

## DOZIER MIDDLE SCHOOL



# DOZIER DOINGS

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### FROM LISA GATZ, PRINCIPAL



Dear Dozier Families,

As the temperature drops and the leaves change to red, yellow and orange; we are reminded that fall has arrived and the first nine weeks of school has ended. As we start the 2<sup>nd</sup> nine weeks, please ask your students about their academic goals and how they plan to achieve these goals. Are they going to complete 100% of their homework and classwork? Are they going to study nightly? Are they going to stay after for extra help? What is **YOUR STUDENT GOING TO DO?** Please continue to have open communication with the school regarding your student's academic progress. One way of doing this is to sign up for **PARENT VUE**, our online system to access your student's grades. If you have not done so yet, please sign up for this valuable resource. Also we ask that all students participate in at least one after school activity, please see our website for a list of clubs and activities that your student may like to join. **READING** is essential to your student's success, so please ensure that your student is **READING, READING and READING**. Ask your student about the book that he/ she is reading. At Dozier we are a community of readers, the adults and the students; so as our Dozier parents, you are encouraged to **MODEL** reading as well. In honor of American Education week, Dozier will host an **OPEN HOUSE** on November 20, 2014. You are invited to visit your students' classrooms to see how Dozier is preparing your student to be **COLLEGE, CAREER and CITIZEN** ready and to enjoy a **SPECIAL LUNCH** with your student. We are happy to have **YOU** as a **PARTNER** and an **ESSENTIAL PIECE** as we work together to ensure that your student has a successful year!

#### **Dates to Remember**

- ◆ Select 8<sup>th</sup> grade students to see Fall Play at Woodside, **Nov 6th**, 9:30-12:00
- ◆ High School Parent Information Night: **November 13, 2014**, 6:00-7:30
- ◆ **November 20th- OPEN HOUSE** Come visit your student's classrooms and join us for a **SPECIAL LUNCH**
- ◆ 8<sup>th</sup> grade Honor Roll to see Woodside Dance Recital, **November 21**, 9:30-12:00
- ◆ Magnet Presentation to 8<sup>th</sup> grade students during PE/RA, **December 9<sup>th</sup>**.

#### **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

##### **NOVEMBER**

- ◆ **Nov. 3:** Period 1: 9-Wks Report Ends
- ◆ **Nov. 4:** Teacher Workday (students do not report)
- ◆ **Nov. 6:** Big Blast Party
- ◆ **Nov. 11:** Teacher Quarterly Planning, half day dismissal
- ◆ **Nov. 12:** Period 1: 9-Wks Report Issued
- ◆ **Nov. 20:** Thanksgiving Dinner with Families
- ◆ **Nov. 26:** Schools closed, offices closed 1/2 day
- ◆ **Nov. 27-28:** Thanksgiving Holiday (schools and offices closed)

##### **DECEMBER**

- ◆ **Dec. 5:** Period 2: Interim Ends
- ◆ **Dec. 10:** Period 2: Interim Report
- ◆ **Dec. 22:** Schools closed; offices open
- ◆ **Dec. 22-Jan. 2:** Winter Break
- ◆ **Dec. 23:** Schools closed; offices 1/2 day

##### **JANUARY**

- ◆ **Jan. 5:** Schools and offices reopen
- ◆ **Jan. 19:** M.L. King Holiday (schools & offices closed)
- ◆ **Jan. 23:** Teacher Workday (students do not report)
- ◆ **Jan. 23:** Period 2: 9-Wks Report Ends
- ◆ **Jan. 26:** Staff Development (students do not report)
- ◆ **Jan. 27:** Second Semester Begins

## PBIS



Did you know that Dozier is a PBIS (Positive Behavior Intervention System) school? What does that mean? It means that at Dozier we want all children to be successful. We work hard to promote success in a variety of ways and provide assistance for those students who might need help. As a PBIS school the focus is on BEING POSITIVE at all times. We encourage all Dozier Dragons to interact in a positive way- student to student, adult to student, and adult to adult. We stress that respect is a

Dozier expectation. Although students are disciplined for inappropriate behaviors at Dozier, the goal of a PBIS school is to put the emphasis on the POSITIVE behaviors. Students who behave according to Dozier's expectations receive rewards such as Dozier Dollars, celebrations, and other school-wide incentives. By informing you that we are a PBIS school, we ask that you ask your student how many Dozier dollars he/she has earned so far this year and how he/she has spent them. Thank you for your support with this school wide program and partnering with us for its success.

## NJHS



This year the National Junior Honor Society (NJHS) will be focusing on student success at Dozier Middle School. We will be hosting after-school peer tutoring on most Tuesdays. During this after-school tutoring the NJHS students will help other students with homework, projects, make-up work, or simply help them understand a concept. Students often are more at ease with their peers and are willing to ask questions that they are sometimes not comfortable asking during class. Please take advantage of this opportunity for your student and encourage him/her to attend when needed.

NJHS After-School First Semester Tutoring Dates:

- November 18
- December 2
- December 9
- December 15

## LITERACY CORNER

## Becoming a Community of Readers

## Putting the Pieces Together for Greater Success at Dozier Middle School

Our community is really coming together as we strive to be known as readers at Dozier Middle School. This week the librarians sponsored lunch bunch readers. Students came to the library after eating lunch and used some of their time to sit in comfortable chairs and read or access our online reading program, Start to Finish. Students have amassed a number of hours on the program since the beginning of the year. Please remember that they can access it at home. There is a direct link from the Dozier webpage. The librarians reported that our circulation numbers are up about 10% over this time last year. While that is a good increase, we would really like to see a 25% increase by the end of the school year. This week we celebrated our summer reading projects with an after school event for 520 students. They bounced, played, ate and danced their way through the event to celebrate their success. Our next event will be a series of reading lock-ins after school. The first one will be for 6<sup>th</sup> grade students and teachers (any grade) on November 20th. Reading, snacking, and talking about books will be just some of the features. Parents are welcome to join us for an afternoon of reading. Please remember that "Readers are Leaders". Continue to encourage your children to read on their own and talk about the books, magazines, and newspapers with you.

