

DASSEL ELEMENTARY NEWSLETTER

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK...

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by Rob Nudell



I hope you are staying warm and enjoying the winter season. Like many of you, my family exchanged presents at Christmas time, but as much fun as they had opening presents, I actually think they found more satisfaction giving gifts. I

read an article from my national principal's group titled "The Art of Giving". I thought it had some great ideas on what we can do as parents to help our children learn how to make the world a better place. I certainly think our students and families at Dassel elementary are well on our way.

THE ART OF GIVING

Schools across the country are getting children as young as kindergartners and preschoolers involved in service learning – a blend between community service and expanded instruction. Many service learning advocates feel that by helping others, children can learn responsibility, build character and citizenship, and discover the special joys of giving.

Clearly, with benefits like these, it's no wonder that more and more schools are making service learning part of the curriculum. But for it to really have an impact on children, it must be equally encouraged at home. Here are some ideas to try:

Start young. Encourage even the youngest children to look for ways to help others. There's almost always someone "littler" who needs a "big girl" or "big boy" to help or someone older who will, with a wink and a nod, be eager for a youngster to "help" them with a job.

Show that YOU care. Whether you can give an hour a day or an hour a month, let your children see you volunteer your time to help those in need. If you can, bring them along as extra hands and let them see the smiles on the faces of the people you're helping.

Go outside of your regular areas of interest. For many families, the core of their charitable involvement is their church, temple, or mosque. If that's the case in your household, look around for occasional ways that you can step in to help others as well. "Giving times two" can help children grow up to be even more dedicated to helping others.

Use the news, but in moderation. Many children respond enthusiastically but very emotionally to crises, like hurricanes and other disasters. They hear about them on the news and feel the need to help. Talk with them about ways that they might be able to help – from making homemade cards for victims to participating in a charity drive.

Tap into their talents. Is your little one a budding chef? Encourage him to have a bake sale to help a local family who lost their home in a fire. Do you have an artist in residence? See if she will submit a "masterpiece" to a charity putting together a fundraising calendar. And anyone can help pick up litter, give love to pets in a shelter, or read to children who just need some extra attention.

Make it a family affair. Everyone wins when the whole household gets involved in an effort to help others. Some families even make volunteering a part of their children's weekly allowance requirements.

Cast-offs can be a first step. As your children outgrow toys, games, and clothes, make a big deal of how you're going to pass them on to others who need them – either younger relatives or charities, such as Goodwill or the Salvation Army.

Encourage them to come with you when you drop the boxes off so they can hear the "thank you" too.

Trade off. Invite your friends', relatives' or neighbors' children to join you when you're working on a project for others, and encourage them to ask your children along when they do service learning.

Service learning is not about accumulating hours that can be put on an application for college or a job. It's a commitment to helping your children learn how to make the world a better place.

PARENTS...

If you have a change of plans and you cannot reach your child's teacher, please call the office and talk to a live voice. Remember, there could be a sub in the classroom who doesn't have access to that teacher's phone/email messages.

FROM THE CORNER OF THE COOK'S...

Doris Kyllonen, Head Cook



Happy "hearts' month" from the warm kitchen corner!

February is the month we take time to think about our hearts and each other's by what we do to keep our own hearts healthy, and what we say in cards and do for other people to make their hearts

healthy and happy.

Some facts on snacks--

A look at what students are eating outside of the cafeteria reveals some changes that have occurred in recent years. In 2005, the top item available in school vending machines was soda. Today, soda has slipped to second place behind water, according to new research from the School Nutrition Association (SNA).

In 92% of the largest 100 school districts (by enrollment), local school wellness policies address nutrition guidelines for vending programs, while 93% cover class parties, fund-raisers, and/or the ala carte line. Popular items in after-school snack programs include milk, juice, crackers, fruit, and vegetables.

February is National Snack Food month--the perfect time to celebrate snack time success in American schools. Enjoy your Valentine's Day and Jump Rope-for-Heart Day, and be kind to your heart and other people's ("kind acts--warm hearts").

We'll chat again soon.



