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A Few Things by Jay Slade, Superintendent



Hello everyone and welcome to December. My hope for all of you is that December is filled with family time, giving gifts to loved ones, and overeating on Christmas cookies and leftovers. I also hope that you enjoy some “quiet time”. For our students, I recommend you enjoy the little “holiday break” so you can come back with your batteries charged and ready to tackle the 3rd quarter. Focusing on academic success in school is an important goal, but it is only one way Dakota Prairie Schools strives to make each and every one of our students resourceful, responsible, caring adults. Another way is to focus on our Mission and Vision Statements.

Dakota Prairie Mission Statement:

Educating and empowering lifelong learners

Dakota Prairie Vision Statement:

The Dakota Prairie Community educates and empowers lifelong learners through rigor, responsibility, respect, and relationships.

These simple statements should sum up the educational experience all students feel as they exit our halls and go on to bigger and better opportunities. Because they are so important and should drive how we go about our business, we also should be aware that we need to periodically reevaluate them and possibly put a finer point on our mission and vision statements. Additionally, now that our five-year accreditation review is successfully completed, it is time to take stock on what we do well and what areas of opportunity exist. One of the first steps in evaluating ourselves is to look at, and attempt to improve on, our core values. I would love to hear from our stakeholders and look forward to opinions about our most basic, yet most crucial philosophies here at DP.

For my next topic, I would like to discuss grades and attendance. Students, use these last few weeks of the 2nd quarter to get homework turned in on time, so that you can have as successful of a 1st semester as you can. The same goes for attendance. In looking at our data, our high school attendance is down slightly over the past 5 years. I challenge all students to make being in the building every day a priority. I understand life happens and sometimes it is unavoidable to miss a day here or there. But to insure you have a beneficial educational experience, make your best effort to be present.

For my “almost done” topic I would like to discuss the website. Since September we have been working on, adding, deleting, and tweaking the website and new app so it is more easily navigated. One of the add-ons is the school board information links, as

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well as links to the old minutes and unofficial minutes. Additionally, the board meeting agenda and a Zoom link for school board meetings so people can listen in have also been added. If you would like to address the board, please email jay.slade@k12.nd.us, at least 24 hours prior to the meeting. If there are other items you would like to see added to the website, please reach out.

Lastly, is activities. Our official winter season activities are: Boys basketball, Girls Basketball, Speech, Lego League, E-Sports (Elementary Boys Basketball is just wrapping up at the end of November). Expectations are high for all of our teams as we begin the season. As always, come out and support our student participants as they run, pass, argue, and create on their journey to learning and improving.

Merry Christmas, Happy Holiday, and as always... GO CHARGERS!! GO KNIGHTS!!

LIBRARY NEWS

At the high school, nothing has been saved from the Love or Lemon shelf since the last issue. I'll clear out this round and keep going through the shelf list and making room for new items. Withdrawn books will be out for students and staff to pick through in January.

At the elementary school, the fifth graders have been working on a project to label the nonfiction shelves of the library. They were partnered up and sent over to an assigned shelf to see what content stood out, might be popular, or the general idea of what might be found there. Then they reported back to me and tried to come up with an image that might represent that. They searched the internet, saved a photo, and airdropped it to me from their iPads. I downloaded them on my computer and edited the images to 2 inches wide, printed, laminated, and cut them out. The weather prevented us from placing the first ones, but the students are excited to see their work on display. I'm excited to see how the younger kids react to the visual aids and utilize their work locating nonfiction subjects.

In other elementary news, the book fair is coming to Dakota Prairie Elementary the first week of December. **Family Night will be held Thursday, December 5.** Students may make purchases until Friday afternoon, then I must pack it up and get the unsold items back to Scholastic (and drive to Sioux Falls for Christmas). Items in this fair cater more to the holiday season and current trends. The BOGO Fair is scheduled for April 28-May 2. One recent development for Scholastic Book Fairs is the use of eWallet. Just login and create an account for your family/student to allow your student electronic funds. You can also share the link with friends and family if they would like to add to the funds. From my understanding, unspent funds can be used at the next book fair.

Keep reading!

SJ

Book Fair Schedule

Monday: Preview Day. (No purchases.)

Tuesday: Regular Library Class Rotation. First day of sales.

Wednesday: Regular Library Class Rotation. Sales open 2pm-3pm.

Thursday: Regular Library Class Rotation. **Family Night 4-7.**

Friday: Final sales 2pm-3pm.



NELSON COUNTY BAND AND CHOIR SCHEDULE

Winter concert (Petersburg) - December 3rd (6:00)

UND honor festival - January 24th - 26th

Music trip - March 14th - 17th

Solo ensemble - early April

State Music - May 3rd

Spring concert (Lakota) - the week before finals

We appreciate all of the parents that took the time to take the Climate and Culture survey. **(Results on pages 20-21)** We use the results to help guide our school.

Also, the winners of the gift cards for completing the survey were: Kristen Blasey - HS and Heather Stein - Elementary. Congratulations, and thank you!

The DP Leadership Team



High School Concert
@ Petersburg
Tuesday, December 3rd
6:00 pm



Elementary Concert
@ McVille
Wednesday, December 11th
1:00 pm

Reminder:
Students will be dismissed
at **1:30 pm** on
Friday, December 20th

Dakota Prairie High School will be hosting a speech meet in Petersburg on Saturday, January 18th. A number of area schools will be attending to compete in the tournament. If you are interested in helping out, judging, or just checking out the vibe, please reach out to Miss Johnson via email at sarah.a.johnson@k12.nd.us or call the HS between 8 and 8:40.



