

Dogwood Elementary School



**2019-2020
PTO Guidebook**



**Dogwood Elementary School
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Germantown Municipal Schools**

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School Hours: 8:45 AM – 3:45 PM

**Students may enter the building at 8:30 AM. The dismissal bell will ring at 3:45 PM.
Car riders must be picked up by 4:00 PM. Please adhere to these times.**

**School Colors: Blue and Grey
School Mascot: Dolphins
School website: http://www.gmsdk12.org/dogwoodelementary_home.aspx
PTO website: www.dogwoodpto.com
PTO email: dogwoodelempto@gmail.com**

2019-2020 Calendar
Germantown Municipal Schools
The Year at a Glance

First Day Students	August 12
Labor Day	September 2 - NO SCHOOL
End of 1 st Quarter	October 11
Fall Break	October 14 - 18 - NO SCHOOL
Parent Conferences	November 4
Professional Development Day	November 5 - NO SCHOOL
Thanksgiving Break	November 25 - 29 - NO SCHOOL
Last Day Students	December 20 - ½ Day
End of 2 nd Quarter	December 20
Holiday Break	December 23 - January 3 - NO SCHOOL
Teachers Return	January 2
First Day Second Semester	January 6
MLK, Jr. Holiday	January 20 - NO SCHOOL
Parent Conferences	February 13
President's Day	February 17 - NO SCHOOL
End of 3 rd Quarter	March 13
Spring Break	March 16 - 20 - NO SCHOOL
Good Friday	April 10 - NO SCHOOL
Last Day Students	May 22 - ½ Day

DOGWOOD PTO CALENDAR 2019-2020

All dates and times tentative and subject to change.

Please check www.dogwoodpto.com and DolphinDigest email for any updates.

All Fridays are “Spirit Days” - everyone wear Dogwood colors!

*** Glossary of terms defined on pg 25-28 ***

August 2019

Thursday, August 8	Meet the Teacher Open House PTO Membership Drive and Family Donation Drive Begin	4:00 - 7:00 PM
Monday, August 12	First Day of School	8:45 AM - 3:45 PM
Monday, August 12 - Wednesday, August 14	Kindergarten Phase-In Days	
Thursday, August 15	New Parent Reception	5:15 - 6:15 PM
Thursday, August 15	Kindergarten - Curriculum Night	6:15 - 7:15 PM
Saturday, August 17	Kindergarten - Meet and Greet	10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Monday, August 19	Grade 2 - Curriculum Night	5:00 PM
Monday, August 19	Grade 1 - Curriculum Night	6:00 PM
Tuesday, August 20	PTO General Meeting	9:00 AM
Tuesday, August 20	Grade 3 - Curriculum Night	5:00 PM
Tuesday, August 20	Grade 4 - Curriculum Night	6:00 PM
Thursday, August 22	Appropriations Committee Meeting	7:45 AM
Thursday, August 22	Grade 5 - Curriculum Night	5:00 PM
Thursday, August 16	PreK - Curriculum Night	5:00 PM
Thursday, August 16	Special Education and Gifted Academics Curriculum Night	6:00 PM
Thursday, August 16	Grade 5 - Washington DC Trip Meeting	6:00 PM

September 2019

Monday, September 2	Labor Day - NO SCHOOL	All Day
Friday, September 6	PTO Membership Drive and Family Donation Drive End	All Day

Monday, September 9	Grandparents' Bingo Night	5:00 - 6:00 PM; 6:30 - 7:30 PM
Thursday, September 12	Room Parent Meeting	9:00 AM
Tuesday, September 17	Constitution Day	All Day
Tuesday, September 17	PTO General Meeting	9:00 AM
Wednesday, September 18	1st Quarter Interims Sent Home	All Day
Friday, September 20	Fall Pictures	All Day
Monday, September 23 - Friday, September 27	CASE Benchmark Testing	All Day
Friday, September 27	Family Movie Night	6:30 PM
Saturday, September 28	St. Jude Walk/Run to End Childhood Cancer	TBD

October 2019

Wednesday, October 2	Walk/Bike to School Day	All Day
Tuesday, October 8	PTO General Meeting	6:15 PM
Thursday, October 10	Fall Picture Make Ups	All Day
Friday, October 11	End of 1st Quarter	All Day
Monday, October 14 - Friday, October 18	Fall Break - NO SCHOOL	All Day
Monday, October 21	First Day of 2nd Quarter	All Day
Monday, October 21 - Friday, October 25	Red Ribbon Week	All Day
Monday, October 28	Grade 3 - Sock Hop	TBD
Tuesday, October 29	Grade 4 & Grade 5 - Clubs	TBD
Tuesday, October 29	Book Fair	4:30 - 7:00 PM
Wednesday, October 30	1st Quarter Report Cards Sent Home	All Day
Thursday, October 31	Kindergarten - Pumpkin Carving	1:00 PM
Thursday, October 31	Grade 5 - Crazy Chemist	2:00 - 3:00 PM

November 2019

Monday, November 4	Parent Conferences	4:00 - 7:00 PM
Tuesday, November 5	Professional Development Day - NO SCHOOL	All Day
Thursday, November 7	Room Parent Meeting	9:00 AM
Monday, November 11	Veterans' Day Program	TBD
Tuesday, November 12	PTO General Meeting	9:00 AM
Tuesday, November 19	Grade 4 & Grade 5 - Clubs	TBD
Wednesday, November 20	2nd Quarter Interims Sent Home	All Day
Friday, November 22	Kindergarten - Farm Day	All Day
Friday, November 22	Grade 4 - Newcomb Ball;	TBD
Friday, November 22	Grade 5 - Volleyball Game	TBD
Monday, November 25 - Friday, November 29	Thanksgiving Break - NO SCHOOL	All Day

December 2019

Tuesday, December 3	PTO General Meeting	9:00 AM
Thursday, December 5	Kindergarten - Gingerbread Houses	TBD
Friday, December 6	Dolphin Tale Ball	6:30 - 8:30 PM
Monday, December 9 - Friday, December 13	CASE Benchmark Testing	TBD
Friday, December 13	Grade 5 - Spelling Bee	TBD
Thursday, December 19	Grade 1 - Grinch Day	All Day
Thursday, December 19	Grade 2 - Pioneer Day	TBD
TBD	Kindergarten - Holidays Around the World	TBD
TBD	Kindergarten - Polar Express Day	TBD
Friday, December 20	Winter Parties	10:45 - 11:45 AM

