



Elementary News and Notes

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Here is the update for the upcoming week! We have been hit by colder temperatures this past week, please ensure your child has all the warm clothing they will need. Most days we will be outside. If there are needs for clothing please let us know at the school. Lastly, if you are missing any clothing, please visit our lost & found, or have your child check there, as we have a collection of things growing from Mid-November on. Please read through the rest of this update for all of our information.

Lockdown Drill #3: We will have our 3rd lockdown drill this week on Thursday morning at 9:00am. We are mandated by the state to conduct 5 of these drills a school year. As with the others in the past you have the option to opt your student out of the drill, but will need to pick them up from the school, as all rooms will be receiving the message and the Drill. Please contact the office, if you wish to opt out of the Lockdown Drill. This week we will have for the first time an actual Lockdown Drill in rooms, and we will set off the alarms. We do need to test the alarms a couple of times every year to see what doors will automatically shut and lock, so we know how to best communicate our plans out to those in the school. Younger students will work on hiding and staying quiet PreK-1, while older classes will be going over how to barricade a room 2nd-5th. This is not different from what we have done in the last couple of years. Again our goal is to Be Prepared, Not Scared.

Sharing Tree: The Dover-Eyota Elementary Student Council is hosting the 10 Days of Giving Food Drive. The Food Drive will run from December 2nd- December 13th.

Please bring in nonperishable food items to your teacher so they can be placed under our "Sharing Tree". The top two classes will receive snacks and drinks.

*Please check for expiration dates. We cannot donate expired food to the food drive.

Concerts: 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 week away! Let's get festive!

Monday, December 16th

Cozy Day (Wear Holiday/Winter PJ's)

Tuesday, December 17th

Christmas Tree (Wear Green or Something that Lights Up)

Wednesday, December 18th

Candy Cane Day (Wear Stripes)

Thursday, December 19th

Santa/Elf on a Shelf (Wear Red)

Friday, December 20th

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. 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/737/2023/11/14161754/23.0>

[9-25-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 or feel free to ask Mr. Midge any questions you may have.

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:

December 13th- 3rd & 4th Grade Concert (9:30am- 3rd Grade & 2:00pm- 4th Grade)

December 20th- Last Day of School for Students (Break until January 2nd)

January 2nd- School Resumes

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

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

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

Sincerely,

Ben Midge- Elementary Principal