

Dear DMMS Families,

The Dakota Meadows Middle School (DMMS) Parent Teacher Association (PTA) works behind the scenes to enrich your child's middle school experience — through field trips, teacher support, community events, and more. But none of it is possible without your participation.

Instead of traditional fundraisers, which can be time consuming, we have historically asked each family for a one-time donation of \$30 per student. This year we want to offer some new opportunities for your kids and if you find yourself in a position to donate more or sponsor another student, it would be *greatly* appreciated.

The success of this fundraiser is crucial to our ability to provide the following incredible opportunities and experiences for your children.

Where Your Donation Will Go – DMMS PTA 2025 – 26 Overview

Enrichment & Classroom Support – We fund hands-on learning experiences, and enrichment activities, that foster positive engagement between students which makes school more exciting and interactive.

- Trail Experiences (All Grades)
- Fine Arts
- **NEW: Water Safety and Activities – Paddle Boards, Kayaks, and More!**
- Student Rewards

Staff Appreciation – A small gesture goes a long way in saying to DMMS Staff, “Thank you for everything you do.”

- Fall/Spring Conference Meals
- Teacher Appreciation Week

Family & Community Engagement – DMMS PTA welcomes all new and returning students. We strive to create a collaborative environment to enhance our kids' experiences in middle school.

- Welcome Back to School Night
- **NEW: Community Night**

Student Field Trips – Class field trips often become a core memory for students. Staff and students very much enjoy these opportunities.

- 6th Grade Field Trips
- 7th Grade Field Trips
- 8th Grade Field Trips

As part of the district renovations DMMS received beautiful tennis courts which we are very thankful to have. The downside of their placement is that they are taking up the only grass area

students were able to use during lunch/recess. Our kids are now left with four basketball hoops and two gaga ball pits in a cramped space right next to the parking lot.

There was support from parents and staff to provide a better space and experience during their outdoor time for our kids. Multiple staff members commented on how much this would benefit the students and the school. The PTA is engaging with DMMS administration who is looking into potential space as the tennis courts are not moving.

We are not yet fundraising for this as there are many logistics to work out to make this happen. You can help now by donating sports and outdoor equipment. If you have sports or aquatic equipment, games, or a kayak rack please email me at ptadmms@gmail.com. If you have other ideas on how to maximize this space or items that you want to get rid of, please let me know.

Please join us for the first PTA meeting on October 27 from 6:00 to 7:00 in the DMMS flex space for updates on the outdoor space, dance, fall conferences and more. If you can't come in person, you can attend virtually via Teams using the following log in information:

Meeting ID: 268 905 990 707 / Passcode: Np3Q4rG6

Thank you for being a part of what makes DMMS such a vibrant and supportive community. Your generosity directly enriches the lives of our students and staff—and we're so grateful.

If you have any questions, ideas, or want to get involved please reach out and don't forget to follow us on Facebook.

With appreciation,

Meghan Maes (President), Melissa Weinacht, (Vice President), Laurel Sturlaugson, (Secretary), and Annie Kenne, (Treasurer)

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