Remind codes

7th Grade @dp7thgrade

8th Grade @grade8dp

DPHS Announcements @dphsann

On the App. Choose Join class. Enter code.

Don't want to download to see? DPHS Daily Announcements are also available on Power School. Contact Lori T for more info.

STUDENT ACCOLADES



CONGRATULATIONS AXEL ANDERSON on being selected to the North Dakota 9-Man All State 2nd Team! That's a great accomplishment and an awesome way to represent Nelson County.



THREE CHARGERS VOLLEYBALL SENIORS ended their volleyball careers in an exciting fashion. Nevaeh Huso recorded her 1,000th assist in the regional game vs. Benson County. Congratulations, Nevaeh!!



CONGRATULATIONS TO BRANDI LIPPERT AND BROOKE WATKINS for being selected to the Region 4 All Region Volleyball Team. An awesome way to end your high school volleyball careers. Thank you for all of your hard work with in the volleyball program these past years.

Brandi Lippert recorded her 500th career dig against Harvey Wells County on October 10th.
 Brooke Watkins recorded her 500th career dig against Benson County in Maddock on October 24th.
 Mya Luehring recorded her 500th career dig against New Rockford-Sheyenne on October 29th.

Good work ladies, what an exciting accomplishment!



SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS

- ◆ Mr. Todd Jorde—President
- ◆ Mr. David Blasey
- ◆ Mrs. Sarah Anderson
- ◆ Mr. Charlie Stein
- ◆ Mrs. Jennifer Rusten

DAKOTA PRAIRIE PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2024 7:00 P.M.

DAKOTA PRAIRIE MCVILLE ELEMENTARY

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chairperson Dave Blasey with members Jennifer Rusten, Sarah Anderson and Charlie Stein present. Todd Jorde entered the meeting at 7:07 Also present, Superintendent Jay Slade, Principals Dr. Jackie Bye, Clay Johnson and business manager Lori Dahl.

The minutes, bills and financials were sent out to the board members.

Motion by Charlie Stein Second by Sarah Anderson to approve the minutes as printed, the bills for payment and the financial reports as presented. All in favor motion carried.

Staff request to address the board from Kip Hovdenes regarding the audio video club. Mr. Hovdenes gave the board information on the number of students he has had attending weekly. He also gave the board information on the projects they have produced to date. He proposed that the group be allowed to produce the board meetings. He also let the board know that he has received 2 donations from one the McVillage American Legion and one from the Tolna American legion for subscriptions and equipment.

Activity Director’s Fall Report:

Taylor Sand was present and reported on the volleyball program. The season went well, she was pleased, there were 60 participants. She let the board know what she would like for improvements to the program, and requested the possibility of an additional coach.

Mr. Slade reported for football, their season ended in the first round of the playoffs, and they had some equipment requests.

The One Act Play competed today with 10 participants in Jamestown they took 3rd out of 3, but came home with 2 distinguished actors and 2 honorable mentions

Elementary Principals Report: Veterans Day Program, Christmas Concert is scheduled for December 11 at 1pm and will be PK-6, American Education Week, RAP-T program for Paras we have 1 para enrolled, it is a way to address a teacher shortage. The billing for the PreK program has went very well 9 families paid for the full year due to discount. Community Out Reach-the student council has been collecting food items and delivered to the Michigan Food Pantry

High School Principal: Try to have something every week to keep their attention, fun things, the 7 mind sets did a talent show at the McVillage nursing home. Parent Teacher conference discussions have brought up some suggestions for changes, the Cognia Review went well, they ended the day at the high school they were impressed with the opportunities our kids have. Also, in the discussions held with teachers and students, the use of the same adjectives to describe the school was commended.

Mr. Slade stated that the Cognia team was made up of 4 evaluators from large and small schools, they were positive about both buildings, we have no areas that we have to improve, just some suggestions. It was a very positive review, and Mr. Slade commended Mr. Johnson, Mrs. Traci Sand and Dr. Bye, they did a wonderful job preparing for it.

NDSBA policies to amend: there are 3 to discuss ABEA, DBBA and FFB. DBBA will be researched more, and a call made to NDSBA for clarification!

The policy committee recommended the first reading of the following policies: - AAC, ABDA, ABEA, ABEA-AR2, ABEC, ACBA, ACBB, ACEA, ACF, BA-BR2, BDD, DEAA, DGGA, FAAA, FCAF, FFB, FFD, FFE, FFK, FGA, FGDD, GAAD, GACB, GCAA, GCBA, HBAA, HCAA, HCAE, HEAA, HEBD, IDC

1st reading: Motion by Jennifer Rusten Second by Dave Blasey to have the first reading on the following policies: - AAC, ABDA, ABEA, ABEA-AR2, ABEC, ACBA, ACBB, ACEA, ACF, BA-BR2, BDD, DEAA, DGGA, FAAA, FCAF, FFB, FFD, FFE, FFK, FGA, FGDD, GAAD, GACB, GCAA, GCBA, HBAA, HCAA, HCAE, HEAA, HEBD, IDC. All in favor, motion carried.

The following policies were presented last month, and are now up for 2nd reading. AAC-BR1, AAC-BR2, ABEB, FDB-BR, FDH-BR1, FDH-BR2, FFK-BR, FGA-BR1, GAAE, GACG, GCC, KAB-1, KAB-BR-KAB-E

Motion by Sarah Anderson Second Jennifer Rusten to approve the 2nd reading of the following policies: AAC-BR1, AAC-BR2, ABEB, FDB-BR, FDH-BR1, FDH-BR2, FFK-BR, FGA-BR1, GAAE, GACG, GCC, KAB-1, KAB-BR-KAB-E. All in favor, motion carried.

