

Dickinson Junior High

October 1, 2024

Dear Dickinson JH Families,

It's hard to believe we're already approaching the end of the first nine weeks! Time has flown by, and we are thrilled to see our students actively embodying our G.R.E.A.T. core values here at Dickinson Junior High. As we dive into October, I want to share some important dates, reminders, and upcoming events to help you stay connected and engaged in your child's educational journey.

Our students have been hard at work mastering essential standards across all subjects. Through weekly formative assessments, we're closely monitoring their progress, and our dedicated teachers are providing extensions and interventions to support each student's growth. We have kicked off our Gator Grow time, a special block focused on enrichment, intervention, and character development. This dedicated time is designed to equip students with the academic, social, and emotional tools they need to thrive.

October is shaping up to be an exciting month, featuring events like, Homecoming, Smile Day, and Red Ribbon Week! We encourage all students to participate in our spirit days as we celebrate diversity, Gator Pride, and our commitment to a drug-free lifestyle. You'll find the spirit days and other key events listed below. Be sure to stay connected through our website, Facebook page, and communications from your child's teacher, as more events or updates may arise.

We truly value your partnership in your child's education and appreciate your ongoing support. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out to the school office or your child's teacher.

Thank you for entrusting us with your child's growth and learning. We're looking forward to a successful and joyful October!

Sincerely,

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Attendance

Our attendance has been around 95% each day which is very close to our goal of 96%. Thank you for getting your students to school each day. We know that regular school attendance is vital to student success. We understand that students will get sick or emergencies may arise. Please remember to send a note to school or email our attendance clerk anytime your student is absent.

- Jacqueline C Rodriguez- rodriguez@dickinsonisd.org



Lunch Visitors

We have had several visitors eating lunch with our students. We love welcoming you into the building. Please call 281-309-3800 to make a reservation to have lunch with your student.

Library News/Information

Birthday Book Club

- Join our Birthday Book Club by donating a book in your student's honor during their birthday month! Go to <https://www.btsb.com/sosl/dickinsonjuniorhigh/> to select a book to be added to our library, with your student's name inside. This month, we'll be celebrating birthdays from October! When the books arrive, we'll host a Birthday Breakfast for students who had a book donated. Plus, they'll be the FIRST to check out their special book! Don't see a book you want on the list? No problem! Email sbattleson@dickinsonisd.org to have it added.

Beanstack

- We encourage all students to enhance their reading journey by downloading the Beanstack app! With Beanstack, students can easily track their minutes read at home, participate in fun reading challenges, and earn exciting prizes along the way. Our campus has set an ambitious goal of reading 100,000 minutes this year, and every minute counts! Students can earn badges by completing challenges that include book lists, minutes read, activities, and bingo boards. For step-by-step directions on how to download the app, click the following link: [Beanstack App Directions](#) Let's work together to foster a love of reading and achieve our campus reading goal!

Read-a-thon

- We are excited to announce our first ever Read-a-Thon fundraiser, which kicks off on October 10th! This event is a wonderful opportunity for students to develop their love of reading while raising funds to support our school library. Flyers with additional information will be sent home with students by their RLA teachers on October 3rd, so be on the lookout! The money raised during the Read-a-Thon will directly benefit our library, helping us to add new books and resources for our students. Thank you for your support in making our library an even better place to read, learn, and grow!

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Breast Cancer Awareness Month

October is breast cancer awareness month. Students and staff are encouraged to wear pink on Thursdays during the month of October to show support.

Custodial Appreciation Day -October 2

We will celebrate our custodians on October 2nd to show how much we appreciate them and how hard they work to keep our school clean! Students will have the opportunity to make thank you cards in their classes. **Parents may also drop off treats or other goodies if you would like to!**

Yearbooks

Yearbooks are on sale NOW!! Get your yearbook at the lowest price of \$35 now until January. Flyer below.

- Direct link to order: <https://prod.yboc.varsity.com/?event=general.displayLanding&jobnumber=25784>

Homecoming Week-October 14-18

- **Monday**- No School!
- **Tuesday**- Hawaiian Day!
- **Wednesday**- Wear Orange for **UNITY DAY!** Gators are **UNITED** for **KINDNESS, Acceptance, and Inclusion-Wear Orange!**
- **Thursday**- Jersey Day!
- **Friday**- GATOR PRIDE. Dress in Blue and White! Mums are allowed without noise makers.

