



DENTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

FERGUS COUNTY
SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 84
P.O. BOX 1048
DENTON, MONTANA 59430



Home of the Trojans

Dear Parents/Guardians:

We would like to welcome two new teachers to our school. Scott Chauvet will be serving multiple teaching roles, primarily working with junior high students, as well as serving as the librarian. He will also cover the high school guidance position this year. Mr. Chauvet was a 5th grade teacher in Big Sandy for several years, before moving into administration, serving as superintendent in Stanford, Fort Benton, Manhattan, Geysler, and Roy. He has been working for Bank of the Rockies and is excited to return to the classroom. Ty Neal is our new vo-ag teacher. Mr. Neal comes to us from Lodge Grass where he started an FFA program from scratch and grew it into a successful program. He is also very experienced with welding and mechanics, and should bring a diverse list of classes to our shop. I can't wait to work with these guys! We were unable to find a music teacher, but will continue to explore ways of providing music to our students in the years to come. We still have a Christmas program, and Mr. Cauffman will be teaching drama, so be expecting at least one school play as well.

In your packets you will find information on free and reduced lunches. Even if you don't think you will qualify it is important to fill out the paperwork and return it. Meal prices will stay the same this year, and I can't stress enough how important it is to stay up on paying for any meal charges your child incurs. The last thing we want to be doing is tracking down payments at the end of the school year, so please do your best to stay current on lunch payments and communicate with Summer in the office if you are going to be behind on paying your account.

Please look over the bus route information that is enclosed. Summer will once again be driving the co-op route, Russ will be in a yellow bus again, and Ron, Emmett, and Terry will continue their routes in Traverses.

The student handbook is included in this packet as well as other valuable information for starting the school year. Parents please make sure that if your child is really sick to keep them home, but otherwise we expect them to be at school.

Please remind your child that the use of cell phones, earbuds, or any portable device during class time is prohibited unless consent is given by the teacher. I can't say enough how impressed I was with our students last year in this area. They were awesome! However, it is always good to remind them to be on their best behavior in regards to technology. If you need to contact your child during the day please call the office and they will make sure that you get in touch with your child.

The first day of high school practices for the DGSG co-op will be Friday, August 16th. Junior high volleyball will begin on August 19th and JH football will begin August 26th. Football equipment will be handed out on the first days of practice. A practice schedule as well as the most up to date fall sports schedules are enclosed in this packet. I would encourage you to check the website for schedule changes. Practices will once again rotate weekly whenever possible. The practice schedule could change if we have unexpected students come out for a sport, students decide not to play, or new students move in. Please be patient with changes to that schedule. Prior to practice all students must have a completed physical turned into the office, a completed concussion form, and completion of the IMPACT

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testing. The fall sports parents meeting will be held in Stanford on Friday, August 23rd at a time to be announced. Stay tuned for meeting and scrimmage times.

Most importantly, the first day of school will be Monday, August 19th. The school day will remain the same as last year with classes beginning at 8:00 a.m. and ending at 3:39 p.m. Please remind your child that being on time is essential, and that excessive tardies are detrimental to their academic success. We will once again run a 4 day school week for the 2024-25 school year. Student schedules will be available on the first day of school.

Please review and sign any documents included in this packet and return them to the school ASAP. All documents are also available on the school website at denton.k12.mt.us. If you have any questions or would like to stop in and chat please feel free to do so. I look forward to seeing all of you children's smiling faces on August 16th!

Sincerely,

Scott Sparks