

# Dover-Eyota Elementary School News Flash

January 18, 2023



Dover-Eyota Families,

We are a couple weeks in now to returning from break. I anticipate a fast pace to the end of the school year from here. Snow days have been a plenty, and I am for one hopeful we are not going to need any more. In saying that I realize another snow storm is around the corner and we do live in Minnesota after all, so I am probably hoping wishfully! Having the students in school builds good consistency and helps academics and routines move along.

We are quickly coming to some decisions about summer programming that will be available and that we can support. Our big undertaking will be redoing about 90% of our flooring throughout the building. We will also be having work done our HVAC system, roofing, a few windows, and other items that are intended to make the building more comfortable for day-to-day learning. With this said, I want you to know now that the elementary building will be a work zone this summer and will be off limits to everyone. We will know shortly what we can run out of the High School building. We need to be aware that while in the past everything was able to continue at the High School, that may not be possible this time around. While the current High School Building will not be touched, there will be some new portions being started on, which will close some parts of that building as well. So, again shortly we will have a list of all activities that can be accommodated this summer at the High School, while the elementary is closed down. The project is intended to last 50 days, which will put us really close to the start of school next year. My prior experience with school building projects tell me that it will be incredibly close next fall on start time. The saving grace is the project is almost all inside, so rain and weather this summer should not slow our project down.....our silver lining, I hope!

February, is I Love to Read Month. I know a few staff are planning some reading initiatives. We will also have a Boosterthon put on by PATT. More coming on that in this newsletter, so read on!

Please read through this Newsletter for upcoming information. There is a lot, so I am hopeful I did not miss anything. If you have any needs, please reach out our staff is here to assist, help, and work with you as partners!

Sincerely,

Ben Midge- Elementary Principal



## ART Notes

The art teacher Mrs. Peterson is looking for 1-3 volunteers who could spend 1-2 hours per week (not every week) photographing student artwork from home. Mrs. Peterson would send the large portfolio home with you with the hope that you could photograph it with the Artsonia app and return it to school in a week's time. You would need to have a device like a tablet or smartphone that you can download the Artsonia app onto. It would be best if the portfolio could be picked up in person by the adult and not sent home on a bus with a student. If you're interested, please contact Mrs. Christine Peterson via email [christinepeterson@deschools.org](mailto:christinepeterson@deschools.org)

## PATT ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Dover-Eyota Elementary families!

PATT has partnered with Boosterthon to bring the Eagle Fun Run fundraiser that will kick off in just 3 weeks on 02/01/2023. Their goal is to raise \$20,000 as a step towards outdoor education including an outdoor classroom, climate and nature education, gardening and weather predictions. One hundred percent of PATT proceeds always go back into DE Elementary and this fundraiser is no exception.



Click [Here](#) to Sign Up for the Facebook Event as the Eagle Fun Run itself will be closed to families but will be live streamed for family and friend donors to watch in real

time! <https://fb.me/e/2awbGm4ni>



Key dates to remember:

- **REGISTRATION OPENS** - 01/18/2023  
Register on [MYBOOSTER.COM](http://MYBOOSTER.COM)
- **Eagle Fun Run Kick Off** - 02/01/2023
- **Event Day** - 02/09/2023

Donations will go toward supporting our school and can be given throughout the entire experience. *There is no pressure to give*, but PATT invites you to help our school by sharing our fundraiser with your family and friends!

Thank you for supporting Dover-Eyota Elementary through the Eagle Fun Run! Don't forget to like and follow the [PATT Facebook page](#) so you don't miss out on event

updates! <https://www.facebook.com/D-E-PATT-Dover-Eyota-Parents-and-Teachers-Together-863159263770360/>

SAVE THE DATE

February Conference Bookfair  
February 20 & 23, 2023  
2:30pm to 7:00pm

FAMILY ART NIGHT 2023 – March 10, 2023! More info to come.

## Community Education: New Classes offered by Grace Scott

See full descriptions online.

<p>Tuesday, Jan. 17 (Grades 1-3) Lego Challenge: Students will build animals, houses, unicorns, dragons, and more using all different kinds of Legos. Students will be working together to create awesome Lego creations.</p>	<p>Wednesday, Jan. 18 (Grades K-5) Winter Wonderland Crafts: Come walk in a winter wonderland as we make our way through January by making snowflakes and snowmen crafts. The students will work with paint, tissue paper, and pine cones to create fun crafts perfect for the winter. This class is open to any elementary student. Please have your student wear clothes that are okay to get messy.</p>
<p>Monday, Jan. 23 (Grades 3-5) Acting 202: Acting 202 is open to students in 3-5th grade looking to learn the basics and more about acting. We will play theater games, learn some theater expressions, and do stage movement. Make sure your student wears clothes they can move in.</p>	<p>Tuesday, Jan. 24 (Grades 1-2) Acting 101: Acting 101 is open to students in 1-2nd grade looking to learn some basics about acting. We will play fun theater games and learn how to show big emotions on the stage. We may also do some dancing and stage movement so make sure your student wears clothes that they can move in.</p>
<p>Wednesday, Jan. 25 (Grades 2-5) Spy School:</p>	<p>How do I Register for Community Ed Offerings? Click on the Community Ed tab on the district website</p>

Come learn how to be a spy at spy school! Your student will create their own secret agent card, make their own secret language, and try their hand at our training obstacle course!

[www.desch.org](http://www.desch.org)  
How do I find Community Ed information and full descriptions, etc.?  
Click on the Community Ed tab on the district website [www.desch.org](http://www.desch.org)  
Don't forget to check the Community Ed webpage often!

Upcoming Art Classes  
Fundraising classes with Mrs. Peterson. See full descriptions online.  
January 26: Pottery Heart Box  
February 9: Valentines Themed Painting  
Feb. 1: Hot Cocoa Canvas

Elementary Art Club  
Art club will be held in 6-week sessions through Community Education. Students can sign up for as many sessions as they would like, and each will do different activities. The students signed up will help decide what sorts of art they would like to create during that session. Options will include painting, drawing, murals, found objects, collages, fiber arts, and ceramics/clay. The club is open to the 3rd grade and up.  
See further the full description on the Community Ed webpage.

#### More Offerings

- Adult Winter Hallway Walking (new location)
- DE AM Fitness for Ages 18+
- Taekwondo for Youth and Adults
- Open Gyms
- Coming soon....Spring Dance Classes with Jill Magnason in Dover!

#### Quick Reminders

- Make payable to: DE Schools
  - Drop off or send payments into one of the school offices. Payments are processed in the district office.
  - Please send an email or note to your child's teacher letting them know your child will be attending a class. This will help with student safety by making sure the teacher has the information about where the student is going after school. If applicable, alert the bus staff.
- Questions: [susankellerschaefr@deschools.org](mailto:susankellerschaefr@deschools.org)



**Upcoming Events:**

January 18- PATT Fundraiser

January 20- Early Childhood Screening

January 26- End of Quarter 2

January 26- Twins Day (Dress as a Twin or wear Minnesota Twins Clothing)

January 27- No School- Teacher Inservice Day