



Dacula Middle School

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Tuesday, February 19, 2008

Please send comments/suggestions to dms_pta@yahoo.com. We look forward to hearing from you!

Dates At A Glance:

- Feb. 18 - School Holiday - NO SCHOOL
- Feb. 21 - 1:50 & 2:55 -6th Grade Cultural Arts Program
4:30 - 6:00 pm - 6th Grade Social
- Feb. 22 - Spirit Day
- Feb. 26 - 6:30 pm - Multicultural Night in Café
- Feb. 28 - 4:30 - 6:00 pm - 7th Grade Social

A/B Class Schedule:

- Tuesday, 2/19/08 - A
- Wednesday, 2/20/08- B
- Thursday, 2/21/08 - A
- Friday, 2/22/08 - B

Basketball Game Schedule

- Tuesday, Feb. 19, 5:00 PM - DMS vs. Lanier @ DHS
- Saturday, Feb. 23 - Basketball Tournament @ DHS

6th Grade Dance!!

Thursday, February 21, 2008
4:30 - 6:00 pm

Tickets are \$3.00 and will be sold in homeroom on February 19th and 20th. No tickets will be sold on the day of the dance. Refreshments will be on sale during the dance so please remember to bring extra money for these purchases. Students should make arrangements ahead of time to be picked up. They may not call the day of the dance to make arrangements. Students with a last name that begins with the letters **A-M** are to be picked up in the car rider lane; students with a last name that begins with the letters **N-Z** are to be picked up in the bus lane. All students must be picked up by 6:00 pm.

6th Grade Cultural Arts Program

The DMS PTA sponsors Cultural Arts Programs for our students each year. On February 21, 2008, the **Atlanta Percussion Trio** will be presenting an exciting show for all 6th Graders. Their high-energy show will expose the students to percussion sounds from all around the world!

Multicultural Night

Tuesday, February 26

6:30 pm

DMS Café

Come for our 2nd annual Multicultural Night at DMS! Last year was a huge success, so the members of the Multicultural Club are very excited about this year's event! This FREE event will include a wonderful display of artifacts, opportunities to taste food from different countries, and we'll showcase our students' talents. Everyone has some cultural history to share, so why not come and join the cultural celebration? For questions, contact one of the sponsors:
Mrs. Anderson-Irish: (678) 376-8542
Ms. Selma Zahirovic: (678) 985-0289
Ms. Elethia Rhoden: (678) 985-0735

39th Annual Miss Dacula Pageants



Youth - February 23, 2008



Middle School - February 29th & March 1st

High School - March 7th & 8th



Monday Night Is Family Night!!

Every Monday night, from 4:00 pm until close, Kids' meals are \$1.99 for ages 10 and under. This meal includes a kid beverage, fruit cup or fries, plus a sweet treat! The next DMS Spirit Night at Beef 'O' Brady's will be on March 20. A portion of the proceeds on that night will go to DMS! See you at Beef's!

Drama Production

The Dacula Drama Ensemble will present:

Get Up and Go

Tuesday, April 1, 2008

6:30 pm

DMS Cafeteria



Tickets, available at the door, are \$5 for adults and \$4 for students.

Attention 6th Graders!! Are you interested in studying theatre all year next year? Want to show off your acting abilities? Auditions for the 2008-2009 Seventh Grade Production Class will be held the week after Spring Break. Watch for the posters and announcements this Spring. If you have questions now, please see Ms. Marlin.

Career Fair Help is Needed!

DMS will be hosting a Career Fair on **May 19, 2008**, at the school. If you or someone you know is interested in talking to our students about your career field, please contact Elethia Rhoden at 678-985-0735 or Elethia_Rhoden@gwinnett.k12.ga.us. Your help will be greatly appreciated!

Assistance Available for Criterion-Referenced Competency Test (CRCT)

Dacula Middle students have the opportunity to practice for the CRCT coming in the spring of 2008. Check the Dacula Middle School web page (www.daculamiddleschool.org) for links to the Online Assessment System (OAS). You will find a link to the site and guides for students and parents that will provide additional assistance. The website provides students will several practice tests. Using the item bank of past questions provided by the GA Dept. of Education, students can become familiar with the format of questions on the test.

