

# DELWOOD

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## Important Dates

### Wednesday, October 11

Early Dismissal 1:30pm  
Parent-Teacher Conferences  
2:00-6:00pm

### Thursday, October 12

Early Dismissal 1:30pm  
Parent-Teacher Conferences  
2:00-8:00pm

### Friday, October 13

NO SCHOOL

### Monday, October 16

School Board Meeting 5:30pm

### Tuesday, October 17

Fall Pictures

### Friday, November 10

Veterans Day Program  
10:30am

### Monday, November 20

School Board Meeting 5:30pm

### Wed-Fri, November 22-24

NO SCHOOL - Thanksgiving Break

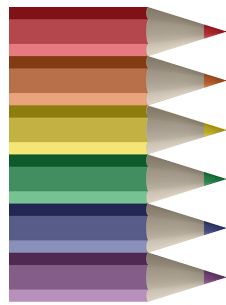
## Picture Day

All students will be photographed on  
Tuesday, October 17th



Orders can be placed online at:

<http://halverson-photography.hhimagehost.com/2023DelwoodElem>



## Parent-Teacher Conferences

Wednesday, October 11th 2:00-6:00pm

Thursday, October 12th 2:00-8:00pm

School will dismiss at 1:30pm on both days.

The After School Program will run as usual on both  
conference days and childcare will be available during  
your scheduled conference time(s).

**There is NO SCHOOL on Friday, October 13th.**

## RED RIBBON WEEK

Dress-Up Days - October 23-27

Monday, October 23 - Follow Your Dreams, Don't Do Drugs - Pajama Day

Tuesday, October 24 - Crazy Day/Favorite Color - wear crazy hair, socks,  
clothes or favorite colors

Wednesday, October 25 - Decades Day - wear clothes from your favorite  
decade

Thursday, October 26 - Our School is Drug Free - wear Delwood clothing

Friday, October 27 - Hats off to Good Choices - wear your favorite hat

# OCTOBER 2023

### Equity Statement

*It is the policy of the Delwood Community School District not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, gender, creed, marital status (for programs), national origin, religion, socioeconomic status (for programs), age (for employment), disability, gender identity or sexual orientation in its educational programs and employment practices. If you believe you have (or your child has) been discriminated against or treated unjustly at school, there is a grievance procedure for processing complaints of discrimination. Please contact the District's Equity Coordinator, Superintendent Chris Fee, 311 Delmar Ave., Delmar, IA 52037, 563-674-4164.*



October

# The Viking Voice



Mr. Marshall

## DELWOOD MISSION STATEMENT

**Striving to meet the individual needs of children in a family atmosphere, promoting positive and creative learning.**

To the Delwood Community,

We have added a social and emotional dog to our staff! Her name is Willow and she will be working with our students. Right now she is greeting students every morning and Mrs. Flanigan has been having Willow join her with her groups. Willow has been trained to work in this capacity and students have loved having her in the building!

Conferences are right around the corner. Conferences this fall are Wednesday, October 11th and Thursday, October 12th, with both days being a 1:30pm early dismissal. With conferences, there will be no school on Friday, October 13th. Families will be getting an email to sign up for conferences. If you have any questions about conferences, please call or email.

October is anti-bullying month. With anti-bullying month, the student council will be putting on dress up days at the end of the month for Red Ribbon Week. Our student leaders will be putting on an assembly at the end of the month as well.

Also, in October is Fire Safety week. This is October 9th-15th and this is a great week to discuss fire safety with your family. One thing to discuss is your meeting place, so if something was to ever happen your child would know where to meet. This is something we do at school as well. We have fire drills to know how to get out of the building and so everyone knows where to meet.

With the colder weather that will be coming with winter right around the corner, this is a good time to remind everyone to make sure students have sweaters or coats that they can wear at school. Recess and/or PE will be outside unless it is raining or the temperature gets under zero degrees. Mornings right now are cooler than the afternoon and snow will be flying before we know it, so please help your student(s) be prepared for the weather.

Sincerely,

Marty Marshall  
[mmarshall@delwood.k12.ia.us](mailto:mmarshall@delwood.k12.ia.us)  
563-674-4164

# 2nd Grade News

We are off and running in 2nd Grade! We've had a lot of fun things in the first month of school. In our classroom, the students have reunited with old friends and even met new friends. Our classroom expectations have been clearly explained and they are doing an excellent job of following those expectations with few reminders. Keep up the good work!

Jess Wagner, from Hurstville Interpretive Center was here, and we learned about the migration of Monarch butterflies. We even got to tag and release some monarchs. We hope that someone in Mexico finds one of our butterflies and reports it to the research center and our class will receive a certificate!

Jenna Stevens came in for Ag in the Classroom. She taught us about dairy goats and meat goats. The students were able to try a drink of goat's milk. Some liked it, some not so much! They also made a little goat craft to take home.

We celebrated the Iowa vs. Iowa State game, by having our own "tailgating party" outside. They played various yard games, played tag, and had a snack and juice. I hope they all got to cheer on their team of choice the next day at home!

Just last week, the students celebrated Grandparent's Day at Delwood. They were able to do activities in the classroom with their grandparents. They also enjoyed a cookie and juice in the gym while getting their picture taken with the grandparents. It was a fun day!



# 5th Grade

## CLASS NEWS

MRS. MAHER

OCTOBER 2023

### What are we learning?

#### Reading

We have started the year by introducing the Daily 5, adding strategies to our CAFE board, setting up expectations and modeling what it looks like in our classroom. Our first novel we are reading is Riding Freedom, it takes place during the mid 1800s. It ties in nicely with our Rights & Laws unit for Social Studies.

#### Math

Our first math unit is complete. We learned about finding area and volume. Next up, is place value, powers of ten, traditional multiplication and division. Knowing your facts is the key to being successful!

#### Science

The focus is on matter and it's forms. We're identifying properties, working with mixtures & solutions and understanding physical and chemical changes.

#### Red Ribbon Week Article



Check out the Maquoketa newspaper , Wednesday, **October 15th**. There will be a special section written by 5th grade students. This year's theme is "Be Kind to Your Mind. Live Drug Free."

### Our Student Leaders

Tatum



Aubrielle



### Congratulations!



## ADVICE FOR PARENTS OF EARLY OR EMERGING READERS

Here are a few tips to help early readers:

1. Find a time to read with your child every day. Even a brief daily commitment can convey that reading is an important priority for you.
2. Create a comfortable, consistent place in your home where you can read together, enjoy books and chat about them.
3. Don't be afraid to get silly. Reading should be fun. Meet your child where he or she is, and don't insist on "serious" or "classic" books. Silly books are a good way to get many children interested in reading.
4. Plan trips to the library. Getting your child a library card can get them excited about books. Don't worry about reading every book — library trips should be fun. Ask the librarian which books are appropriate for your child and which books kids are excited about.
5. Read books that are being adapted into movies, and compare one type of media to the other.
6. Encourage your child to write thank-you notes, letters, journal entries and stories about their daily life and experiences.
7. Enjoy puzzles, mazes, crosswords and other games, which enable your child to build literacy skills while having fun.

Have Fun Reading!!

Mrs. Doll