CHARGER KIDS CLUB



Before & After School Childcare 2008-2009

Charger Kids Club is a school age child care and enrichment program located at Cokato Elementary, designed to meet the year round needs of working parents of students in grades K-6. The goal of our program is to provide fun, safe recreations and an 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

Contact Information: To register or get more information contact: Site Supervisor Jennifer Todnem at 320-286-1400 ext. 1334 or jennifer.todnem@dc.k12.mn.us

Upcoming Non-school Days:

Feb. 16th

March 6th

March 13th

March 22-27

Hours: 6 am - 6 pm

Fee: \$25 First child \$24 Second child

**AAA
HANDS ACROSS THE WORLD**



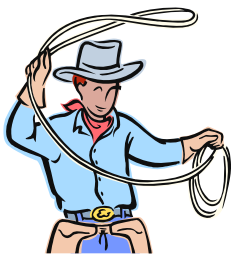
We are excited that AAA has started again! We look forward to seeing all of the great projects and performances. It always makes us proud to see the many talents of our students.

We have made some changes to the schedule this year. So we don't conflict with some high school and middle school events, we will not be having an evening performance. Instead, we will do a morning performance on Thursday, Feb. 19th, for kindergarten and first grade students, and an afternoon performance for grades 2-4. This also means projects will only be on display during school hours. Families and community members are welcome to attend either performance, but we encourage you to come to the afternoon performance because the projects will also be on display.

All first through fourth grade students should have received an information packet that includes all of the dates and times. Please be sure to read through it, and feel free to contact your child's teacher if you have any questions. We hope that every student chooses to participate to show their unique strengths and abilities!



**KINDERGARTEN ROUND-UP
MARCH 17th AT DASSEL ELEMENTARY**



Kindergarten Round-up is scheduled for Tuesday, March 17th, 3:45 p.m., at Dassel Elementary. If you have a child who is eligible to attend kindergarten next fall (age 5 on or before September 1st) you should be attending the Round-Up activities. We will be sending letters out the first part of March to give you more information. If your child is eligible, and you do not receive a letter or you know of someone new in the area, please contact Marlyce Erickson (286-4100 ext. 1500) at school.

**FROM THE PHYSICAL EDUCATION
TEACHER...**

by Patti Jo Erickson & Amanda Berg



February 13 has been slated for our Jump Rope for Heart event. Students will be devoting physical education time to jumping rope in an effort to raise money for the American

Heart Association (AHA). This time is also used to raise awareness of the importance of exercise in the fight against heart disease. You should have received information about the event a few weeks ago. To review, the fund raising portion of this event is **OPTIONAL**. All students, however, will be jumping for health and fitness during physical education. Collection envelopes can be turned in anytime, but the deadline is February 13. Please feel free to contact us at extension 1534 if you have any questions.

Following is the jump rope schedule on Friday, February 13th:

- Grade 1K & 1S – 8:30 - 9:00
- Grade 1H & 1O – 9:15 – 9:45
- Grade 2 – 12:45 – 1:30
- Grade 3 – 2:00 – 2:45
- Grade 4 – 10:30-11:30



**ARE YOU READY FOR SOME COOL
TREATS AND GOOD EATS?**



The Dassel Elementary students will be proudly displaying some of their artwork at the local Cokato Dairy Queen on Wednesdays, February 11th and 25th. Cokato elementary students' artwork is showing on the other Wednesdays.

Stop in between the hours of 5:00 – 8:00 p.m. and 15% of the profits during that time will be donated to our schools! So stop by, get a fun treat or something good to eat and support our schools, too!

THIRD GRADE CHRISTMAS STORES HUGE SUCCESS



The 3rd grade teachers and students from Dassel Elementary would like to extend a heartfelt thanks to all parents and community members who came to support our Christmas Stores fund raising extravaganza. We are proud to announce that our 3rd and 4th grade students raised a grand total of \$1941.00 to be donated to area food shelves and Habitat For Humanity.

