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From the Principal's Desk

Welcome to the 2009-2010 school year at Floyd Dryden Middle School! Fresh starts, new faces, exciting learning, and unknown experiences are waiting for us all as we venture down the new school year path.

Our new faces will include all our 6th grade students. **Our 6th grade students start their first day of school by finding their name on the 6th grade Advisory Teacher lists that will be posted on the front door, then going in the gym at 8:15 to locate and check in with their Advisory Teacher.** Our 7th and 8th grade students find their name on the posted Advisory Teacher lists, and then simply go to their Advisory classroom at 8:15.

Additional "new" this year at Dryden includes Special Education teachers Erica Scales and Brenda Warnaca, 7th grade teachers George Gress and Ben Milano, and 8th grade teacher Mitch Buchman. Along with the new this school year, students and parents will also find the "old" commitment of the Floyd Dryden staff to provide the finest education possible for our students and community. We will continue to do our best to provide a safe and caring environment to successfully enjoy the middle school experience.

Your Floyd Dryden staff will create the opportunities for student success, but it is ultimately the challenge of educators and parents to motivate students' work ethic and academic dedication that will determine progress this year and in the future as they move on to high school. We believe all students can achieve their potential academic success by maintaining good attendance, organizing for class, and completing all schoolwork on time. Working together we can truly achieve standards of excellence and success, while gaining knowledge, self-assurance and pride.

I strongly encourage you to be active members in the education of your children this year. There is a significant correlation between student achievement and parent involvement in their child's school. It is especially important to have parents participate in the governance of the school through PTO meetings and Site Council meetings to ensure that Dryden

Labor Day Holiday

There will be no school on Monday, September 7th in observance of Memorial Day.

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continues to reflect the values, goals, standards and academic desires of the community we serve. **Our first PTO and Site Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 8th, in the Dryden library at 6:00 PM.**

One value of our Dryden community is reflected in our school dress code. As a result, Floyd Dryden is an educational institution that maintains both high academic standards and modest decorum standards. Please review the dress code in this newsletter with your son or daughter, and assist them in selecting clothes that support the dress code and an academically focused middle school community.

I am excited about the new beginnings and old commitments this year. I will enjoy hearing about our students' experiences as we travel and learn together along the 2009-2010 school year path.
Tom

Student Drop-off Warning



Please do not expose our Dryden children to unnecessary risk. **Never drop off a student or pick up a student on the other side of Mendenhall Loop Road.** Please always take the extra few minutes to drop children off in front of Floyd Dryden. The risk of our children getting hit by a car while crossing Mendenhall Loop Road is completely eliminated when they are dropped in front of the school. Do it for our kids. Thanks!

Supply List

Please plan to start the year with the basic school supplies such as a spiral notebook, pens and pencils. Once school begins you will get a supply list from your advisor teacher.

Lockers

Welcome back returning students and welcome new students. We look forward to a brand new school year. We hope your summer was fantastic and you are gearing up for the year. When purchasing that new school gear make sure you purchase a backpack that will fit in your new locker. Most soft-shelled backpacks will fit nicely, but be aware that backpacks with rollers do not fit inside our lockers at FDMS. So, avoid the shock of your brand new backpack not fitting in your locker on the first day of school and don't buy those packs with wheels! Just a tip to make your first day go smooth, from your assistant principal Jackie Kookesh. Enjoy the rest of your summer and see you soon.

School Hours

The school day begins at 8:30 am and is dismissed at 3:00 pm. The foyer doors and the gym open at 7:45 am. Please do not drop your child off before 7:45 am.

Lunch Times

Lunchtime for each grade level is as follows:

6th Grade from 11:35am – 12:10pm
7th Grade from 12:00pm – 12:30pm
8th Grade from 12:30pm – 1:00pm



School Pictures

School pictures for the 2009/10 school year are scheduled for the morning of Wednesday, September 16, 2009. More information will be available at the beginning of the school year.



Attendance

If for any reason, your student is going to be absent from school please notify the school by calling the attendance hotline at 463-1809. This line is available 24 hours a day. If you can't get through, call the office at 463-1850 to report your absence.

Tardy:

Students who arrive late and do not have a written note from their parent/guardian (or if the parent has not called the attendance office) are considered "unexcused tardy".

Absent for a day:

Please notify the school in the morning of each day that your student is going to be absent.

Homework Requests:

Requests for homework must be received at the attendance office by 9:30am. Homework is placed in the gray homework bin located on the wall just outside the attendance office and will be available for pick-up *after* 3:00pm.

Planned absences of 3 or more days:

Prior to a planned absence of 3 or more days notify the attendance office by sending a note with your students that includes the student's full name; the purpose of the absence; and the dates of the absence. The student will be given an absence form to take to each teacher for homework assignments.

