

DASSEL ELEMENTARY NEWSLETTER

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK...

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by Rob Nudell



The year is off to a super start. We conducted our Open House on August 27th and there was a great turnout. We had 98% of our students attend with their families. It is so fun to see the excitement on the faces of our students and families. The staff at

Dassel Elementary School has worked diligently to be ready for students and the year has gotten off to a fantastic start.

Each Spring our 3rd/4th graders take the Minnesota Comprehensive Assessments. We received the results over the summer. We are very proud of their efforts and great scores. The results are:

| Grade | Subject | State Ave. Passing | Dassel Elem. Passing |
|-----------------------|---------|--------------------|----------------------|
| 3 rd Grade | Math | 81.3 | 92.7 |
| 3 rd Grade | Reading | 78.9 | 90.1 |
| 4 th Grade | Math | 71.6 | 85.3 |
| 4 th Grade | Reading | 72.2 | 90.7 |

As you can see, our students did an outstanding job!
Way to go!

I am excited to introduce our new staff we have this year:

Karley Silverberg is our new 1st Grade teacher. She has three years of teaching experience and comes to us from Annandale.

Melissa Weckwerth is a new Special Education para in our school. She has 3 children who attend Dassel Elementary and is active with the PTA

Christine Mattson is a new cook. She lives here in Dassel.

Teachers review bus safety rules for riding the bus each school year, as well as the proper way to cross the street with a crossing guard. Please review these safety precautions with your children. Providing a safe environment for your child(ren) is of the utmost importance. I also request that you stop and sign-in at the office when you are here to volunteer in a classroom. This helps us to monitor the visitors to our building. I also request that you do not send your child to school before 7:45, as there isn't supervision until that time. Your cooperation is much appreciated.

Each day I am thankful for the opportunity to work with such great kids, dedicated staff, and supportive parents/families. I want to encourage you to take an active role in your child's education. Feel free to call the school if you are looking for opportunities to get involved.

I look forward to another great year!

PICKING UP YOUR CHILD EARLY FROM SCHOOL



At Dassel Elementary, the safety of your child is a priority. The Safety Committee continues to meet this year and asks the following of you:

If you are picking your child up between 8:15–3:10 from school, please **come directly to the office** and the office will contact your child's teacher. Your child will then come to the office to meet you. If you know when you are picking up your child, please send a note with the time, and the teacher will have the child come to the office early.

Please wait by the **east door**, if you plan to pick up your child after school. We will open the east door at 3:05 so you don't have to wait outside.

MEA BREAK

Do you need something to do over MEA break? Join us at Charger Kids Club! We will be having lots of fun and we don't want you to miss out!

Highlights include: Cosmic Bowling at Litchfield Bowling Center (bowling under the black lights), pajama day and pizza party, messy recipe day and so much more!

Dates: Oct. 16, 17 & 20

Time: 6:00 am- 6:00 pm

Location: Cokato Elementary

Fee: \$25 a day (includes, breakfast, snacks, pizza party and field trip)

Call Jennifer Todnem,

Charger Kids Club Site Supervisor
at 286-4100 ext. 1334

FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITIES FOR DASSEL ELEMENTARY



The Target School Fundraising Made Simple program makes it easy to support your school. Apply for a Target charge Card, designate Dassel

Elementary as your school of choice and then shop at Target. Target will donate 1% of your qualifying purchases to our school. If you already have a Target Card, you may still designate Dassel Elementary as your school of choice by calling 1-800-316-6142.

Save these items and help us raise additional funds for our school!



Look for products with the Box Top for Education coupon. Each coupon is worth 10 cents.

Please check the expiration date and trim the coupon! (Sometimes we'll have a special event for the program!) Keep on clipping! See boxtops4education.com for online shopping and saving.



Campbell Soup Labels still count! Please trim the UPC code and logo part of the label and send in. (If easier send in the whole label.) The labels collected will be used to purchase equipment for the media center, music and physical education.

Over 25 million pounds of empty printer cartridges and cell phones are thrown in landfills each year. Send those old cell phones and empty laser, inkjet, fax and copier cartridges into Dassel Elementary. You will help the environment, too!

Kemps cows have an exciting program! Just look for the milk caps with the official Kemps Give 'em Five Sticker. They are found on the cap of gallons and half gallons of white and chocolate milk and on the side panel of paper half-gallons of white milk. Each cap is worth 5 cents. Just **rinse** the cap and send it to school.



Dassel Elementary is enrolled in the Land O Lakes milk "Save Five for Schools" program. We are collecting caps from milk, orange juice or chocolate milk cartons. Please leave the stickers on the caps, rinse and send them to school. We will earn 5 cents per cap when we send them in!



NO SCHOOL
October 16th & 17th
MEA Conference
October 20th
Staff Development Day

FROM THE VOLUNTEER CORNER...

by Mary Neu



Welcome to the 2008-2009 school year! The staff at Dassel Elementary is very excited to see your smiling faces and to get started on a year of fun and learning!

As the Volunteer Coordinator I look forward to finding the best volunteers for the job and the best job for the volunteers. I invite you to be a part of your students' educational experience through volunteering in the classroom, one of the many opportunities throughout the building, or by doing projects at home. The requests have already started coming in, so I'm ready when you are! My schedule brings me to school on Mondays through Thursdays. Please feel free to call me at extension 1518 with any questions.

The monthly newsletter is a great tool for communication between school and home. I will submit an article each month that gives you an overview of what is happening at school regarding the upcoming events and needs for volunteer support. We know through experience that children do better in school when they see adults take an active role in their education. Please join us!

A volunteer orientation is scheduled for both new and experienced volunteers. During this meeting we will talk about our program and how it works. Please plan on attending. The meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 1st, 2:00 - 3:00 PM. (Please RSVP to extension 1518 or to the office)

Dassel Elementary will be collecting Campbell's Soup Labels, Box Tops for Education, Kemps' milk caps, Land O Lakes milk caps, participating in the Target Take Charge of Education fundraising program and we will be recycling printer cartridges and old cell phones, too. We are adding a wonderful opportunity to raise money for both Dassel and Cokato Elementary schools. See the article in this newsletter for further information. We will need volunteers for these programs, so contact me if you are willing to help. Some of these are projects could be done at home!

Again, welcome to the school year. I am looking forward to working with you as we support our children, staff and community by being a part of the lives of these students. Check your schedule and give me a call!

"Don't wait for a crisis to discover what is important in your life."

