

Dover-Eyota Elementary School

News Flash

April 16, 2023

Dear Dover-Eyota Elementary Parents/Guardians,

I want to take this moment to update you on a few events that are happening between now and the end of the year. I also want to go over a review of some things that we have accomplished this year. Lastly, I am looking to update you on the building project as well as the Outdoor classroom that we had a large fundraiser for with the Booster-thon! In this letter will be a summary of all these topics and more.

I also want to thank you all for a great first year! It is never easy on students and families with change, but ultimately change will continue to be inevitable, so we find ourselves needing to make the most of the opportunities as they come up!

Sincerely,

Ben Midge-Elementary Principal

Highlights to Note:

In the most recent of time, we have been quite busy.

- We held a concert on March 24th for 1st and 2nd graders. Thanks for the great attendance!
- We have held our remaining Lockdown Drills
- Field Trips of all kinds and variety have been happening
- MCA Testing is underway
- Neon Color Day
- Skate Days During PE

Upcoming Events:

- More Field Trips (11)
- 5th Grade Graduation-May 31
- Preschool Graduation-May 25
- 5th Grade Musical-May 18th @7:00pm
- Band & Choir Concert-May 12 @ 2:00pm
- 2 Fire Drills Left
- 1 Tornado Drill Left
- More events may be made known by teachers and grade levels

Building Project:

We will be slowly preparing between now and the end of the year to be out of the building by June 3rd. The project begins in the building (and outside preschool playground) on June 5th. No access to the building will be available for the duration of the summer. The updates between now and next summer include:

1. Flooring throughout the hallways and classrooms
2. HVAC System updates
3. 4 Window Replacements
4. Additional storage for PE Equipment
5. DAPE Room
6. Restructure of the Library/Media Center
7. Roof Repairs
8. Mothers Lounge

We look forward to being in a refreshed building with some changes for future use in some areas. We are hopeful to be back in just after August 14th if all goes to plan.

Outdoor Classroom Update:

After the booster-thon, a committee was formed to look at the design, the needs, and the location of an outdoor classroom. I want to say the committee did a thorough job of going over initial details. We are excited for the project to go forward. We are aiming to get it done in 3 phases.

1. Phase 1- Main area with a shed, whiteboard, concrete paths, and seating (natural and steel structures)
2. Phase 2-Some breakout areas that will be more for various activities such as reading, music, art, stem, etc.
3. Phase 3- A covered picnic style area and another extension area for activities.

As more details become available, we will let you know. Right now, we are seeking the okay from the school board to start construction on school property. We looked at 4 different sites to put the Outdoor classroom, but ultimately for reasons related to safety, noise level, visibility, and dryer ground more of the time, we settled on using the grass area in front of the school off the Early Childhood side of the building. Please reach out to PATT, PATT members, or Mr. Midge if you would like more in-depth details. We are excited about the possibilities this area will give students and the community as a whole!

Other Notes/Reminders:

Bus Drop-Off/Parent Drop-Off: I want to thank the majority of you who use the circle drop-off in the morning by the Early Childhood doors for parent drop-off. The other side by the Elementary doors is a bus lane from 7:30am-8:00am every morning. Please leave this area open

for buses, Transit Buses, and School Vans for drop-off. If you need to unstrap and walk your child in, please park in a parking spot, not in the drop-off loop. When you park in the loop, it holds up all those behind you.

Bus Pickup/Parent Pickup: Most days it runs as smooth as the system can and this is because of you as parents picking up. The bus lane is usually clear, please leave the curb area on the big parking lot side (elementary entrance) clear. Pickup for parents should be done as much as possible on the Early Childhood side. If just picking up, stay along the curb and we will get kids into their vehicles. If you need to get out and strap in, or talk with someone, please park and come up to the curb to get your child. Stopping for more than pickup stops the flow of pickup, either keep looping or pickup and exit. No one wants anyone to get hit, so please come up to get your children, do not waive them across to your car. Use the curb or park and walk over please.