Students worked hard learning about the trials and tribulations of running a business. In partnership with families and school, students created Christmas crafts, started their own businesses and marketed their Christmas items. This multi disciplinary unit included lessons on money, labor, advertising, art, multiplication and division. Selling items after all their hard work is a particularly exciting and fulfilling event for the kids. The children were amazed at how their collective efforts could produce such fantastic results.

Every item created was sold during the two day sale, and the children were able to contribute greatly to the needs of the local food shelves and Habitat For Humanity.

Thanks again to everyone who made this event successful. Third Grade Christmas Stores stand as a testimony to the great things that can happen when schools and parents work together.

Read outdoors. **Walk** in the park.
Park your car on a hilltop and **enjoy** the view.
Thomas Kinkade

BOX TOPS UPDATE



A big THANK YOU to all students who participated in our Basketball Box Tops collection fun!

Drum roll please . . . we collected over 4000 Box Tops!

We had many students/classrooms that did a great job of collecting! Mrs. Lynk and Mr. Whittaker's 4th graders will receive a prize for the most Box Tops collected in one room. Mrs. Allen's kindergarten and Ms. Hall's 1st grade classrooms came in a close second!

Thanks to everyone for supporting our school with your box tops and basketball fun! Keep saving!



NEWS FROM LAND-O-LAKES MILK



In January of 2009, the Land O' Lakes company will be running a wellness promotion called **Start Right – End Right**. During the month the stickers on the milk jugs will temporarily change.

Please continue to save these caps, as they are still worth 5 cents for our school. (Sorry this info. is a bit late, but the letter arrived to us in January after the printing of our newsletter.)

Thanks for your support of Dassel Elementary!

To the world you might
be one person,
but to one person you might
be the world.
Unknown

FROM THE VOLUNTEER CORNER...

by Mary Neu



Wonderful events are planned for both our students and families during the month of February. It is a month that many of us seem to enjoy because we focus on taking time to tell people that we care for them and enjoy spending time together!

I want to take this time to tell the volunteers that they are appreciated! Thank you for finding time in your schedule to support our students and staff through your efforts both here at school and at home!

February is the month of AAA. The Arts and Academic Awards program is a great opportunity for students to show their talents from an area outside of the classroom. Please read the AAA packet carefully for details. If you have questions, please feel free to contact me or the classroom teacher. Please note that there are changes in the times of the performances!

Jump Rope for Heart is coming, too! Parents are invited to jump rope a few times if you'd like! The students enjoy the day and really find it funny to see that the "old" people know how to do this, too!

February is also "I Love to Read Month". We have lots of fun planned. Feel free to join us during the month to read to the kids! Call me!

Please consider volunteering in our school. It is a great way to see your school in full swing! We all win in this event. (my extension is #1518)

Needs list:

AAA performance judges Thursday, Feb. 5th

AAA decorating Wednesday, Feb. 18th

AAA project judges Thursday, Feb. 19th

Math helpers for 3rd grade: on a set schedule

"I Love to Read Month" readers

*"We are rich only through what we give,
and poor only through what we refuse."* -
Anne-Sophie Swetchine

3rd & 4th GRADE BOOK CLUBBERS



The third and fourth grade book clubs were honored with a special guest speaker and treat in mid-December. Both book clubs had read a book with a "castle" theme. What better way to celebrate than with a formal "English tea"? Mrs. Heather Goodrich, and her son, Cameron Goodrich served tea and cream cakes to the students.

Mrs. Goodrich grew up in England during WW II. She shared stories with book clubbers about her experiences running down several flights of stairs to seek cover in a bomb shelter. Heather and Cameron, who recently returned from a visit to England and Scotland, also shared stories about the Tower of London and Edinburgh Castle and the British Crown jewels displayed there. Students also learned that Big Ben is actually the bell, not the clock!

The tea may not have been a favorite with the students, but the cream cakes disappeared faster than you could say, "One lump or two?"



PAC PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL



You are invited to our next PAC meeting for the Dassel and Cokato Elementary buildings. It is scheduled for Tuesday, February 10, 2009 at 2:00 pm at Dassel Elementary.

We look forward to having you join us to talk about school and our kids!