Friday, December 20	End of 2nd Quarter	All Day
Friday, December 20	Early Dismissal	12:15 PM
Monday, December 23 - Friday, January 3	Winter Break - NO SCHOOL	All Day

January 2020

Monday, January 6	Students Return / First Day of 3rd Quarter	All Day
Tuesday, January 14	PTO General Meeting	9:00 AM
Wednesday, January 15	2nd Quarter Report Cards Sent Home	All Day
Monday, January 20	Martin Luther King Jr. Day - NO SCHOOL	All Day
Wednesday, January 22	Homeroom Class Pictures	All Day
Thursday, January 23	Room Parent Meeting	9:00 AM
Friday, January 24	Grade 5 - Geography Bee	TBD
Tuesday, January 28	Grade 4 & Grade 5 - Clubs	TBD
Wednesday, January 29	100 th Day of School	All Day
Friday, January 31	Mother/Son Event	6:30 - 8:30 PM

February 2020

Tuesday, February 4	PTO General Meeting	9:00 AM
Wednesday, February 5	3rd Quarter Interims Sent Home	All Day
Thursday, February 13	Parent Conferences	4:00 - 7:00 PM
Friday, February 14	Kids' Heart Challenge	All Day
Monday, February 17	Presidents' Day - NO SCHOOL	All Day
Monday, February 25	Grade 4 & Grade 5 - Clubs and Club Pictures	TBD
TBD	Kids Kan	All Day

March 2020

Monday, March 2	Read Across America	All Day
Monday, March 2 - Friday, March 6	CASE Benchmark Testing	All Day
Saturday, March 7	DolphinFest	10:00 AM - 3:00 PM
Tuesday, March 10	PTO General Meeting	6:15 PM
Thursday, March 14	Spring Pictures	All Day
Friday, March 13	End of 3rd Quarter	All Day
Monday, March 16 - Friday, March 20	Spring Break - NO SCHOOL	All Day
Monday, March 23	First Day of 4th Quarter	All Day
Monday, March 23	Down Syndrome Awareness Day	All Day
Thursday, March 26	Room Parent Meeting	9:00 AM
Thursday, March 26	Fine Arts Night	6:00 - 8:00 PM
Monday, March 30 - Friday, April 3	Teacher Appreciation Week	All Day
Tuesday, March 31	Grade 4 & Grade 5 - Clubs	TBD

April 2020

Wednesday, April 1	3rd Quarter Report Cards Sent Home	All Day
Thursday, April 2	Autism Awareness Day	All Day
Friday, April 3	Faculty/Student Volleyball Game	2:00 PM
Tuesday, April 7	PTO General Meeting	9:00 AM
Wednesday, April 8	Kindergarten Cap & Gown Pictures	All Day
Thursday, April 9	Kindergarten - Egg Hunt	All Day
Friday, April 10	Good Friday - NO SCHOOL	All Day
Wednesday, April 22	Administrative Professionals Day	All Day
Wednesday, April 22	4th Quarter Interims Sent Home	All Day
Friday, April 24	Walk/Bike to School Day	All Day

Sunday, April 26	GMSD Stampede	TBD
Tuesday, April 28	Grade 4 & Grade 5 - Clubs	TBD
Tuesday, April 28	Discover Dogwood	6:30 - 7:30 PM

May 2020

Friday, May 1	Grade 1 - Around the World in a Glass Slipper	All Day
Monday, May 4	Nurse's Day	All Day
Tuesday, May 5	PTO Board Luncheon	10:30 AM - 12:30 PM
Thursday, May 7	Retirement Celebration	4:30 - 5:30 PM
Friday, May 8	All Grades - Tug of War	TBD
Monday, May 11	Grade 5 - Field Day	9:30 AM - 12:00 PM
Monday, May 11	Grade 2 - Field Day	1:00 - 3:30 PM
Tuesday, May 12	Grade 3 - Field Day	9:30 AM - 12:00 PM
Tuesday, May 12	Grade 4 - Field Day	1:00 - 3:30 PM
Wednesday, May 13	Grade 1 - Field Day	9:30 AM - 12:00 PM
Wednesday, May 13	Kindergarten - Field Day	1:00 - 3:30 PM
Thursday, May 14	PreK - Field Day	9:30 AM - 12:00 PM
Thursday, May 14	Makeup Date for Field Days	1:00 - 3:30 PM
Friday, May 15	Makeup Date for Field Days	9:30 AM - 12:00 PM
Wednesday, May 20	Grade 5 - Picnic	11:00 AM - 1:00 PM
Thursday, May 21	Grade 5 - Promotion Ceremony	9:00 - 10:30 AM
Friday, May 22	End of 4th Quarter	
Friday, May 22	Last Day of School - Early Dismissal	12:15 PM

Special Dates to Remember by Grade

All dates and times tentative and subject to change.

Preschool

Thursday, August 22	Curriculum Meeting	5:00 PM
Thursday, May 14	Field Day	9:30 AM - 12:00 PM

Grade K

Thursday, August 15	Curriculum Meeting	6:15 - 7:15 PM
Saturday, August 17	Kindergarten Meet and Greet	10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Thursday, October 31	Pumpkin Carving	1:00 PM
Friday, November 22	Farm Day	All Day
Thursday, December 5	Gingerbread Houses	TBD
TBD (December)	Holidays Around the World	TBD
TBD (December)	Polar Express Day	TBD
Wednesday, April 8	Cap and Gown Pictures	All Day
Wednesday, May 13	Field Day	1:00 - 3:30 PM

Grade 1

Monday, August 19	Curriculum Meeting	6:00 PM
Thursday, December 19	Grinch Day	All Day
Friday, May 1	Around the World in a Glass Slipper	All Day
Wednesday, May 13	Field Day	9:30 AM - 12:00 PM

Grade 2

Monday, August 19	Curriculum Meeting	5:00 PM
Thursday, December 19	Pioneer Day	TBD
Monday, May 11	Field Day	1:00 - 3:30 PM

Grade 3

Tuesday, August 20	Curriculum Meeting	5:00 PM
Monday, October 28	Sock Hop	TBD
Tuesday, May 12	Field Day	9:30 AM - 12:00 PM

Grade 4

Tuesday, August 20	Curriculum Meeting	6:00 PM
Friday, November 22	Newcomb Ball Tournament	TBD
Tuesday, May 12	Field Day	1:00 - 3:30 PM