Dismissal from class during school hours:

If your student will need to be excused from school during the school day send a note with your student in the morning. Include the student's full name; the purpose of the absence and the time the student is to be dismissed. The attendance office will issue the student a pass to dismiss them from class. The parent/guardian must come into the attendance office to sign the student out. For the safety of the students, they will not be allowed to sign themselves out or wait for their ride in front of the school

Returning to school after an appointment:

Students need to sign in at the attendance office and will be given a pass to admit them into their class.

Advisory Lists

Advisory class lists will be posted in the foyer windows the week before school starts. Student's schedules will be handed out in their advisory class on the first day of school.

Important Procedure for School Hour Student Pick-Up

It is important that all parents/guardians who will be picking up their child during school hours take the time to enter Floyd Dryden and sign-out their son or daughter. With the exception of an unusual circumstance, students are required to wait at the attendance office or be called out of class when you arrive inside the school to pick them up. Students will not be allowed to wait outside for their ride. While somewhat inconvenient, this simple procedure will allow us to ensure the safety of our students and document the release of our students to a responsible party. It will cost you a couple of minutes, but I hope everyone will consider that a small "price" for maintaining the integrity of Dryden's school hours release procedure. So next time a doctor appointment or a mid-day airline departure to Hawaii (don't forget my ticket!) is scheduled, please plan to leave a couple of minutes early to pick up your student at Dryden. If you have any questions, please give me a call at 463-1850. Thank you for your support as we continue to promote the safest school environment possible for our children.



Cross Country Season

Cross Country season begins September 1st, sign ups will be after school in the commons. Practices are tentatively scheduled Monday through Thursday from 3:00pm – 4:30 pm.



Sport Physicals

All students participating in school sports must have a current physical on file with the nurse. Sport physicals will be available through the school at the cost of \$15.00. If you are interested in obtaining a school physical, please watch for announcements.

Soccer Season

Soccer season begins September 1st; sign ups will be after school in the gym. Practices are tentatively scheduled Monday through Thursday from 3:00 – 4:30 pm. If you are interesting in participating in soccer, please watch for sign-up notices.

Activity Fees

Some school activities and classes do include the collection of fees to cover various expenses. For details, please contact the school at 463-1850.

Floyd Dryden Bus Schedule 2009-2010

ROUTE # 26

Morning route to Floyd Dryden

8:05 AM ARCTIC CIR & SLIM WILLIAMS WAY
8:07 AM 1131 SLIM WILLIAMS WAY
8:09 AM WOLFRAM WAY & NINNIS DR
8:12 AM NINNIS DR & BLACK WOLF WAY
8:17 AM MONTANA CREEK RD & TRAPPERS LN
8:17 AM MONTANA CREEK RD & MORAINES WAY
8:18 AM 9655 MENDENHALL LOOP RD
8:18 AM MENDENHALL LOOP RD & RIVER RD
8:18 AM MENDENHALL LOOP RD & VIEW DR
8:25 AM SCHOOL: FLOYD DRYDEN MIDDLE SCHOOL

ROUTE # 26

Afternoon route from Floyd Dryden

3:05 PM SCHOOL: FLOYD DRYDEN MIDDLE SCHOOL
3:11 PM MENDENHALL LOOP RD & VIEW DR
3:11 PM MENDENHALL LOOP RD & RIVER RD
3:11 PM 9655 MENDENHALL LOOP RD
3:12 PM MONTANA CREEK RD & MORAINES WAY
3:12 PM MONTANA CREEK RD & TRAPPERS LN
3:15 PM NINNIS DR & BLACK WOLF WAY
3:19 PM WOLFRAM WAY & NINNIS DR
3:22 PM 1131 SLIM WILLIAMS WAY
3:24 PM ARCTIC CIR & SLIM WILLIAMS WAY

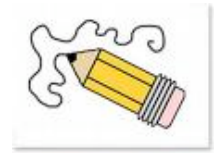
Change of Address?

If you had a change of address or phone number over the summer or if it changes during the school year please notify the school as soon as possible. It is very important that the school maintains up to date contact information so we can contact you in case of an emergency. Contact our registrar, Candy Held at 463-1850



FLOYD DRYDEN OPEN HOUSE

Wednesday, September 9th 2008
5:00 to 6:30



Please plan to attend the Floyd Dryden Open House –
Wednesday evening from 5:00 to 6:30
Team Presentation Times and Locations

6th Grade Teams Meet from 5:00 to 5:25

Navigators in room 300, Super Sonic Sixes in room 302, Trekkers in room 305 and
Endeavors in room 306

7th Grade Teams Meet from 5:30 to 5:55

Wolf Team in room 201, Adventures in room 100, Voyagers in room 203 and Keets in room 200

8th Grade 8 Team Meet at 6:00 - 6:25

8th Grade Wing

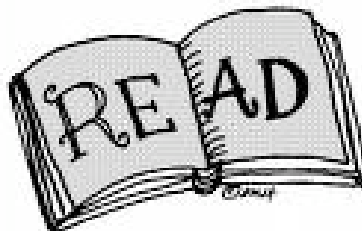
Exploratory Teachers

Our Exploratory teachers will be in their rooms for you to meet before or after the teacher presentations.