DASSEL ELEMENTARY EXTENSIONS

Please post extension numbers by your telephone. First dial 286-4100, when you get the recording immediately dial one of the extensions below:

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| Allen, Beth | 1510 |
| Berg, Amanda | 1534 |
| Caron, Steph | 1540 |
| Conely, Alison | 1526 |
| Dille, Pam | 1531 |
| Erickson, Marlyce | 1500 |
| Erickson, Patti Jo | 1534 |
| Force, Brad | 1512 |
| Ganser, Gail | 1520 |
| Grochow, Shelly | 1522 |
| Hall, JoAnna | 1529 |
| Halvorson, Carla | 1537 |
| Holly, Barb | 1506 |
| Holm, Becky | 1530 |
| Karlgaard, Luke | 1528 |
| Kitchen | 1505 |
| Lingl, Mark | 1514 |
| Little, Heidi | 1516 |
| Litzau, Becky | 1535 |
| Lynk, Laura | 1533 |
| Neu, Mary | 1518 |
| Nudell, Rob | 1504 |
| O'Fallon, Kelly | 1519 |
| Opsahl, Melissa | 1527 |
| Pitchford, Mechele | 1515 |
| Redman, Julie | 1524 |
| Renkes, Julie | 1536 |
| Silverberg, Karley | 1525 |
| Smoldt, Charlie | 1508 |
| Stang, Jim | 1511 |
| Tschida, Carmen | 1507 |
| Whittaker, Matt | 1533 |
| Wirz, Jean | 1513 |

KIDS NIGHT AT THE LOCAL DAIRY QUEEN



Every Wednesday evening between 5:00 and 8:00 p.m. the Cokato Dairy Queen is supporting our elementary schools with a 15% contribution of the total of sales!

Our students will take turns providing art work to decorate the eating area of the DQ. We will alternate Wednesdays with Cokato Elementary for art work display.

Soon we will be posting the list of dates and which classrooms will be hosting their artwork on those days! Watch for further information!

Please stop in and buy a treat and look at the wonderful art provided by our children! What a fun and tasty way to support our schools!



FROM THE SHARE GRANT PARENT/SCHOOL LIAISON...

by Mary Neu

STEP-UP TO PARENTING

Congratulations on starting another school year! It takes a little while, but the school routine should be in full swing. Bed time, reading time, homework and home chores should be scheduled and flowing smoothly.

- What? You are still working on those routines?
Sometimes we forget the importance for children to have a regular routine in their lives. Much research shows the impact on learning that a routine, along with eating healthy, has for children.
- If your child is not waking refreshed, look at their bed time. Are they getting enough sleep?
- If your child is always complaining about homework, look at what they are being asked to do and guide them through their work.

- If your child is not talking about their classmates and friends, ask them some questions. Who did you play with today? What did you play?
- If your child is not hungry in the morning, make sure they have a healthy snack for care time.

More and more research is showing that we need to limit T.V. and video time. Take the time that was spent in front of media, and be an involved parent. If you would like ideas of what to do with your child, please feel free to contact me at school. (320-286-4100 ext.1518)

Remember that you are the first and most important “teacher” your child has. You are the parent and are responsible for them. We support and encourage you to make parenting decisions. Don’t be led by peer pressure from your adult friends about video games, T.V. or other decisions that are yours as the parent.

As we ask our students to “Step-Up” to prevent bullying, we also need to Step-Up to parenting. I know that together we can provide our children with a well-rounded education and life experience.



VOLUNTEER NEEDED

Cash Wise is announcing that they will continue to support the Food Club Labels for Learning program!

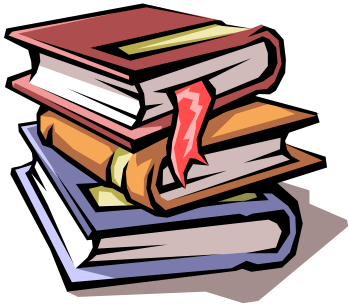
The program is simple. Cash Wise shoppers need to cut the UPC codes off of the Food Club, Top Care, Paws and Full Circle products. There are over 3,000 products available with this program. The UPC codes are collected at Dassel Elementary and can be redeemed for 5 cents per UPC code.

We are looking for a parent, grandparent, or community member that will assist with this program! The collection box is here at school and we are ready to go! Just waiting for someone to Step-Up and help with the details! Please contact me if this is something you can do for our school!

Thanks! (Mary Neu, ext. 1518)

3RD & 4TH GRADE BOOK CLUB

by Pam Dille & Julie Renkes



Attention all third and fourth graders!!! We'd like to invite you to join us for book celebrations that will again be held throughout this school year. We again want to include as many

students as possible. Following are some details for this year's book clubs:

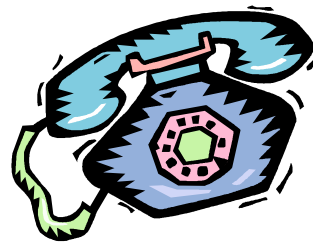
- This fall we will be offering 3 books for third graders, and 3 books for fourth graders. Details about the winter books will come later.
- Students may sign up for one, or all of the titles offered for their grade if they wish.
- In order to allow for many students to join us, students will need to read and return the book in one week. Then we will pass the books on to other kids.
- You are welcome to borrow, or purchase, the books somewhere else.
- Students must pass a Reading Counts test, or complete a short story map, by the required due date as proof that the book has been read.
- Celebrations for the books read will be held approximately one week after the book is due. This helps us plan how many students will be attending.
- Celebrations usually include discussions, fun activities, and a treat!
- Celebrations will be held over the recess/lunch hour. (approx. 12:00-1:00) Students will be excused to eat lunch at their regular time.

Mrs. Dille will explain more about book clubs during the regularly scheduled media center times. You can sign up there. We are looking forward to celebrating good books with all who are interested!

Hope to see you there!



NOTES PLEASE . . .



Due to the abundance of phone calls at the end of the day, we ask that you please write a note for your child with instructions as to where they should go at the end of the school day. This is only if there is a change in their regular schedule. An example of the information we need are:

- Date of note
- Name of student
- Name of teacher
- Where must my child go to
- Bus # (if needed)
- Name and signature of parent

We really appreciate your assistance in this matter to help eliminate the amount of phone calls and interruptions to the classrooms.

AN INVITATION TO ALL PARENTS OF DASSEL & COKATO ELEMENTARY STUDENTS



OUR PARENT GROUP IS:

- a group of parents committed to striving for excellence in education
- an opportunity to be involved in the K-4 school experience
- an organized forum for communication with the school staff and other caring adults
- 1st meeting is Tuesday, Oct. 7th, at 2:00 at Dassel Elementary

All parents of Dassel & Cokato Elementary students are welcome to attend any of our scheduled meetings. We look forward to your involvement in your child's education and welcome you to work with us towards the goal of a successful year.

Please contact Rob Nudell, Principal (ext. 1504) or Mary Neu, Volunteer Coordinator (ext. 1518) for further information.

PICTURE RETAKE DAY



Thursday, October 30th will be picture retake day at Dassel Elementary between 8:30 a.m.– 9:30 a.m. If your child missed picture day or you weren't satisfied with the picture taken, please bring him/her to the small gym during this hour.

Students who were absent or forgot their money on September 16th, whose portraits need to be retaken, or who wish to purchase another package, may do this on October 30th. Students desiring retakes must return their complete original package to the photographer on retake day. All checks must be made payable to **HERFF JONES**.



STUDENTS FEATURED IN ENTERPRISE DISPATCH



The Dassel-Cokato Enterprise Dispatch comes to school periodically to take pictures of five students and ask them a question which will be featured in the

local newspaper. If your child has not been featured in the paper before, please sign the permission slip below and have your child return it to the office.