FROM THE MEDIA CENTER...

by Pam Dille

Dassel Elementary Classrooms Acquire SMART Boards



SMART Boards (a trade name for interactive whiteboards) are now part of educational delivery at Dassel Elementary. SMART Boards are installed in all grade levels as well as in the music room and media center. The touch-sensitive whiteboard connects to a

computer and digital projector, displaying the computer image. Students can control computer applications when they write, type, and manipulate objects directly on the SMART Board.

Recent studies and surveys on the use of SMART Boards in education have been very positive. SMART Board interactive whiteboards provide a dynamic, interactive learning environment. Students are more involved, attentive, and motivated when lessons were offered using SMART Boards as opposed to other teaching methods.

Because a standard SMART Board screen is approximately four by five feet, whole classes may view and interact with computer applications. SMART Board lessons based on curriculum standards are available online for teachers to download and use in the classroom. Educators can further integrate video, animation, graphics, text and audio with their lessons and presentations. Anything on the screen can be saved as a "snapshot" making it easy to review at a later date. SMART Boards can also be used to display a number of sources, including educational websites, DVDs, and VHS tapes.

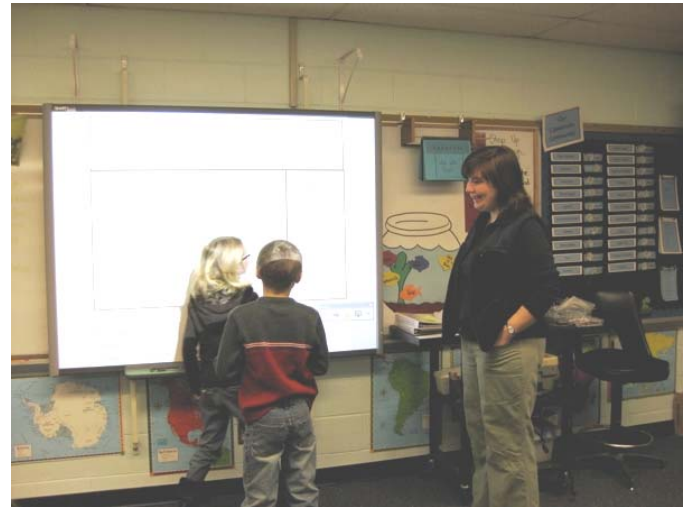
SMART Boards provide all the familiar educational features of traditional classroom blackboards or whiteboards. However, they add so much more as an exciting, electronic tool for enhancing the curriculum. Students entering Ms. Halvorson's 3rd grade classroom and seeing their SMART Board for

the first time were unanimous in their declarations of approval: "Sweet!!"

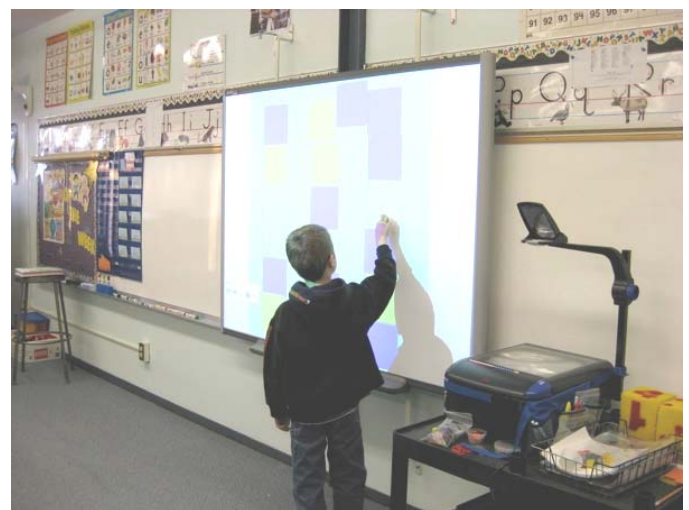
For further information and research on SMART Boards see:

SMARTER Kids Foundation
<http://smarterkids.org/research/paper6.asp>

Kent ITC
<http://www.kented.org.uk/ngfl/ict/IWB/index.htm>

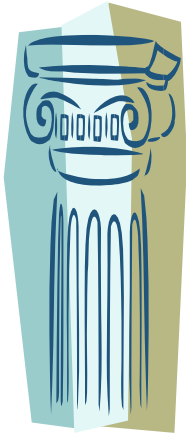


Third grade teacher, Ms. Halvorson, watches Emma Huikko select hot or cold lunch by dragging her name to the appropriate column. Her classroom also uses the SMART Board for math, reading, and science lessons.