Open Enrollment and tuition waiver for 2 Lakota students, 1st grader and 3rd grader, Dr. Bye 1st grade is no hardship, 3rd is a high needs class and adding another student will be a hardship, we have no extra staff.

Motion by Charlie Stein, second by Jennifer Rusten, to deny the tuition waiver for the balance of the 24-25 school year but approve the open enrollment for the 24-25 year so planning can be done to accommodate the students. All in favor, motion carried.

Supt. Evaluation was completed at this time.

Next board meeting December 11, 2024 7:00 p.m.

The board again discussed the proposal to broadcast the board meetings. The majority of the board was ok with using zoom, but were reluctant to post on YouTube. They would like to go slow with the process.

Motion Dave Blasey to adjourn.

HIGH SCHOOL NEWS



Season's Greetings,

I hope November's storm wasn't too harsh and the approaching Christmas season brings all of you cheer and hopes for a healthy break. I know it's not a popular opinion, but I like winter. It's a clean season. The air is crisp, the days are short, and it's acceptable to go to bed early in the extra hours of darkness. It's a good time to reset and recharge before spring invariably springs her busy trap onto all of us.

We have had a great year thus far at the high school. We have really worked hard on having a lot of activities for the students to participate in. From the festivities of Homecoming to spookiness of Halloween, the fall semester has been a frenzy of fun activities. The student body has been respectful and engaged, all the while taking their coursework and testing seriously.

Speaking of academics, we will have our second round of NDA+ testing in the second week of December. I am excited to keep building on the success that our students have found and build the database to make informed decisions on the direction of our curriculum and instruction. One activity we started to take on was compile this material into a student portfolio. Over time, we will hopefully have testing data, soft skill report cards, career aspirations, and examples of work for students to show off at conferences. Of course, one thing at a time.

A topic that often comes up at any school around the state and specifically at DPHS is the topic of attendance. I feel very passionately about the importance of being at school for many reasons. To begin with, study after study correlates the success of students in high school and post high school with a higher attendance rate starting in the first grade. The earlier a student demonstrates chronic absenteeism, the higher likelihood of that student dropping out, being retained, or failing courses throughout their academic journey. Although student work is online with Teams, it's not a replacement for in person learning. We offer ten days a semester as a limit to what can be missed. We also offer ways to make this time up, but that part has to be a commitment of the student.

Not only is the academic piece important for a student, but it's equally, if not more important, to be surrounded by people you know and care about. Dakota Prairie Schools recently just went through our accreditation process, and both students and faculty used the phrases to describe these schools: "Family, fun, caring, and community." In a world where we are encouraged to isolate, it's reassuring that both the staff and students feel there are buildings to send your kids to connect, communicate, and learn.

Enjoy this winter season. Take that afternoon nap. Drink that extra cup of coffee. Slow down and take in some fresh air.

Take care,

Mr. Johnson

KNIGHTS OF THE MONTH ~ OCTOBER

Eighth grader, Cheyenne Forde is the daughter of Rebecca and Steve Forde. She is active in volleyball, choir, One-Act Play and the spring play. She said she doesn't have a favorite class yet. When asked about her role model, Cheyenne said upperclassman, Emily Hurt. "She is a good friend and she's funny to talk to." Cheyenne said her favorite book is *Wings of Fire: Flames of Hope* by Tui T. Sutherland. Her favorite movie is *Garfield: The Movie*.



Sophomore, Alex Gibbs is the daughter of Larissa and Garrett Harding. She is active in volleyball, basketball, and yearbook. She said her favorite class is Geometry. "I enjoy math and geometry when I understand it." When asked about her role model, Alex said her mom. "She works hard for everything and has worked hard for the life she has." Alex said her favorite book is *The Outsiders* by S.E. Hinton. Her favorite TV show is *Friends*.



The NC Charger Music Department had a great day on Halloween with two performances.



8th graders went to the McVille Care Center and held a talent show for this month's 7 mindsets "everything is possible." Kids had the month to choose a talent and practice to prepare for the show. Some of the talents were drawing, beat-boxing, gymnastics, juggling, singing, and origami. Great job, 8B!

Scrubs Camp 2024

Article submitted by Mr. Dustin Martin

On Wednesday, October 30th, the 9th grade class went to a Scrubs Camp hosted by the Nelson County Health System Hospital in McVille. The hospital graciously hosted. This was a fun day for our students to not only learn more about careers in healthcare, but also how a hospital and healthcare works.



Scholarship Season Approaches

Article submitted by Ms. Kelsey Beckstrom

Scholarship season will begin January 1st and run through April 15th. I've encouraged the seniors to stop in and comb through my list of scholarship with me (I have hundreds). Our local scholarships are all mainly due March-April and are not typically available to apply to until closer to that time. Does your senior tell you nothing? It's not uncommon for them to start becoming more independent. I can set up a Teams call or meet with you to narrow down through these scholarships and determine which ones will be worth your teen's time.

I don't have many for juniors. However, there is one \$25,000 scholarship I've had a junior win the last two years. I will speak with those juniors who are qualified to apply.

DPNHS November Blood Drive Results

Article submitted by Ms. Kelsey Beckstrom

Here are the results:

24/34 appointments filled

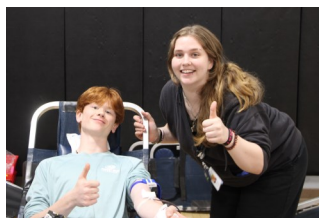
24 volunteers

13 successful donors

2 first time donors – way to go!