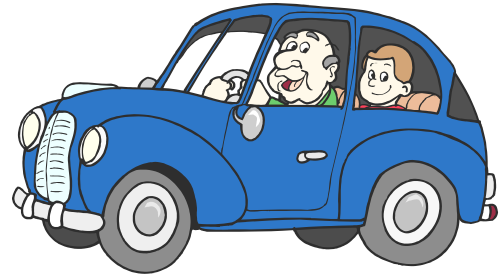
Yes, my child has permission to be featured in the Dassel-Cokato Enterprise Dispatch.

Child's Name _____

Teacher's Name _____

Parent Signature _____

PARENTS WHO PICK UP & DROP OFF THEIR CHILDREN



All parents are asked to pick up their child or drop off their child on the **EAST** side of the school. For the safety of our students and staff, **do not** pick up or drop off children while buses are loading/unloading on the south side.



ATTENTION PARENTS...



If your child is allergic to milk we need a physician's statement and this statement is to be renewed annually. If your child is lactose intolerant we require a written note from the child's parent requesting that we give them lactose reduced milk. We are not required to make available any other substitute such as juice to lactose intolerant students.



The doors to school will be locked until 7:45 a.m. each day, as we do not have supervision before that time. So please do not send your students to school earlier than 7:45 a.m.

GRANDPARENTS' DAY OCTOBER 10th



This year we will be hosting Grandparents' Day at Dassel Elementary on Friday, October 10th at 10:00 a.m. This is a special day for us as we welcome the grandparents to enjoy a program, visit the classroom, and then join their grandchildren for a delicious school lunch.

Please assist us in notifying your child's grandparents so that we can have as many as possible on that date. If your child would like to use a ready-made invitation to send their grandparent, you will find it included in this newsletter.

You DO NOT need to call in for a meal reservation. The meal cost is \$2.95. (Please try to have the correct amount to make the line for buying meal tickets go faster.)



FROM PHYSICAL EDUCATION....

by Patti Jo Erickson & Amanda Berg



The school year has gotten off to a great start! Here is a quick update on what's happening in Physical Education: We work on fitness every day and have practiced some basic skills like throwing, catching, and kicking. The 3rd and 4th graders also played some Four Square at the beginning of the year while the 1st and 2nd graders have learned about concepts like speed, pathways, levels and force. We will be fitness testing soon.

We receive many physical education journals and newsletters throughout the year. In one recent

journal there was an article about backpack safety. This article, along with some other sources, talked about some dangers associated with heavy backpacks. For example, when a backpack is worn incorrectly, it can "pull" your child backwards. To compensate, your child may bend forward at the hips or arch his or her back. This causes the spine to compress unnaturally. This can cause shoulder, neck, and back pain. Also, if a child wears their backpack over just one shoulder, they may end up leaning to one side which may cause muscle imbalances. Yet another problem arises when the straps are too tight and narrow. They dig into the shoulders and can interfere with circulation and nerves. Add to that the fact that some children forget that they take up more space when wearing an overstuffed backpack and can knock into others.

We can't get rid of backpacks, but we can teach ourselves to use them properly. Below are a few things to consider:

- Choose the smallest possible backpack and one made of lightweight material
- Make sure the straps are wide, padded, and adjustable
- Pack the heaviest items close to the back
- The top of the backpack should rest just below the base of the head.
- Use both straps
- Consider purchasing a backpack with a strap that goes around the waist
- Clean out the backpack of unnecessary "stuff" at least weekly

Since back pain is the number one reason in our country for missing work, we should all make sure our children keep their backs healthy and educate them for the future.



FRIDAY IS CHARGER DAY



As a continuation of our school pride theme – all students and staff are encouraged to wear the Dassel-Cokato Charger colors on Fridays throughout the rest of the year. The colors are red, blue and white.

FROM COOK'S CORNER...

by Doris Kyllonen, Lead Cook



Welcome back from the "Rockin' Lunch Ladies." Where did the summer go?? It's hard to believe we already have a month of school done. It is so nice to see the smiling faces and the hungry appetites of the children and staff. The kindergartners have been coming to lunch for three weeks now, and are doing such a good job of going through the line.

We invite parents or family to come and have lunch any time during the year with their children, with the exception of Grandparent's Day. We are having the dinner this year again, and hope grandparents are able to attend. Parents, we'd like to remind you that this day's lunch is meant for kids and their grandparents only.

Just a few reminders--bag lunches are available for students or chaperones if their class is going on a field trip. Chaperones will have to pay cash; they cannot use their children's accounts.

If your child is allergic to milk, we need a doctor's note on file so we can substitute juice. If your child is lactose-intolerant, and we have a parent's note, we will offer lactose-free milk if requested. We cannot offer juice as a substitute for milk if a child is lactose-intolerant. Thanks for your cooperation.

We are always looking for people who would like to be substitutes in the kitchen. If you're interested in this, you can talk with me at school, or you can fill out an application at the district office. We have a good time and get so many "thank yous!"

We will be doing the "vote for school lunch" again this year before National School Lunch Week, October 13-17. Watch for the posters and the new candidates for this year! Kids, thank you for all the great manners! We'll chat next month.

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|----------------------------|--------|
| ❖ Student elementary lunch | \$1.50 |
| ❖ Student middle school | \$1.55 |
| ❖ Student high school | \$1.55 |
| ❖ Adult lunch | \$2.95 |
| ❖ Student breakfast | \$1.00 |
| ❖ Adult breakfast | \$1.50 |
| ❖ Extra milk | \$.35 |

MUSIC "NOTES"...

by Becky Litzau



Music at Dassel Elementary is a blast! With the music room being one of the lucky Smart Board recipients, students are learning music in a whole new way! From showing them where songs come from around the world on Google Earth, to placing music notes on the music staff and composing their own music with the board! Don't forget being able to play fantastic online music games together as a class (all posted on the Dassel music website).

All grades are also gearing up with some fantastic songs and PE performances for Grandparents Day, Friday, October 10. Get ready to see that Smart Board in action for the program! I look forward to seeing many members of the community there!

Thank you for your continued support!



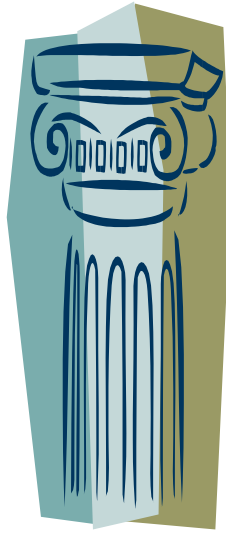
HOMEcoming SPIRIT WEEK September 29 – October 3

We will be celebrating Homecoming spirit Week with our students at Dassel Elementary. Our themes for the week are:

- Monday – Inside Out Day
- Tuesday – Camouflage / Sport Day
- Wednesday – Color Day
 - Kindergarten wears Red
 - 1st Grade wears Black
 - 2nd Grade wears Blue
 - 3rd Grade wears Green
 - 4th Grade wears White
- Thursday – Dress Up Day
- Friday – Charger Day

Show your school pride
and join us in celebrating!

GOLDEN RULERS OF THE MONTH FOR SEPTEMBER



Every day of school, the students at Dassel Elementary are involved in CARE groups from 9:45 – 10:15. During this time, they have a snack and juice/milk break and are engaged in a lesson about character education. This year we are focusing on the character pillars of resiliency and understanding diversity. One of the activities we do each month is to have the students in each of the nine CARE groups select a Golden Ruler of the

Month to represent their group. They are asked to vote for a member of their CARE group who continually displays all six character pillars and demonstrates the Golden Rule: “Treat others as you would like to be treated”.