Luke Karlgaard's first grade classroom was introduced to their SMART Board on January 5, 2009. First grader, Rylee Johnson, tries his skill at a memory game.

GOLDEN RULERS OF THE MONTH FOR JANUARY



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 January were:

Back Row: Sara Cronk, Carter Nelson, Hannah Tormanen, Raelynn Arens, Seth Looft

Front Row: Ellie Oja, David Malenke, Erika Pudas, Reese Aho

**PLEASE REMEMBER
TO KEEP YOUR
CHILD'S EMERGENCY
CARD UP-TO-DATE
AT ALL TIMES.**

Dassel-Cokato

PTA

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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.

Our January meeting was a very informative meeting with Deb Griffiths as our presenter. Deb is the Director of Communications and Community Outreach and has been a parent advocate and chair of Centennial's Legislation Action Committee for over 5 years. She talked about how our schools are underinvested by the state and how our schools are not all funded equally. She also talked about how important it is for our legislators to hear from us. We can make a difference! If you would like more information, please go to the Schools for Equity in Education web site at www.schoolsforequity.org. It is a great, informational site.

Our next meeting is THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5th at 6:30 in the high school media center. Becky Litzau will be giving a presentation on the Smart Board. Our children are using this technology in the classroom, come to learn what they are!

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



SPECIAL THANKS!



Ever wonder what happens to all the Campbell soup labels that you save and send to school? We have some wonderful volunteers that have been helping Dassel Elementary this year! There are approximately 14 people

that reside in the Dassel Lakeside Apartments that have given of their time and talents on Tuesday afternoons to help us with our Campbell's Soup Labels and General Mills Box Tops! Thank you for all of your time and assistance! We will be able to purchase media center needs and hopefully some physical education equipment by the end of this year! Everyone, keep saving and thanks volunteers!



MUSIC NOTES...

by Becky Litzau



Congratulations to kindergarten, first, and second graders on an amazing Christmas program this year! Thank you to all of the teachers, staff, and volunteers who had a hand in helping with the program. Thank you to the parents and community

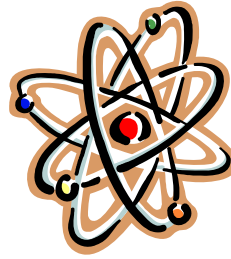
for being so supportive of your students!

A little update on what we are learning:

- *First graders* are getting ready to start reading music notes !
- *Second grade* has learned a new music symbol – REST (give your student a little quiz and ask them what it means!)
- *Third graders* have been sorting out the instruments of the orchestra into their correct families.
- *Fourth graders* are playing more and more notes on their recorders.

Hope you've had a great start to the New Year!

4th GRADE PHYSICS FUN!



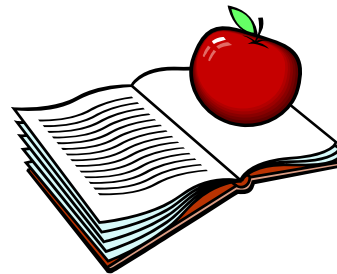
Physics is fun – right? What is Physics? How do we see or experience Physics in our everyday life? Fourth graders at Dassel Elementary are going to have the opportunity to answer these questions, and many others as they explore

activities around the science of Physics.

On Friday, Feb. 27th, our day will include hands-on activities and solving problems based on simple scientific principles. This activity is going to involve all 4th grade students. If you have a fourth grader, or even if you don't, but love science and kids, there are still volunteer opportunities for you to be a part of this fun day. Please contact Mary Neu or any of the fourth grade teachers to find out more about being involved. Maybe you too can have fun learning about Physics!