15 total products

Students who donate or attempt to can qualify for a special cord to be worn at graduation. Students can donate anywhere to be eligible. If a student has a medical condition and cannot donate, they can volunteer at any blood drive and be eligible for a cord. Students who are 16 years and older are eligible to donate.



TEACHER SPOTLIGHT: MRS. TRACI SAND'S REVIEW



Traci Sand has been and continues to be an instrumental staff member and leader at Dakota Prairie School District. The evidence for this statement stems from her earliest teacher evaluation in 1996 where Principal Forde stated Mrs. Sand “always keeps her students best interest in mind” to her leadership over these past two Cognia Review cycles. During the past 6 months or so, you have heard much discussion about the Cognia Review and that it is coming. Now that it complete and early indicators are we did quite well, I wanted you to hear from the person who is crucial is our “doing great” with this entire process and some specifics about the Cognia process:

Planning for the future is an essential process for any organization. Planning helps the organization embrace inevitable change, stay current, relevant, and proactive versus reactive or stagnant. Dakota Prairie School District has been, and continues to be, committed to making data driven decisions to ensure continuous improvement and accountability. A leadership team has been established to help in the process of not only planning, but also using best practices towards information gained from data collection. For Dakota Prairie, our Leadership Team consists of Clay Johnson, Jackie Bye, Jay Slade, and Traci Sand. Led by the leadership team, the district engages in a comprehensive process of evaluation and accreditation. The state of North Dakota requires all public school districts to use the Cognia School Improvement and Accreditation Model to evaluate, give recommendations, and ultimately grant accreditation. Cognia uses three standards and corresponding indicators to assess overall school district performance. Those standards are: Leadership Capacity, Learning Capacity, Resource Capacity. Additionally, districts are required to create a living document that focuses on communication of goals, priorities needed to achieve these goals, achievements, and ways to measure process called a Strategic Plan. The Strategic Plan outlines Dakota Prairie’s mission, vision, values, and initiatives over a 3 to 5 year period. Plans are required to be submitted to the state on a yearly basis. With recent changes, an evaluation team created by Cognia does an extensive review of the district every 6 years. The purpose of this review is to rate, provide feedback, and ultimately approve/recommend accreditation to the state of North Dakota. Prior to this visit, the leadership team is required to submit data and narratives from analyzed surveys, student performance, and stakeholder engagement.

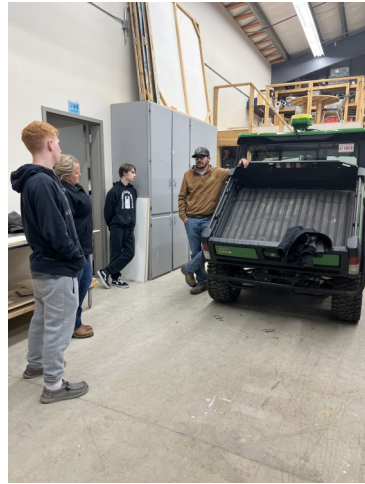
Dakota Prairie Schools completed this process in mid-November and we are now waiting to hear our official results. At the time of the review, we received very high marks from the Cognia visitation team, especially regarding student’s engagement and us creating a healthy and rewarding educational environment. Once we receive the final results, we will then meet to go over the information and form another Strategic Plan we can implement.

For American Education Week, Mr. Rose dressed up for Future Career Day as a gamer. Giggles followed him all throughout the day.



Foreign exchange student, Zhanbibi “Bibi” Allayar presented to Mr. Larson’s World History class about her home country, Kazakhstan.





Leading Edge spoke to our construction tech class about the technology that is advancing on their machines. They brought along a Gator which features several of these upgrades. Preston Brossart ('24 graduate) gave Mr. Hovdenes a joy ride through Petersburg to "test" out the features. We also got to see how John Deere can remotely help farmers quickly by locating their equipment using GPS and logging into their tractor's computers.



Jessica and Peggy from ND Job Service spoke to our seniors about how they can help with resumes, finding a job and paying for college. One program called WOIA was the main focus of their presentation. WOIA pays students up to \$16,000 to go to college. Students must select a major from their list (it's a long list!). Some majors include: teaching, dental assistants, IT, engineers, airplane mechanic, chefs, electricians, cosmetology, welders, police, and paralegals.



The Army recruiters visited with students during lunch. Cara suggested a push ups competition which she rocked! A few other students stepped up but none were victorious.



10th graders participated in the annual North Valley Career Expo at the Alerus Center. Over 1500 students from all over attend this event. It's a high energy, jump right into it, hands on learning event. It features high demand careers in our area including HVAC, lineworkers, letter carriers, firefighters, engineering, and many more.



