Dear Parents and Guardians,

DMCS is excited to introduce a new program called Kickboard for the 2016/17 school year in an effort to increase proactive discipline and parent communication.

**What is Kickboard?**

Kickboard is a tool to reinforce positive behavior choices in real time as it offers a platform for school-wide consistency in expectations and reports behavior data for staff and parents. Kickboard shows trends in student behavior, communicates proactive discipline to parents, provides consistent positive and/or negative consequences, and allows all stake-holders to be reflective upon the expected school environment.

**Kickboard at Our School**

Dixon Montessori Charter School expects our students to, “Be Safe, Be Responsible, and Be Respectful.” We also expect our students to learn to be: Motivated Learners, Effective Communicators, Respectful Citizens, Innovative Thinkers, and Technologically Skilled.

DMCS teachers give students points when students demonstrate positive behaviors. Also communicated will be negative behaviors, detentions, and referrals. Points are then converted to “MERIT Bucks” and are used to buy privileges at the student store. Every month one behavior will be highlighted, and worth two points/dollars. In September the behavior we will focus on is responsibility.

**Parent Communication**

DMCS parents and guardians will see monthly paychecks and will be connected to a parent-student portal.

**The Kickboard Parent Portal displays:**

* **Behavior** – A summary of the student’s merit/demerit, paycheck, and bank balances.
* **Most Recent Behaviors** – A list of the student’s behaviors recorded, listed chronologically.

**Guiding Questions to Ask Your Child**

* How do you think your week went?
* Are you demonstrating more positive behaviors?
* How many dollars/points are you trying to earn next week?
* What is your plan to earn more dollars next week?
* Tell me about what happened when you showed this behavior?

This school year has gotten off to a great start and we look forward to open communication with all of our families. As Kickboard is a new program for our school, this school year will present us all with the opportunity to demonstrate for our students how we can all work together to overcome any problems and create solutions. If there are any questions, thoughts, or ideas, please contact Mr. Ernest.

Thank you,

Ben Ernest

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