

March Happenings

2022

Upcoming events in the David Douglas School District

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Introducing the DDS D Bus Pass Program

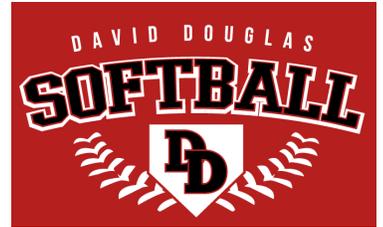
The David Douglas School District is rolling out a new program for school bus riders. Beginning with the 2022-2023 school year, all eligible riders will be required to register to ride the bus and must carry a badge. The program is currently being rolled out a few schools at a time - this winter and spring. District bus drivers will issue ZPass badges along with lanyards and backpack straps to students currently riding a district school bus.

This program is designed to enhance bus rider safety by giving the Transportation Department and parents the ability to track when and where each student gets on and off a district school bus. The District has partnered with a company called Zonar to provide the badges. Students must carry their badge, a ZPass, with them to ride the school bus. The ZPass will be scanned as students enter and exit the bus, recording the card number, location and time. Only select district staff and parents will have access to this information. Parents can view ridership information by using ZPass+, a ridership alerts app from Zonar. Read more details about the Bus Pass Program on the Transportation Department's webpages. Visit www.ddouglas.k12.or.us/departments/transportation-information/ or enter "bus pass program" in the DDS D website search bar.

Register Now for Youth Softball

Joining the David Douglas Softball Association is a great way for 1st-8th graders years old to learn the game of softball, build skills and make friends.

The 2022 season runs from late March to early June. Register online at www.ddssoftball.com or pick up a paper form, available at school offices. The fee is \$90 before **March 1** and \$100 after. For questions, please contact DDSA through their website.



DDHS PTSA Spring Craft Fair

Shop the PTSA's Spring Craft fair on **Saturday, March 19th** for creative, unique gifts from local crafters. The selection includes handmade home decor, soaps, jewelry, clothing, toys and kettle corn! Masks and social distancing are required. The fair is open from 9 am to 4 pm on March 19th in the DDHS north cafeteria (1001 SE 135th Ave). Admission is free. Donations are accepted to support PTSA activities for students. For more information about the fair or how to become a vendor, contact Valerie DeRoest at ddbazaar@yahoo.com.

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Nutrition Services

Visit the Nutrition Services webpages on the District Website to stay up-to-date on meal changes and information by visiting www.ddouglas.k12.or.us/departments/nutrition-services/. In addition to monthly menu information, Nutrition Services posts polls to gather student feedback on menu items.



Connect to Kindergarten

All 2022-2023 kindergarten students are invited to their neighborhood elementary school for the spring Connect to Kindergarten event at 6 pm on **Thursday, April 21st**. Students and families will have the chance to meet school staff, become familiar with their school and learn the next steps in beginning kindergarten.

All incoming kindergarten students and their parents are strongly encouraged to attend this informational evening. In addition to helping the District project enrollment for kindergarten classes, participation helps children become excited and comfortable with going to school.

Families that do not know their designated elementary school, can call 503-256-6526 or look up the information online here at www.ddouglas.k12.or.us/findmyschool.

Food Pantries

More than a half dozen weekly food pantries operate at school locations in David Dougals School District. The pantries are run by community partner agencies and are free. Site locations and hours of operation are posted on

the Food Resources webpage on the District website. Visit www.ddouglas.k12.or.us/ and enter "food pantries" in the search bar. Open the page titled "Food Resources." Changes to pantry hours and closures are also posted on this page.



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