



Elementary News and Notes

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We have arrived at the last week before our Winter Break! I want to wish each of you and your families a safe and happy Winter Break and Holiday Season! Enjoy some time with friends and family as we take a short break from school activities. I hope this time will reinvigorate and energize you all. We are close to being half done with our school year. While time has been flying, I don't think we are about to slow down much after break.

We have a bit of a break from too many whole school events for a while, besides our Classroom Parties scheduled for this Friday, so I apologize for repeating a few things, but as new items or events come up, I will report on those to you.

Just a reminder that I know we say a lot, but warm clothing is imperative this time of year, please make sure your child(ren) have the right clothing. We do get things left behind in our lost and found, please encourage and remind your child to check for lost items or check in at the office and come look through the items there as it works for you.

Here is a look at the events and happenings at the elementary! This will be my last update to you until next year!

Sharing Tree: Our Sharing Tree has come to an end. We hope to announce a class winner shortly for most non-perishable food donations this year. Monday morning the

food will all be packed up and delivered. It was once again great to see the community come together and support a very important cause this year! May everyone be taken care of at this time of year with the most basic of needs!

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/737/2023/11/14161754/23.09-25-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 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 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