Grade 5

Thursday, August 22	Curriculum Meeting (followed by Washington DC Trip Meeting)	5:00 PM
Thursday, October 31	Crazy Chemist	2:00 - 3:30 PM
Friday, November 22	Volleyball Game	TBD
Friday, December 13	Spelling Bee	TBD
Friday, January 25	Geography Bee	TBD
Monday, May 11	Field Day	9:30 AM - 12:00 PM
Wednesday, May 20	Picnic	11:00 AM - 1:00 PM
Wednesday, May 22	Promotion Ceremony	9:00 AM

**2019-2020 Dogwood Faculty/Staff
Teaching Assignments Subject to Change**

<u>Position</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Name</u>
Kindergarten	Tricia Tubbs	3rd Grade	Katie Nelson
Kindergarten	Ann Wallace	3rd Grade	Cathleen Henry
Kindergarten	Jennifer Jacobs	3rd Grade	Susan Berry
Kindergarten	Shelby Morris	3rd Grade	Robin Snipes
Kindergarten	Jennifer Word	3rd Grade	Rachel Brocato
Kindergarten	Andrea Bartges	3rd Grade	Paige Boyce
Kindergarten	Ellen Moak	3rd Grade	Paige Browning
1st Grade	Kelly Martens	4th Grade	Kay Yarbrow
1st Grade	Laura Allen	4th Grade	Dianne Perry
1st Grade	Tasha Britcliffé	4th Grade	Mallory Goodrich
1st Grade	Alexis Sweda	4th Grade	Lou Carmichael
1st Grade	Beth Bittner	4th Grade	Tom Bozeman
1st Grade	Sabrina Mink	5th Grade	Melinda Henson
2nd Grade	Lindsey Nelson	5th Grade	Linda Fredrick
2nd Grade	Lisa Navarro	5th Grade	Cassidy Fernandez
2nd Grade	Carla Schurtz	5th Grade	Alexa Guynes
2nd Grade	Kara Lowe	5th Grade	Brady Boyd
2nd Grade	Haley Bonfre	5th Grade	Laura Coleman

<u>Position</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Name</u>
Gifted Academics	Julie Williams	Violin Teacher	Anthony Smith
Gifted Academics	Karen Teel	Intervention (RTI)	Donna Jones
Resource	Delicia Porter	Computer Teacher	Ashley Smith
Resource	Katherine Brown	Technology Support	Marlena Light
Funct. Skills	Amber Emery	Special Education	Mary Katherine Parsels
Pre-School	Estelle Curtis	Medical	Mindy Toll
Speech	Rebecca Vergho	Financial	Rosie Naldoza
ESL	Melody McGaughey	Attendance	Anqunita Taylor
OT	Becky Borgman	SRO Officer	Officer Hall
Physical Therapy	Delisa Barnes	Nurse	Maddie Srinivasan
School Psychologist	Jessa Gillaspie	Plant Manager	Paul Phillips
PreK PT	Michelle Barber		
Librarian	Hilary McIntyre		
Music	Joseph Smith		
Music	Derrick Brokshire		
Art	Ashley Luyendyk		
Art	Kayla Eddy		
Counselor	Brandi Fitchpatric		
Counselor	Natalie Adkinson		
PE	Dana Guntharp		
PE	Angela Martin		

Dogwood PTO Board 2019-2020

Position	Name	Email
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Dolphin Tale Ball	Stacy High	stacy.high11@gmail.com
DolphinFest	Jennifer Brown	jenkbrown@gmail.com
Family Movie Night	Tina Thorn	tina.thorn@yahoo.com
Field Day	Hayley White	hayley.white@hotmail.com
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Ways & Means	Tiffany Smith	tiffanyhatchersmith@me.com
Yearbook	Annabella Brandon	annabellacharlesphoto@gmail.com

Dogwood Elementary Parent Teacher Organization

The mission of the DES PTO is to:

- a. Enhance and support the educational experience at Dogwood Elementary School,
- b. Develop a closer connection between school and home by building a sense of community and encouraging parent involvement, and
- c. Improve the environment at Dogwood Elementary School through volunteer and financial support.

The PTO is a service association dedicated to assisting Dogwood's faculty and staff in enhancing and enriching our children's educational experience by providing informative and community-building resources, programs, events, and opportunities. The membership is composed of parents, staff and community members. The PTO provides thousands of volunteer hours each year to support our children, teachers, and staff. We host multiple family events throughout the year and encourage every family to participate.

School volunteers are recruited and needed throughout the year. Please read the emails from the Dogwood PTO, and regularly check the PTO website and Facebook page for additional opportunities and news. If you do not receive the weekly PTO emails, please email the PTO (dogwoodelempto@gmail.com) and request to be added to the mailing list.

All PTO meetings are open to everyone. We will have multiple evening meetings in addition to morning meetings, so that all parents can be involved at some point. We will also try to incorporate special programs associated with the evening meetings that will be meaningful to parents of elementary aged children. In an effort to have efficient meetings, **please contact the PTO president as soon as possible if you would like to be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.** Listed below are the dates of the meetings. Please mark them on your calendar and plan to attend. All meetings are in the cafeteria unless noted.

- Tuesday, August 20th 9:00 am
- Tuesday, September 17th 9:00 am
- Tuesday, October 8th 6:15 pm
- Tuesday, November 12th 9:00 am
- Tuesday, December 3rd 9:00 am
- Tuesday, January 14th 9:00 am
- Tuesday, February 4th 9:00 am
- Tuesday, March 10th 6:15 pm
- Tuesday, April 7th 9:00 am
- Tuesday, May 5th PTO Board Lunch 10:30 am - 12:30 pm

Other than attending the meetings, email is the best way to communicate with the PTO. Our email address is dogwoodelempto@gmail.com or you may contact any of the board members. In addition, the PTO has a drawer located in the front office. All communications to the PTO may be placed in the drawer.

PTO Membership Drive

Our 2019-20 Membership Drive will be held August 8th through September 6th. Please take the time to join us in promoting the welfare of all of our students. Your membership shows your support of our students and allows you a voice in important PTO decisions that affect our school.

PTO membership is \$15.00 per family. For more information, contact our PTO Membership/Directory chair Jamie Bialowitz (jbialowitz@yahoo.com).

General Information

Absences

If your child is going to be absent, you will need to contact your child's teacher as well as Ms. Anquinta Taylor at anquinta.taylor@gmsdk12.org. Also, for the absence to be excused, a doctor's note must be provided.

