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October 2024

Happy October! I am not sure what happened to September, but the cooler temperatures are appreciated! We finished fall assessments and will be sharing this data with parents over the next couple of weeks. Please reach out to your child's teacher if you have additional questions after receiving this report. Teachers will use this data to plan for small groups and targeted intervention support for students.

Culminating events have been scheduled for later this month as we conclude our first EL Reading Module. Students are excited to share their thinking and learning with you!

- Kindergarten: Toys and Play - Oct. 21st
- 1st Grade: Tools and Work - Oct. 17
- 2nd Grade: Schools/Community - TBD
- 3rd Grade: Learning Challenges Near and Far - Oct. 23-24 at conferences
- 4th Grade: Poetry - Oct. 22
- 5th Grade: Human Rights - TBD

Watch for *additional details from your child's teacher.*

Reminders

The Healthiest State Walk is Wednesday! 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade students will walk at 8:15.

Kdg, 1st, and 2nd grade students will walk at 9:00. Please sign the permission form at [this link](#).

Upcoming Events

- Oct. 2 - Healthiest State Walk
- Oct. 4 - All School Sing
- Oct. 11 - No School
- Oct. 16 - Picture Day
- Oct. 23 & 24 - Conferences
- Oct. 24-Nov. 1 - No School



NEW Staff
WELCOME

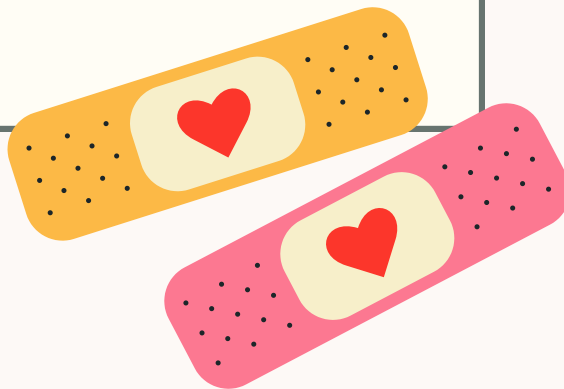


DTS Families,
Many of you have already met Nurse Josie. We are so happy to have her as part of the DTS team. She is at Walnut Street School in the morning and here at DTS every afternoon. Josie can also be reached by email at josie.snow@dmschools.org.



Hi! My name is Josie Snow, RN, and I am the school nurse at Downtown School and Walnut Street Elementary. I received my BSN at the University of Iowa and have 11 years of experience as a pediatric nurse. I started with DMPS in 2024. I live in the Des Moines area with my husband and our rescue dog, Lazy Bones. When not at work I love to go for walks, garden, and relax with a good book. I am looking forward to a great school year!

This is the time of year that we start seeing a variety of illnesses. Remember, you should keep your child home from school if he or she has a fever of 100 F or above, is vomiting, has diarrhea, an undiagnosed rash, or a cough that would disrupt learning. The new attendance policy encourages doctor's notes or a conversation with the school nurse. If your child is not feeling well or you have questions about keeping him or her home, please call me. I welcome any questions you might have.



Connect with PTA

Downtown School

PTA President & Vice President Still Needed

Could you be the next President or Vice-President of the Downtown School PTA?

We are a non-profit parent organization focused on supporting the Downtown School. Our role as a parent organization is to support our students, teachers, and families to provide access to quality programming and educational material.

We are still in need of a president and vice president for the 2024-2025 school year. If you are interested in serving in either role this year, please email downtownschoolpta@gmail.com.

PTA Events Update

Thank you for joining us at the DTA Fall Family Picnic. It was great to see many new DTS families and see familiar faces catching up with one another. Check out our [pictures](#) from the event. A special thank you to [Michael Hill](#) for the amazing photos.

Downtown School Auction, Spring 2025

Fundraising Event Hosted by DTS PTA
The Downtown School Auction is our largest fundraiser, and it only happens every other year. This adults-only event includes live and silent auction items as well as a teacher recognition. Join the fun of bidding or come to connect with other DTS families and staff. All proceeds from the Auction enhance the DTS student experience through academic enrichment, classroom materials, experiential learning experiences, and access to quality student and family programming.

We need volunteers of all capacities to make the Auction a success! (No experience needed!) This event will raise funding that will benefit DTS over the next two school years, which means your efforts will make a huge impact.

[Complete this form](#) to let us know how you'd like to help with the Auction.

<https://www.dtspta.com>

Parking

Thank you for making sure drop-off and dismissal go smoothly. We will be getting a crosswalk from Grand Avenue to the front sidewalk.

Please continue to park in the back of the lot north of Grand in spots without numbers. All the numbered spots are reserved for staff.

18th Street is schedule to open by Halloween!

Reminder

The DTS Calendar that was posted online had two errors. They have been corrected and the revised calendar is posted to the [website](#).

Please note:

- October 10 is a school day.
- December 13 is not a school day.

Conferences

Conferences are Wednesday, Oct. 23 from 3:00–7:00 and Thursday, Oct. 24 from 9:00–7:00. Please sign up with this link.

Please join us at our PTA meetings.

The 2024-2025 meeting dates include:

September 10 - [minutes here](#)

November 12

January 14

March 11

May 13

All meetings will be in the DTS Library at 6:30pm.

Special Events

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AUG
22
4:30 pm - 6:00 pm
Back to School Bash
DTS

SEPT
19
5:30-7:30 pm
Fall Family Picnic
waterworks park

SEPT
28
8-8:45 am registration
DMPS One Run
waterworks park

NOV
21
6 pm - 8 pm
Fall Skate Night
skate south

DEC
12
K-2: 5:30-6:15 pm
3-5: 6:30-7:30 pm
Winter Dance
central campus

**winter and spring
dates coming soon!**



Join us!

One of Downtown School's favorite traditions is our monthly "All School Sing". This event brings students, teachers, and families together to share meaningful songs, highlight school happenings, and showcase student learning. It is a time to build a joyful community of friends and learners through music, dance, and drama.

All School Sing events are at 8:00 am in the Central Campus Auditorium.

- Friday, September 6, 2024
- Friday, October 4, 2024
- Friday, November 8, 2024
- Friday, December 6, 2024
- Friday, January 31, 2025
- Friday, February 28, 2025
- Friday, March 28, 2025
- Friday, April 18, 2025
- Friday, May 30, 2025
- Tuesday, June 17, 2025