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Middle School Principal Athletic Director Student Council Advisor Activities Coordinator

Dear Folks,

For the past twelve years, the student council of Erwin Middle School has sponsored a school wide dodgeball tournament. The beginning goal was to raise money for Relay for Life. It has become so much more. The "Big Dodge" has developed into a tradition with over 30 teams or 250 students and staff participating. It has become an event that students look forward to all year.

With these things in mind, the Erwin student council would like to begin a county wide middle school dodgeball tournament. Our goals are to involve all the county middle schools, begin a new tradition, have some fun, and raise money for the participating schools.

Erwin will provide the team shirts, the referees, and the support staff. Erwin will also serve as the tournament director, setting up brackets and coordinating the games. Everyone pays the admission cost of \$5.00, but there will be no other expenses for the school. Completion of a Team Registration form is a commitment to attend and pay admission. After all bills are paid, the profits will be divided among all participating schools based on event attendance.

Each school is invited to bring three teams. Selection of a school's teams will be up to each individual school. You could draft team members, hold tryouts, or hold your own tournament. The teams can be made of boys, girls, 6th, 7th, or 8th grade students in any combination. The teams are self coached. Each team will have one adult coordinator from their school for supervision and support.

Enclosed you will find all the information details and forms you will need to be a part of the 1st Annual Rowan County Middle School Dodgeball Showdown. You can find all Showdown information on the website: <a href="https://www.dodgeballshowdown.weebly.com">www.dodgeballshowdown.weebly.com</a> Please consider being a part of a new tradition.

Sincerely,

Sarah Wise, Student Council Advisor