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Make Middle School Your
BEST YEARS

THE **CARPE DIEM** SPIRIT

Asking students to “seize the day” is an essential aspect at Dunn Middle School. It’s about saying ‘yes.’ Yes to a challenging bike ride, to pursuing an interesting topic of research, yes to composing poetry, to scaling a rock face — yes to stretching yourself as the rule, not the exception. That’s the growth mindset of Dunn students.



STUDENT LIFE

Starting in 6th grade, DMS students get a complete middle school experience. They receive a locker and a seven-period course schedule with rotating classes, each taught by an expert teacher who specializes in their given subject. Faculty members act as advisors to a “family” of students, serving as mentors, role models and advocates for their advisees.



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ACADEMICS

We encourage students to experiment widely and experience deeply. In history classes and language arts, students learn the crafts of the historian and the writer from the inside out through reenactments, role playing and storytelling. Math classes relate problems to real life experience, teaching students how to apply what they learned. In science classes, students design and conduct their own experiments, thus gaining a deeper understanding of principles at work.



LANGUAGE ARTS

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MATH

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SCIENCE

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SOCIAL STUDIES

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STUDIO ART

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WORLD LANGUAGE



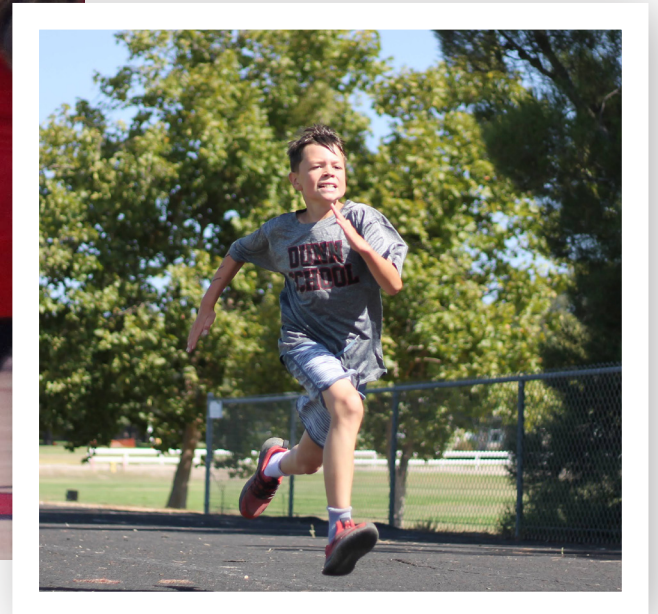
ENRICHMENTS & OUTDOOR ED





Daily life at DMS is action-packed. In addition to the strong emphasis on core academics, the calendar also features enrichments and trips designed to provide students opportunities for exploration and deeper understanding of subjects and their impact in the world.





ATHLETICS

Sports and physical education programs are built around a combination of competitive and non-competitive sports. For interscholastic competition, DMS is part of the Santa Ynez Valley Middle School League. Our campus has exceptional facilities for year-round athletics, including a gym, heated swimming pool, six tennis courts, climbing walls, and multiple sites for baseball and field sports.





CYCLING

With the Santa Ynez Valley providing such gorgeous and ideal terrain for cycling, we've built the sport into the DMS experience. All students, faculty, and staff participate in a 44-mile bike ride called the 'Piece o' Cake.' Given adequate training and determination, all students feel capable of completing this challenging ride by March. Then at the end of the year, 8th-graders complete the Ride of Passage, an 80-plus mile trip that includes bonding and camping.





TRY-ATHLON

Each October, all students take part in the annual Try-athlon, a swimming, biking, and running event where the emphasis is on doing your best.





BY THE NUMBERS

MILES BIKED **178**
per student/year



PANCAKES TOSSED **120**



CHESS MATCHES 162



ANIMALS LIVING ON CAMPUS 90







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