Battle of the Swamp Week-October 21-25

- Dickinson JH Football and Volleyball teams will play their last regular season games. We will celebrate the week with fun themes, a pep rally, and a dance to close out the week.
- Student Council students picked the themes for the week.
- Pep Rally is scheduled for Wednesday-9/23. Tickets are \$1.
- Dress Up Days
 - **Monday**- Decades Day-DJHS will OUTSMART Kranz for Decades.
 - **Tuesday**- Twin Day! Double UP against Kranz.
 - **Wednesday**- Black out for the NEON Glow in the Dark Pep Rally! Kranz can't see Us!!
 - **Thursday**- Dress like a teacher day! DJH is SMARTER than the AVERAGE!
 - **Friday**- Gator PRIDE Color Wars Day-6th grade-**RED**, 7th Grade-WHITE, 8th Grade-**BLUE**.

Boo Bash Dance Party-October 25th

- We are so excited to have our first dance of the school year! The dance will be from 5:30-7:30.
- Students will be allowed to dress up! All costumes must be school appropriate and no masks may be worn. We must be able to see student's faces.
- We would love to have parent volunteers come help chaperone. Please contact Abbie Laird-
alaird@dickinsonisd.org

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- Students who have received 3 or more campus lunch detentions (issued by administrators), ISS, or OSS will not be allowed to attend.
- Tickets will be sold the week of October 17th for \$5.00. Please look for more information in the coming weeks.

Red Ribbon Week-October 28- November 1

Dickinson Junior High School students are proud to be drug free! Spirit days are as follows:

- **Monday**-We are RED-y to say NO to Drugs! Wear Red!
- **Tuesday**-Vaping...the BUCK stops HERE! Wear a Buc-ee's shirt!
- **Wednesday**- Sock it to DRUGS-Wear your CRAZY Socks!
- **Thursday**- Drugs can be SCARY! Wear your costume for a CAUSE!
- **Friday**-No School

Costume for a Cause- October 31st-Halloween

- Students are encouraged to wear their school appropriate costume for \$1.
- All costumes must be school appropriate and no masks may be worn. We must be able to see student's faces.
- All proceeds will be donated to MI Lewis.

October 30-Money for Meals Begins

We will begin raising money for our local food bank, MI Lewis. We will collect money from **October 30-November 10**. MI Lewis are able to take the money and purchase from the Houston Food Bank. We will sell passes to allow students to wear hats, slides, eat in the courtyard, and hoodies for students to raise money for our local food bank. The grade level that raises the most money will earn a special surprise from their assistant principal!

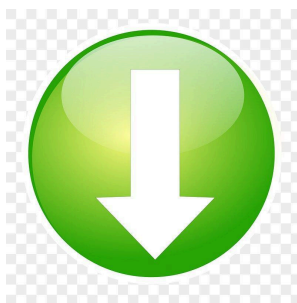
Upcoming Events:

- **October 1-** 7th Football vs Bayside-A Team Home B Team Away
- **October 2-** 8th Football vs Bayside-A Team Home B Team Away
- **October 2- STOMP out Bullying!** Wear blue!
- **October 2-**School Custodian Appreciation Day
- **October 3-** Volleyball vs Bayside-8th Away 7th Home
- **October 4- World Smile Day!** Wear yellow or a smiley face shirt!
- **October 7-** World Bullying Prevention (Wear Blue)
- **October 8-** 7th Football vs Clear Lake-A Team Away B Team Home
- **October 9-** 8th Football vs Clear Lake-A Team Away B Team Home
- **October 10-** Volleyball vs Clear Lake-8th Home 7th Away
- **October 11 - Fall Picture Day-through SS classes!**
- **October 11 -** Cross Country Tryouts Afterschool
- **October 11-** Last day of the 1st 9 Weeks
- **October 13-** End of First 9 Weeks

