

# Cokato Elementary

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April 2009



## Paragraphs from the Principal....

Mrs. Force

Thank you for the excellent attendance at parent/teacher conferences! Despite wintry weather and illness

among students, staff and parents, most conferences were able to be held. Please contact me if you have additional questions regarding your child's progress at school.

This time of year finds me thinking about plans for next school year. Sometimes I don't feel like I really live in the present because I'm planning about six months into the future! At this time of year, school administrators start looking at enrollment for next year and making decisions about next year's staffing and space needs.

One item that appears to be established, unless the Minnesota Legislature changes its mind, is the start of the school year. As it stands now, we will begin school on the day after Labor Day, which gives us a September 8 start date. A tentative school calendar has been approved by the Dassel-Cokato Board of Education that outlines the year with this later-than-usual start date. We should know for certain if this changes before the school year is over since the legislative session ends in May.

You may have read the article in the *Enterprise-Dispatch* last week that indicated from an experienced demographer's point of view that our school district will experience a steady growth in student population over the course of the next ten years.

I believe we are experiencing the beginning stages of that growth now, as we prepare to welcome close to 115 new kindergarten students into Cokato Elementary next fall.

The current staffing of three full time teachers at kindergarten will accommodate this number. However, the number of first grade teachers will need to increase already next year because we are moving 110 students into first grade classes in the fall.

It appears that second grade will be comprised of five sections. Third grade has five teachers in four classrooms. How did we manage that? We had 34 students in a team-teaching arrangement, taught by Mrs. Chap and Mrs. Glur. Results of a recent parent survey that I conducted indicated overwhelming praise and support from the parents of these students for the education their children received in this team-teaching classroom. We will continue this practice next fall, as well. In fourth grade, the numbers indicate that we will have four sections next year, instead of the five sections we've had this year.

With the additional growth we're experiencing, we find "the squeeze is on" in places other than classrooms. For example, the music teacher from Dassel comes to our building three days a week to teach an hour of music to our third graders. There isn't an additional music room so we are using the new multi-purpose room that was converted from a maintenance room last summer to house those classes.

It's considerably smaller than the true music room, but it works! As you can imagine, the lunchroom schedule also has to be creative in order to feed all of the students each day. We also keep our phy. ed. teachers really busy teaching ten sections of classes each day!

The growth we are experiencing has not changed the quality of education your children are receiving at Cokato Elementary. We are staffed with energetic, dedicated, creative, and child-centered teachers who have devoted their lives to providing a welcoming, nurturing educational environment for your children. The paraprofessionals who assist on the playground and in the lunchroom do their very best to provide a safe environment for children. Their work in the classroom gives students additional academic support, especially in the areas of reading and math.

During the month of April, we will honor another tremendous group of people who add immeasurably to the success of our school; parent volunteers, as so many of you are, will be honored by the students and staff at Cokato Elementary. More to come on that celebration from Krista Cates, our volunteer coordinator.

We don't have a "Parent Day" at Cokato Elementary, but your support each and every day is critical in having a successful school. You pack lunches, you find library books, you dig for mittens as the bus is coming, you help with spelling words, you put reluctant children to bed, and you roust them from bed in the morning! You are our partners in education! We salute you, Cokato Elementary parents!

Have a wonderful spring break with your family!

### Salutations from the Social Worker...



**Heidi Sickmann**

As many of you have heard, our 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade children will take MCA tests on April 14<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>.

One thing I want you to consider before and during this time period is to turn off the screens.

This includes not only the TV but computers and video games as well. Carmen Tschida, one of our district's school social workers, attended a workshop in April of 2007 regarding the effects that media violence has on brain development. Indiana University Brain Scan Research reports "media violence stunts or "retards" kids' brain development: children with violent TV, movie, and video game exposure have reduced cognitive brain function." During the workshop, the speaker described media violence as "knocking out the logical part of the brain, and the brain becoming intoxicated and shutting down." The exciting news, when students are "detoxified" from media violence for three days, the brain looks like a typical left brain with low levels of violence exposure.

