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#### A MESSAGE FROM MR. PATANE

Our principal shares his heart regarding Black History Month and the lasting impact of Martin Luther King Jr. on our students today.

#### PICTURED ABOVE

Mrs. Files class and "Wacky Wednesday." Students had to find something living and bring it to the camera as quickly as possible. How wacky was your Wednesday this week?

#### PICTURE DAY INFORMATION

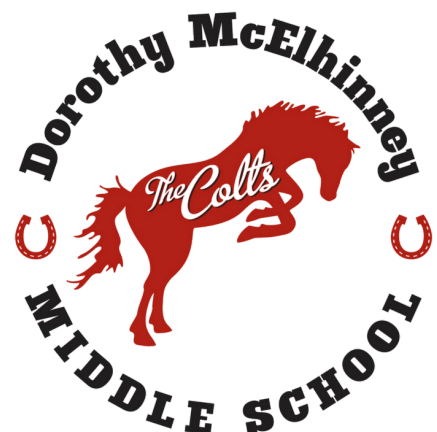
See page 3 for for detailed information about Picture Days on February 16-19.

## INFORMATION REGARDING IMMUNIZATIONS

*Carissa Hoffman, School Nurse*

This information is especially important for new and/or transfer students, as well as incoming 7th grade students. Although we are in the midst of an unexpected public health crisis, immunization requirements are still in place. The Public Health Department has been informing pediatricians that maintaining vaccination schedules remains a priority. Your healthcare provider should have well-child visits available to ensure immunizations are up-to-date. Immunization information from the State Public Health Department can be viewed at [www.shotsforschool.org](http://www.shotsforschool.org)

If you need resources for obtaining immunizations, please contact your School Nurse. We can accept copies via e-mail, fax, or in-person (kindly wear a mask on campus). Please make sure your child's name is visible on the record copy. Call the health office for specific contact information. We are here to help!





## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

*Tom Patane*

February is Black History Month – an homage to the achievements of African Americans who have shaped American history. February was chosen to celebrate Black History Month because it's the birth month of former President Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass, and escaped slave and activist. Both of these men played a prominent role in the abolition of slavery. During this month, our leadership students will be highlighting different African American people who have had a positive impact on our world during the morning Bunkhouse Report. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. once said, "Intelligence plus character is the goal of education." At DMMS we build character by valuing all types of diversity and respecting our differences. In turn, these diverse perspectives help build academic excellence because they broaden our understanding of the world around us. I want to encourage our Colts to use their voices and words in a positive way to bring about significant change and to help others. Young people can have a powerful influence on society by listening, showing empathy, and acting wisely. To close with another quote from Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., "If I cannot do great things, I can do small things in a great way."



## COHORT INFORMATION

*Small groups are scheduled to return to campus this month*

In-person cohorts have been authorized to resume during the month of February. You may see small, specialized groups of students returning to campus for short periods of time. If you student previously was invited to participate in one of these cohorts, you can expect to hear from his or her teacher or counselor no later than February 15th.

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*This year is definitely the weirdest I've ever had. But I don't want to forget about it. I want to remember the good stuff.*

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Did you know that YOU can submit photos for the yearbook? Let's remember the great stuff from 2020-2021.

Use the link below to upload now!  
<https://images.jostens.com/415467264>

Or go to [images.jostens.com](https://images.jostens.com) and enter 415467264

Don't forget to purchase your yearbook online ASAP!



# ACCESSING GRADES

*From Your Counseling Team*

We've noticed that some parents are having difficulty accessing "report cards" from last semester. We do not email report cards home, but instead post grades to the Aeries parent portal. Below are the steps to view your student's grades for last semester.

- Log into your AERIES parent portal. The link can be found on our homepage.
- In the menu at the top, click on 'Grades' in the menu.
- In the grades dropdown menu, click on 'Grades' again.

# FREE TUTORING

*Have you heard about Paper?*

Paper is a FREE tutoring service that is available to all of our students 24/7. Students can access Paper by going to [www.paper.co](http://www.paper.co) and clicking the "Log in with Google" button. There's also a very convenient app version called "Paper Education."



