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Message from the Principal January 17, 2023

Dear Parents/Guardians and Students:

I'm writing to inform you of the following information:

- **Retirement**
- **Pictures – Spring Portraits – March 17th – Info will be forthcoming**
- **DMS Active Learning Online Support Center - Free to all students.**
- **After-School Program**

Retirement

Effective, February 1st, I will be retiring from my role as Principal of the Dartmouth Middle School. I am pleased to inform you that Mr. Rossi, who has served with me over the past 15 years, in an administrative capacity, has been appointed Principal. Mr. Madden, currently a PE teacher at the middle school, will be assuming Mr. Rossi's role as Assistant Principal. Mr. Rossi possesses the necessary experience, enthusiasm, intellect and sound judgment – characteristics, which will enable him to effectively support the needs of students, parents/guardians and staff. I have no doubt that Mr. Rossi, under his leadership; will establish a positive, safe and enriching learning environment for both students and staff.

As for me, I want to convey my deep appreciation for all the support that I have received. I began my career as a sixth-grade teacher in 1991 and assumed the role as Principal in 2008. I, throughout my educational journey, have experienced many positive outcomes and developed long - lasting relationships. I am grateful to the students, past and present, who have enriched my experience as an educator. My career has been extremely rewarding and for that I am grateful!

DMS Active Learning Online Support Center

DMS is happy to announce that we will be holding the *After School Online Academic Support* Google Classroom on **Tuesdays and Thursdays** this spring. The virtual support program will run from 2/7 through 4/27 from 2:30PM to 4:00PM. Please refer to the calendar located under after-school programs for exact dates of the program. Content area teachers for all grade levels will be available to meet with students via Google Meet. Students can join the *After School Online Academic Support* Google Classroom by clicking "join a class" and entering the code **ru6y62h**. Once enrolled, students can join the classrooms Specific Google Meet for the content area in which they want help regardless of their block. Instructions for how to get specific help by content area are posted in the Google Classroom.

After – School Program

Dartmouth Middle School is happy to announce the return of in-person after school activities for the second half of the 2022-2023 school year.

The spring session of the **DMS AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM** will begin on Thursday, February 02, 2023. Each program will run from 2:25 PM to 3:25 PM.

Each offering will meet on either Tuesday or Thursday. Some programs will run both Tuesdays and Thursdays. Please note dates when programs will not meet.

TUESDAYS	No ASP	2/7	2/14	2/28	3/7	3/14	3/21	3/28	4/4	4/11	4/25
THURSDAYS	2/2	2/9	2/16	3/2	3/9	3/16	3/23	3/30	No ASP	4/13	4/27

TRANSPORTATION:

Due to increased bus routes and a shortage of bus drivers, transportation home from after school programs is not available at this time. All parents or guardians must arrange to have their student walk home or get picked up by an authorized pick up person at 3:25 PM.

REGISTRATION: *PLEASE NOTE: ALL PROGRAMS REQUIRE A MINIMUM OF 10 STUDENTS ENROLLED TO RUN. Due to the nature of certain programs, several have **limited** enrollment spaces. Unless otherwise indicated, programs are **\$30** each (registering for two programs or programs that run twice weekly will be **\$60** total) for the entire program.

Please return registration form and payment to the DMS office no later than Friday, January 27, 2023

Make checks payable to: Town of Dartmouth-DMS/ASP in **BLUE** or **BLACK** ink only.

We hope your child can take advantage of these enrichment opportunities!

SPRING 2023: IN-PERSON PROGRAM OFFERINGS

BOTH TUESDAYS AND THURSDAYS

For these programs, you may participate in Tuesday OR Thursday sessions for a \$30 fee, or attend both Tuesday AND Thursday sessions for a \$60 fee. Please note days chosen on the registration form.

AFTER SCHOOL SPORTS: LIMITED TO THE FIRST 30 PARTICIPANTS. Students will compete in teams in a variety of sports including kickball, basketball, and table tennis. ASP Sports will meet twice a week. Please specify on the registration form which day you are choosing if you only choose one day a week. Offered both days by Mr. Kocur, Mrs. Monteiro, and Mr. Leconte in the Gymnasium.

FITNESS AND WEIGHTLIFTING: LIMITED TO THE FIRST 15 PARTICIPANTS. Fitness and Weightlifting is open to all students who are serious about fitness. Students will participate in a varied workout program that focuses on core functional movements to help meet the strength and conditioning needs of a variety of sports and activities. All of our participants will learn diverse exercises and how to do them safely to get the best results. An emphasis is put on building relationships between our members through peer encouragement and interaction. Younger participants will focus on body weight exercises and the older students will use weights in their workouts. ASP Fitness will meet twice a week. Please specify on the registration form which day you are choosing if you only choose one day a week. Offered both days by Mr. Braga and Mr. M. Doane in the Gym foyer and Weight Room.