So what does this mean for us as parents? The speaker, Lt. Grossman, has developed a curriculum which advocates reducing/eliminating screen time for 3-10 days prior to school testing. Here are the results from the data collection: following a 10-day media violence shutdown, his data demonstrated an increase in test scores in the areas of math, in improved student attendance, and in increased athletic performance.

I would like to encourage and challenge you to take a 3 to 10-day media/screen time "detoxification." If you want to do the 3-day challenge, you could start on Saturday, April 11<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to do the 10-day challenge, your start date would be Friday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>. If your family does take the challenge, please let us know how you felt about the experience.



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The mission of the Dassel-Cokato PTA is to foster communication

between schools and families as well as supporting children in their work of learning. The Dassel-Cokato PTA hopes to create a collaborative effort with the schools, community, and parents/guardians to ensure a quality, well-rounded education for the children in the D-C area.

The PTA would like to thank the wonderful FFA students that helped with activities and reading during the Run for Reading event. We would also like to thank Seena Glessing for helping organize the FFA volunteers! The children that attended this event had a great time playing with the "big kids". The students played a variety of games with the FFA students in the high school gym, had story time, enjoyed making bookmarks, and exchanged books at the book exchange. It was a fun night for all. The PTA is hoping to make this an annual event, adding a book exchange for parents, too.

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**Our next meeting is THURSDAY, APRIL 2nd at 6:30 in the high school media center.** Gary Johnson, middle school principal, will be the guest speaker. Gary will be talking about a variety of middle school topics including activity days and how students earn the opportunity to participate, explaining how the middle school day is laid out, and sharing how the middle school is implementing "Project Lead the Way." We will also be preparing for our annual meeting in May by discussing new officers for the PTA board. The open board positions will be treasurer and vice president. If anyone is interested in serving the board in this capacity please contact Kathy Grochow.

Thursday, May 7th

The Physical Education Instructors from the elementary, middle, and high schools will be joining us to talk about the phy-ed program, how it has changed, the importance of physical education for our students, and the academic benefits of PE.

They will also be sharing great ideas for keeping active with children/families in the summer and much more.

The PTA regularly meets the first Thursday of each month at 6:30 in the high school media center.

If you have any question about the upcoming meetings or would like to simply talk to someone about PTA, please contact our Membership Committee Chair, Tonia Olsen at 275-3275.

You may also write or email to:

Dassel-Cokato PTA

P. O. Box 632

Dassel, MN 55325

chargerpta@yahoo.com



**Musical Notes.....**

Amanda Spires

We will start to prepare for the spring concert and Grandparent's Day after we come back from spring break! Third and fourth graders will have their big evening concert of the year on May 7<sup>th</sup>. All grades will perform for Grandparent's Day at Cokato Elementary on May 8<sup>th</sup>. We are looking forward to learning our songs and preparing to perform for family and friends! Please check out the article from our volunteer coordinator Krista Cates and see if there is anything on the list that you would be willing to donate or let us borrow for the concert.



## Phy Ed *Fundamentals*

Mrs. Sorgatz Mr. Berggren

Many of our resolutions for 2009 included "Eating Right!" and **March is**

**"National Nutrition Month."**



Most of you have heard of the United States Department of Agriculture's (USDA) *MyPyramid* resources. You may want to re-visit this site at [www.mypyramid.gov](http://www.mypyramid.gov) to

refresh yourself on the Dietary Guidelines for Americans, My Pyramid, and create a personalized activity and menu plan for you and your family. Visit *MyPyramid for Kids* at <http://mypyramid.gov/kids/> for healthy recipes, games and activities, printable personal eating and activity logs and tips for encouraging children to make better food choices.

Have you considered ways to promote healthy eating when eating out? In our hectic day to day schedules, we often have to 'eat on the run.' Portion sizes have increased over the past 20 years, and when eating out, they seem to all be 'supersized!' A *portion* is the amount of food we choose to eat for a meal or snack. These portion sizes do not necessarily reflect the recommended serving size. A *serving* represents the measured amount of food recommended from each food group, like a slice of bread or 1-cup (8 ounces) of milk.