# DMMS PICTURE DAYS

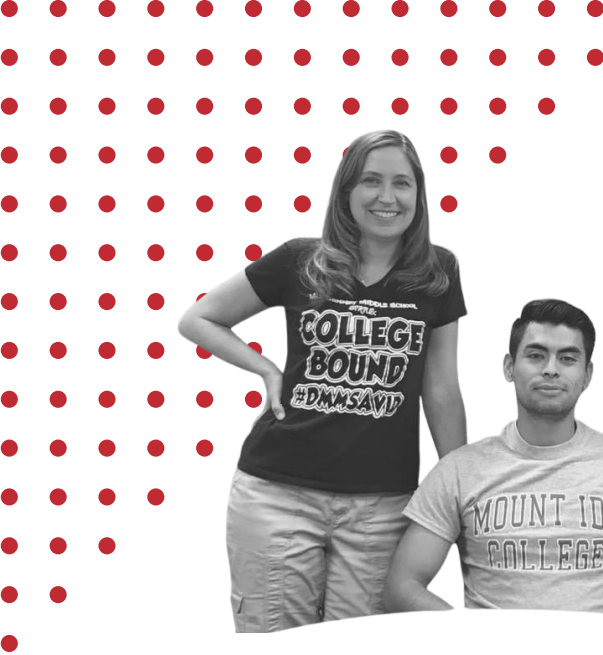
*February 16-19*

Picture day is quickly approaching! You can preorder your school photos at [www.dmmsphotos.com](http://www.dmmsphotos.com). We want to ensure that each student has an opportunity to take a yearbook photo in a safe and efficient manner. Please read carefully below to determine the time your student is scheduled for photos as well as opportunities for make-ups.

- All students MUST adhere to safety protocols. This includes wearing a mask the entire time other than during the photo. Students who fail to comply will be dismissed from campus.
- Photos are taken inside the MPR.
- Parents must remain in vehicles and parked in the parking lot (not in the loop) unless otherwise arranged with the front office.
- Students may be dropped off at the gate nearest the office and will return to the car after his or her photo is complete.
- Students may walk or ride to campus for pictures; bikes and scooters must be parked in the bike rack and helmets must be worn.

|            | 6 <sup>th</sup> Grade<br>Tuesday 2/16 | 7 <sup>th</sup> Grade<br>Wednesday 2/17 | 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade<br>Thursday 2/18 |
|------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|
| 12-12:30pm | ----                                  | Last Names A-B                          | ----                                   |
| 12:30-1pm  | ----                                  | Last Names C-E                          | ----                                   |
| 1-1:30pm   | ----                                  | Last Names F-H                          | ----                                   |
| 1:30-2pm   | ----                                  | Last Names I-K                          | ----                                   |
| 2-2:30pm   | ----                                  | Last Names L-M                          | ----                                   |
| 2:30-3pm   | ----                                  | Last Names N-Q                          | ----                                   |
| 3pm-3:30pm | ----                                  | Last Names R-S                          | ----                                   |
| 3:30-4pm   | ----                                  | Last Names T-Z                          | ----                                   |





# COUNSELING CORNER

## 8TH GRADE PARENTS

*High School Information is right around the corner!*

It's that time ALREADY!!! The Murrieta high schools will visit your student this month!

- VMHS- All students will attend the presentation the week of Feb 8th
- MVHS- Students who live in their boundaries should receive an email with their presentation on Feb. 3rd
- MMHS- More information is coming for students in their boundaries.

DMMS counselors will present and review all high school requirement information during science classes the week of Feb 15th.

## 6TH AND 7TH GRADERS

*It's almost time to request your electives for next year!*

Information for year-long elective class applications will be coming soon! Listen to announcements!! Course selections for semester electives will be after Spring Break.

## MENTAL HEALTH GROUPS

*Email your counselor if your child could benefit from one of the following groups*

- Stress Management- Starts this week
- Student Engagement- Starts this week
- Grief Group- Starts March 15th

## WHO IS MY COUNSELOR?

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