

Moving Forward with Pride

October 2, 2018

Dear Comet Community,

As the first month of school comes to a close, I want to thank you for being committed to DDSD. It is lovely to see all the children return with smiles on their faces and a look of concentration in their eyes. While we know that your child may have more students in their classes, the teachers are highly qualified and committed to working with your child.

You may or may not have heard but every Friday is Comet gear or Comet color(s) Day! Have your child show their school spirit and celebrate being a Comet. Please join our staff in this tradition.

I want to take a moment to share with you the importance of good attendance for your child. School success starts with good attendance! Students are required to attend school on a regular basis. Should your child need to miss school for any reason you must contact your child's school **before 9:00 am** on the day of the absences and state why your child will not be in school or they will be marked as truant. Below are the attendance lines for each school. Parents or Guardians may call the appropriate attendance line at anytime day or night and have a message recorded. To view the entire attendance policy please visit the Student/Parent Handbook found on the district website.

Attendance Lines:

Wileman: 262-233-6299

Phoenix: 262-233-6599

Turtle Creek: 262-233-6399

DDHS: 262-233-6699

Your child(ren) can have only 10 absences of any kind for the school year.

Please reach out to me if you have any questions. I will be sharing additional information regarding the referendum in a separate email.

Comet Proud,

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News from Wileman

Wileman is off to a great start this year! We had our kick off PBIS Assembly and each classroom created their monster to go along with our Class Dojo monster theme! All students are working hard on following our PBIS expectations of Being Responsible, Respectful and Safe. If you have not done so, please contact your child's teacher to get connected to Dojo!



Here are a few important dates to remember for Wileman:

10/4: Picture Day!

10/12: Teacher Inservice Day-No School!

10/30: Family Conference Night @ **5:30-6:30** (information will be coming home on this)

News from Turtle Creek

The students at Turtle Creek Elementary School are off to an excellent start this year.

The first week was spent getting to know their teachers and learning the classroom routines and all about the Comet Code. The Comet Code is our behavior expectations, and we teach and reteach them all year long. Students had a blast at our Comet Code Assembly as there was a lot of excitement as the students and teachers participated in fun activities. By the 2nd week the students were getting into their academics and specials classes. The teachers at TC are specializing this year in one or two subject areas allowing for specific professional development, enhanced vertical alignment to the State Standards, and an overall targeted approach to reviewing student achievement data. This is our second year with Math Expressions and the teachers are already seeing that the students are further ahead than they were at this time last year. TC is piloting (for free) a new Science Curriculum which address the new Science State Standards. We are also implementing



a Balanced Literacy Approach this year in our Language Arts classes. Balanced literacy is a framework for teaching language arts. It is a balance of shared reading, interactive read alouds, oral language, guided reading, phonics and writing. This approach of instructional routines allows students to receive the teaching they need in order to become proficient readers and writers. There was a Reading/Ice Cream Party at the end of the 2nd week for those students who participated in the Bookmobile this summer. By the 3rd and 4th week the students have really dug into their academics and also took their MAP assessment. MAP stands for Measurements of Academic Progress and measures what students know and informs teachers what they are ready to learn next.



On Sept. 28th, we are having our Family Movie Night and Wileman families are joining us to watch the movie Coco in our gym. To find out what is happening at Turtle Creek in October click on the following link.

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News from Phoenix Middle School

Phoenix Middle School is happy to report that we have had a smooth transition as we welcomed in our new fifth and sixth grades students as well as our new teachers. It is amazing at how resilient kids can be, and the fifth graders are responding well to the increased amount of autonomy that comes with middle school. If smiling faces and high fives are any measure, the transition has gone very well.



Academically, we just wrapped up our annual MAP testing which shows us where your student is in correlation to the state's expectations in both reading and math. This information is used to help guide us in meeting the needs of your student. This year, we are using a program called Edgenuity, that takes your child's MAP scores and places them in targeted "online" lessons that they can do at school or at home.

Did you know that Phoenix offers families an opportunity to adopt a garden? Grow your vegetables! The only cost is you must give 10% away to help others.

Are you new to middle school? New to Phoenix or wish to learn more about our school and programs? I invite you to join us Tuesday, October 9th at 6 PM-7 PM in our library for a Question and Answer Session with your administrative team. We look forward to a strong partnership with you and hope you can join us. We also encourage you to join us on October 18th for Parent-Teacher conferences. Here is a [link to our school calendar for October!](#) Please note, Activity Nights are for students in grades six through eight only. These are monthly, well supervised activities that we like to provide for our students. Parents may volunteer for the events by contacting the office.

News from DDHS

Delavan-Darien High School hosted the Wisconsin Education Fair for its students and several of the communities around us. We had over 700 students attend the half day event to learn about college, university and service related opportunities as they look forward to eventual high school graduation.



We're busy preparing for our upcoming Homecoming week, October 1-5, in which we'll have over 30 floats in our parade, freshman through senior competitions, bonfire, free community pig-roast, dance and football game. We hope to see the community come together and help us celebrate our school in the community!

Mon., Oct. 1	Tues., Oct. 2	Wed., Oct. 3	Thur., Oct. 4	Fri., Oct. 5
Pajama Day	Jersey Day	Blue & Gold Day	Throwback Day	Class Color Day
Window Painting	Float Building & Lunch Games	Float Building & Lunch Games	2 pm Release Boys VBall (4 pm) PowderPuff (5:45) Bonfire (7 pm)	Assembly (1 pm) Parade (4 pm) Pig Roast Football Game

