



## Elementary News and Notes

Dear Parents/Guardians,

This week will be a short week! Due to that there is not quite as much on the docket in the immediate, but plenty up and coming! Please check out the important events upcoming that we want you to be aware of, as well as an announcement or two. I hope everyone has a great break and enjoy some time with family during the few days off. We will get back after it the next week, in our ramp up to Winter Break.

**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 (Designated 3rd Grade Family Show) and 2:00pm (Designated 4th Grade Family Show).

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

**December Dress Up Days:** Just a few weeks away! Let's get festive!

**Monday, December 16<sup>th</sup>**

Cozy Day (Wear Holiday/Winter PJ's)

**Tuesday, December 17<sup>th</sup>**

Christmas Tree (Wear Green or Something that Lights Up)

**Wednesday, December 18<sup>th</sup>**

Candy Cane Day (Wear Stripes)

**Thursday, December 19<sup>th</sup>**

Santa/Elf on a Shelf (Wear Red)

**Friday, December 20<sup>th</sup>**

Santa's Helper (Elf or Reindeer)

**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](mailto: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.rschoolday.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>

**Teachers On Call:** If looking to get out of the house a bit and help the school, please consider joining Teachers On Call. This is our way of getting substitute teachers and paraprofessionals into the district. We are often short-handed. If you are interested you can either apply at [www.teachersoncall.com](http://www.teachersoncall.com) or feel free to ask Mr. Midge any questions you may have.

**Snow Days/E-Learning Days:** You likely received a message from Superintendent Frie regarding snow days. We will get messages out to you based on what he and our transportation director Cheryl Gardner determine will happen on Winter Days.

The other end is our E-Learning Days. The first 3 days will be regular snow days. No homework or expectations. However, the next 5 days will be E-learning days from home. At the elementary we recognize not everyone will have access to electronic devices, so last school year we created "Choice Boards". Each grade level has these available for you to complete on these 5 days if we should need them. We did not use these at all last year, so this is still new to us. The main objective is to give a few things

for the students to complete, but to also take attendance with the Choice Board. We want these returned so we can mark your student as being present or absent. If after 3 school days in person we do not receive the board back, your student will be marked absent for that e-learning day. 7 days of unexcused absences or more in a school year will result in reports to the Department of Education needing to be submitted for Habitual Truancy, per state law. So, in short, these are not "Free Days", the Choice Boards need to be completed. Teachers will be sharing with you shortly the Choice Boards.

**Yearbook Orders:** Don't forget to order your yearbook!

Yearbooks must be purchased online.

<https://jostensyearbooks.com/?REF=A09822369>

Ordering closes on Friday, March 21st

**Upcoming Events:**

November 25th-26th- Skate Days All

November 27th- No School

November 28th- Thanksgiving, No School

November 29th- No School

December 6th- Concert Choir & Recorder Performance 2:00pm

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

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1sqv-dCUg\\_sY5FtyKY7GbDSAcBO3MQ96n/view](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1sqv-dCUg_sY5FtyKY7GbDSAcBO3MQ96n/view)

Let's make it a great week! Go Eagles!

Sincerely,

Ben Midge- Elementary Principal