Before and After School Care

REACH is before and after school care provided by the City of Germantown Parks and Recreation Department. REACH offers a before school daycare program beginning at 7:00 AM. The after school daycare program is offered until 6:00 PM. Please visit their website to register or obtain additional information:

<https://www.germantown-tn.gov/services/parks-and-recreation/programs-and-events/reach>

Birthday Treats

Celebrating your child's birthday is an important and exciting milestone that Dogwood wants to honor. Teachers honor children in the classroom on their special day in a variety of ways. As a school community, we would like to celebrate birthdays in a fun and different way.

Here are some creative ideas for honoring your children on their special day:

- Donate a book to the school library or classroom in honor of your child's birthday with his/her name inside. Contact the school librarian or PTO library liaison for more information.
- Have your child bring their favorite book to share and the teacher or child will read it to the class.
- Provide each student in the class with a colorful pencil, stickers or eraser.
- Donate a ball or jump rope (new or used) to the classroom for recess or a board game for the classroom.

The safety of our children is of utmost importance to Dogwood. Because of this, Dogwood does not allow sharing food treats on birthdays.

We have many students with a wide range of severe, life threatening allergies to various nuts, milk products, wheat, soy, strawberries, kiwi and much more. Although we are very diligent about monitoring the treats that come into the school, it is exceedingly difficult to verify the ingredients in every food product that is brought to school.

We appreciate your support and understanding as we continue to reflect on how to provide all students with a safe and healthy environment. A simple change in procedure is a prudent action to take while still celebrating and honoring your child's birthday. We welcome any suggestions for simple, yet meaningful ways to recognize your child's birthday!

Book Store/Supply Store

The supply store is located at the entrance to the second hallway. Students may purchase workbooks, pencils, paper and other classroom supplies here from 8:30 - 8:45 AM. A current price list is posted in the supply store. Please do not send bills larger than \$5.00. We are a small operation and have no way to make change. Germantown Municipal School District sets the prices.

Building Security/Adult Check-In Procedures

Germantown Municipal School District has installed the Raptor Security System in all school buildings. The Raptor System requires the scanning of a visitor's driver's license with every visit. The Raptor System does a nationwide search of sexual predators each time a visitor's name or license is scanned. There is a system in place to handle violators.

Admission for visitors is only through the main entrance at the back of the school. Please press the doorbell and the receptionist will buzz in known visitors. **All visitors are required to go directly to the receptionist desk to check in with their driver's license. Visitors will be checked in and will receive a printed name tag that must be worn while in the building. Please check-out with the desk receptionist by turning in the name tag as you leave.**

Cafeteria

The cost of a student lunch is found on the GMSD website. A la Carte items may also be purchased. Parents may add money to their student lunch accounts through myschoolbucks (<https://www.myschoolbucks.com>). They may also pay with cash or check.

No food is shared in the cafeteria. Our cafeteria complies with federal guidelines for healthy child food services. Parents are invited to join their child in the cafeteria for lunch. **Please limit the number of lunchroom visits to very special occasions.** Parents, please limit bringing outside fast food to lunch. We contract with an outside vendor and depend on our cafeteria sales to break even. Thank you for your help in this matter!

For up to date school menus and additional information about our cafeteria, please visit the GMSD Nutrition website:

<http://www.gmsdk12.org/Nutrition.aspx>

Class Parties

Each classroom holds parties throughout the year. The parties are all coordinated by the Room Parents and are non-denominational in nature. Please contact your Room Parent with any questions regarding parties. As a reminder, Halloween costumes are not allowed, but there are other opportunities throughout the year for students to dress in costume (e.g. Pioneer Day, etc.).

Deliveries

All deliveries must be left at the receptionist desk or in the office.

Dogwood Directory

When you join the PTO, you will receive access to the online Dogwood PTO Directory through Membership Toolkit. The directory will list all PTO members and their children, phone numbers, address, email, and homeroom teachers. Please note that the directory may not be used for solicitation or commercial purposes. For more information, contact our PTO Membership/Directory Chair Jamie Bialowitz (jbialowitz@yahoo.com).

Dogwood PTO Facebook Page

Current Dogwood families may also join the Dogwood Elementary School PTO Facebook page. Please send a request to the page to join and answer the questions provided as it is a closed group.

Dolphin Digest

The Dogwood PTO uses a secure email distribution system called the Dolphin Digest to share important information. Your email address will be kept private and be used to inform you of Dogwood information only. Please make sure we have your current email address by emailing any changes to dogwoodelempto@gmail.com.

Dress Code

School clothes should be comfortable and designed for active wear. Tennis shoes and socks are preferred footwear every day and are required on P.E. days. Girls should wear pants or shorts under a skirt or dress to allow for playtime modesty. Please refer to the Dress Code Policy on the school website for further instructions.

Fundraising

We are always striving to find new ways to support Dogwood. If you have any suggestions, please feel free to contact our PTO Ways & Means Chair Tiffany Smith (tiffanyhatchersmith@me.com).

Employer Gift-Matching Programs

Many companies have a Gift-Matching Program that will match your donation to Dogwood. Every dollar will help add the extras that are not covered with regular funding. Please ask your Human Resources Department if this is available to you.

Other Fundraising Efforts

Several companies donate money to the school (not PTO) when specific product labels are sent in. Please collect Box Tops for Education. You can also register your Kroger Card and Amazon (Smile) account as a way to give back to Dogwood PTO.

Health Clinic

The school has a full-time nurse on staff and also provides a parent-staffed Health Room for minor issues. If you are interested in donating a few hours to the health clinic as your schedule allows, please contact the PTO Health & Wellness Chair Michelle Midha (mjacobs76@hotmail.com).

It is essential that you keep your contact information current. The school keeps an emergency clinic card on file in the event your child gets sick or injured while at school. Children who are ill, have a fever, or who have communicable illnesses may not attend school.

