for Testing**

- On Thursday, February 6th, all students are scheduled to participate in the RLA Benchmark, designed to assess their progress on grade-level RLA standards.
- The testing session will last the majority of the day, with students immersed in a dedicated testing environment.
- For lunch, students will have a sack lunch in their respective classrooms, and it's important to note that outside food will not be permitted during this period.
- If you decide to send snacks with your students, please only send water and dry snacks as they will test on the computers.

**Counselor Week Feb. 3-7**

"How sweet it is to have GREAT Counselors!" We will celebrate our counselors, Mrs. Henry and Ms. Laird all week with sweet treats and notes. Please encourage your student(s) to tell their counselor THANK YOU in their own unique way.

**Course Selection for the 2025-2026 School Year**

We are excited that we are about to begin course selection for our students. Our counselors will do large group presentations for students before students select their courses. The students will enter their course in Skyward for next year and have individual time with the counselors.

- **6th going to 7th**
  - 2/5- Presentation during Gator Grow
  - 2/12- Input during Social Studies
- **7th going to 8th**
  - 2/4- Presentation during Gator Grow
  - 2/11- Input during Social Studies
- **8th going to 9th**

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- 2/19- Input during Social Studies

### **Course Selection Coffee Talk for Parents**

We're excited to offer parents the opportunity to connect with our Counseling and Administrative team to ask questions and learn more about course selections for the upcoming school year! Whether you're planning ahead for your child's academic path or just exploring options, we're here to help.

We invite all current and future Dickinson Junior High parents to join us in the DJH Counseling Suite:

- **Friday, February 7, 2025** | 8:00 AM - 10:00 AM
- **Monday, February 10, 2025** | 8:00 AM - 10:00 AM

If you can't make it in person, no worries! Scan the QR code to join our come-and-go Zoom session on **Monday, February 10, 2025, from 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM.**



<https://zoom.us/j/98909916701?pwd=gp3AaN5yO7qVONoka9KEadDS5G2VVr.1>

### **Valentine's Day**

- We will have a Valentine's Day celebration/dance during the school day! We will have a modified bell schedule for the celebration (below).
  - Students who have received three or more administrative lunch detentions, ISS, or OSS from February 1 to February 14 will not be eligible to participate.
  - The day will be similar to the Jingle Jam with a dance, open gym, and concessions.
  - More specific information to come.
- External Deliveries: Please note that outside deliveries for students will not be accepted.
- Card Exchange: Students are welcome to exchange Valentine's cards and gifts with their friends if they wish to do so.
- Size Consideration: To ensure a focused classroom environment, we kindly request that students refrain from bringing balloons or large items that may cause distractions. Thank you for your cooperation!

### **8th Grade Dance**

We are in the beginning stages of planning our 8th Grade Dance. If you are interested in helping us plan a fun memorable dance for our students please contact our counselor Abbie Laird via email at [alaird@dickinsonisd.org](mailto:alaird@dickinsonisd.org) or Clara Revuelta via email at [crevuelta@dickinsonisd.org](mailto:crevuelta@dickinsonisd.org).

### **Lunch Visitors**

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We are continuing to take reservations for parents to have lunch with their students. Please call the front office at 281-309-3800 to make your reservation. It is always exciting to have parents in for lunch!

## **February Events:**

- **February 1-** Black History Month Begins
- **February 1** - Band Party 9am-1pm at Main Event Webster
- **February 3-** 100th Day of School
- **February 3-7-** School Counselor Appreciation Week
- **February 3-7** - Black History Month Dress Up Week
  - **Monday-"Dream Like Martin" Day**-Dress in pajamas pants or comfy clothes to symbolize dreaming big like Martin Luther King Jr.
  - **Tuesday"Music and Movements" Day**-Celebrate African American musical legends by dressing as a favorite artist or in a style representing iconic music eras (e.g., Motown, Country, Jazz, Rap, Hip-Hop).
  - **Wednesday- "HBCU/Divine 9 Day"**-Represent your favorite Historical Black College or university, wear the colors of your favorite sorority or fraternity, or college shirt.
  - **Thursday-"Inspired By" Day**-Dress like a famous african american icon who has inspired you. This could be someone from the present or past. *Must be school appropriate.*
  - **Friday-"Sports Legends" Day**-Wear jerseys or gear inspired by African American sports legends like Serena Williams, Jackie Robinson, Michael Jordan, or Simone Biles.
- **February 4-** Counselors present course selections to 7th graders for the 2024-2025 school year
- **February 5-** Counselors present course selections to 6th graders for the 2024-2025 school year
- **February 5-** Boys Track Meet at CFHS; Girls Track Meet at DHS
- **February 5-** Lockdown Drill
- **February 6-RLA PreSTAAR Benchmark Campus Shutdown**
- **February 7-**NJHS Meeting After School
- **February 11-**7th Grade Course Selection in Social Studies Class
- **February 11-**6th grade STEAM Field Experience to Holocaust Museum
- **February 12-**6th Grade Course Selection in Social Studies Class
- **February 12-**Boys Track Meet at DHS; Girls Track Meet at CCHS
- **February 14-**Valentine's Day Celebration/Dance
- **February 17-** **Staff Development Day-No school for students!**
- **February 18-20-** TELPAS Reading/Writing
- **February 19** - Course Selection for 8th Graders going to DHS
- **February 21** - UIL OAP Public Performance @ 6:30 pm in DJH Auditorium

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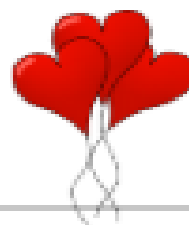
- **February 24-26**- TELPAS Listening and Speaking
- **February 25**- Boys Track Meet at DHS; Girls Track Meet at CLHS
- **February 28** - Go Texan Day! Wear your western gear to celebrate go Texan day!
- **February 28** - UIL Academic Competitions at DJH 4pm-9pm
- **March 1** - UIL Academic Competitions at DJH 8am-9pm

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### Valentine's Day Schedule

2024-2025



| Period    | Time                            |                               | Minutes       |
|-----------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------|
| Tutorials | 7:15-7:40                       |                               | 25            |
| 1         | 7:45 - 8:19                     |                               | 34            |
| 2         | 8:23 - 8:57                     |                               | 34            |
| 3         | 9:01 - 9:35                     |                               | 34            |
| 5         | 9:39 - 10:13                    |                               | 34            |
| 6         | 10:17 - 10:51                   |                               | 34            |
| 4         | 10:55 - 1:03                    |                               | 98            |
|           | Class                           |                               | Lunch         |
|           | A<br>6th                        | 11:40 - 1:03                  | 10:57 - 11:37 |
|           | B<br>8th                        | 10:55 - 11:40<br>12:23 - 1:03 | 11:40 - 12:20 |
|           | C<br>7th                        | 10:55 - 12:20                 | 12:23 - 1:03  |
| 7         | Class<br>1:07-1:40<br>3:05-3:15 |                               | 33            |
|           | Activity<br>1:40-3:00           |                               | 80            |