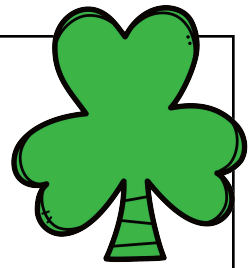


# DELWOOD



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## Important Dates

### Wednesday, March 6

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

### Thursday, March 7

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

### Friday, March 8

NO SCHOOL

### Monday, March 18

School Board Meeting 5:30pm

### Thurs. Mar 28 - Tues. Apr. 2

NO SCHOOL - Spring Break

### Monday, April 15

School Board Meeting 5:30pm

### Thursday, April 18

Fine Arts Night 6:30-7:30pm

### Thursday, May 9

Spring Program 6:30pm

### Monday, May 20

School Board Meeting 5:30pm

## PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES

Wednesday, March 6<sup>th</sup> - 2-6pm

Thursday, March 7<sup>th</sup> - 2-8pm

- Early Dismissal for students both days at 1:30pm
- After School Program is available both days
- Please sign up through JMC for your conference time(s). If you need assistance signing up for a conference time, please call the office at 563-674-4164.
- NO SCHOOL on Friday, March 8<sup>th</sup>

## Spring Break

There is no school on the following days:

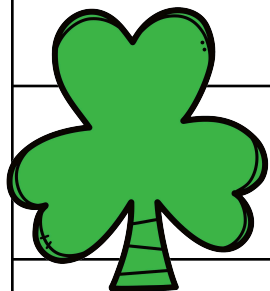
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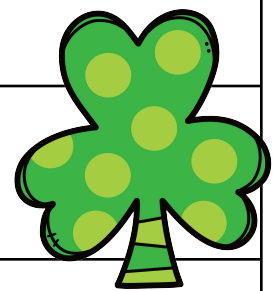
Monday, April 1

Tuesday, April 2

Enjoy your Spring Break!



# MARCH 2024



### 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.*



March

# 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,

Parent/Teacher Conferences will be Wednesday, March 6th and Thursday, March 7th. Both of those days will be a 1:30pm early dismissal with No School on Friday, March 8th. Families will be getting an email to sign up for conferences. The plan again is to have conferences in person, but if you need to meet via Zoom or phone for any reason, please sign up for a time and notify your child's teacher to set that up. If you have any questions about conferences, please call or email the school.

From March 19th-27th, students in grades 3-6 will be taking the ISASP (Iowa Statewide Assessment of Student Progress). This is the statewide assessment that every school takes in the spring. Just like in years past, the summative assessments are in reading, language and writing, and math. Our 5th graders will also be taking the science part of the ISASP. All tests will be completed online and we will be helping students learn the program basics along with practice questions before we begin testing on the 19th. When these dates come around, please remind your child or children to get a good night's sleep, eat breakfast, and to try their best on the tests. We will have snacks for students at school to have during testing time.

Spring break comes earlier this year than most spring breaks. We will be having an early out on March 27 and students will be off until Wednesday, April 3rd. April 3rd will also be an early out. During spring break, I hope everyone has some time to enjoy some family and friend time. After spring break, we only have around 8 weeks left of school. I can't believe how fast the school year has gone.

Sincerely,

Marty Marshall


[mmarshall@delwood.k12.ia.us](mailto:mmarshall@delwood.k12.ia.us)

563-674-4164








## Keep Our Kids Reading & Writing!

Family time is learning time. Families have always been an active part of the teaching and learning process. There are many ways children can strengthen their reading and writing skills outside of the classroom.






*For all  
ages*

-  Model good habits by reading and writing in front of your child.
-  Make reading materials—ones they will truly care about—readily available for your child.
-  Talk with your child...a lot. Conversation expands vocabulary.
-  Give your child authentic writing tasks to help them find their voice: grocery lists, get-well notes, emails to relatives talking about an upcoming visit, letters to elected officials asking for change.






*Birth to  
PreK*

-  Read aloud to your child daily.
-  Draw on the print-rich environment at home: Post your grocery list on the refrigerator. Label items around the house using sticky notes. Get a set of magnetic letters to rearrange on the fridge.
-  Create art projects with your child.





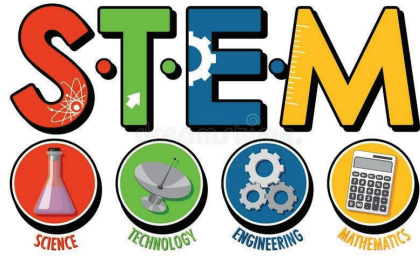
*Kindergarten  
- 2nd Grade*

-  Take turns reading aloud to each other.
-  Ask questions about what you read together using who, what, where, when & why.
-  Play word games.