I LOVE TO READ MONTH



February is “**I Love To Read**” month, and we are planning lots of special activities to celebrate here at Dassel Elementary. Be sure to check the calendar in this

newsletter for ways your child can participate.



ANSWER TO TRIVIA QUESTIONS

1. False (President Cleveland's daughter),
2. 5 cents, 3. True, 4. True, 5. Africa
6. False, 7. Mounds, 8. They were the first to add sweetened condensed milk to it.

UPCOMING COMMUNITY EDUCATION ACTIVITIES

To register or get more information visit us online
at www.dc.k12.mn.us or call us at 286-4120.



FRIDAY NIGHT OUT (Grades 1-6)

A night just for kids and their friends!

This 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 movie and a snack. Parents will have time to catch up on shopping, cleaning, playing or simply relaxing. Maximum 50.

Gr. 1-6: Activity #3008D – Friday, Jan. 23

Movie to be shown: *Little Giants*

6:30-10:00 PM

Fee: \$8 per session – Pre-registration required.

Location: MS Commons, Door I

Registration deadline: 1 week prior to each event

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. 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, February 20

Movie to be shown: *Ratatouille*

7:00 PM – Show time (doors will open at 6:45 PM
– NO SNACKS)

Location: HS PAC

Fee: \$8 per family

DOMINOS EXTRAVAGANZA

Like to play dominos or want to learn? Come and learn different ways to play. Mexican train, chicken foot and fives are a few versions we will play.

Activity # 6010A - Cokato

Tuesdays, Feb. 3-Mar. 10

3:15-4:30 PM

Cokato Elementary- Rm. #139, pick up at west door

Fee: \$15

Activity #6010B - Dassel

Thursdays, Feb. 5-Mar. 19 (no class on Feb. 12)

3:15-4:30 PM

Dassel Elementary –Rm. #121

Fee: \$15

CLAY CAMP – CLAY TREASURS (Gr. K-4)



A Treasure Chest made out of clay! Each student will receive 2lbs. of RED earthenware clay, a template, and shown how to make their own treasure chest. They can add handles, use tools and make jewels out of clay or carve out or add any designs to decorate their treasure chest. The instructor will fire and glaze the project and return it back to school within 4 weeks. They are colorful! Dress for a Mess! Parents you can register and make a project also!

Activity #2201B – Gr. K-4

Tuesday, February 24

3:15-4:45 PM - D.E. – Rm. # 121

Fee: \$29

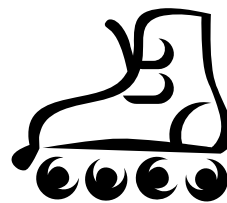
Activity #2201C – Gr. K-4

Monday, February 23

3:15-4:45 PM - C.E. – Rm. # 139, pick up at west door

Fee: \$29

SKATIN' PLACE (Gr. 1-6)



Have a “wheel” good time with your friends at St. Cloud’s Skatin’ Place. Chaperons will be on hand to help skaters. Trip fee includes skating, skate rental, one game of laser tag and transportation. Food, rollerblade rental (\$2), additional laser tag (\$3) and amusements may be purchased by participants if desired. You are welcome to bring your own rollerblades.

Activity #3003

Monday, February 16th (non-school day)

Departure: Dassel Elementary – 12:00 p.m.

Cokato Elementary – 12:15 p.m.

Cokato: Cokato Elementary – 4:15 pm

Dassel Elementary – 4:30 pm

Fee: \$11 - Registration deadline: Friday, Feb. 6

4th GRADE SKI NIGHT



Monday, February 9

The Dassel Cokato Community Education Ski Club is open to all area youth in Grades 5-12. Next year YOU will be able to join the club! Here's an opportunity for you to try it out and see how much fun skiing or snowboarding at Powder Ridge can be! Lessons will be provided. Parents are welcome to register at our club chaperone rate of just \$10, which includes your lift and rental package of your choice. Package fees are listed below. Dress warm and bring a supper or buy food there. Please talk with Leslie Arnold at the time of registration if you are interested in chaperoning.

