



Prep Academy News

Wednesday, December 7, 2022



Upcoming Schedule

NO SCHOOL - Friday, Dec. 9th: Teacher Professional Development

NO SCHOOL - Thursday, Dec. 22 through Tuesday, Jan. 3rd : **WINTER BREAK!**

FIRST DAY BACK: Wednesday, January 4th

END OF FIRST SEMESTER: Friday, Jan. 13th

What's Next at Prep

Math: Work continues on Unit 4 – Proportional Relationships and Percentages.

Although Unit 5 will begin in January, the percentages unit will be the last topic score for first semester.

English: This week students complete the novel *Look Both Ways* by Jason Reynolds, and the last pieces of evidence for the unit will be due. These assignments will feed into nearly every topic score so make certain to give your best effort!

Friday, December 16th: Vocabulary test over weeks six through ten. This will be an important score for the vocabulary acquisition topic.

Now is a great time to check Infinite Campus for current progress on topic scores and to identify any missing work that might exist. There are only 17 school days left before the end of first semester so shoot for the AT's and ET's!

From the Nurse

With the uninvited bugs of covid, flu, RSV and so many others at our doorstep it's a good time to review procedures from the CDC and IDPH.

Since many of the diseases are spread through droplets, it is increasingly important to

Wash your hands

Cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue or in the bend of your arm (not your hand)

Stay home if you are sick

AND

If you test positive for covid

Stay home for the first five days from the onset of symptoms or a positive covid test.

Return to school on day six if you are symptom free.

To protect others, wear a mask from day six to day ten.

Reminders

Attendance:

If your child is absent, in addition to contacting your student's home school, please contact the Central Academy Attendance Clerk at 242-7653 or email terriann.kent@dmschools.org

Canvas:

Canvas is the link to get detailed information about classroom activities, assignments, and due dates.

Student access: go to www.dmschools.org click on "student", then "Canvas". You will see a blue column on the left side of the page. Click on "dashboard" to find the individual class information.

Parent access: go to [Canvas Access - Parents - Des Moines Public Schools \(dmschools.org\)](http://Canvas Access - Parents - Des Moines Public Schools (dmschools.org)) for detailed information on how to set up a parent account.

Infinite Campus:

Infinite Campus is where teachers record information about your student's individual progress. This includes grades given on assignments, what assignments might be missing and as time progresses, topic scores. For more information on the use of Infinite Campus visit <https://www.dmschools.org/infinite-campus-studentparent-portal/>

Contacts

Prep Academy Support Staff

Diane Fox, Prep Academy Advisor, diane.fox@dmschools.org or leave a voice message at 242-7357.
Stephanie Davis, Central Academy Advanced Learning consultant stephanie.davis@dmschools.org

Class specific questions please contact the teacher directly

Lana Lyddon Hatten – Math lane.lyddonhatten@dmschools.org

Jeff Marks – Math jeffrey.marks@dmschools.org

Luci Core – English lucinda.core@dmschools.org

Desman Oakley – English desman.oakley@dmschools.org

Central Academy Counseling Staff

Kris Hilton (Names beginning with A-M) kristin.hilton@dmschools.org

Amy Cummings (Names beginning with N-Z) amy.cummings@dmschools.org

Suleyma Reyes (Counseling associate -bilingual) suleyma.reyes@dmschools.org

Central Academy Main Office

Central Academy Director, Dr. Jessica Gogerty Jessica.gogerty@dmschools.org

Administrative Assistant, Herkisha Burkett herkisha.burkett@dmschools.org

Transportation Associate, Kendra Williams kendra.williams@dmschools.org

Attendance Clerk, Terri Kent terriann.kent@dmschools.org or 242-7653

Restoration and Safety Coordinator, Mounir (Neil) Issa mounir.issa@dmschools.org