To *Keep an Eye on Portion Size* and check out portion distortion, visit the National Institutes of Health website at <http://hp2010.nhlbihin.net/portion/keep.htm>. Maintaining energy balance is a popular phrase today. It simply means *calories in = calories out!* The National Association for Sport and Physical Education (NASPE) recommends 60 minutes of activity every day for children. Did you know adults need at least 30 minutes of activity every day?

When eating out, maintaining the energy balance is often more difficult due to increased portion sizes. To make healthy choices when eating out, consider looking at the way food is prepared. Steamed, broiled, baked, roasted, poached, lightly sautéed or stir-fried are always healthy choices. If it is garden fresh, you know it is a healthy choice.

Another healthy idea is to ask the server how the food is prepared and/or ask to make healthy substitutions. Some suggestions include asking for margarine instead of butter, fat-free or low-fat milk rather than whole milk or cream, food without butter, gravy, or sauces, salad dressing "on the side," and ask for less cooking oil in preparing your order. Additional healthy eating out ideas are available at <http://www.nhlbi.nih.gov/health/public/heart/obesity/wecan/live-it/balance.htm>. The most important thing to remember is to encourage and model for your child a healthy, active lifestyle. Maintaining energy balance is as easy as eating well (calories in) and moving more (calories out)!

## Community Education

### WINTER ACTIVITIES

To find out more about the classes listed below or to register:

Call by phone: 320-286-4120 Go online:  
[www.dc.k12.mn.us](http://www.dc.k12.mn.us)

click on Community Education

#### Science Explorers Science Detective (Gr. K-4)



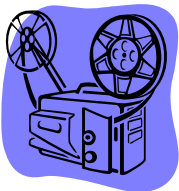
Go undercover with Science Explorers and become a spy as we unlock the mysteries of secret codes, experiment with spy tools and more. We will also use the science of crime scene investigation to understand how crimes are solved, while solving the disappearance of the mysterious slime.

Activity #1026

Thursdays, April 23 & 30

3:15-4:30 PM - Dassel Elem.

Fee: \$26



#### Family Movie Nights - NEW!! (Ages 3 and Up)

Want to enjoy a family night at the movies and not spend a fortune? Join us at the DC Performing Arts

Center to enjoy a movie on the big screen.

Call to find out what will be showing on the dates below.

Sorry there are no snacks allowed in the auditorium. Children must be age 3 and up and be accompanied with an adult.

Activity #3020A - Friday, April 3

7:00 PM - Show time (doors will open at 6:45 PM )

Movie to be shown: *Ratatouille*

Location: HS PAC

Fee: \$8 per family

#### Game Sampler Gr. 1-3

*Instructor: Lisa Grack*

A program for boys and girls that is full of fun and excitement and good exercise. Students will play a variety of games in a positive environment. Emphasis is on having fun and good sportsmanship.

#### **Activity #5056A Gr. 1-3**

6 Mondays, April 13<sup>th</sup> -May 18<sup>th</sup>

3:15-4:30 p.m.

Cokato Elementary - Lg. Gym

Fee: \$18

#### **Activity #5056B Gr. 1-3**

6 Tuesdays, April 14<sup>th</sup> -May 19<sup>th</sup>

3:15-4:30 p.m.

Dassel Elementary - Lg. Gym

Fee: \$18

#### Mother's Day Surprise (Grades K-4)

*Instructor: Kim Thompson*



Come and make something for you mom that is as special as she is. Make some delicious treats for her just in time for Mother's Day! How good are you at keeping a secret?

Activity#2065B - Cokato

Tuesday, May 5 - 3:15-4:45 PM

Cokato Elem. Room #106,

(use main door for pick-up)

Fee: \$15, includes all supplies

Activity #2065A - Dassel

Thursday, May 7 - 3:15-4:45 PM

Dassel Elem. Room #145

Fee: \$15, includes all supplies

**Registration Deadline: Thursday, April 30**



## Headlines in School Health...

Kelly O'Fallon, LSN

### IS YOUR CHILD WELL ENOUGH TO ATTEND SCHOOL?

Please consider these general guidelines when deciding if your child is healthy enough to attend school....