The students selected for the month of September were:

Back row: Braeden Cates, Connor Peterson, Curtis Kaml, Alicia Johnson, Carl Hendrickson

Front Row: Edgar Avila, Miranda Pokornowski, Amie Christensen, Jena Barden

The mission of Dassel-Cokato Schools, is to provide programs of educational excellence to students of all ages.

PATROL INSTALLATION AT DASSEL ELEMENTARY

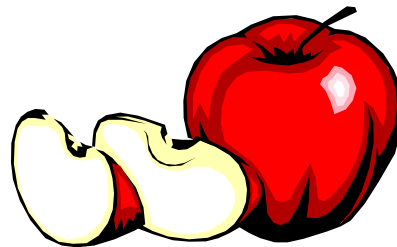


On Tuesday, September 9th, the fourth grade school patrol had their installation at Dassel Elementary. We are honored that they are serving their school as patrol members. Part of the activities of the day included taking the Patrol Member’s Pledge:

If accepted I will obey the pledge below and other rules and regulations of the Patrol. I promise to do my best to...

- ◆ Report for duty on time.
- ◆ Perform my duties faithfully.
- ◆ Strive to prevent traffic crashes, always setting a good example myself.
- ◆ Obey my teachers and officers of the patrol.
- ◆ Report dangerous student practices.
- ◆ Strive to earn the respect of fellow students.

NUTRITIOUS SNACKS FOR CARE GROUP



Each day your child has CARE Time. During that morning activity the students have the opportunity for a snack/beverage.

Please make sure your child brings a healthy snack such as fruit, cheese crackers, granola bar, etc. These healthy snacks will help provide the energy necessary for a productive day. We strive to have fit students as much as you do, so your cooperation is appreciated.

MEET A NEW STAFF MEMBER



My name is Karley Silverberg. I am the new first grade teacher here at Dassel. I am very excited to be here! I am originally from Red Wing, MN, I graduated from high school in 2001. I then went to college at the University of Minnesota, Morris and received my Bachelor of Arts degree in 2005.

I have many different teaching experiences. My most recent experience was in Annandale at Bendix Elementary School, where I taught first grade for three years. My most interesting experience was in Wainuiomata (why-newy-o-mah-tah), New Zealand where I student taught. I was in a year 2 classroom, which is equivalent to first grade here in the States. It was an amazing experience and it gave me a global perspective in teaching. Currently I am also taking classes with Hamline University to get my K-12 Reading Licensure.

My family is very important to me and we are very close. My mom and dad retired two years ago and just moved into a log home that they built in Cumberland, WI. My dad retired from 30 years of working in nuclear power plants, and my mom retired from 22 years of running her own childcare in our home. I have 3 siblings: Kaleb (24) who works in Red Wing, Kenzie (22) is going to school in Rochester, and Keyana (19) is in her second year at the University of Wisconsin, Stout. I currently live in Buffalo, but am very much enjoying the beautiful town of Dassel. I even have a family connection in Dassel...some of you may know Lynne and Rich Hasty and their three girls. Lynne and Rich are my aunt and uncle!

When I am not teaching, I love to read, dance, shop, be outside, down-hill ski, and spend time with family and friends. I also love to travel, although I do not get to do it often. I did go to Germany last spring break to visit a friend who is living there while her husband is in the army. I even skied in the Alps in Austria!

I really am thrilled to be here! Everyone has been very welcoming. I love working in a small school where I get to know the families both inside and

outside of my classroom. I think this is going to be a great year! If you ever have any questions, please feel free to contact me!

“TEASING: HARASSMENT IN DISGUISE”



On Thursday, Sept. 18th, the Dassel Elementary students participated in a presentation by Critter & Co. The program used a unique medium of live animals and their stories to share with the children relationship building concepts.

The animals and their stories were:

African Gray Parrot: It's not fun to be around things that tease. When we don't play by the rules it can be annoying and feel like teasing.

Hedgehogs: Whose interpretation counts? The one receiving the action. When somebody says we are teasing, we are, if they think we are teasing them.

Iguana: Predators play and tease before they kill or harm. Teasing can cause lasting damage – iguana tail. A pinch story was used about a little girl who was pinched in 1st grade and a little boy who ran because he was being teased and didn't look. Sometimes teasing hurts others in ways we don't mean it to hurt.

Chicken: Animals have a pecking order, puffed up power. People aren't animals. We have empathy, the ability to feel for others.

Porcupine: What do you do if you get teased? Be Alert and watch for the signs. 1) Tell them you will not like to be near them if they continue teasing. 2) Walk Away: ignore them, do not react. 3) Tell an adult what happened, ask for advice, and keep each other safe.

Red-tailed Hawk: Saying you're sorry, restoring relationships – “Sorry is Good. Change is Better.”

The program reinforced strategies that help keep Dassel Elementary a safe and nurturing place.

FROM THE SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKER'S OFFICE...

by Carmen Tschida



As we begin our second month of school, we hope that the children have adjusted to a calm morning routine, are comfortable in their new classroom, and have made some new friends. If you are finding that your child is continuing to struggle with

any of these issues, or have noticed negative behavior changes, please contact their teacher or myself. We want all students to feel welcome and comfortable when they arrive at Dassel Elementary and are away from their parents.

I will be at the school this year on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday all day long. If you need to talk with me, please leave me a message and I will get back to you as soon as possible. My job as a school social worker is to identify obstacles to a child's learning and then develop a plan to break down the obstacle. The obstacles can vary from behavior concerns, family changes, friendship issues, low self-esteem, a learning disability as well as other issues. If you are unsure if you should call, please do so and I can re-direct you if necessary. Early intervention is important to a child's success.

"Golden Ruler"

CARE Group Character Education Activities

This school year, our students will continue to focus on the Character Pillars during CARE Group, through Character Education activities. Although the activities include all the pillars, there will be a special emphasis on understanding diversity and resiliency. Our overall school theme for Character Education is emphasizing the **"Golden Rule: - Treat others as you would like to be treated"**. Each Care Group will be recognizing one student from their group on a monthly basis that consistently demonstrates the Golden Rule in their daily activities. The "Golden Rulers", for the month will be announced on the morning announcement and will have a special locker marker for the month in recognition of their good character. As you walk through the hallways, look for the "Golden Ruler" locker markers and

acknowledge the student for demonstrating good character.

I look forward to a great year, and let me know if I can help out in anyway. Please call me at (320) 286-4100 ext. 1507.



HEADLINES IN SCHOOL HEALTH ...

by Kelly A. O'Fallon, LSN



It's time once again for the annual vision and hearing screening. As always, screenings are done as recommended by the MN Department of Health. Hearing and vision screening will be conducted on students in grades 1 and 3. Grades K and

2 will be screened for hearing only. Of course, we will also include those children in which a vision or hearing concern is brought to our attention by a parent, teacher or student, and those students with a history of poor vision/hearing.