Health Procedures - Medications at School

GMSD policy requires medication administration compliance. If under exceptional circumstances a child is required to receive medication during school hours and the parent cannot be at school to administer the medication, only the school nurse or the principal's designee will administer the medication in compliance with the regulations. In order for medication to be stored and administered at the school clinic, the parent must contact Nurse Maddie (madhuri.srinivasan@gmsdk12.org) or the medical records clerk for specific instructions on what is required such as physician's orders, medications in the original packing (not zip-lock baggies), parent/guardian signature on medication authorization form, etc. **Never send medication to school with your child.**

Health Screening

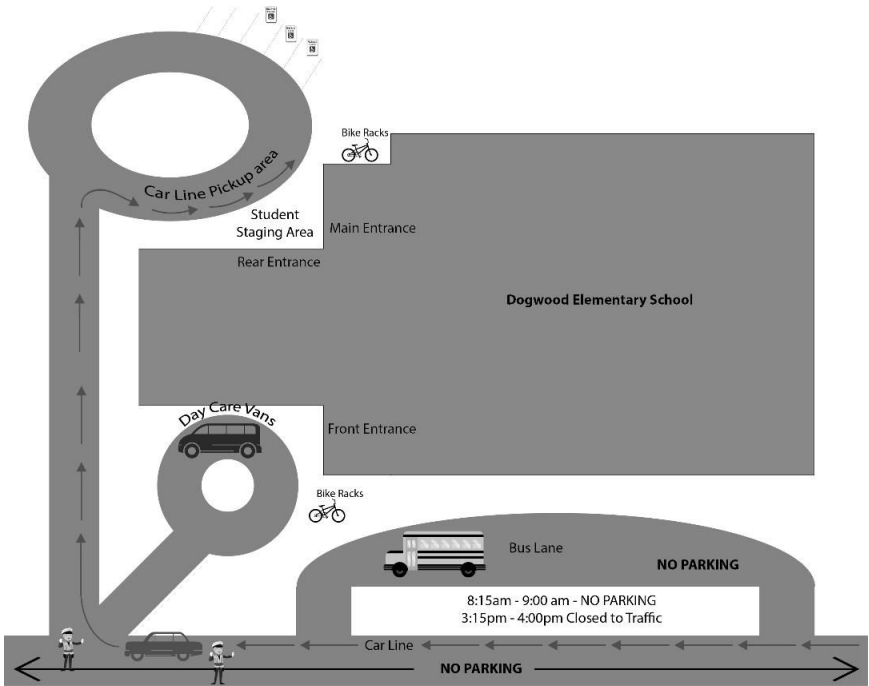
Periodic hearing and vision screenings are required per state law. Parents will be notified if results suggest the need for additional testing.

Parking

If you are visiting Dogwood during the day, you may park either in the front or back parking lots (except for the specially marked spots). All entry into the building during the school day must be through the main entrance towards the back of the building. You may also park on Dogwood Road in areas not otherwise indicated as No Parking. Note: There is no parking on the school side of Dogwood Road where the carpool line forms. **Please do not park in the circle drive in front of the school.** No cars are allowed to enter the front parking lot between 8:15 – 9:00 AM and 3:15 – 4:00 PM.

Student Handbook

The student handbook is located on the GMSD website at www.gmsdk12.org. Please review the guidelines several times each school year.



Campus Arrival Dismissal and Transportation Guides

Bus Transportation

Bus riders arrive and depart from the Dogwood Road parking lot at the front of our school. Parking in the lot is prohibited from 8:15 to 9:00 AM and 3:15 to 4:00 PM. Please see the GMSD Handbook for further information on bus service. Bus riders will be given the conduct rules. Parents should review the rules with students, sign and return the bottom portion of the rules form. Students who do not comply with the bus rules or guidelines in the GMSD Handbook will not be allowed to ride the bus. Safety first will always rule our decisions about student behavior on the bus. Students must complete appropriate paperwork and be registered on the bus roll prior to riding. During the school year, this process may take several days. Be sure to give enough notice to the school office before you plan for your student to ride.

Car Transportation

Parents must have a car line number to enter the car line. Car tags with numbers will be available during Open House. Parents who wish to get a number after Meet the Teacher must complete the car number request. Please work with your child to help them memorize their car line number.

Morning car line begins forming at the corner of the school driveway and Dogwood Road so as to free up the in and out for students who are safety patrols and have other morning commitments. At 8:25 am the car line may move up to the back circle and continues down the long side driveway and west on Dogwood Road. You may only enter car line by driving east on Dogwood Road. U-turns are prohibited on Dogwood Road to ensure the safety of our students. While in car line, please do not block the entrance to the circle drive, the Dogwood Road parking lot entrance or exit, or the fire

station entrance. When exiting car line, you may only make a right-hand turn onto Dogwood. As the car line does get long, parents are encouraged to carpool.

Students must be able to buckle/unbuckle their own seat belt to be in the car line. Please ensure your child is seated on the passenger side of the vehicle to exit safely. **Do not allow your child to exit the vehicle from the driver's side.**

Cell phone use is strictly prohibited in the car line. Tennessee law prohibits cell phone use in an active school zone and offenders may be fined. Safety for students is our first priority, and violations will be addressed. Cell phone users will be directed to a holding area.

School personnel and Safety Patrol are present in the designated drop off zones. If handicap provisions are needed, please contact the school office.

Front and Back Door Walkers

Parents may pick up their children at the front and rear entrances after dismissal. Parking is available for afternoon pick-up on Dogwood Road facing west. No parking is allowed on Dogwood Road facing east during drop-off or pick-up due to the car line. Please obey the signage indicating, "No Parking," and "Do Not Block Drive." Please be aware of the parking restrictions on the streets behind the school. Please inform anyone who picks up your child where they may and may not park. We want to be good neighbors to the fire station and to the neighborhoods around the school.

*****Students who cross Dogwood Road must cross with the guard. Crossing guards are provided for student safety. We expect your cooperation with her commands. Violators will be reported to law authorities. Student safety is our primary concern.**

Pets are prohibited on campus as they can be a serious safety issue. Many students have allergies and/or fears of animals. Please leave your pet at home.

Daycare Vans and Preschool Car line

The front circle is reserved for preschool and daycare vans. Preschool parents, please join in the car line along Dogwood Road and turn in to the front circle when you reach the driveway. For everyone's safety please remain in the car line until you reach the front circle entrance. Daycare van riders and preschoolers will be dismissed from the main lobby doors.

Bike Riders

A list of bike rules will be sent home for you to review and sign. All bicycle riders must wear a helmet – this is required by law. They must walk their bikes on campus and cross at the designated crosswalks. Skateboards, roller blades, roller skates, skate shoes, scooters, and mopeds are not allowed at school or on the school campus.

Notification Requirement

If you plan for your child to change his routine mode of travel in the afternoon, a prepared note to the teacher in the morning is required. Please do not phone in changes. This interrupts instruction and often causes so much concern for the student that he/she is unable to devote his/her full attention to school work. The office is a busy place at dismissal and notes can easily be overlooked. In the event of an emergency, only a school administrator can approve a change. Numerous incidents will be addressed so we can assist you in better planning for dismissal. We know you appreciate and join us in our concern for students to be dismissed safely to those individuals you have chosen.