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## American Education Week November 17-21

**DRESS for SUCCESS DAY** Tuesday 11/18  
**COLLEGE DAY** Friday 11/21

Join us for our **Open House on November 20th**. Dozier's students are learning to be College, Career and Citizen Ready! Visit your student's classes to see engaging, rigorous lessons and then eat lunch with your student.

## Dozier Dragons Thanksgiving Feast on November 20th

*Join us* and your student for a delicious pre-holiday meal served in the cafeteria during your student's lunch period.

\*\*\***Cost:** \$3/meal which includes a drink, (a cup of Fruit Punch, Tea or Lemonade)

\*\*\*Please DO NOT send money now. Pay at the event.

### RSVP for Thanksgiving Feast

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Number Attending: \_\_\_\_\_



# Order your Yearbook!

## Cost of Yearbook: \$35.00

**MAIL-IN ORDERING INSTRUCTIONS**

**1** Fill out your order form. Print your information below.

**2** Payments made by check or money order. Make checks and money orders payable to Candid Color.

**3** Mail your payment and order form to Candid Color • Post Office Box 124 • Occoquan, VA 22125-0124. *(Parents can also remit their order to the school main office)*

**ONLINE ORDERING INSTRUCTIONS**

**1** Visit [www.candidcolor.net](http://www.candidcolor.net) and select YEARBOOKS. Enter your access code: **DOZYBK15**

**2** Click the yearbook sample. Fill out your student's information. Add the yearbook to your order.

**3** Click your shopping cart to verify your order. Proceed to the checkout and pay by credit card.

### Ordering Deadline: April 3, 2015

Yearbooks are sold by advance purchase only. Yearbooks are distributed in early June. No extra yearbooks will be sold in the main office. Please keep a record of your ordering information. Candid Color is not responsible for accidental duplicate orders. If you do not remember placing an order then please contact Candid Color to verify your order.

**PLEASE CONTACT CANDID COLOR WITH ANY QUESTIONS:**  
**customerservice@candidcolor.net • 703-590-0187 • M-F 9AM-4PM**

**PLEASE FILL OUT THE INFORMATION BELOW. PRINT NEATLY.**

School **DOZIER MIDDLE SCHOOL** School Year **2014-2015**  
 Student's Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Grade \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher (Homeroom) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Parent Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Home or Cell Number \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Select your book • Indicate quantity:  
 \$35.00 Hardcover Yearbook \_\_\_\_\_

Total \$

Method of Payments Accepted:  
 Cash • Check • Money Order (No C.O.D.s)  
 Checks payable to: Candid Color  
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#### For More Info:

Contact the **YEAR-BOOK ADVISOR** :

Patricia J Davis  
 7th Grade Counselor  
 Dozier Middle School  
 757-888-3300 ext. 26532

# PTA Corner

## Box Tops for Education



This year the Dozier Middle School PTA is collecting Box Tops for Education! This is a great program where every Box Top brought in is worth ten cents to Dozier. (The Box Tops are the purple squares that you see on some of the items you buy in the store). You can send in your Box Tops in a plastic bag or envelope with the student's name clearly labeled on the front and turn them into the front office. The PTA will be giving away 1 great prize in the fall and 1 in the spring (giving students 2 chances to win). For every 10 Box Tops a student brings in, he/she gets one entry into the drawings, (bring in 50 Box Tops, get 5 entries). Oh, and don't forget, you can designate your Box Tops to help Art, Chorus, Band or Orchestra.

There is additional information available online at [www.btf.com](http://www.btf.com) about the program. For those of you who shop online, you can register at the Box Tops website and then shop at participating online sites and get Box Tops with your purchase that you can designate to Dozier. Let's make this the best year ever for Box Tops!

## !Volunteers Needed!

Are you good with organization? Do you like to talk on the phone or send emails? Do you enjoy baking or have a special dish you like to make? Do you find spending someone else's money relaxing? If you answered "Yes" to any of these questions, Dozier's PTA needs your help. You don't have to come to every meeting or give us hours upon hours of your time. We are only asking that every family helps us for one hour in any way they feel comfortable. Please contact your PTA President at [dmsptapresident1@gmail.com](mailto:dmsptapresident1@gmail.com) to volunteer or just to be added to the email list, so you can stay up-to-date on events. Also, take a look at our Facebook page or our website.



### PTA contact information:

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**Facebook:**

<https://www.facebook.com/doziermiddleschoolpta>



**Website:**

<http://dozier.nn.k12.va.us/pta.html>

**Telephone:**

757-888-3300 ext. 26507

PTA members receive discounts on a variety of services and products to help your family save money daily. Help keep your family's budget on track throughout the school year with offerings from many local retailers. For more information please checkout the PTA page: <http://dozier.nn.k12.va.us/pta.html>

Please, **ACTIVATE** your PTA membership card NOW!!!



*Support your PTA! Your membership helps us continue to enrich the lives of Dozier our students. If you haven't already, join today It's Not Too Late!*



**Annual Membership Dues**  
**All-Inclusive Membership**  
 (National, State, Local)  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Members at \$5.00 per Member



*Please print all information clearly:*

Member's Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Member's Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 E-Mail Address(es): \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_