Monday, February 9

Departure: Cokato Elementary – 3:05 p.m.

Dassel Elementary – 3:25 p.m.

Return: Dassel Elementary – 8:50 p.m.

Cokato Elementary – 9:15 p.m.

Youth packages

Activity #5004

A - \$39 Ski Rental & Lift ticket

B - \$47 Snowboard/boot rental & lift ticket

C - \$25 Lift ticket only

D - \$8 Bus only

Adult Packages

Activity #5005A - \$10 includes lift and ski or snowboard rental (please specify which rental package you would need for the evening)

Registration deadline: Monday, February 2

CHARGERS GYMNASTICS CAMP



(Ages 4-Gr. 6)

Come twist, turn and tumble with the high school gymnasts. This two week camp will focus on learning the basic gymnastic skills on all four events. Gymnastics is not only FUN, but will also increase flexibility, balance, coordination, strength and self-confidence in a positive and safe environment. All participants will receive a t-shirt, so specify shirt size when registering. Class size is limited.

Tuesday-Thursday, Feb. 24, 25, 26, Mar. 3, 4, 5

Activity #5154 - Ages 4 - Grade K, 5:15-6:00 p.m.
– MS Gym, Door I - Fee: \$34

Activity #5155 - Gr. 1-2, 4:30-5:15 p.m. – MS Gym, Door I – Fee: \$34

Activity #5156 – Gr. 3-6, 3:30-4:30 p.m. – MS Gym, Door I – Fee: \$37

VALENTINE CUPCAKES – (Gr. K-4)



Kim Thompson, Wilton Method Cake Decorating Instructor

Do you love cupcakes? Come and make a special set of cupcakes for your special Valentine. All supplies will be provided, including your very own decorating set. During this class you will create sweet treats with frosting. There's nothing like decorated cupcakes -- yum!

Activity #1007B – Cokato

Thursday, February 12 - 3:15-4:45 p.m.

Cokato Elem. Room #139 (use west door for pick-up)

Fee: \$15 (all supplies included)

Registration Deadline: February 5

Activity #1007A – Dassel

Friday, February 13 - 3:15-4:45 p.m.

Dassel Elem. Room #111, Door A

Fee: \$15 (all supplies included)

Registration Deadline: February 5

ENJOY FAMILY TIME AT THE HS POOL & GYMS!

Community Education offers great opportunities for families to have fun and get some exercise during these cold winter months!

OPEN SWIM NOW OFFERED 3 DAYS A WEEK!



The D-C High School swimming pool is open year around for public swimming. (Note: Groups with more than 10 people need to call 286-4120 to make reservations so that we can have additional lifeguards on duty, if needed.) Please use the North Pool Entrance, Door A. Check the Community Education Winter/Spring brochure for more

information. Printed monthly aquatic schedules available at the pool or our website: www.dc.k12.mn.us/commed/aquatics.htm and Quick Link to "Pool Calendar" for updated pool schedules.

Open Swim Schedule:

Sundays - 2:00-4:00 pm
Wednesdays - 6:30-8:00 pm
Fridays - 6:30-8:00 pm

Open Swim Fees per time:

\$3 - Child/Student; \$5 - Adults, \$12 - Family
(10-Punch passes are also available for purchase at the pool.)

OPEN GYM

The D-C High School gyms are open to the public Sunday afternoons, through March 29. The gyms are open to general family recreation, basketball and volleyball from 1:30-5:00 pm. Open Gym admission entitles participants to time in the gym and/or pool. Please use the North Pool Entrance, Door A. Everyone using the gyms is required to wear "indoor" tennis shoes.

Open Gym Schedule:

Sundays - 1:30-5:00 pm

Open Gym Fees per time:

\$3 - Child/Student; \$5 - Adults, \$12 - Family
(10-Punch passes are also available for purchase at Open Gym.)



LOOK WHO'S COMING TO THE PAC!