- **Does your child have a fever??**

A child with a fever over 100 must be kept at home. Even in the absence of other symptoms, a fever is usually indicative of an infection, which could be contagious. Please do not give your child Tylenol or Ibuprofen to reduce the fever and then send to school. Your child will not feel well when the medicine wears off in 4 hours **and** they may be exposing other children in the school to that illness. **If the fever is absent for 24 hours or more and your child feels well, he/she may return to school.**

- **Does your child have a rash?**

Any rash that is undiagnosed needs to be examined by your health care provider before returning to school. If the rash is not contagious, your child may come back to school immediately. If contagious, please follow your provider's instructions as to when it is okay to return to school (a doctor's note is also appreciated). Normally, if the rash is not weeping (has crusted over) and can be covered, it is okay to be in school.

- **Has your child been vomiting or having diarrhea?**

**Your child must stay at home until 24 hours after the vomiting and/or diarrhea has last occurred.** Please remember to encourage good hand washing techniques to prevent the spreading of germs to other people.

- **Does your child feel well enough to learn?**

Sick children cannot function at their best, which can hinder their school performance. If sick, it is best for your child to stay home and become well rested, so he/she can return to school as healthy and as soon as possible. Sending sick kids to school can delay their healing process, resulting in more school days with decreased academic performance. If your child says he/she does not feel well, please use your best judgment in determining if school is the best place for them on that given day-

You know your child better than we do! Common colds with coughs and runny/stuffy noses can linger for a week or two, so typically children with these symptoms should be in school if no fever is present.

A general rule to consider for other illnesses: If your child requires antibiotics to treat an illness, the child must be on the medication for a minimum of 24 hours before returning to school (this includes skin infections and pink eye). If you have questions or concerns about a specific situation, please contact the health office so we can assist you in making the best decision for your child!



## Media Messages...

Pam Osterberg

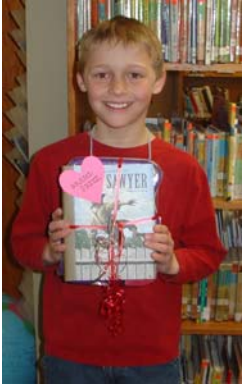
## The Iditarod - Last Great Race on Earth

The past few weeks students have been learning about the Iditarod sled dog race that takes place each year in Alaska. Mrs. Stangland's third graders spent a week in the media center doing research on the Iditarod race and the 49<sup>th</sup> state of Alaska. Mrs. Nelson's second graders researched the native animals of Alaska. These students created an awesome display sharing their information with the other students in our school.

All of the students in Cokato Elementary learned how to navigate the official Iditarod race site as we check the race standings each day. We have all been cheering on Minnesota native Rick Swenson. He is the only five-time winner of the Iditarod.

## February Reading Counts Winners

The top girl and boy in our school to earn the most Reading Counts points during February were rewarded with a board game and a hard cover book. The top boy in our school was Will Nelson earning 216 points and the top girl was Spencer Flood earning 170 points. Congratulations to each of you.



The classrooms to earn the most Reading Counts points during the month earn a party in the Media Center. The winning classrooms were

- 2<sup>nd</sup> grade - Mrs. Ardoff's room earning 656 points
- 3<sup>rd</sup> grade - Mr. Dolan's room earning 691 points
- 4<sup>th</sup> grade - Mrs. Kusler's room earning 937 points

## Bookmark Contest Winner

Congratulations to 4<sup>th</sup> grader Kevin Grangroth for winning the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual bookmark contest.



## Charger Kids Club - Join us TODAY!!

Charger Kids Club is a school age childcare and enrichment program, designed to meet the year-round needs of working parents of students in grades K-6. The goal of our program is to provide a FUN, safe, recreational, and enriching program.