Dakota Prairie High School

Virtual Learning Schedule

8:00-9:40: *Teacher Office Hours*

9:45 –9:55: Knight Time

10:00-10:25: 1st hour

10:30-10:55: 2nd hour

11:00-11:25: 3rd hour

11:30-11:55: 4th hour

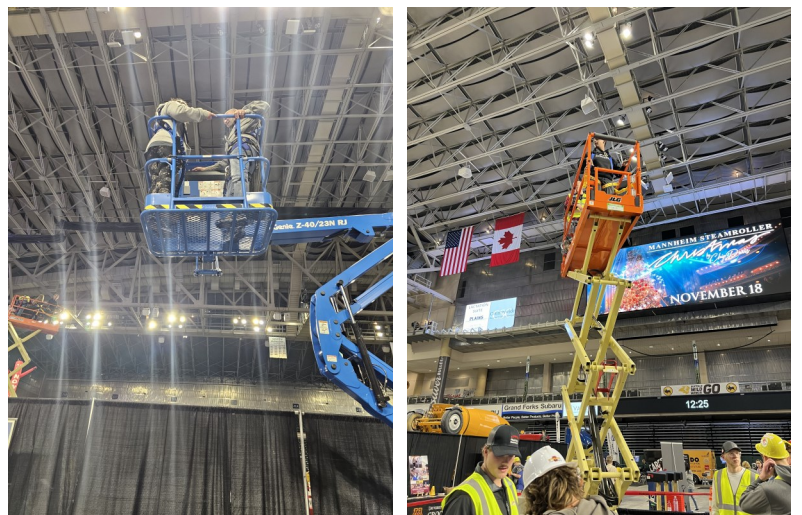
Lunch Break 12:00-1:00

1:05-1:30: 5th hour

1:35-2:00: 6th hour

2:05-2:30: 7th hour

2:35-3:30: *Teacher Office Hours*



Elementary News

FROM THE DESK OF DR. JACKIE BYE

Happy Holidays! As the year draws to a close, I'd like to share some highlights from November and update you on the exciting activities planned for December.



In November our students proudly, honored local Veterans with a heartfelt Veterans Day Program. The student's performances were wonderful and it was amazing to see such a great turnout from families and community members. Thank you to everyone who attended.

We want to thank the parents who came and talked to students about their careers and the education needed for their career, during American Education Week, November 18-22. Another fun activity for that week was having the senior class come and read to the elementary students.

The 5th/6th grade boys' basketball team just finished their season. Throughout the season there was lots of improvement in the play of the 5th grade and 6th grade boys. Throughout the season the boys worked on basketball skills and even more importantly learned about teamwork. Both are very important skills to build upon as they move forward with sports. I encourage them to keep practicing after the season ends, so they are ready for next year. The boys were coached by Jason Beglau.



The 6th graders were Tayte Blasey, Ly'Andre Botner, Aiden Donohue, Trace Flaagan, Roscoe Gordon, Keaton Henke, Brandt Landeis, Hunter Schock and Ben Walter. The 5th grade players were Rhett Messner, Nash Avdem, Yehor Gushan, Joe Hoffarth, Nolan Lundebly, and Emmitt Engen.



In November the Elementary Student Council spearheaded a food drive for the Michigan Food Pantry. Each Wednesday students can wear a specific fun item to school if they bring a specific food pantry item. All of the students have done a great job remembering to bring items to donate. The first two weeks we brought over 68 pounds in boxes of cereal and macaroni and cheese!

Looking ahead, December brings another opportunity for students to give back. The Elementary Student Council will be collecting items for our Senior Citizen Christmas Basket project. Each year the Dakota Prairie Elementary Student Council partners with Eastern Plains Human Service Zone to provide gifts baskets to the senior citizens in Nelson County, who may not have family around to remember them during the holiday season. We want to help brighten their holiday, and this is also a great way to teach our students how to help support a wonderful cause. As with all projects, please don't feel you have to donate. These are all voluntary and part of life skill lessons we teach students. Nobody is keeping track of who brings items or how many.

There is no contest about who brings the most. It's okay for students to also learn the life skill of sometimes they are unable to participate for some reason, and that's okay too.



Don't forget our **Christmas Concert** is on **December 11 at 1:00 PM** for **PK–6th** grade. It's a wonderful way to get into the holiday spirit. The students and Ms. Bina love performing and always put on a fantastic show.

The first semester ends on **December 20**. **Report cards will be sent home when school resumes on January 6**. You can check PowerSchool any time to see your child's progress and what grades have been posted. You can also reach out to your child's teacher with questions about how your child is doing in school. I do ask that you respect their off time in the evenings and weekends and not send them a text or remind message on text. You can always email them and they will see that for sure when they get to school and can respond. So, unless it is an emergency, or they have arranged with you to help with some questions in the evening, let them have their evenings with their families. The remind app is an awesome communication tool, but sometimes it makes it too convenient to quickly send a message that could be asked at another time.

Thank you for your continued support, and I wish you and your family a wonderful holiday season! My goal is for school to be an awesome part of every child's day! A place where students feel happy, safe, cared about and are engaged in learning. Also a place where parents, and community members feel welcome. If you ever have any questions or concerns, please reach out to me. You can call 701-322-4771 or email me Jackie.bye@k12.nd.us or stop by the elementary school. **Happy New Year and Have a Wonderful 2025!!**

Elementary News



The Taxman of Fargo has blessed the 4th grade with a yearlong monthly book give away. We are so lucky to have them supporting us.

AR Awards

October 2024

25 Points

Olive Folven
Karsen Harding

100 Points

Elijah Nail
Lily Walter

200 Points

Calla Naas

Student Council Christmas Baskets

The Dakota Prairie Elementary Student Council is partnering with Eastern Plains Human Service Zone to provide Christmas baskets to the senior citizens of Nelson County to brighten their holiday season.

We are going to have a collection drive for each class for some of the more common items. Please see the list for what your class could bring. Get a Christmas treat for each item you bring. Please drop off in the office, or with your teacher, anytime **before Friday, December 13.**

The Elementary Student Council will use fundraising money to purchase some of the other items on the list.