Power School / Dryden Web Site

Immediately after your grade level meetings, Rich Culver will be available in the Eagle Nest computer lab to share how to use Power School to track student progress and assignments.

SEE YOU AT DRYDEN ON SEPTEMBER 9th!



PTO and Site Council

The Floyd Dryden PTO and Site Council meet the first Monday of each month unless it falls on a holiday, in which case the meeting will automatically move to the following Tuesday. The Site Council meets from 5:00 to 6:00 pm, followed by the PTO from 6:00 to 7:00 pm. Please plan to join us on Tuesday, September 8th!

One more tool in your student's toolbox

The public library is a wonderful community resource that Dryden students are welcome to take full advantage of. Library cards are free and no student should be without one! The Dryden library is open during school hours, but the public library is open 7 days a week, including evenings, making a library card an essential tool for academic success. The crew at the Mendenhall Valley Library is aware of Dryden's Accelerated Reader Program and they are ready to assist students in finding an AR book, or helping with the search for information to complete a class project. Before school starts back up please make sure that your student has a card for the Capital Cities Library!

Standardized Testing on April 7th, 13th, 14th and 15th

Please Mark Your Calendars

While our Standards Based Assessment (SBA) is months away, please be sure to mark your calendars now. It is very important to plan family schedules that ensure your daughter or son is in school and ready to test during the testing days. **Our SBA date for 8th grade Science is April 7th. The Reading, Writing and Math SBA dates for all middle school grades will be during the week of April 12th.** Watch for additional SBA information and testing tips in future newsletters and on our website.

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FLOYD DRYDEN MIDDLE SCHOOL DRESS CODE INFORMATION

Floyd Dryden is an educational institution that maintains high academic and decorum standards. The daily attire of our students should be conducive to an educational environment that reflects high standards and a focus on education. A dress code is not intended to inhibit a student's desire for self-expression; its purpose is to maintain appropriate school decorum and to promote students' health, safety, hygiene and emotional well-being. Since this has proven to be a problematic and ongoing issue in the past, we are requesting the sincere and earnest support from all students, parents and guardians. The initial consequence for violation of the dress code will be parent contact and a trip home to change clothes.

The following standards of reasonable dress are not meant as an all-inclusive list. Questionable articles or styles of dress are subject to the judgment of school administration.

- 1) Choosing to dress in a manner that signifies gang affiliation is prohibited. Known styles of such dress are not allowed at school. Known styles of gang related dress include:
 - Sagging pants; pants must be worn at the waist.
 - A single raised pant leg.
 - Bandannas.
- 2) Articles of clothing that advertise, depict the use of, or condone inappropriate language, drugs, alcohol, tobacco, violence, sexual behavior/innuendo, or suicide are strictly forbidden.
- 3) Prohibited are articles of clothing that disparages or humiliates any group, individual, national origin, gender, race, religion, or disability.
- 4) No provocative clothing, such as spaghetti strap tops, tank tops, halter tops, low cut dresses or blouses, are allowed. Ladies' cleavage must be completely covered.
- 5) All undergarments must be completely unexposed at all times.
- 6) All tops must overlap or be tucked in to the pants, shorts or skirt, to avoid any bare midriff.
- 7) Sleepwear, loungewear, or pajamas are not allowed in school.
- 8) Safety pins and other sharp objects on clothing are not permitted.
- 9) Jewelry that could pose a hazard, such as wallet chains, spiked collars and bracelets, safety pins, and chokers, should not be worn at school.
- 10) Hats, bandanas and other forms of headgear are not allowed on heads inside Floyd Dryden.

**Welcome Back to School
Floyd Dryden Middle School Student Activities
August and September**

August 31	1 st Day of School
September 1	Soccer and Cross Country Seasons Begin Soccer sign up in the gym
September 7	Cross Country sign up in the commons
September 8	No School – Labor Day Holiday Site Council Meeting @ 5 :00 pm PTO Meeting @ 6:00 pm
September 9	FDMS OPEN HOUSE @ 5:00 to 6:30 pm Sports Physical Day
September 16	SCHOOL PICTURE DAY Soccer Match – after school
September 17	Cross Country Meet – after school
September 23	Soccer Match # 2
September 24	Cross Country Meet # 2
September 25	Welcome Back to School Weekender
September 30	Soccer Match # 3

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