### Hours

**Before school:** Monday-Friday - 6:00-8:00 AM

**After-school:** Monday-Friday- 3:00-6:00 PM

**Non -school days:** 6:00 am - 6:00pm

### Location

**Cokato Elementary - Cafeteria (Small Gym)**

**Dassel and Middle School students welcome, transportation is available before and after-school, to and from Cokato Elem.**

Contact Info: Jennifer Todnem

320-286-4100 ext. 1334

Jennifer.todnem@dc.k12.mn.us

2008-2009 School Year Fees	First Child	Second Child
<b>Registration Fee (June 08-May 09)</b>	\$25 Family	\$25 Family
<b>Before School</b>		
Daily	\$5.00	\$4.50
Full Time child (5 days a week)	\$22	\$19.50
<b>After School</b>		
Daily	\$8	\$7.50
Full Time (5 days a week)	\$36	\$32.50
<b>After School until 4:30 PM</b>	\$5	\$4.50
<b>Non-school days</b>		
Full Day	\$25	\$23
Half Day (5 hours or less)	\$20	\$18
<b>Drop In Rate - Before School</b>	\$7.00	\$7.00
<b>Drop In Rate - After School</b>	\$10.00	\$10.00



Volunteering...

Krista Cates

"Too often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, a honest compliment, or the smallest act of caring, all of which have the potential to turn a life around."  
Leo Buscaglia - American writer

### Happy National Volunteer Month!

The teachers and staff at Cokato Elementary greatly appreciate each of the volunteers that give the gift of their time to our school and students. We would like to show our appreciation for our "souper" volunteers at the volunteer appreciation soup and salad luncheon on Thursday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>. The invitation follows with more information.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade Spring Program is approaching fast! Soon we will be enjoying the music of our gifted students. Mrs. Spires is looking for some props to borrow for some of the students to use during the performance. The items needed are: French berets, USA flags (appx. 3'X2'), Mexican sombreros (child size), Mexican ponchos, and rope lights for the stage. We will also need help decorating the PAC for the performance on Wednesday, May 6<sup>th</sup>. If you have any props we can borrow or would like to help decorate the PAC please let me know.

Grandparent's Day will be the day following the Spring Program, Friday, May 8<sup>th</sup>. We will once again need one volunteer for every classroom to help pass out cookies and lemonade to our visiting grandparents. Give me a call or drop me an email if you would like to volunteer. 286-4100 ext. 1327 or Krista.cates@dc.k12.mn.us

### Volunteer Drawing Winner

The volunteer drawing winner for March is Jolene Quandt. Jo is new to our school district this year and has a third grader at Cokato Elementary. She has been coming in weekly to help both Ms. Moye and Mrs. Stangland's classes and she also works on projects. Thank you Jo!

### Box Tops Drawing Winners

The Box Tops drawing winners for February were Will Mattila, Gabby Lindner, Haley Siltala, Ruthie Pany, Kezia Lee, and Angela Gabrelcik. The Box Top winners are drawn the last Friday of each month and announced the next day during Thursday's morning announcements. Keep on clipping those Box Tops!

### Mark Your Calendars

**Wednesday, April 9<sup>th</sup>** - Mrs. Johnson's class will be displaying art at the Cokato Dairy Queen for kids night from 5:00-8:00.

**Wednesday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>** - Mrs. Stangland's class will be displaying art at the Cokato Dairy Queen for kids night from 5:00-8:00.

**Thursday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>** - **Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon**

**Thursday, April 30<sup>th</sup>** - April Birthday Table

**Wednesday, May 6<sup>th</sup>** - Mrs. Kielty's class will be displaying art at the Cokato Dairy Queen for kids night from 5:00-8:00.

**Wednesday, May 6<sup>th</sup>** - PAC decorating for 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade program.

**Thursday, May 7<sup>th</sup>** - Spring Program

**Friday, May 8<sup>th</sup>** - Grandparent's Day

**Wednesday, May 20<sup>th</sup>** - Activity Day

**Wednesday, May 20<sup>th</sup>** - Ms. Melquist's class will be displaying art at the Cokato Dairy Queen for kids night from 5:00-8:00.