*3rd Grade  
& Above*

-  Listen to podcasts & audiobooks together. Write about what they learned.
-  Use appropriate, online resources to practice reading and writing skills. Try <https://www.commonsense.org/education/lists/news-literacy-games-tools-and-lessons>



## What is STEM, who is it for, and why is it important? by Mrs. Proesch

### What is STEM and why is it important?

Simply put, STEM stands for Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math. Digging a little deeper, STEM is an approach to instruction that integrates 2 or more of these disciplines and relates them to real life situations.

### Who is STEM for?

All students, regardless of ability, benefit from STEM. STEM is inquiry and project based, leading students to think more critically about situations to design, create, analyze, revise, and communicate possible solutions to a problem or task.

### Why STEM?

Being able to solve problems in a variety of ways is one of the benefits of STEM. Many possible solutions exist for one problem. Being able to work through the Engineering Design Process develops skills that students will need in their future. Technology isn't going anywhere and preparing students with critical thinking skills is essential. Because STEM is project based, students experience a great deal of hands-on learning, collaboration, failures and successes. Yep, that's right, we experience **failure** in STEM, but we all know that these setbacks are opportunities for learning, and finding better ways to solve a problem or complete a task.

The one most important thing about STEM is that it piques students' curiosity and helps them develop a love of being curious, asking questions, finding solutions and life-long learning.

Talk to your child about things they are learning and doing in STEM. You'll be amazed at the creativity and critical thinking skills they possess and are developing through STEM.

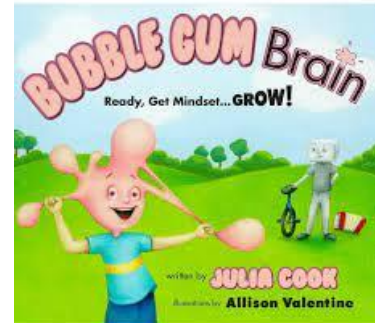
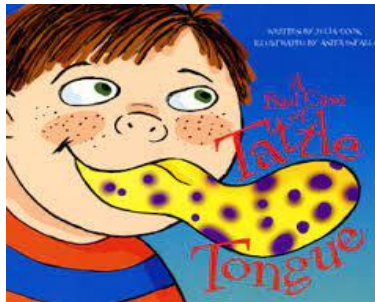
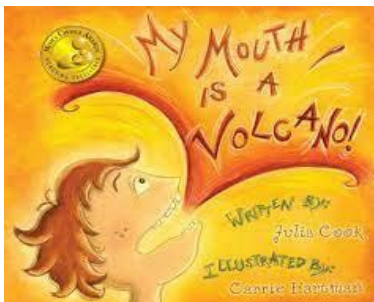


# SPECIAL GUEST!



## HELLO DELWOOD FAMILIES!

THIS IS YOUR SCHOOL COUNSELOR, MRS. FLANIGAN! I HAVE SOME EXCITING NEWS FOR YOU ALL! WE WILL BE HAVING AUTHOR JULIA COOK COMING TO VISIT THIS MONTH! SHE WILL BE TALKING WITH GRADES KINDERGARTEN THROUGH 2ND AND 3RD THROUGH 6TH ABOUT SOME OF HER WORK. I USE A LOT OF HER BOOKS WHEN I TEACH MY GUIDANCE LESSONS AND WITH STUDENTS INDIVIDUALLY. THEY ARE SO GOOD FOR TEACHING LIFE LESSONS AND SOCIAL SKILLS! WE ARE SUPER EXCITED TO GET TO HAVE HER! I WILL LIST THE INFORMATION BELOW AND IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO LEARN MORE ABOUT HER FEEL FREE TO VISIT HER WEBSITE!



WHO: AUTHOR JULIA COOK

WHEN: MARCH 21ST

TIME: K-2ND 1:00 P.M.

3RD-6TH 2:10 P.M.

WHERE: DELWOOD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

MORE INFO: [HTTPS://WWW.JULIACOOKONLINE.COM/](https://www.juliacookonline.com/)

# Dairy Queen Fundraiser

Monday, March 18<sup>th</sup> from 2-7 pm

20% of all sales

will be donated to Delwood PTO

Maquoketa Location Only



\*\* Funds raised will help PTO supply classrooms, teacher needs and events for students