

Dover-Eyota Elementary School News Flash

November 7, 2022



Dear Dover-Eyota Elementary Parents/Guardians,

The end of Quarter 1 is quickly coming upon us! The weather has been great and the year is going fast. We have had a number of opportunities to meet with all of you in the first couple months of school. Those scheduled opportunities will become a bit further in between now. With that said, the staff and myself are here to work with you. Please do not wait to visit with the teachers and then myself if needed for any issues or concerns you may have.

We will be having a student assembly for Veteran's Day this year, as has been standard in years previous. We are not inviting outside community in for this, as has been past practice. We do want you to know and be aware that the program will continue to go forward.

Over the next few months, the elementary will begin to declutter and move storage items around, in preparation for the summer projects that are forthcoming. It will be important for us to create room for things we need, with the building remodel taking shape. At this point as part of the referendum, we will be looking to see some updates in a couple of classroom spaces off the media center, for STEM and breakout spaces, as well as for new flooring throughout the building come next Fall. Summer 2023 will be a very busy summer with those changes coming.

Yours in Education,
Ben Midge-Principal



*If you have not yet received an email from Jostens with access to your student's photos from Conferences in mid October, please either login to your already created Josten's Account (same as years past), or contact our office to get some guidance on how to access the pictures.

*Retakes will be during the school day on Tuesday, November 15th. Anyone who did not get pictures done during conferences, will automatically be brought down for pictures.



November 11- Veteran's Day (Last Day of Quarter 1)

November 14- No School for Students/Teacher Inservice

November 15- Picture Retakes

November 23, 24, 25- No School for Anyone!



- 1) Parent Pickup- Generally this has run smoothly this year, but there have been a couple of days, typically Friday's that have been a little more worrisome than others.

We understand that people have different thoughts but there are a few things we want to avoid as a school with pickup.

- A) Students crossing other cars or buses to get to vehicles without adults
- B) Stagnant traffic
- C) Cars in the bus lanes

With these goals in mind, we need you as the parent/guardians doing the pickup to think about these things for the betterment of the whole, not the individual. Here are some things to consider, despite the inevitable change in weather.

- 1) If you park, come to the sidewalk to get your children, do not waive them across to your car.
- 2) If you need to help buckle a child into a car seat or need to exit your vehicle, pull into a parking spot on the Early Childhood side of the parking lot and pickup your child on the sidewalk to walk to the vehicle. Doing this in the active loop backs everyone else up!
- 3) If picking up and child is not there yet, keep circling.
- 4) Pickup only on the Early Childhood side of the lot, this will free up buses and other Daycare Centers to use the other side of the curb without worrying about students running to vehicles on the big side of the parking lot.

As a school we appreciate your help in following these objectives. Safety of all students is our number one priority with student pickup, please help us keep all safe!



Unfortunately we are again, looking for an individual whether be volunteer or we need to pay a stipend, to aid with Morning Cross Walk Duty on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday mornings. Our crossing guard adult has stepped away from the position, so if you or someone you know would be interested, please contact Ben Midge for details at benmidge@deschools.org Afternoons are still covered by school staff!

As we stated earlier this year when looking for someone to fill this position, this is a position on Knowledge Road and Jefferson that we want to provide for the community when we are able. Unfortunately, with current staff and needs at the beginning of the day, we are unable to cover this spot daily with our current staff. It is an off-campus spot, which is

secondary to meeting the needs of the building coming as a first priority. In the meantime, please slow down on Knowledge Road and observe the 30 MPH speed limit, and stop for anyone who may be in the crosswalks.