**Thursday, May 21<sup>st</sup>** - May Birthday Table

**Thursday, May 28<sup>th</sup>** - Olympic Day

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# IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING TEACHER REQUESTS FOR 2009-2010

From: Lorene Force, Principal

It seems hard to believe that we are starting to think about next school year, but that time will come soon. This spring, one of the biggest jobs our staff will be faced with is preparing the class lists for next year. A great deal of thought goes into this lengthy process. Classroom teachers meet several times with the special education teacher, the social worker, the physical education teacher, music teacher, and myself to discuss the placement of students for the following year. Things we feel are very important to consider as we construct those class lists include, but are not limited to:

- A balance of boys and girls
- A blend of all ability levels
- Careful consideration of student personalities and behaviors
- A mixture of students from all classrooms
- Placing students together who work well academically, but aren't necessarily friends

We realize that parents/guardians know their child's personality better than anyone, and we respect the fact that some parents may want to contribute their thoughts to the process. In the past, several parent requests for a specific teacher could not be granted due to a variety of reasons. Most parents do not put in any teacher request. This spring, if you choose, I am asking that you follow the steps below if you want to give input into your child's placement for next year.

1. Stop by the Cokato Elementary Office to pick up a form to complete. This form is short and will ask you to describe your child and the type of learning style your child has. We carefully consider children's learning styles as we place them in classes for the following year. **No teacher name should be put on the request.**

2. Another factor to consider is that the teaching assignments are not known for next year at the time your request is made.

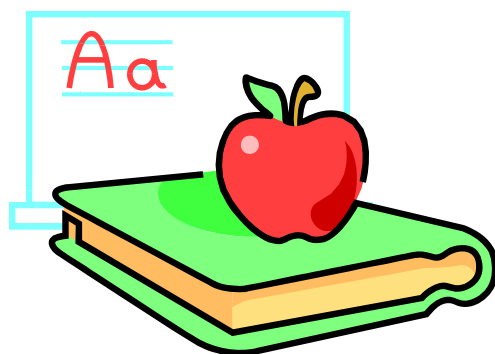
3. Return the form to the Cokato Elementary Office by April 1, 2009.

4. Please complete a separate form for each child. Only these forms will be accepted. Do not replace these forms with written notes or letters. These forms are good for one year.

5. The class lists will be posted on the windows of the auditorium in August of 2009. Once posted, the lists are not subject to change.

**As you can tell, a great deal of time, thought, and effort goes into the formation of class lists each year. We want you to know that all Cokato Elementary teachers are highly qualified and exceptional teachers with whom you can put your trust. I thank you for your cooperation in this matter.**

Please call me or stop by if you have a specific concern regarding the placement of your child for the next school year. My number is 286-4100 x 1304.



**Cokato Elementary  
Breakfast Menu  
April 2009**



<b>April</b>				
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>
<i><math>\frac{1}{2}</math> pint milk will be served with each meal</i>		1 Cereal Cinnamon Toast Fruit Sauce Choice	2 Doughnut Yogurt Fruit Juice	3 Cereal Mini Muffin Fresh Fruit
6 Breakfast Pizza Fruit Choice	7 Cereal Cinnamon Sticks Fruit Sauce Choice	8 Pancakes Smokie Link Fruit Juice	9 Cereal Toast W/ Sugar & Cinnamon Peaches	10 NO SCHOOL Good Friday
13 Cereal Mini Muffin Fruit Juice	14 Omelet Toast Fruit Juice	15 Cinnamon Roll Cheese Slice Fresh Fruit	16 Breakfast on a Stick Toast Fruit Sauce	17 Cereal Granola Bar Fruit Juice
20 Apple Strudel Sticks Cheese Stick Fruit Juice	21 Cereal Muffin Fresh Fruit	22 French Toast Sticks S,ploes Fruit Juice	23 Cereal Toast W/Jelly Fresh Fruit	24 Cereal Bar Yogurt Fruit Sauce Choice
27 Cereal Granola Bar Fruit Juice	28 Waffle Sticks Sausage Link Fruit Sauce	29 Breakfast Cereal Toast W/ Sugar & Cinnamon Fruit Choice	30 Doughnut Yogurt Fruit Juice Assorted	

In the operation of child feeding programs, no child will be discriminated against because of race, color, national origin, age or disability (Not all prohibited bases apply to all programs.) To file a complaint of discrimination, please contact: Tina Palmer, 4852 SW Reardon Ave, Cokato, MN 55321