Early Dismissal Plan Due to Weather/Emergencies

Your child's teacher will distribute an "Early Dismissal Plan" for you to complete and return. It is essential that you keep your contact information current throughout the year. In the event that school

is closed at an earlier time, it is important that school officials know how your child will be getting home that day. **Please understand that the school is unable to contact parents in the event of an early dismissal. Therefore, parents must stay abreast of school information via television, radio, and other media resources. Please check the GMSD website, <http://www.gmsdk12.org> for information about school closings, etc.**

Late Arrival/Check-In Procedure

Students arriving after 8:45 AM must report to the receptionist desk at the main entrance and be accompanied by an adult. An admit slip to class will be given by the desk attendant. A reason must be stated for being late. See GMSD handbook for excused/unexcused reasons. A doctor's note is required for an excused check out during the school day.

Early Check-Out

You must check your child out at the back entrance receptionist desk. No checkouts are allowed after 3:15 PM.

PTO Committees and Volunteer Opportunities

Following is a list of PTO committees and volunteer opportunities. If you are willing to volunteer for one of the following committees, please contact the chairperson listed. Volunteering is a **great** way to get involved at Dogwood and make a difference in our school. Thank you for your support.

Beautification - The Beautification Committee is committed to raising awareness about environmental issues and to reducing our environmental impact as individuals, a school community, and as citizens of the world. This committee organizes Walk and Bike to School Days, recycling efforts, and classroom butterflies. Additionally, the Beautification Committee works to make our campus more beautiful. Contact: Paula Bailey - paula.dvm@gmail.com

Book Fair - Dogwood's Book Fair will be Tuesday, October 29th. This is one of Dogwood's largest fundraising events and the money raised helps fund our wonderful library! Volunteers are needed before, during, and after this event. Contact: Amy Carter - amy.holt1@gmail.com

Class T-shirts - The Class T-shirt committee organizes, orders, and distributes the class t-shirts. Contact: Kristen Boccher - klboccher70@gmail.com

Communications - The Communications Committee is responsible for getting information out to parents via the weekly newsletter, website and social media (Facebook and Instagram). If you like to take pictures, post positive things on social media about Dogwood, or perhaps even have a little web or graphic design experience, we would love to have you on the communications team! Contact: Carrie Mayrhofer - carriemayrhofer@gmail.com

Community Care - Community Care coordinates assistance within the Dogwood community for Dogwood families and staff in times of crisis. Contact: Amy Wenzel - amywenzel08@gmail.com

Cultural & Fine Arts - The goal of the Cultural and Fine Arts Committee is to expose and encourage students in many areas of the arts through performances, exhibits and workshops. Local Memphis artists, actors, storytellers and musicians/musical groups will be asked to visit and perform at Dogwood. We will also promote our own budding artists by encouraging them to submit works of art to art contests. Our students will also be featured in the Annual Dogwood Elementary School Fine Arts Night on Thursday, March 26th, where students are given the opportunity to showcase their achievements in the areas of visual arts and music. Parents are needed to help organize and coordinate programs. Open to ideas for new performances and programs. Contact: Christy Christopher - clcc90@gmail.com

DADs - Dads at Dogwood is a group of fathers and father-figures who volunteer to help with school events and who look for creative ways to serve the school, our students, and faculty. Contact: Ryan Strain - rstrain@bakerdonelson.com

Dolphin Tale Ball - The Dolphin Tale Ball on Friday, December 6th, is a night to remember, full of laughter, fun, and dancing for current Dogwood Princesses and their Prince Charming (i.e. Dad, Grandad, uncle, etc.). Volunteers will be needed to help with the planning and setting up of this special event. Contact: Stacy High - stacy.high11@gmail.com

DolphinFest - DolphinFest is scheduled for Saturday, March 7th, from 10:00 - 3:00. This annual tradition includes an amazing silent auction, food that is out of this world, games, bounce houses and face painting for all ages. Auction items are donated by parents, businesses and friends of Dogwood. Volunteers from our Dogwood family are the heartbeat of this event. So, mark your calendars. We need your support to make this event a huge success. Committees include:

1. Silent auction - baskets, data entry, and corporate sponsors

2. Concessions - pre-order, set-up and sales
3. Games - set-up and assisting with games
4. T-shirts - sales and distribution
5. Teacher Features - organizing events for bid-winning students to do with our fabulous teachers and administration
6. Ticket sales - before and during event

Contact: Jennifer Brown - jenkbrown@gmail.com

Family Movie Night- Family Movie Night takes place Friday, September 27th at the school. A family-friendly movie will be shown. There will be a variety of food trucks and food vendors on campus. Families bring blankets and chairs to sit under the stars and enjoy a movie and dinner with Dogwood friends. Parent volunteers are needed the day of the event for setup, manning booths, assistance with general logistics and cleanup. Contact: Tina Thorn - tina.thorn@yahoo.com

Field Day - The Dogwood campus comes alive in early May with Field Days. This week of fun-filled, friendly competition among grade levels is anticipated every year by the students and teachers. We use parent volunteers to ensure the events run smoothly and everyone has a great time. Consider donating either a half or full day of your time when your children aren't competing - it is the most fun you'll have all year - REALLY! Contact: Hayley White - hayley.white@hotmail.com

Health and Wellness - Health and Wellness procures all clinic supplies and anything needed by the school nurse. The committee also assists in staffing any parent health volunteers if needed. Contact: Michelle Midha - mjacobs76@hotmail.com

Hospitality - Hospitality will sponsor events throughout the year such as providing refreshments for PTO functions and other special activities. Contact: Karen Viotti - karenbu@gmail.com

Legislative - The Legislative chairperson is responsible for apprising the PTO Board and its members about legislation, ordinances, policies and other governmental action that may affect our schools. Contact: Ryan Strain - rstrain@bakerdonelson.com

Library Liaison – The Library Liaison chairperson assists the librarian in implementing programs to encourage student reading. Contact: Jamie McGill - jdmc369@aol.com

Membership/Directory – The Membership/Directory committee works to encourage membership in Dogwood's PTO. We also create the Dogwood Directory. Please help support your children and enable us to enhance services to all Dogwood students by joining the PTO! Contact: Jamie Bialowitz - jbialowitz@yahoo.com

