

# THE TIGER TALE



## News from Dexter Middle School September, 2007 Edition

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### WELCOME!

We'd like to welcome back our previous Middle School students and extend a special welcome to all our Grade 5 and new students. We hope that your time at Dexter Middle School will be a fun learning experience and that when it's time for you to leave here, you will take away many special memories.

### NEW STAFF MEMBERS

We would also like to welcome our new staff members. Mrs. Sue Griffith has several years of teaching experience and joins the 5th Grade Team teaching Social Studies. Ms. Cassidy Regan will also join the 5th Grade Team and will teach Math. She is transferring to us from Grade 3 at Dexter Primary School. Mrs. Mary Lightbody returns to our school district after a several year absence. She will be teaching Grade 6, 7, and 8 Art here at the Middle School and will also be teaching Art at the High School.



### PAPERWORK TO BE RETURNED

All Middle School students were sent home with packets of paperwork, some of which needs to be filled out and returned to school and others which need to be kept by parents/guardians. Please go through the packet and return paperwork by Friday, September 8th. Instructions for filling out paperwork is included in the packet. We appreciate your help in making sure our records on students are complete. If, during the school year, you have a change in any information, please contact the school to keep us informed.

### SCHOOL BOARD NOTES

*School Board Meeting* - Wednesday, September 5th, 2007, 7:00 PM, Dexter Regional High School ATM Room.

*Facilities/Transportation/Construction Meeting* - Wednesday, September 12, 2007, 7:00 PM, Superintendent's Office.

*Negotiations Committee Meeting* - Wednesday, September 19th, and Wednesday, September 26th, 2007, 7:00 PM, Superintendent's Office.

### OPEN HOUSE AND BOOK FAIR

The annual Dexter Middle School Open House and Book Fair will be held on Tuesday, September 18th, from 5:00 - 7:00 PM. Parents, guardians, and friends are invited to attend with their student/s to meet staff members and visit the Book Fair. Part of the proceeds from the Book Fair are used to fund Middle School programs. Please plan on visiting us on the 18th!

### SCHOOL PICTURES

The date for school pictures has been set for Monday, October 1st, 2007. All students will have pictures taken whether or not they purchase a picture package. Pictures are used on student cumulative folders and in our yearbook. If you wish to purchase a picture package, order forms will be sent home with students a couple of weeks before picture day.

### LABOR DAY

School will be closed on Monday, September 3rd, in observance of Labor Day. Classes will resume on Tuesday, September 4th.

## FALL SPORTS SEASON BEGINS

The fall sports season begins at Dexter Middle School on Thursday, August 30th with the first practices being held right after school. Sports packets will be sent home with students on the first day of school. All students who participate in sports must return their paperwork before they will be allowed to participate in practices. They must attend practice so that they get instruction, but they may not participate until paperwork is returned. Also, any student who has not had a physical examination during their Middle School years needs to have one done before they will be allowed to participate at practice. Please return paperwork as soon as possible so that students may participate in practice. A fall sports schedule is attached to this newsletter.



## EDLINE UP AND RUNNING

Edline, our online program which allows parents/guardians to check student grades, is now up and running. If you have not used Edline in the past, please call the school for your activation code, then log on to the MSAD #46 web site where you will find a link to Edline. Follow the instructions to set up your account, and this will allow you to access your child's current grades throughout the school year. If you have any questions regarding Edline, please call the Middle School.

## DEXTER REC. DEPARTMENT NEWS

The Dexter Rec. Department has asked us to announce the following rec. programs:

**Soccer** - Tuesdays and Thursdays beginning Tuesday, September 4th, at 6:00 PM at Ellms Field. The fee is \$15.00 and the program is for students in grades K-6.

**Flag Football** - Mondays and Wednesdays beginning Wednesday, September 5th, at 6:00 PM at Ellms Field. The fee is \$15.00 and the program is for students in grades K-2.

**Tackle Football** - Sign up is Thursday, August 30th, at 6:00 PM at the High School Football field. The fee is \$15.00 and the program is for students in grades 3-5.

**Field Hockey** - Sign up is Monday, September 3rd, at 6:00 PM, at the High School Field Hockey Field. The fee is \$15.00 and the program is for students in grades K-6.

If you have any questions regarding any of the above programs, please call Andy Conway, Rec. Director, at 924-3438.

## PROGRESS REPORTS

Grades close for Progress Reports on Friday, September 21st. Please remind students to have all work passed in to teachers by this date. Progress Reports go home with students on Friday, September 28th. If your child is involved in athletics or in any other extracurricular activities, please check the student handbook for rules on academic eligibility.

## WELCOME TO OUR NEW SCHOOL NURSE!

We would like to welcome our new school nurse, Emily Poland, to SAD #46. Ms. Poland will be serving the students in all of our district schools, and her office will remain located in the Dexter Primary School.

As stated in our student handbook, we would like to remind parents of our rules regarding sending medicine to school:

“If at all possible, all medications should be given at home.

If a student is required to take prescribed medicine during school hours, it must be sent to school daily with only one day's dosage. It must be in a clearly labeled container, with the original container from the pharmacy. The name of the medicine, the time to be given, and the doctor's name must be on the label. It is the policy of SAD #46 not to dispense any medicine without written permission of the parent/guardian. The prescribed medication must be accompanied by a note giving permission for school personnel to allow the student to take the medicine”.

Please remember that students are not allowed to carry medicine with them unless the school nurse has approved it. Do not send pills to school in containers which are unmarked and without a note - we will not be allowed to give students unidentified medication. We must have a permission note and it must have directions on how we should dispense the medication.