



## Elementary News and Notes

Dear Parents/Guardians,

May is half over and leaves us with just a few more days to go. Our staff has been busy getting grades, classlists, and other odds and ends tied up and ready to go for next school year. We are excited about a few things that will look different for next year. All of these things I will be sharing with you more as we get closer to next school year. Here are some exciting changes coming to the Elementary next school year.

\*Standards Based Grading (This will be a topic all on its own come August/September)

\*Move to Majors/Minors Behavior Charting (No more Pink Slips) Sorry 5th graders!

\*Continued Reading Changes

**Teacher Retirement:** I would like to thank Mrs. Braun for 36 years of teaching service at Dover-Eyota Elementary. She is one of the last that has taught at both the Old Dover Building as well as the newer elementary in Eyota. 36 years is a good long run. Something that I think people will see fewer and fewer doing in one district as time goes on. We appreciate everything that Mrs. Braun has done for the Dover-Eyota School district and wish her well in her days ahead out of the classroom.



**Teacher Leaving:** Ms. Kessler in 5th grade will be leaving for an opportunity that she and her family has to head for Oklahoma. We wish her well in her move across the country. She has done an admirable job as a 5th grade teacher for us this year.

**Hiring:** We will be hiring to replace those leaving as soon as we can. However, we will do everything we can to hire a quality candidate first and foremost. We will be interviewing teachers starting this week to replace the positions needed. We may have some internal movement as well, but the plan is that we will have grade levels set heading into the summer provided we have quality applicants, which we believe we have some at this time.

**Senior Walk-Through:** Wednesday, May 21st we will have our Senior class of 2025 do a final walk-through at the elementary school. This is a great way to both honor and connect with the Senior class and both buildings. I did this activity in my prior job as a K-12 principal and I am glad we have this tradition going on here at Dover-Eyota. Congratulations to the class of 2025!

**Preschool Graduation:** Thursday morning we will hold graduation for Mrs. McNallan and Mrs. Schlueter's preschool classes. It is impressive to see the growth and gains made by our youngest students. We have been especially honored to have worked with those making the jump to Kindergarten next school year!

**3-5 Track & Field:** You know the end is upon us when the track and field day pops up. Friday, May 23rd will be our track and field day in the morning. Come cheer on and support all of our participants during this fun filled morning!



**Try Something New Day:** I am always excited to see what new things will be done on this day. Friday, May 23rd in the afternoon (following track & field and lunch time) we will host Try Something New Day for 4-5 grade.

**Last Week Dress Up:** Join us in dressing up for the last week of school! May 27-29.

Tuesday- Sports Day

Wednesday- Tie Dye Day

Thursday- Hawaiian Day

**Last Week of School Calendar:** Our calendar has not changed through the year in terms of our last week of school at the elementary. However, there are some things everyone is used to that will look different. To highlight that week, here are some things to know.

Monday, May 26-No School; Tuesday, May 27th- Regular Day; Wednesday, May 28th- Starting at 8:00 (no late start); Thursday, May 29th- Full Day (In the past this was an early out). Friday, May 30- No School!

**Upcoming Events:**

**May 22- Preschool Graduation**

**May 23- Track & Field (3rd-5th)**



May 23- Try Something New Day (PM)

May 26- Memorial Day (No School)

May 28- 5th grade Graduation

May 29- Last Day of School (Elementary)

**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