Preschool: Chapstick or Hand Sanitizer

Kindergarten: Unscented Lotion or Soap

1ST Grade: Large Print Word Search or Crossword Puzzles or Suduko

2ND Grade: Candy, Nuts, or Crackers

3RD Grade: Colored Pencils, Markers, or Crayons

4TH Grade: Tea and/or Hot Chocolate

5TH Grade: Adult Coloring Books

6TH Grade: Toothbrushes, Toothpaste

Suggested Items:

Adult Coloring Books/

Large Print Word Search

Nuts

Crackers

Gender Neutral Socks/Gloves/Hats

Unscented Lotions/Soaps

Toothpaste/Toothbrushes

Hand Sanitizer

Colored Pencils/Markers/Crayons

Suduko/Crossword Puzzles

Candy

Puzzles

Tea/Hot Chocolate

Chapstick

Small Blankets

Manicure/Hygiene Sets

If you would like to donate any items from the list below, please drop them off at the elementary school in McVille by Friday, December 13, 2024.



Enjoying the first snow

VIRTUAL LEARNING SCHEDULE 2024-2025

Dakota Prairie Elementary

TO JOIN ZOOM: Go to your classroom teacher's webpage on the school website (<https://www.dakota-prairie.k12.nd.us>). Once you are on your teacher's page you will see directions and a link for your classroom teacher. The links for different teachers you have classes with in a school day will also be found on your classroom teacher's webpage.

PK: POEHLS
1st : KLEFSTAD
3rd : GUNDERSON
5th : KUEBER

K: TAYLOR SAND
2nd: LOFSTROM
4th : AVDEM
6th : OLSON

K: STEIN
2nd : COX
5th: BEGLAU

8:00-8:40: Teacher Office Hours & Student Special Education Minutes

- Parents, please contact the teacher via REMIND, or email before 8:30 if your child cannot ZOOM for the day. Attendance is taken for Virtual Learning days. Your child will be counted absent if you do not contact the teacher.
- Your child's IEP case manager (*Mrs. Walter, Mrs. Corby or Mrs. Brodell*) will contact you about the assigned time to ZOOM for special education & speech minutes.

8:40-9:20: ZOOM CLASSES

PK-5TH GRADE READING-L. ARTS 6TH GRADE MATH

9:40-10:20: ZOOM CLASSES

PK, KIND & 1ST GRADE MATH 2ND GRADE SCIENCE
 3RD – 4TH GRADE MATH 5TH GRADE SCIENCE
 6TH GRADE READ-L. ARTS

10:40-11:20: ZOOM CLASSES

5TH GRADE MATH 2ND GRADE MATH
 PK, K, 1ST GRADE, 3RD GRADE, 4TH GRADE, 6TH GRADE
 HEALTH/SOCIAL STUDIES/SCIENCE (*Teacher Decide the Subject for the Day*)

11:20-12:30: DINNER BREAK

12:30-4:00: SEE DIRECTIONS BELOW

12:30-4:00: ZOOM AVAILABILITY & RESPONSIBILITY

- WORK ON MUSIC AND PHY ED ACTIVITY LIST**
 - Must be completed, signed and returned according to directions.
- SPECIAL EDUCATION & SPEECH ASSIGNED MEETING TIMES**
- TEACHER OFFICE HOURS:**
 - You can check in with their teacher if you have any questions about assignments and/or to get extra help with work you do not understand.
- SPECIAL ZOOM TIME ACTIVITIES TO CHOOSE FROM**

SPECIAL ZOOM ACTIVITIES

MS. BINA WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THESE TIMES FOR YOU TO ZOOM WITH HER FOR THE SPECIAL ACTIVITIES LISTED BELOW AT THOSE TIMES. **THESE ARE AVAILABLE IF YOU CHOOSE TO PARTICIPATE.**

- YOU CAN ZOOM WITH HER TO PRACTICE FLASHCARD HEART WORDS OR MATH FACTS. THIS MIGHT ONLY TAKE 10 MINUTES, OR LONGER.
- YOU CAN PRACTICE READING A SHORT STORY TO HER.
- DURING STORYTIME SHE WILL READ YOU A STORY.

12:30-12:50: STORYTIME WITH MS. BINA

GRADES PK-K-1ST

1:00-1:40: MS. BINA: OPEN FOR PRACTICE TIME

GRADES K-3RD

2:00-2:20: STORYTIME WITH MS. BINA

GRADES 2ND - 4TH

2:30-3:10: MS. BINA: OPEN FOR PRACTICE TIME

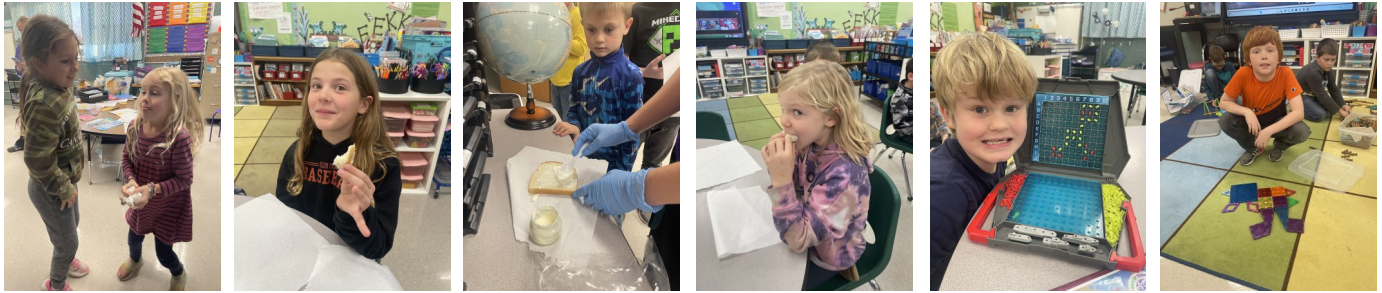
GRADES: 4TH - 6TH

Elementary News

For American Education Week, seniors and a few others went to the elementary school on Thursday, November 21st and read to elementary classes. The students loved to see the big kids.