The User Login will be the student's **Georgia Test ID number** and the password is **learn**. Students have been given a sticker with their ID number on it to put in their agendas. If you have questions, contact Barbara Watkins at 770-338-4627. Please take advantage of this wonderful opportunity!!

Dacula High School Soccer

Come out and support the Dacula Varsity Soccer Teams! All youth get in **FREE** if they wear their soccer team's uniform (must be accompanied by an adult!). For more information, visit www.daculahighsoccer.com.

Varsity: Tues., 2/19 - vs. Apalachee 5:30 VG; 7:30 VB
Fri., 2/22 - vs. Lakeside-Evans 5:30 VG; 7:30 VB

JV: Mon., 2/18 - vs. South Gwinnett 5:30 & 7:30
Thurs., 2/21 - vs. Heritage 5:30 & 7:30

Media Musings

Love-a-Book in February!!

Our media center contains some well-loved titles, but many of these titles have been loved almost to death. To replace these books, we are hosting a "Love-A-Book" campaign throughout February! All Dacula families will have the opportunity to purchase a brand new book to be added to the DMS media center. Each book purchased will have a book plate added to the inside front cover listing the name of the donor. All books will cost \$15. A list will be sent home - simply check off the book you wish to purchase, fill out the form, and return it with a check to DMS for **\$15 by February 28**. On behalf of all the future students of DMS who will check out and **love** these books, the media center thanks you for your support!

Love-A-Book Titles

- Avi
- *Nothing But the Truth*
 - *True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle*
- Blume, Judy -
- *Are you There God? It's Me, Margaret*
 - *Also Known as Sheila the Great*
 - *Here's to You, Rachel Robinson*
- Burch, Robert
- *Queenie Peavy*
- Cooney, Caroline
- *Face on the Milk Carton*
 - *Whatever Happened to Janie?*
 - *Voice on the Radio*
- Curtis, Christopher P.
- *Watsons Go to Birmingham - 1964*
 - *Bud Not Buddy*
- Hesse, Karen
- *Letters from Riffka*
 - *Music of Dolphins*
- Hinton, S. E.
- *The Outsiders*
 - *Tex*
 - *Rumble Fish*
 - *That Was Then, This is Now*

Love-A-Book Titles

Jimenez, Francisco

- *The Circuit: Stories from the Life of a Migrant Child*

Mikaelsen, Ben

- *Touching Spirit Bear*

Paolini, Chris

- *Eragon*
- *Eldest*
- *Brisinger*

Paulsen, Gary

- *Hatchet*
- *Brian's Winter*
- *Brian's Return*

Raskin, Ellen

- *Skinnybones*

Robinson, Barbara

- *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever*
- *The Best School Year Ever*

Spinelli, Jerry

- *Crash*

Taylor, Mildred

- *Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry*
- *Let the Circle Be Unbroken*

Taylor, Theodore

- *The Cay*
- *Timothy of the Cay*

New Board Members needed for next year!!

Have you ever considered volunteering on the PTA Board? Now is the time to get involved! Several of our Board Members' children will be graduating from Middle School this year, so they will not be available to serve next year. This is a great way to become familiar with the school/staff/parents and to show your child how much you support them in school! This is especially important as they enter their teenage years! If you would like more information about serving on the Board, please contact any member, email us at dms_pta@yahoo.com, or come to any of our remaining meetings on **Mar. 17, and May 5, at 3:45 pm in the Conference Room on the Purple Hall**. Please consider helping out!

Please join PTA!! We encourage all Teachers and Parents to join PTA for only **\$6**. This small contribution will go a long way in providing all of our students various activities. This donation does not require a time commitment on your part either! Stop in the front office to join!

Club Updates:

Beta Club:

Saturday, 2/23, 9:00 - 12:00 - Parknership Service Project (lunch provided and families welcomed)
*Please see Ms. Butler for a permission form and informational flyer.

Basketball Tournament Project: If you signed up for a shift, you will receive a reminder soon!

Friday, 2/29, 8:15 am - next General Meeting in the Media Center

Math Club: The next Math Club meeting is on Thursday, February 21, from 4:30 - 5:30 in Mrs. Daley's room.

PTA Happenings:



everychild.ourvoice.

It's not too late to support DMS with the fundraiser! Click on the following link and you can order/renew your magazines:

<http://www.qsp.com/Store/FallFundraiserB.aspx?FAccountId=425012160>.

40% of all proceeds will go to DMS!