The initial screening will take place on October 3rd. A re-screening will be held on October 24th for those students who did not pass the initial screening. If, at this point your child does not pass, you will receive a referral letter recommending that your child be seen by his/her health care provider. If you do not receive a letter by the beginning of November, your child has passed and no follow up is necessary.

Good vision and hearing is an essential key to learning. It is very important to conduct screening so that any problems can be detected at an early age. The screening is only an indication to whether a concern may be present. Further evaluation by your health care provider will be needed to determine if a problem exists. If you have specific concerns regarding your child, please call the health office.

I would love to have parent volunteers participate in this event. If you are interested in assisting with screening, please call me @ 286-4204. Training will be provided!

LOVE & LOGIC

Join a 5 week class to learn effective ways to raise respectful and responsible kids.

Have less stress and more confidence with techniques you can start using right after the first class!!!

Classes will be offered

- Oct. 23 & 30 and Nov. 6, 13 & 20
- From 6-8 p.m. at the D-C ECFE Center
- Low cost family meal and FREE childcare up to age 8 is available
- Registration required
- Register by Oct. 21, 2008 by calling 320-286-4120
- \$10.00 fee includes class, workbook and certificate of participation and is payable to the instructor on the first night of class
- Scholarships are available
- Participants must be residents of the D-C School District or Meeker County

Use the class as a refresher if you've already been using the techniques. If you have the workbook already, the class is FREE!

DASSEL-COKATO KINSHIP CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP



In the U.S. 2.4 million grandparents are raising their grandchildren as parents struggle with substance abuse, mental illness, incarceration, economic hardship, divorce, domestic violence and other serious problems. If you are one of them, we would like to help you not only survive this new adventure of raising grandchildren, but flourish, and bring forth a new generation of responsible human beings.

What is the Kinship Caregivers Group all about?

The support group brings together grandparents and other relatives who are raising their grandchildren, nieces, nephews or other relatives so they can

discuss their feelings and concerns in a safe and non-threatening manner.

What will we talk about?

The issues talked about in the support group are completely based on what the participants need. Some things kinship caregivers have shared and discussed in the past include:

- Feeling cheated out of their special role as a grandparent, aunt, uncle, etc.
- Anger at having to postpone their retirement dreams.
- Guilt about their own parenting and how that affected their children's inability to parent.
- The emotional baggage that many of the children bring with them – anger, shame, fear, confusion, and feelings of loss.
- How to deal with the children's behavior. The special issues that arise when Mom or Dad visit.

When and where is it?

The Kinship Caregivers Group meets the second Tuesday of the month from 12:30-2:00 p.m. at the DC Early Childhood Center, which is located in the NW corner of the DC HS/MS Complex. Call 320-286-4120 if you are interested.

What does it cost?

Because of the generous support from the Wright County Family Services Collaborative, The Kinship Caregivers support group is free of charge

What addition services are available?

The support group is facilitated by a co-located Wright County social worker who works diligently to connect Caregivers to the services available to them in the County they live in. Each meeting includes a free meal and free childcare.

PLEASE CALL SCHOOL TODAY:



1. with change of address or daytime telephone number, or
2. with information regarding your child's special health conditions.

**MECHELE PITCHFORD
WINS LEEA AWARD
(LEADER IN EDUCATION OF
EXCELLENCE AWARD)**



Every year the Central Minnesota Service Cooperative honors one teacher from each building that demonstrates leadership, dedication, and professionalism in his/her building and district. Teachers in that building select that teacher to be

recognized.

This year the Dassel Elementary teachers chose Mrs. Mechele Pitchford, 4th grade teacher, to receive that award. Mrs. Pitchford models excellence in her assignment everyday, and we want to thank her for her dedication and service.

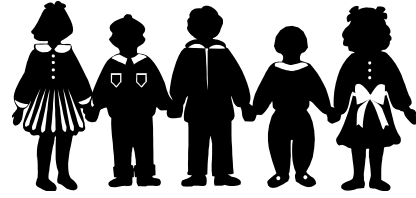
Mrs. Pitchford will be recognized at the LEEA banquet on Wednesday, October 29th, in St. Cloud.



**12 WAYS GRANDPARENTS SHOW
THEIR LOVE FOR GRANDCHILDREN**

- G**reeting them with smiles and hugs
- R**eady to offer a kind word
- A**lways cheering them on
- N**ever doubting their abilities
- D**oing as much for them as they can
- P**roviding wisdom and guidance
- A**ccepting them for who they are
- R**eassuring them and bringing comfort
- E**xpecting the best of them
- N**oticing their special talents
- T**aking time to play and laugh
- S**upporting them in all they do!

CHARGER KIDS CLUB



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. Daily activities could include: computer time, arts & crafts, sports/games, special guests, indoor/outdoor play, games, field trips, movie days, and homework/quiet time.

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 – 6:00 PM

Location

Cokato Elementary – Cafeteria (Small Gym)
 Dassel & Middle School students welcome, transportation is available before and after-school, to and from Cokato Elementary.

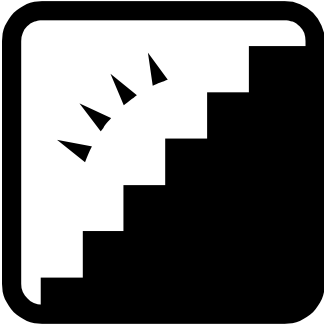
| 2008-09 Fees | 1st Child | 2nd Child |
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| Registration Fee (June 08-May 09) | \$25 Family | \$25 Family |
| Before School | | |
| Daily | \$5.00 | \$4.50 |
| Full Time (5 days a week) | \$22.00 | \$19.50 |
| After School | | |
| Daily | \$8.00 | \$7.50 |
| Full Time (5 days a week) | \$36.00 | \$32.50 |
| After School until 4:30 PM | \$5.00 | \$4.50 |
| Non-School days | | |
| Full day | \$25.00 | \$23.00 |
| Half Day (5 hours or less) | \$20.00 | \$18.00 |
| Drop In Rate – Before School | \$7.00 | \$7.00 |
| Drop In Rate – After School | \$10.00 | \$10.00 |

Contact Information

To register or get more information contact:
 Site Supervisor: Jennifer Todnem
 320-286-4100 ext. 1334

OLWEUS BULLING PREVENTION PROGRAM STEP UP

by Carmen Tschida



Along with the Character Education activities, we will continue to encourage our students, staff, and parents to “Step Up” against no bullying. The definition of bullying according to Olweus is when a student is exposed, repeatedly and over time, to negative actions on the part of one or more students. Bullying implies an imbalance of power or strength. The student who is bullied has difficulty-defending him/herself.

This year we incorporated “Protective Strategies” into our vocabulary to help students know how to deal with others who bully. Protective strategies include positive ways for students to use their power in difficult situations.

Protective Strategies: “TALK, WALK, GO”.