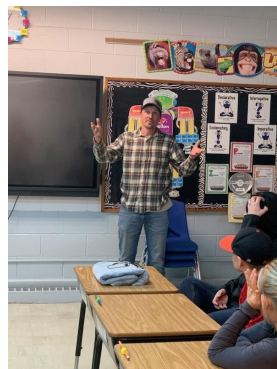


Knight Academy had so much fun in November! After reading a story about a clever turkey, these even more clever students helped to camouflage a turkey and then created one out of materials they found in the classroom. We also designed fishing poles rescue a turkey from a "pond", created turkey treats, and even made butter. There were some fancy dance moves as they shook it up!



Welcome back Mrs. Lofstrom! Good-bye Mrs. Ferguson!

Students in Mrs. Lofstrom's 2nd grade are excited to have their real teacher back after her maternity leave. On November 27, they said goodbye to their substitute, Mrs. Ferguson. Mrs. Lofstrom says although she misses her baby boy, Waylon, she is happy to be back with her 2nd graders. She is busy catching up with all the things the 2nd graders learned while she was gone.



We were lucky to have parents come in and talk to our students about their education and professions during American Education Week. Thank you so much!



Elementary News

DAKOTA PRAIRIE ELEMENTARY CONCERTS & EVENTS 2024-2025

ELEMENATARY CONCERTS

Wednesday, December 11	Christmas	1:00	PK-6
Wednesday, February 12	Valentine	1:00	PK-3
Tuesday, March 18	Midwinter Follies	7:00	4-6
Tuesday, April 29	“The Big Show” Preschool Program	1:00	PK
Tuesday, May 13	Spring Concert	7:00	K-6

GRADUATIONS AND OTHER EVENTS

Valentine Box Decorating	Wednesday, February 12	2:00
Spring Fling Talent Show	Friday, May 2	6:30
Elementary Color Run Fundraiser	Friday, May 9	1:00
Kindergarten Graduation	Tuesday, May 20	10:00
6th Grade Graduation	Tuesday, May 20	2:00
Book Fairs	December 2-5	
	April 28-May 2	

**Other events may be added throughout the year. Please watch the monthly Knight Reader and newsletters being sent home for future events, and more information.*

2024 DP High School Fall Climate and Culture Survey Results

Staff (5)

Highest Scoring Positive Item(s):

C3: Which four of the following words or phrases best describe, in general, what you think of your colleagues?

-Caring(100%) -Honest(100%) -Fun(100%)

C4: Which four of the following words best describe, in general, the interactions you have with other staff at your school?

-Respectful(100%) -Helpful(80%)

Highest Scoring Negative Item(s):

C2: Which four of the following words or phrases best describe how you feel, in general, when trying to complete your responsibilities while at work? - Hectic(60%)

Teachers (16)

Highest Scoring Positive Item(s):

C4: Which four of the following words or phrases best describe, in general, what you think of your colleagues?

-Caring(94%) -Fun(75%)

C6: Which four of the following words best describe the interactions you have with other teachers at your school?

-Supportive(88%) -Respectful(88%)

Highest Scoring Negative Item(s):

C3: Which four of the following words or phrases best describe how you feel, in general, when trying to complete your responsibilities while at work? -Hectic(69%)

Parent(15)

Highest Scoring Positive Item(s):

C3: Which four of the following words describe, in general, the interactions YOU have with staff at your child's school?

-Respectful(60%) -Supportive(53%)

Highest Scoring Negative Item(s):

C2: Which four of the following words describe, in general, the kinds of things your child is most often DOING while at school?

-Listening to the teacher(47%) - Completing worksheets(47%)

Students Grades 7-12 (114)

Highest Scoring Positive Item(s):

C4: Which four of the following words describe, in general, what you think of your teachers?

-Fun(64%) -Caring(63%) -Honest(63%)

C7: Which four of the following words best describe, in general, the interactions you have with adults at your school?

-Respectful(73%) -Supportive(64%)

Highest Scoring Negative Item(s):

C9: Which four of the following words or phrases best describe, in general, how you feel while at school?

-Tired(63%) -Bored(52%)

2024 Fall DP Elementary Climate and Culture Survey Results

Staff (11)

Highest Scoring Positive Item(s):

C1: Which four of the following words or phrases best describe, in general, the expectations for students at your school? -Students are learning(100%) -Students are able to explain(91%)

C3: Which four of the following words or phrases best describe, in general, what you think of your colleagues? -Caring(91%) -Fun(82%)

Highest Scoring Negative Item(s):

C2: Which four of the following words or phrases best describe how you feel, in general, when trying to complete your responsibilities while at work? -Hectic(64%) -Never enough time(64%)

Teacher (10)

Highest Scoring Positive Item(s):

C1: Which four of the following words or phrases best describe, in general, the expectations for students at your school? -Students are learning(100%) -Students understand(90%) -Students are able to explain(90%)

C7: Which four of the following words or phrases best describe, in general, the physical spaces in which you spend most of your time while at your school? -Inviting(90%) -Comfortable(80%)

C6: Which four of the following words or phrases best describe the interactions you have with other teachers at your school? -Supportive(80%) -Helpful(80%) -Collaborative(80%)

Highest Scoring Negative Item(s):

C3: Which four of the following words or phrases best describe how you feel, in general, when trying to complete your responsibilities while at work? -Rushed(60%) -Hectic(60%)

Parent (32)

Highest Scoring Positive Item(s):

C3: Which four of the following words describe, in general, the interactions YOU have with staff at your child's school? -Supportive(69%) -Respectful(59%) -Helpful(59%)

Highest Scoring Negative Item(s):

C2: Which four of the following words or phrases best describe, in general, the kinds of things your child is most often DOING while at school?