TUESDAYS ONLY

Arts and Crafts and Bulletin Board/Window Design: LIMITED TO THE FIRST 10 PARTICIPANTS. Are you creative? Want to build school spirit? Be a part of the DMS Design Team! Help design and decorate the school's many bulletin boards and lighted windows. Or do you like to sit, draw, and create? Come and join along in our Arts and Craft class. Offered Tuesdays by Mrs. Martin in the Art Room.

Building a Garden - Spring 2023: Do you like to work with your hands? Do you like the idea of DMS having an outside garden? Please join us to help build our first outside garden and do other garden related activities! We will start by building picnic tables and then move on to building the garden beds once the weather warms up. We hope to plant our first perennials this spring! This program will be led by Mrs. Mitchell and Mrs. Hellstrom on Tuesdays.

JEWELRY MAKING: Limited to 15 Students. Come and explore various ways of making your own jewelry, like bracelets, anklets, and earrings. Products can be custom made and ready for the holidays as gifts for your family members and friends! Let your creativity become a reality that they will treasure forever!! Offered by Ms. Maiorano in Room 407 (There will be an additional charge of \$10.00 per student to cover the cost of supplies. This amount should be **paid to Ms. Maiorano** in the first session.)

GAMES: Do you have a yearning for some friendly competition? Do you have a love for all sorts of games? If so, "Games!" Is for you. In this club you will have the opportunity to choose from a wide variety of games including but not limited to: board games, card games, and Nintendo Switch games. Students have the freedom to choose which games they would like to play. Club administrators will have a selection of games to choose from but students are welcome to bring their favorite games in. Please join Mr. Desjardins and Mr. McLean for some gaming fun in room 217.

THURSDAYS ONLY

MANGA & ANIME: LIMITED TO THE FIRST 20 PARTICIPANTS. Are you interested in anime or manga? Then Anime/Manga Club is the club for you! Whether you are new to anime/manga or have been a long-time fan, this club has something for everyone. Students will be introduced to various anime and spend time hanging out with one another to discuss their favorite shows, characters, and all things anime and manga. Offered Thursdays by Mr. Huerta and Mrs. Keene in Room 401.

GAMES! GAMES! GAMES Come and bust your boredom by playing board and card games with your friends after school! Choose from games like Apples to Apples, Go Fish, Monopoly, Shut the Box, Checkers, Chess and others--or bring your own! We'll enjoy an hour together getting to know our middle school friends and having fun. Offered Thursday by Ms. Meehan and Mr. Crane in the library.

CREATIVE WRITING: Do you have a passion for writing creatively? Are your ideas overflowing and you need somewhere to express them? Do you want to get better at creative writing in a cooperative environment? If you said yes to any of the questions above, Creative Writing is the place for you. In this club you will be able to express your creativity through the written word. If you have current stories or poems you are working

on, you will have the opportunity to continue them and get meaningful feedback from peers. If you want to practice and hone your skills, this club is also for you. If you are just starting out on your creative writing journey, this club will be a great environment to get into it. Mr. McLean is looking forward to seeing you in room 404!

CREATION LAB: *Limit to 20 participants* Students will have the opportunity to use the 3D Printer, Resin Printer, Laser Cutter, and more! Students can create their own unique designs and learn about the tools and resources at their disposal. Offered by Mr. Desjardins and Mr. Guile

ORCHESTRA CLUB: Whether you've only begun your string journey or have been playing for years, these string clubs are for you! *Please specify which group you'd like to be a part of on your registration form: Chamber or Strings.* Offered by Ms. Church & Mr. Daniels – string room

- **Chamber Orchestra** - for ambitious and experienced (2-3 years of instruction) string students who would like to learn more challenging music. Together, we will explore more advanced repertoire and perform it at our school concerts!
- **String Exploration**-for all string students who would like to hang out with other string students in an inspiring and supportive club. Every week we'll explore we'll explore inspiring videos and recordings of professional musicians and work on our instruments in new ways.

DMS ASP REGISTRATION FORM — SPRING 2023

Program descriptions available on the DMS home page and in the newsletter home from Principal Peter Rossi.

PLEASE Return this form with payment by FRIDAY, January 27, 2023

Student Name _____ Grade _____ Homeroom # _____

Parent or Guardian Name _____

Phone _____

Please list the program or programs your child would like to participate in below:

BOTH **TUE/THU:** 1st choice _____ 2nd
choice _____

TUE **ONLY:** 1st choice _____ 2nd
choice _____

THU **ONLY:** 1st choice _____ 2nd
choice _____

I understand that the school cannot provide transportation home for the Spring 2022 After School Programs and have made arrangements for my child.

I have enclosed my check for the amount of _____ payable to **Town of Dartmouth - DMS/ASP**.