- **TALK:** Tell the person you don’t like what they are doing. Ask the person to stop.
 - Word power: I statement – “I don’t like it when you_____, and I want you to stop.
 - School rule: “Our school has a rule against bullying, and _____is breaking the rule.” (must plug in by the way they’re standing, tone of voice – assertively)
- **WALK:** Walk or move away from that person.
 - Find a friend or a supportive bystander: Call out to nearby students; say you’re being bullied
- **GO:** Go for help/go to an adult and ask for help.
 - (Relate this to Stop, Drop and Roll/Talk, Walk and GO)

During CARE group, we talked about how a bully operates on assertiveness, and make their bodies look *sure* and make their voices sound *sure*. We

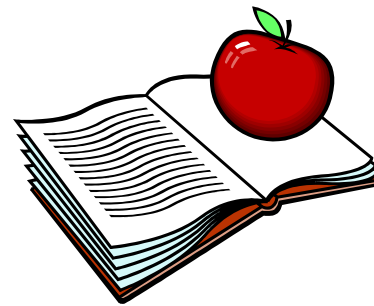
want to help children use the strategies, by both standing *and* speaking assertively.

Also, during CARE group, the roles of the bully, “target, henchman, and supportive bystander were defined. We will encourage all students to “Step Up” and take the risk of being the supportive bystanders to prevent bullying at our school.

On the first Tuesday of each month, activities will focus on bullying prevention. We encourage all parents to ask their child about the protective strategies, and ask them to define whom the “bully, target, henchman, and supportive bystander are in a bullying situation. It is also helpful for them to identify possible positive and negative consequences of participating in each of these roles.



FIRST GRADE PARENT NIGHT REMINDER



Thursday, October 2nd, we will be hosting two short presentations on math and reading for the parents of first graders. The presentations will begin promptly at

5:30 in the Dassel Media Center and Mrs. Opsahl’s room. We plan to conclude presentations at approximately 6:30. Contact your child’s teacher, or Mrs. Renkes (ext. 1536) for more details.

GRANDPARENTS ARE SPECIAL

For wisdom shared throughout the years,
Comforting arms that chase away tears.
Helping hands to show the way,
The gift of time for fun and play.

Stories and treats that bring delight,
Words of praise that make smiles bright.
For hearts filled with love far beyond measure,
Grandparents are truly a family’s treasure!

**UPCOMING
COMMUNITY EDUCATION CLASSES**

To register call 286-4120
or visit us on line at www.dc.k12.mn.us
and click on Community Education



COSMIC BOWLING (Gr.K-6)

Do you enjoy bowling? Have you ever bowled in the dark? Come and enjoy an afternoon of bowling under the black lights. Wear something white and see how it glows under the black lights. Trip fee includes transportation, 2+ games of bowling and shoe rental.

Activity #3010

Thursday, Oct. 16 – (MEA Break)
Departure: Cokato Elem. Main Door – 12:20 PM
Dassel Elem. Main Door – 12:30 PM
Return: Dassel Elem. Main Door – 3:05 PM
Cokato Elem. Main Door – 3:15 PM
Fee: \$12

CLAY CAMP (Gr. K-5)

Instructor: Laura Lounsbury
Pottery and sculpture handmade by your child will truly capture their imagination. Students will be given 1.5 pounds of red and white earthenware clay and taught basic handbuilding techniques. Glazes are food safe, so projects may include covered jars, baskets, mugs, bowls or a sculpture reflecting your child's interest. The artwork will be fired and glazed by the instructor and returned back to school within four weeks. Dress for a mess! *Parents – you can register and make a project also!*

Activity #2200A – Dassel Elem.

Tuesday, October 14th
3:15-4:45 PM – Rm. #111
Fee: \$26

Activity #2200B – Cokato Elem.

Monday, Oct. 13th
3:15-4:45 PM – Rm. #TBD
Fee: \$26

FRIDAY NIGHT OUT (Gr. 4-6) - \$9

Friday Night Out is a special night for kids! Children will spend their evening swimming in the

pool, doing a project or playing games and relaxing at an evenings end with a snack. Parents will have time to catch up on shopping, cleaning, playing or simply relaxing. Maximum 50

Activity #3008B

Friday, October 24th – 6:30-10:00 PM
Movie to be shown: “Goonies”
MS Commons
Fee: \$9

HALLOWEEN CUPCAKES Gr. K-4)

Do you love cupcakes? Would you like to learn how to decorate scary or creepy cupcakes just in time for Halloween? During class, you will create your own scary treats with frosting. All supplies will be provided, including your very own decoration set to keep and a box to carry home 4-6 decorated cupcakes.

Activity #1007A – Dassel

Thursday, Oct. 23
3:15-4:30 PM – Rm. #111
Fee: \$15, includes all supplies
Registration deadline: Oct. 16

Activity #1007B-Cokato

Monday, Oct. 27
3:15-4:30 PM – Rm. #139
Fee: \$15, includes all supplies
Registration deadline: Oct. 20

UPCOMING ADULT CLASSES

Check these out in our brochure or online at www.dc.k12.mn.us and click on Community Education:

Pilates on the Ball
Mat Pilates
Self Defense
Dr. Mom
Natural Body Wraps for Women
Decorating on a Dime
Pottery
Beginning Crochet
Square in a Square Quilt
Asian Cuisine
Folk Harp Lessons



Dassel-Cokato

PTA

everychild.onevoice.®

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. Start the year off right by becoming a Dassel-Cokato PTA member! The PTA is a group of community members that works to contribute to the schools and the families of children that attend the school.

Being a member of the PTA **WILL** allow you to

- Be connected and informed about school through PTA involvement & Advocacy
- Contribute to fundraising opportunities for the school
- Influence decisions that affect your child's learning
- Become more informed about topics that affect our children and their schools (ex: becoming a media-wise parent, childhood obesity, wellness initiatives within the school)
- Receive personal copies of school board minutes and agendas
- Meet other great community members

Being a member of the PTA **DOES NOT** mean

- You do not have to attend every meeting
- You will not be forced to volunteer many hours
- You will not have to be on a committee unless you choose to

Upcoming Meeting:

Note - Our regular meetings take place in the high school media center on the first Thursday of every month from 6:30-8:00.

Thursday, October 2, 6:30-8:00, High School Media Center

- **Meet the School Board Candidates.**

Come and meet the school board candidates and have an opportunity to ask questions.

- **Fund Development Committee meeting –** Anyone is welcome to attend the Fund Development committee meetings which are held on the third Friday of each month at 7:30 am at the Grounds. We have a meeting scheduled October 17.

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 at:

Dassel-Cokato PTA

P. O. Box 632

Dassel, MN 55325

chargerpta@yahoo.com

OLWEUS BULLYING PREVENTION PROGRAM AND THE SHARE GRANT



Welcome to the 2008-2009 school year! We are excited to have your students with us at Dassel Elementary.

Our school district is entering the 4th year of our collaborative grant with 13 other school districts in the state where we are funded by a federal grant to assist us with **Supporting Healthy And Respectful Environments. (SHARE)**

There are many pieces to the grant, but one of the key components is the OLWEUS bullying prevention program. This is a district wide endeavor that has connected our K-12 buildings together with common goals and terminology. The goal is to stop bullying in our schools, and more importantly, teach the students what bullying is and give them the tools to change that imbalance of power.

We look forward to this school year and the opportunities we have to work together to support our children, keep them healthy and continuing the goals of teaching respect along with their academics.