Mother/Son Event – This is a fun event on Friday, January 31st especially for mothers and sons. Participants enjoy music played by a DJ, food trucks, face painting, and lots of groovy dancing. Contact: Casey Carrillo -kc.carrillo@me.com

New Parent Liaison - The New Parent Liaison welcomes new families to Dogwood and coordinates communications to make their transition to Dogwood an easy one. By making a PTO Guidebook available, parents will have easy access to information pertinent to the school year. The New Parent Reception, Kindergarten Meet and Greet, and New Family Open House events provide opportunities for families to learn about Dogwood, meet other new students/families, and have their questions answered. In addition, Mentor Families are assigned to those new families interested in gaining a Dogwood parent perspective. The New Parent Liaison also conducts tours of Dogwood for new families. Contact: Carie Alley - cfinche@yahoo.com

Publicity – The Publicity chairperson works to inform our community about all the great things Dogwood and its students are doing. The Publicity chair is responsible for sending information about Dogwood to local newspaper outlets to keep them informed of current events, awards, and other recognition our school and its students receive throughout the school year. If you see our students or faculty in the newspaper, please clip it out and send it to the school. We love to recognize our Dogwood Dolphins! Contact: Kristen Waddell - kristenmwaddell@gmail.com

Room Parent – Room Parents are an essential part of Dogwood PTO. Their responsibilities include communicating with classroom parents, recruiting volunteers for various class and school-wide events, coordinating class and/or grade parties, collecting funds for and acquiring class gifts for the teacher. Room Parents will need to attend Room Parent meetings which occur on Thursday mornings at 9:00 AM four times each school year. Parents interested in serving as a Room Parent should sign up during Curriculum Night in their child's classroom. Contact: Ann Gee - ann.w.gee@gmail.com

Teacher Appreciation - The Teacher Appreciation Committee reminds the teachers and staff throughout the year how special they are to the children and parents of Dogwood. We start the year with a welcome back breakfast for teachers and staff and also provide teacher conference dinners and plan Teacher Appreciation Week in April. Contact: Kayla Pence - kaylapence3@gmail.com

Teacher Treats –Teacher Treats provides monthly teacher gifts and treats to show appreciation, such as staff lunches and mailbox surprises. Committee members help with supplies, setting up treat tables, and making mailbox surprises. Contact: Katie Laird - katielaird07@gmail.com

Ways and Means - This committee helps to coordinate fundraising activities for Dogwood, including the Family Donation Drive and working with local businesses that give back a portion of their proceeds to Dogwood. Contact: Tiffany Smith - tiffanyhatchersmith@me.com

Yearbook - Like to scrapbook, have experience with graphic design or want to help with proofreading/editing? The yearbook staff needs your help! Just contact us, and we will walk you through photo uploading, page design, or data entry. TO ALL PARENTS: Please remember your camera as you attend various class activities, programs or other school functions. The Yearbook committee would appreciate any photos via upload to the class Bloomz site or email copies to dogwood.yearbook@hotmail.com. This is the email address to use for all communications to the yearbook. Contact: Annabella Brandon - annabellacharlesphoto@gmail.com

List of Acronyms

CTT - Curriculum Technology Trainer

DES - Dogwood Elementary School

ESL - English as a Second Language

GA - Gifted Academics

GMSD - Germantown Municipal School District

IEP - Individualized Educational Plan

LAMPS - Library, Art, Music, PE, other Specialists (IE: Guidance)

MAPS - Music, Art, PE and other Specialists (IE: Library, Guidance)

PE - Physical Education

PTO – Parent Teacher Organization

REACH – Recreation, Enrichment, Art, Community, and Health

RTI - Response To Intervention

SPED - Special Education

STS - School Technology Specialist

Glossary of School Specific Terms

The definitions below are intended to provide a high-level summary of each term, phrase or event. Please note that the events may change, be replaced or cancelled. Additionally, each event may be modified per year based on curriculum plans, space available, funding, etc.

100th Day:

To celebrate the 100th day of school, students are encouraged to celebrate in a variety of different ways. Some grades may bring in items in a quantity of 100 (ie: 100 m&m's, 100 buttons, etc.) while other grades may dress like they are 100 years old! More information will be provided by homeroom teachers.

Accelerated Reader:

In order to encourage our student's independent reading skills and increase our student's literacy level we have implemented the Accelerated Reader (AR) program. The Accelerated Reader program is a computerized program that tests reading comprehension. Students select books on their reading level, read independently, and take an independent comprehension test on the computer during school hours. Each book is worth a certain number of points based on its length and reading level. Parents can help by encouraging independent or shared reading at home and completing AR tests at school. This helps form a strong home-school connection and emphasizes the importance of reading.

Around the World in a Glass Slipper:

First graders read and study several Cinderella stories from around the world. They will spend a day completing fun activities related to their reading curriculum.

Bloomz:

Bloomz is a free, award-winning app and website that makes it easy for teachers and schools to safely communicate and coordinate with parents, share media, school events, instantly message parents and more. You will receive additional information from your teacher on how to access Bloomz. You will want to join so you can stay informed about classroom happenings. Be sure to join

Career Day:

Parents and members of the community are asked to come in and share their careers with the students. Students rotate among classrooms to learn about a variety of possible careers. To accommodate all students this event is typically broken down by grade levels.

CASE 21 Benchmark Testing:

Our district will participate in CASE 21 benchmark assessments three times this year and it will be online. Our teachers use this data to inform them about which standards our students are mastering and which standards may need a deeper dive. CASE stands for Collaborative Assessment Solutions for Educators.

Crazy Chemist:

As part of the 5th grade curriculum, students don lab coats and sport crazy hairdos while participating in experiments as mad scientists. This activity serves as the Fall Party for the 5th grade. Parents and teachers transform the cafeteria into a lab where they have a blast learning science!

Clubs:

4th and 5th Grade students have the privilege to take part in a club during school hours so that everyone can take part. Club topics are based on our teachers' interests and students are provided the chance to select from their favorite options.

Constitution Day:

September 17th is a day for each grade level to celebrate Constitution Day with special activities in their classrooms. Activities range from wearing red, white and blue to having students write a "Classroom Constitution".

Curriculum Night:

Parents are encouraged to attend their child's homeroom on Curriculum Night to learn from their child's teacher(s) about the school year's curriculum, homework schedule, class policies and more. This meeting lasts approximately an hour and is intended for parents (and guardians) only.