-Listening to teacher(66%) -Completing worksheets(69%)

Students Grades 3-5/6 (92)

Highest Scoring Positive Item(s):

C1/C4: Which four of the following words or phrases describe, in general, what you think of your teachers? -Caring(84/84%) -Honest(88/74%)

Highest Scoring Negative Item(s):

C3/C9: Which four of the following words would best describe, in general, how you feel while at school? -Tired(44/47%) -Bored(47%)



Nelson County Chargers Girls Basketball Schedule 2024-2025

Date	Opponent	Location	Teams	Time
November 18 th	First practice	McVile	JH/JV/V	4:00pm
November 30 th	Harvey/Wells County	McVile	JH/JV/V	11:00am
December 2 nd	Cavalier	Cavalier	JV/V	5:30pm
December 5,6,7	Lake Region Tournament	Devils Lake	V	TBD
December 10 th	Langdon Area E/M	Langdon	JH/JV/V	4:30pm
December 12 th	North Star	Cando	JH/JV/V	4:30pm
December 14 th	Richland	Lakota	JV/V	11:00am
December 16 th	Midway-Minto	Midway	JH/JV/V	4:00pm
December 20 th	MPCG	AWAY	JH/JV/V	4:00pm
January 7 th	Benson County	Leeds	JH/JV/V	4:30pm
January 4 th	Larimore	McVile	JH/JV/V	12:00pm
January 10 th	Warwick	McVile	JV/V	5:00pm
January 11 th	JH Jamboree	Lakota	JH	9:00am
January 14 th	Hatton-Northwood	Northwood	JH/JV/V	4:30pm
January 18 th	Enderlin	Enderlin	JV/V	12:00pm
January 28 th	New Rockford-Sheyenne	New Rockford	JH/JV/V	4:30pm
February 1 st	Drayton/Valley-Edinburg	McVile	JH/JV/V	11:00am
February 3 rd	Park River/Fordville-Lankin	McVile	JH/JV/V	4:30pm
February 11 th	Griggs-Midkota	Lakota	JH/JV/V	4:30pm
February 14,15,17	District Tournament	Northwood	V	TBD
February 24,25,27	Regional Tournament	Devils Lake	V	TBD
March 6,7,8	State Tournament	Jamestown	V	TBD



Nelson County Chargers Boys Basketball Schedule 2024-2025

Date	Opponent	Location	Teams	Time
December 14 th	Richland	Lakota	JV/V	11:00am
December 19 th	Midway-Minto	Minto	7/8/C/JV/V	3:30pm
January 2-3-4	Ramsey County Tournament	Devils Lake	V	TBD
January 7 th	Drayton/Valley-Edinburg	Edinburg	JH/JV/V	4:30pm
January 9 th	North Star	Lakota	JH/JV/V	4:30pm
January 11 th	JH Jamboree	Cooperstown	JH	9:00am
January 13 th	Langdon Area E/M	Lakota	7/8/JV/V	4:00pm
January 16 th	Griggs-Midkota	McVile	7/8/JV/V	4:00pm
January 18 th	Enderlin	Enderlin	JV/V	12:00pm
January 20-24-25	JV Tournament	Minto	JV	TBD
January 21 st	Benson County	Leeds	7/8/JV/V	4:00pm
January 23 rd	May-Port-C-G	McVile	7/8/JV/V	4:00pm
January 27 th	New Rockford-Sheyenne	New Rockford	7/8/JV/V	3:30pm
January 30 th	Warwick	McVile	JH/JV/V	4:00pm
February 6 th	North Border	Pembina	JV/V	5:00pm
February 8 th	Park River/Fordville-Lankin	Park River	JH/JV/V	11:00am
February 10 th	Hatton-Northwood	Hatton	7/8/JV/V	4:00pm
February 18 th	Larimore	Larimore	7/8/JV/V	4:00pm
February 20 th	Cavalier	Lakota	JV/V	5:30pm
Feb/March 28-3-4	District Tournament	New Rockford	V	TBD
March 10-11-13	Regional Tournament	Devils Lake	V	TBD
March 20-21-22	State Tournament	Minot	V	TBD

December 2024

December 3: High School Concert @ Petersburg 6pm

December 5: Book Fair Family Night @ McVile 4-7pm

December 11: Elementary Concert @ McVile 1pm

School Board Meeting @ 7pm

December 20: Early out @ 1:30 pm

End of Second Semester

January 6, 2025 - Students Return to School

**PLEASE CHECK THE DAKOTA PRAIRIE HOME PAGE
FOR THE MOST CURRENT ACTIVITIES SCHEDULES**

<https://www.dakota-prairie.k12.nd.us>

Future Dates of Interest

Nov 27—Early out @ 1:30 pm

Nov 28 & 29— No school: Thanksgiving

Dec 20—Early out @ 1:30 pm

Jan 3—Teacher Work Day

Jan 6—First Day of Second Semester

Jan 20—Teacher in-service in McVile

Feb 10—No school: Mid-winter Break

Mar 6 & 7 —Snow Days. No school, unless needed.

Mar 17—Parent-Teacher Conferences @ DPE 2-8

Mar 19-21— No school: Spring Break

Apr 18—No school: Good Friday

Apr 21—No school: Easter Monday

May 23—Last Day of School

May 25—Graduation



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