If you have questions regarding the program, or would like to volunteer with our OLWEUS program, please contact Mary Neu, SHARE grant parent liaison. (320-286-4100 ext. 1518)

DASSEL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CALENDAR 2008-2009

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| OCTORBER | 1 | 2:00-3:00 Volunteer Orientation |
| | 2 | 5:00-6:30 1 st Grade Parent Night |
| | 3 | 8:15-8:50 Pepfest |
| | 3 | Gr. K-3 Vision & Hearing Screening |
| | 10 | Grandparents' Day |
| | 13 | 8:20-2:45 3 rd Grade F.T. to Nelson Farm |
| | 16-17 | No School - Education Convention |
| | 20 | No School - Staff Development |
| | 23 | 1:00 Physics Force for 3 rd & 4 th grade |
| | 24 | Gr. K-3 Vision & Hearing Rescreening |
| 30 | Picture Retakes & Action Shots | |
| 30 | 4 th grade Odyssey Fieldtrip to Ft. Snelling | |

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| MARCH | 2 | Read Across America |
| | 5 | End of 2 nd Trimester |
| | 5 | Kindergarten Parent-Teacher Conferences (No School - Kindergarten only) |
| | 6 | No School - Staff Development |
| | 9 | 5:00-8:00 - Elementary Conferences |
| | 12 | 9:40 Climb Theatre "The Hugger Tree Me" |
| | 12 | 5:00-8:00 - Elementary Conferences |
| | 13 | No School - A.M. Teacher Planning/P.M. Parent-Teacher Conferences |
| | 17 | 3:30-5:30 Kindergarten Round-Up |
| | 23-27 | No School Spring Break |

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| NOVEMBER | 7 | Kindergarten Parent/Teacher Conferences (No School - Kindergarten only) |
| | 10 | 5:00-8:00 - Elementary Conferences |
| | 13 | 5:00-8:00 - Elementary Conferences |
| | 14 | No School - A.M. Teacher Planning/ P.M. Parent-Teacher Conferences |
| | 25 | End of 1 st Trimester |
| | 26 | No School - Staff Development |
| | 27-28 | Thanksgiving Vacation |

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| APRIL | 8 | 8:00-8:30 Kindergarten "Donuts for Dads" (Monday/Wednesday Class) |
| | 9 | 8:00-8:30 Kindergarten "Donuts for Dads" (Tuesday/Thursday Class) |
| | 10 | No School - Good Friday |
| | 14-15 | MCA Testing for 3 rd & 4 th Grade (Reading) |
| | 21-22 | MCA Testing for 3 rd & 4 th Grade (Math) |

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| DECEMBER | 3 | Volunteer Christmas Tea |
| | 11 | 1:30 Music Program Matinee (Grades K-2) |
| | 11 | 7:00 Evening Music Program (Grades K-2) |
| | 18 | 3 rd Grade Christmas Stores in afternoon |
| | 19 | 3 rd Grade Christmas Stores in morning |
| | 22 | 3 rd Grade Christmas Stores Shopping |
| 24-Jan. 4 | No School Winter Break | |

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| MAY | 5 | 1:30 Spring Music Matinee (Grades 3-4) |
| | 5 | 7:00 Spring Music Program (Grades 3-4) |
| | 6 | 8:00-8:30 - Kindergarten "Muffins for Moms" (Monday/Wednesday Class) |
| | 7 | 8:00-8:30 - Kindergarten "Muffins for Moms" (Tuesday/Thursday Class) |
| | 8 | 8:20-2:30 4 th grade go MN Historical Ctr. |
| | 14 | Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon |
| | 21 | 3 rd Grade Play |
| | 22 | Kindergarten go Como Zoo |
| | 22 | 10:00-11:30 - Gummy Bear Day Activities |
| | | 11:30-1:00 - School Picnic |
| | | 1:00-2:30 - Gummy Bear Day Activities |
| | 25 | No School - Memorial Day |
| | 27 | 8:15-4:45 Grade 2 go to MN Zoo |
| 28 | 3 rd Grade Play in 2 Classrooms | |
| 28 | 8:15-3:00 1 st grade go to Children's Museum | |

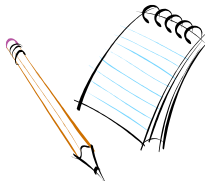


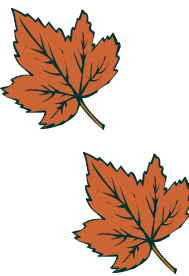









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| JAN. | 5 | Classes Resume |
| | 6 | AAA Kick-Off |
| | 19 | No School - Staff Development |
| | 20 | AAA Contracts Due |

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| JUNE | 2 | Last day of school (unless there are snow days) |
| | 2 | 9:00 - Awards Program |
| | 3 | Teacher Workshop $\frac{1}{2}$ Day |
| | 7 | 1:00 Graduation |

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| FEB. | 5 | AAA Performance Judging |
| | 13 | Jump Rope for Heart |
| | 13 | AAA Projects due |
| | 16 | No School - Presidents' Day |
| | 18 | 1:30 - AAA Matinee |
| | 19 | Project Judging |
| 19 | Arts & Academic Awards (AAA) 6:00 exhibits & 7:00 program | |



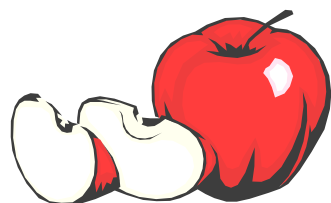
CALENDAR OF EVENTS

| 2008 | | OCTOBER | | | | | 2008 |
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| SUN | MON | TUES | WED | THURS | FRI | SAT | |
| <p>Please refer to the "08-09 School Calendar" which is included in this newsletter. Some dates have changed and have been up-dated since the Parent Handbook was printed.</p> | | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | |
| | | |  2:00-3:00 Volunteer Orientation | 5:00-6:00 1 st Grade Parent Night PTA Meeting at the High School Media Center 6:30-8:00 | 8:15-8:50 Pepfest  Gr. K-3 Vision & Hearing Screening | | |
| 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | |
| |  | |  |  | Grandparents' Day 10:00  | | |
| 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | |
| | 8:20-2:45 3 rd Grade go to Nelson Farm |  | | Education Convention NO SCHOOL | Education Convention NO SCHOOL | | |
| 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | |
| |  Staff Dev. Day NO SCHOOL | | |  1:00 Physics Force for 3 rd & 4 th grade at PAC | Vision & Hearing Re-Screening  | | |
| 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | | |
| |  | |  | Picture Retakes & Action Shots |  | | |

