

A Message for the Parents of Rising 6th Graders headed to Dickerson in 2017-2018

WE CAN'T WAIT TO MEET YOU! A big Welcome from the Dickerson Middle School PTSA. We hope your rising 6th grader returned home full of excitement after their tour of Dickerson on Feb. 6th. We are excited to welcome them for the 2017-2018 school year!

Whether this is your first child coming to Dickerson, or your last, we are here to help with the transition to middle school. Our website, www.dickersonptsa.org, is a great place to get started. We invite you to go ahead and register in the Dickerson Toolkit so you can receive communications about upcoming events and important dates. Also, when the portal opens, this is where you will register for the DMS PTSA, order the DMS PTSA Calendar and Directory, and DMS Spirit Wear. You can also sign up for PTSA volunteer opportunities.

We want to make sure ALL DMS students are included in the PTSA's Artwork Contest for the DMS PTSA school Calendar and Directory. For contest details or go to www.dickersonptsa.org

A couple of items to go ahead and add to your calendar now are: **May 10, 2017 at 8:30am** is Coffee with Carole. We invite all parents to this morning event to come and ask questions of our Principal, Dr. Carole Brink, and learn a little more. If you already have questions, please submit them on line at, askcarole@dickersonptsa.org and they will be answered at the event. We will also be taking questions from the floor.

Meet and Greet. Friday, July 28th This is an opportunity to come in and meet homeroom teachers, view spirit wear, pick up PTSA packets, DMS PTSA Calendar and purchase locker shelves. More information and finalized times will be sent out via Dickerson E-blast, also check our electronic marquee.

Speaking of going back to school, the start of DMS is different than elementary school. Students are asked to bring pencil and paper the first few days. Lockers are not assigned until after school starts and supply lists are not finalized until that time as well. As long as your student has a pencil and paper, that is all that is needed.

A great resource that will also answer many questions is the Dickerson handbook. This was handed out at the Rising 6th Grade Night on February 6th. It can also be accessed from our website at www.dickersonptsa.org This will provide you with a thorough overview of DMS as well as expectations for your students.

In advance, Welcome to Dickerson Middle School. If we can be of any assistance feel free to contact us via email, president@dickersonptsa.org. We are here to help and look forward to having you at Dickerson.

All the best,

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