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2003 District Five Report Card.pdf

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DFMSNEWS for the Week of November 10

Here's what's up at DFMS ...

1. **SIC MEETING** - Tuesday, Nov. 11 @ 6 PM (school's media center)
 2. **CAREER DAY FOR 8TH GRADERS** - Local speakers will talk with 8th graders during first block (see article below)
 3. **PTSA DANCE** - Nov. 14 from 6:30 PM - 9 PM (school's cafeteria)
 4. **AMERICAN EDUCATION WEEK** - Nov. 16 - 22
 5. **PARENT VISITATION DAY** - November 19
 6. **PTSA GENERAL MEETING - GANGS, DRUGS, CRIME!** - Nov. 18 @ 7 PM (school's cafeteria)
 7. **2ND INTERIM GRADING PERIOD ENDS** - Nov. 18
 8. **THANKSGIVING BREAK** - Nov. 26, 27, & 28
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DFMS STUDENT COUNCIL FOOD DRIVE

The DFMS Student Council will be conducting a **FOOD DRIVE** for Sharing God's Love, a local food pantry that helps to make sure families have food to eat. Beginning **November 10th** (today), we will ask all DFMS students and staff to bring in non-perishable food items to be collected during SET times. The food collection drive will be conducted until the **November 21st**. The 7th grade and 8th grade SET times with the most items will each receive a \$10 gift card from WalMart to be used for a class holiday celebration.

Have you registered yet? Parents may now register

for InTouch access to grades and student data on the Web!

Parents now have access to school information via the internet. Simply go to our website (www.lex5.k12.sc.us/dfms) and select "Welcome to Middle School." Next, click on "Dog ate the report card?" to get to the InTouch menu. You'll need to register to receive a login name and password. Once you've registered, you'll receive a confirmation e-mail. You'll then need to come by the school with a photo ID to obtain the login information. We hope this enhances home-school communication.

DUTCH FORK C-TEAM BASKETBALL 2003-2004

Here's the C-Team schedule for the 2003-04 season:

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
12/01/03	White Knoll	Away	5:30
12/04/03	Lugoff-Elgin	Home	5:30
12/08/03	Camden	Home	5:30
12/11/03	Fairfield	Home	5:30
1/05/04	Stover	Away	5:30
1/08/04	Lexington	Home	5:30
1/12/04	Irmo	Away	5:30
1/15/04	White Knoll	Home	5:30
1/22/04	Lugoff-Elgin	Away	5:30
1/26/04	Camden	Away	5:30
1/29/04	Fairfield	Away	5:30
2/02/04	Stover	Home	5:30
2/05/04	Lexington	Away	5:30
2/09/04	Irmo	Home	5:30

Makeup Day: 2/12/04

BOYS' COACH: GREG NYE @ DFMS (732-8167)

GIRLS' COACH: SYLVIA GOLSTON @ DFHS (732-8050)

DFMS Career Day 2003

Eighth graders will be able to hear from a variety of speakers in several career areas on **Thursday, November 13**. Many of our parents and community members will be participating. Students will find about career opportunities in four cluster areas: 1) arts and humanities, 2) engineering and industrial technology, 3) business and marketing, and 4) health and human services. We truly appreciate those who are participating. An attachment is with this edition of DFMSNEWS with local participants. Our guidance counselors, Pat Shealy, Michelle Privette, and Valerie Whipple, coordinate this annual event.

2003 SCHOOL REPORT CARDS TO BE DISTRIBUTED ON FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 14

School and District Report Cards will be distributed with students on Friday, November 14. Students across the district will bring home our rating by the South Carolina Department of Education and the Education Oversight Commission (so check those bookbags on Friday!). A copy of the report card has been attached to this week's edition of DFMSNEWS. You may also obtain a copy by visiting www.myschools.com/reportcard/2003/ and clicking on our school district (Lexington 5).

Please contact the school should you have questions about the Report Card.

An Article of Interest ...

Fathers Make a Difference

The time a parent spends with a child helps develop that child's sense of belonging. It lets the child know that he or she is cared for and that what he or she does matters to you. Unfortunately, many fathers miss out on their children's activities for one reason or another, but it's important to remember that spending time with your children can yield big dividends.

You'll have a great time together too. By being an active participant in your children's lives, you can help them develop better self-esteem and grow educationally. Here are a few tips:

Attend different school activities with your children. Take time to watch

a volleyball practice or listen to a vocal ensemble. Let your youngsters know you are proud of them.

Be careful with your emotions. Remember, activities are for fun, not just for winning.

Be involved with your children's education. Meet the teacher and offer support. Help your children develop a positive outlook toward the teacher and the school.

Remember to educate your children about life. Talk with them about a variety of subjects, and be willing to listen to their problems about school and home.

Read to your children. Show them they are loved and that education is a vital process.

Spending time with your children assures them that you genuinely care about them and want the best for them—and teaches them to do the same with their children one day.

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