BREAKFAST MENU

| 2008 | | OCTOBER | | | | | 2008 |
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| SUN | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SAT | |
| In accordance with federal law and U.S. Department of Agriculture policy, this institution is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability. (Not all prohibited bases apply to all programs.) To file a complaint of discrimination, please contact: Tina Palmer, 4852 SW Reardon, Cokato, MN 55321 @ 320-286-4100, x. 1002. ½ pint milk served with each meal | | | 1 Cereal Cinnamon Toast Fruit Sauce Choice | 2 Doughnut Yogurt Fruit Juice | 3 Cereal Mini Muffin Fresh Fruit | 4 | |
| 5 | 6 Breakfast Cereal Muffin Fresh Assorted Fruit | 7 Breakfast Pizza Fruit Sauce Choice | 8 Cereal Cinnamon Sticks Fruit Sauce Choice | 9 Pancakes with Syrup Smokies Assorted Fruit Juice | 10 Cereal Toast with Sugar & Cinnamon Fruit Sauce | 11 | |
| 12 | 13 Pop Tarts Trix Yogurt Fruit Sauce Choice | 14 Cereal Muffin Assorted Fruit Juice | 15 Breakfast Omelet Toast Assorted Fruit Juice | 16 Education Convention No School | 17 Education Convention No School | 18 | |
| 19 | 20 Staff Development Day No School | 21 Apple Strudel Sticks Cheese Stick Fruit Juice | 22 Cereal Muffin Assorted Fresh Fruit | 23 French Toast Sticks Smokies Assorted Fruit Juice | 24 Cereal Toast / Jelly Fresh Fruit | 25 | |
| 26 | 27 Cereal Trix Yogurt Fruit Sauce Choice | 28 Waffle Sticks Smokies Fruit Sauce Choice | 29 Cereal Toast with Sugar & Cinnamon Fruit Sauce Choice | 30 Doughnut Trix Yogurt Assorted Juice Choice | 31 Cereal Mini Muffin Fresh fruit | | |

ANTICIPATED FAMILY FOOD COST FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER, 2008.



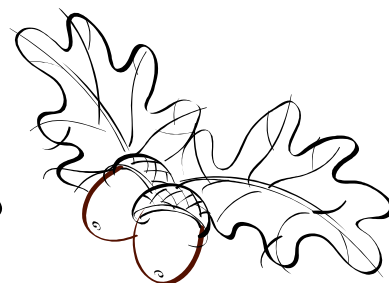
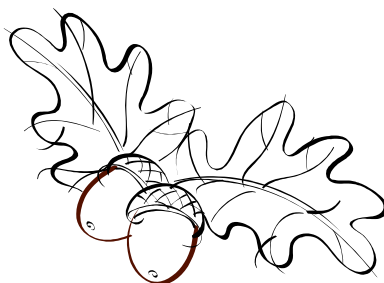
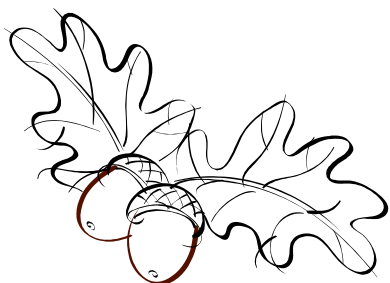
Grades K-4:

Breakfasts: 20 days x \$ 1.00 = \$20.00
 Regular Lunches: 20 days x \$ 1.50 = \$30.00
 Reduced Lunches: 20 days x \$.40 = \$ 8.00
 Extra milk = 35 cents

Please write your child's first and last name on the check or envelope to ensure proper credit to the account. We welcome you to join your child for a meal!

LUNCH MENU

| 2008 | | OCTOBER | | | | 2008 | |
|---|--|--|--|---|--|---|---|
| SUN | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SAT | |
| <p>½ pint milk will be served with each meal</p> | | | 1 Goulash French Bread Lettuce Salad / Dressing Fresh Fruit | 2 Grilled Chicken Patty Alfredo Noodles Bread stick Fresh Fruit | 3 Hot Dog on a Bun Sauerkraut Bag of Baked Chips Veggie Sticks Special Treat | 4 | |
| | | | 5 | 6 French Toast Sticks Smokies Tri Tater Orange Smiles Assorted Juice Choice | 7 Hamburger on a Bun Lettuce & Tomato Savory French Fries Vegetable Choice Fruit Sauce Choice | 8 Super Nachos with fixings Seasoned Corn Fresh Fruit School-Made Bar | 9 Grilled Cheese or Tuna Sandwich Tomato Soup Fresh Veggies & Dip Fresh Fruit |
| 12 | 13 Popcorn Chicken Au Gratin Potatoes Seasoned Peas Bread Choice Fruit Sauce Choice | 14 Spaghetti with meat Coleslaw Seasoned Green Beans Fresh Fruit | 15 Mini Corn Dogs Savory French Fries Broccoli & Cheese Bread Choice Fruit Sauce Choice | 16 Education Convention No School | 17 Education Convention No School | 18 | |
| 19 | 20 Staff Development Day No School | 21 Cheese Bread with Pizza Sauce Lettuce Salad Fresh Fruit | 22 Chicken Strips Mac & Cheese Seasoned Peas Fruit Sauce Choice | 23 <i>Bag Lunch</i> Hot Ham & Cheese on a Bun Baked Chips Carrot Paks Fresh Fruit | 24 Sloppy Joe on a Bun Savory French Fries Seasoned Green Beans Fruit Sauce Choice | 25 | |
| 26 | 27 Pizza Seasoned Corn Fresh Fruit | 28 Country Fried Steak Mashed Potatoes Country Gravy Seasoned Carrots Tea Biscuit Fruit Sauce Choice | 29 Chow Mein with rice & noodles Cole Slaw Pineapple/ Mandarin Oranges Fortune Cookie | 30 Chicken Patty on a Bun Potato Smiles Seasoned Green Beans Fresh Fruit | 31 Mr. Riblet on a Bun Potatoes Rounds Fresh Veggies & Dip Fruit Sauce Choice | | |



YOU ARE INVITED TO GRANDPARENTS' DAY



Calling all
Grandmas & Grandpas of Dassel Elementary Students

What:
Grandparents' Day

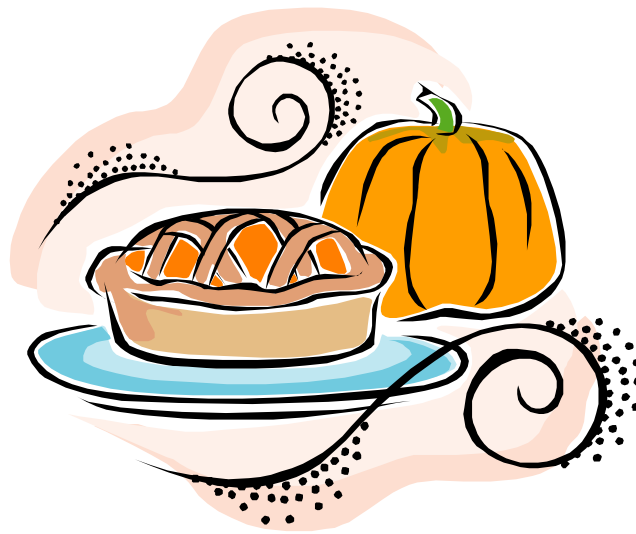
When:
Friday, October 10th

Where:
Dassel Elementary School

Time:
Program will start promptly at
10:00 a.m.
(but come a little early to buy your lunch ticket)

Activities will include
a program featuring your grandchild,
observing in a classroom, touring the building,
and eating a delicious meal.

MENU



Meat & Gravy
Mashed Potatoes
Dressing
Seasoned Mixed Vegetables
Cranberries
Dinner Roll
Ice Cream Cup

You do not need to call in a reservation, and please do not send money in advance for the meal. You can purchase your meal ticket (\$2.95) right when you enter the building. Please have the correct amount to make the line for buying meal tickets go faster.

We will be finishing around 1:00 p.m.