# Cokato Elementary

## Lunch Menu

### April 2009



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	<p><i>½ pint milk will be served with each meal</i></p>	<p>1 Goulash French Bread Seasoned Corn Fresh Fruit School Made Bar</p>	<p>2 Chicken Breast Alfredo Noodles Fresh Steamed Broccoli Fresh Dinner Roll Rainbow Sherbet</p>	<p>3 Fish Frys Potato Choice Carrots Bread Choice Fresh Fruit</p>
<p>6 Twins Opener Hotdog/Bun Oven Fries Baked Beans Sauerkraut Fruit Sauce Choice Twins Pop</p>	<p>7 Hamburger/Bun W/fixings Savory French Fries Veg. Choice Fruit Sauce</p>	<p>8 Super Nachos W/ Fixings Seasoned Corn Bread Choice Fresh Fruit</p>	<p>9 Grilled Cheese or Tuna Sandwich Tomato Soup Crackers Veg. Relish Fruit Choice</p>	<p>10 NO SCHOOL Good Friday</p>
<p>13 French Toast Sticks Smokies Tri Tater Orange Slice</p>	<p>14 Mini Corn Dog Savory French Fries Broccoli and Cheese Bread Choice</p>	<p>15 Lasagna Coleslaw French Bread Seasoned Green Beans Fresh Fruit</p>	<p>16 Pizza Seasoned Corn Bread Choice Fresh Fruit</p>	<p>17 Sub Sandwich W/fixings Potato Rounds Fresh Veggies/Dip Fruit Sauce Choice</p>
<p>20 Chicken Nuggets Scalloped Potatoes Peas Bread Choice Fruit Sauce Choice</p>	<p>21 Hot Ham-Cheese Batter Bites Carrot Sticks Fresh Fruit Rice Krispie Bar</p>	<p>22 Chicken Strips Mac and Cheese Seasoned Peas Fruit Sauce Choice</p>	<p>23 Cheese Bread W/ Pizza Sauce Lettuce Salad Fresh Fruit</p>	<p>24 Sloppy Joes Oven Fries Seasoned Green Beans Fresh Fruit</p>
<p>27 Pizza Seasoned Corn Bread Choice Fruit Sauce</p>	<p>28 Country Fried Steak Mashed Potatoes Gravy, Carrots Fresh Roll, Fresh Fruit</p>	<p>29 Chicken Patty / Bun Potato Smiles Green Beans Fresh Fruit</p>	<p>30 Chow Mein Rice/Noodles Cole Slaw Pineapple/Mandarin Oranges Fortune Cookies</p>	

**COKATO ELEMENTARY  
VOLUNTEERS  
ARE "SOUPER"!**

Volunteers -

You are invited to a soup and salad luncheon in your honor.

This is our small way of saying how "souper" you are for the gift of time you give to our students and school.

When: Thursday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>

When: 11:15-12:30

Where: Cokato Elementary parent waiting area

Please RSVP to Krista Cates by Monday, April 20<sup>th</sup>

286-4100 ext. 1327

**Coming Events:**

**April**

- 6 Odyssey Testing for Third Grade
- 8 Kindergarten "Doughnuts for Dads" (Red Group)
- 9 Kindergarten "Doughnuts for Dads" (Blue Group)
- 10 NO SCHOOL- Good Friday
- 14 & 15 MCA II testing for Third and Fourth Grade (Reading)
- 21 & 22 MCA II testing for Third and Fourth Grade (Math)

**May**

- 5 Kindergarten "Muffins for Moms" (Blue Group)
  - 6 Kindergarten "Muffins for Moms" (Red Group)
  - 7 Spring Program for Grades 3 & 4—1:15 Matinee at High School  
7:00 PM Evening Concert- High School Performing Arts Center
  - 8 Grandparent's Day 12:45 Program- cookies/coffee following
  - 20 Activity Day on playground and Peterson Park
  - 25 NO SCHOOL—Memorial Day
  - 28 Cokato Olympics at High School Track
  - 29 Fourth Grade Send Off at lunch
-