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- **October 14-18- Homecoming Week**
- **October 14- No school for staff or students!**
- **October 15-** 7th Football vs McAdams-A Team Home B Team Away
- **October 16-** 8th Football vs McAdams-A Team Away B Team Home
- **October 16- Unity Day!** Staff and students are encouraged to wear orange!
- **October 16-Grades Posted in Skyward for the 1st 9 weeks**
- **October 17-** Volleyball vs McAdams-8th Home 7th Away
- **October 18-** Homecoming Game!!!! Gators will play at 7:00 p.m.at Sam Vitanza Stadium- **Let's Go Gators!**
- **October 18-**Secure (Lockout) Drill
- **October 18-** Report cards will be printed and sent home with students.
- **October 21-25-Battle of the Swamp JH Week**
- **October 21-** Grade Level Assemblies/Celebrations
- **October 22-** 7th Football vs Kranz-A Team Home B Team Away
- **October 23-** 8th Football vs Clear Lake-Both games at Sam Vitanza Stadium
- **October 23- Pep Rally**
- **October 23-24 -** 7th Grade STEAM Field Experience trip to Galveston
- **October 24-** Volleyball vs Clear Lake-8th Away 7th Home
- **October 26-** Region Band Auditions 8am-6pm at Friendswood Junior High
- **October 26-**District Volleyball Tournament
- **October 28-** Bus Evacuation Drill
- **October 28-**Cross Country Meet Girls @ Creekside Boys @ Kranz
- **October 28-**Girls Basketball Tryouts @5:15 AM
- **October 29-**Girls Basketball Tryouts @5:15 AM
- **October 28- November 1 Red Ribbon Week**
- **November 1-** No school for students!

Student Calendar



<https://schools.dickinsonisd.org/page/16.calendar>

October 2024						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		01 7th Football v Bayside A Home B Away	02 8th Football v Bayside A Home B Away <i>School Custodian Appreciation</i>	03 Volleyball v Bayside 7th Home 8th Away	04 <i>Smile Day</i> (Wear a Smile Shirt) StuCo Elections During Lunches	05
06	07 <i>Stomp Out Bullying</i> (Wear Blue)	08 7th Football v Lake B Home A Away	09 8th Football v Lake B Home A Away	10 Volleyball v Lake 8th Home 7th Away	11 END of NW1 <i>Picture Day</i> Girls Cross Country Tryouts After School	12
13	14 <i>Indigenous Peoples' Day / Columbus Day</i> <i>School Holiday</i>	H o m e c o m i n g W e e k				
		15 7th Football v McAdams A Home B Away <i>HoCo Dress Up Hawaiian Day</i>	16 8th Football v McAdams B Home A Away <i>HoCo Dress Up Orange for Unity Day</i>	17 Report Cards Sent Home Volleyball v McAdams 8th Home 7th Away <i>HoCo Dress Up Jersey Day</i>	18 Homecoming Game at Sam Vitanza <i>HoCo Dress Up Blue and White and HoCoMums</i>	19
20	21 Grade Level Assemblies <i>Dress Up Decades Day</i>	B a t t l e o f t h e S w a m p				
		22 7th Football v Kranz A Home B Away <i>Dress Up Twin Day</i>	23 Pep Rally 8th Football v Kranz B Home A Away @ Sam Vitanza <i>7th STEAM Field Experience</i> <i>Dress Up Black Out Day</i>	24 Volleyball v Kranz 8th Home 7th Away <i>7th STEAM Field Experience</i> <i>Dress Like a Teacher</i>	25 <i>Dress Up Color Wars</i> Boo Bash Halloween Dance 5:30-7:30	26 District Volleyball Tournament Region Band Auditions
28	Girls BBall Tryouts Day 1 @ 5:15am <i>Red Ribbon Dress Up Wear Red</i> Cross Country Girls @ Creekside Boys @ Kranz	R e d R i b b o n W e e k				
		29 Girls BBall Tryouts Day 2 @ 5:15am <i>Red Ribbon Dress Up Buc'ees Shirt</i> 7th Football Championship Game (if qualified)	30 <i>Red Ribbon Dress Up Crazy Socks</i> 8th Football Championship Game (if qualified)	31 Extended Lunch <i>Red Ribbon Dress Up Costumes for a Cause \$1</i>		

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