Dolphin Tale Ball:

The Dolphin Tale Ball is a fun-filled dance for current Dogwood Princesses and their Prince Charming (i.e. Dad, Grandad, uncle, etc.). The event takes place at Dogwood and our fantastic volunteers make this a night to remember!

DolphinFest:

DolphinFest is a day of FUN at Dogwood and the primary fundraiser for the Parent Teacher Organization. This fundraiser helps the PTO provide our fun, free events throughout the school year! The day consists of games, a silent auction and concessions.

The silent auction is a hit with kids and adults alike. Individuals and businesses donate goods and services for the auction. The second part of DolphinFest is a series of games and activities similar to a carnival, including bouncies, game booths, face painting, and more! Tickets for use at the game booths and activities will be available for purchase. Younger and older siblings, non-Dogwood friends, neighbors and relatives are all welcome to attend. Each classroom will be responsible for the staffing of one game during the event. Be on the lookout for information from your room parent about working a shift at the assigned game, and please sign up to volunteer. DolphinFest would not be possible without our wonderful parent volunteers. (Older siblings can volunteer to work a game station as well.)

Easy CBM:

The Easy CBM system is designed to give teachers insight into which of their students may need additional instructional support as well as to provide a means by which they can measure the effectiveness of their teaching. CBM stands for Curriculum Based Measurement.

Family Donation Drive:

The Family Donation Drive is a fundraiser conducted in the fall that has provided money towards classroom supplies, new playground equipment, paint for the cafeteria and much more. This is a great way to support our teachers and students!

Farm Day:

Kindergarteners celebrate Farm Day by dressing like a farmer and enjoying a special farm breakfast. This special day goes along with their reading curriculum and farm unit.

Field Day:

This highly anticipated event takes place in May. Each grade is assigned a morning or afternoon time period to participate in fun field day events, including races, obstacle course, pass the water, etc. Each class has a tent set up with decorations (banner, streamers, and balloons) as well as basic amenities like water, oranges, and blankets or chairs. It is the responsibility of each class to set up its own tent. The room parent will post a sign-up sheet prior to the event. Parents can sign up to assist in the activities. Families are encouraged to attend and cheer on the students as they compete against their peers in other classrooms of the same grade.

Fine Arts Night:

This is an evening event when parents and family members come to Dogwood to celebrate student accomplishments in Dogwood Visual Arts and Music departments. Families look forward to viewing student art work as well as student musical performances.

GMSD Stampede:

In April, the Germantown Education Foundation and GMSD put on a race for education with a fully timed and competitive 5K run/walker friendly event. Also, a separate family fun 1 mile "Color Run" is offered.

Gingerbread Houses:

As part of the kindergarten curriculum, the students will celebrate the holiday season by decorating gingerbread houses with their parents, classmates, and teacher.

Grinch Day:

As part of the 1st grade curriculum, students will celebrate all things "Grinch" in honor of Dr. Seuss. They will watch the movie "How the Grinch Stole Christmas" while wearing their PJ's!

Holidays Around the World:

During this week of celebration, the kindergarteners get to explore the cultures and traditions of other countries in fun and hands on ways. The students rotate classroom to classroom tasting foods, participating in crafts, listening to music, and watching videos to learn more about each representing country.

Kids Heart Challenge:

This event is a fundraiser for the American Heart Association. Students in participating grades will be asked to get pledges from friends, neighbors, relatives, etc. and complete their jump rope requirements at this event. It is a fun-filled jumping party for a great cause!

Kids Kan:

In February, Dogwood participates in a food drive to benefit the Mid-South Food Bank. Students are encouraged to donate canned goods or the cash equivalent.

Mother/Son Event:

Dogwood's coolest boys grab their main lady (mom, grandmother, aunt, etc.) and dance the night away. Fun themes from past events include disco, decades and neon! Volunteers make this event one everyone enjoys!

Newcomb Ball Tournament:

This is a 4th grade tournament which the students prepare for in PE class. Newcomb Ball is like volleyball, but the ball is caught and thrown over the net. Classes are divided into teams and parents are invited to come and cheer for their favorite players and teams in the gym.

Pioneer Day:

As a part of the 2nd grade curriculum, students dress up as pioneers and participate in teacher led activities. Activities in the past have included square dancing, butter churning and old-fashioned games. Parents will have the chance to sign up to attend and assist with this event.

Polar Express Day:

Kindergarteners celebrate Polar Express Day in their pajamas with the book, movie and special learning activities.

Pumpkin Carving:

As part of the kindergarten curriculum, the students will have the opportunity to carve pumpkins with their parents and classmates in celebration of the fall season.

Red Ribbon Week:

This is a FUN dress-up week that promotes alcohol, tobacco, and drug prevention. Each day has a theme and students are encouraged to dress up according to the theme. In past years themes have included Crazy Sock Day, Red Day, Funny Hat Day, etc. Additionally, all the students will be educated on Drug Awareness and to "Just say No!"

Skyward:

This is the computer program utilized by GMSD in which the teachers record students' academic grades. There is a parent module through which parents can view their child's grade in a real-time fashion to stay up to date on their grades throughout the semester.

Sock Hop:

As part of the 3rd grade curriculum, and to celebrate the 50th day of school, the 3rd graders dress up in 50's attire (poodle skirts, jeans/t-shirts, and leather jackets) for a day of FUN. In the afternoon, they have a sock hop where they dance in the gym to 50's music. Parents will have the opportunity to attend and assist with this event.

Spirit Day/Night:

During the school year, various local businesses will donate a portion of their revenue to Dogwood Elementary on selected days. Families and individuals are encouraged to support the business on the assigned day.

Star Early Literacy:

The purpose of STAR Early Literacy is to assess students' early literacy skills in preparation for reading. SEL identifies student reading levels and provides student performance results for monitoring growth in reading and selecting challenging new books for your student.

TN Ready:

TN Ready is a state-mandated assessment designed to measure students' understanding of subject matter, not just memorization and basic test-taking skills. TN Ready measures real understanding of the material. It gives your child multiple ways to show what they know and can do with rigorous, open-ended questions.

Xtra Math:

Xtra Math (www.xtramath.org) is a computer-based interactive website used to increase efficiency in math while the child is at school and at home. Teachers will provide each student with a distinct code for parents to set up a profile for themselves and their child. This is a free site to use. Students will not be graded on the use of this website, but it is encouraged by the teachers. The teacher will be able to monitor usage and progress.

