



Elementary News and Notes

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome to Quarter 2! It is good to have election season and a quarter of the year behind us. I don't think the pace will slow down much as we head into the Holiday part of the school year. We will have a number of events coming up soon, so please try to watch for those dates coming out soon. With that in mind here is what we have coming up this week and beyond. Please take time to read carefully, as we try to put school events in this newsletter. Individual classrooms will share what they are doing as well.

Lockdown Drill #2- On Thursday, November 14th we will do our second drill, of our required five for the year. This one will focus on what we will call a Hold. A hold is any situation where we may not want traffic or more onlookers in a part of the building. So, think of a medical emergency, or a large fight breaks out, etc. This would prompt a "Hold" situation for that portion of the building. Students not involved would be in their rooms working as normal, with restricted access to the hallways, until there is an all clear. While we rarely use these in our building, we need to be prepared for all situations. We will practice this one on Thursday. You do have the option to not have your student participate, but again as with our other drills, there is not a room that would be able to host them that won't hear what is going on in the building. So if you choose to remove your student, please let the office know and we will excuse them to leave the building with you just before 1:30, and they would need to be back no later than 2:00pm to still be an excused absence. To leave is a parent's right, but we want all students to be prepared, not scared in all situations that could realistically happen in a school setting.

Concerts: 4th & 5th Grade Choir & Recorder Concert will be held at 2:00pm on Friday, December 6th.

We will follow that up with the 3rd & 4th Grade Concerts on Friday, December 13th at 9:30am and 2:00pm.

Please join us as you are able to, we would love to see you all there.

Dressing Warm: The temperature is slowly inching down. Please start sending appropriate clothing for students to be outside for up to 30 minutes. It is colder in the mornings than it is in the afternoons for the most part, but coming prepared is key. Natural Consequences are good to a point, but not when the temperature drops below freezing. Please dress for the weather as it is and as it could be.

If there is anyone struggling to afford winter gear for their kids, please reach out to the school confidentially and we will assist with clothing needs as we are able to, we have some resources.

Childhood Screening: Our last date for the year is Friday, January 24th. If you have a child or know of someone who does and needs to be screened, please call the office to sign-up for our last opportunity of the year.

Open Enrollment: We are opening with the state for enrollment for next school year. If you have neighbors, friends, or family looking for a school, please don't hesitate to send them our way. We can be reached in the office at 507-545-2632 or email me directly with any questions at benmidge@deschools.org. Anyone interested can go to our school website to get started. Here is the link for the Open Enrollment form.
<https://assets-rst7.rschooltoday.com/rst7files/uploads/sites/737/2023/11/14161754/23.09-25-General-Statewide-Enrollment-Options-Application-for-K-12-and-Early-Childhood-Special-Education-ext-1.pdf>

Upcoming Events:

November 14th- Lockdown Drill #2.

November 22nd- Skate Day 3rd & 5th Grade

November 25th-26th- Skate Days All

November 27th- No School

November 28th- Thanksgiving, No School

November 29th- No School

Elementary Calendar: For the elementary calendar please use this link.

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1sqv-dCUg_sY5FtyKY7GbDSAcBO3MQ96n/view

I appreciate all that the community does for our school! We are incredibly blessed to be in the school and communities that we are. Have a great week and GO EAGLES!

Sincerely,

Ben Midge- Elementary Principal