The Dassel-Cokato Arts Association is pleased to announce:
Tonic Sol-fa
Saturday, February 21 –
7:30 p.m.
Adults \$20, Youth \$10

Reserved Seating at the PAC

Tickets: D-C Community Education, 286-4120

Although they are simply four voices and a tambourine, Tonic Sol-fa has spent the past decade

on the road carving their niche as the nation's top vocal group. In that time, this a capella quartet has been awarded numerous original song and album awards in pop, gospel and holiday genres.

Arts Association gift certificates are great last-minute gift ideas!

Upcoming concerts sponsored by the D-C Arts Association:

Minnesota Orchestra, Sun., March 15, 2:00 p.m.
Shane & Shane, Friday, April 24, 7:30 p.m.



CHOCOLATE TRIVIA QUESTIONS

- The Baby Ruth candy bar was created in 1920 by Curtiss Candy Co. They named this bar after the baseball player Babe Ruth.
True or False
- The first 3 Musketeers bar originally sold for how much?
a) 3 cents b) 5 cents c) a dime d) one cent
- Mozart loved chocolate so much he wrote about it in an opera.
True or False
- In Hershey, PA, the street lights on the main street are all shaped like Hershey Kisses?
True or False
- Which continent produces the most chocolate?
a) Africa b) Europe
c) N. America d) S. America
- Hershey was the first company in the U.S. to manufacture chocolate.
True or False
- Which came first, the Mounds Bar or the Almond Joy Bar?
- "Nestle's makes the very best chocolate" is their theme. So what did Nestle do in 1875 to declare the chocolate good?

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

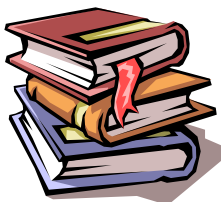



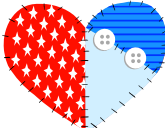





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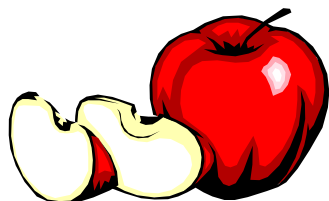
| SUN | MON | TUES | WED | THURS | FRI | SAT |
|-----|---|--|---|---|---|-----|
| 1 | 2  9:45 I Love to Read Kick-Off Large Gym | 3  | 4  5:00 – 8:00 DQ Art Work every Wednesday evening | 5 AAA Performance Judging Stop – Drop – Read 2:30 PTA Meeting at the High School Media Center 6:30-8:00 | 6 Hats off to a Good Book ♦ Wear a hat day ♦ Book give away | 7 |
| 8 | 9 Mystery Reader Week  | 10 Mystery Reader Week Dassel/Cokato Parent Group Meeting 2:00 at Dassel Elem. | 11 Mystery Reader Week  | 12 AAA Performance Practice during Care Group Time Mystery Reader Week | 13 Jump Rope for Heart Jump Into a Good Book ♦ Wear sweats/ running clothes ♦ Book give away | 14 |
| 15 | 16  NO SCHOOL Presidents' Day | 17 AAA Performance Practice 1 st half of Performers during recess | 18 AAA Performance Practice 2 nd half of Performers during recess All projects due | 19 AAA Project Judging 10:20 Grades K-1 Performance 1:30 Grades 2-4 Performance Projects on Display | 20 Read With Style Day ♦ Dress-Up Clothes Day ♦ Book give away | 21 |
| 22 | 23  8:45 Stop, Drop, & Read | 24  1:35 Stop, Drop, & Read | 25  2:45 Stop, Drop, & Read | 26  2:05 Stop, Drop, & Read | 27 10:30 Stop, Drop, & Read Feed Your Brain With a Good Book Day ♦ Bring an item for the food shelf ♦ Book give away Physic 4 th Grade Afternoon | 28 |

BREAKFAST MENU

| 2009 | | FEBRUARY | | | | | 2009 |
|------|--|---|--|---|---|-----|------|
| SUN | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SAT | |
| 1 | 2 Cereal Granola Bar Fruit Juice | 3 Waffle Sticks Sausage Link Fruit Sauce | 4 Cereal Cinnamon Toast Fruit | 5 Doughnut Yogurt Fruit Juice | 6 Cereal Mini Muffin Fresh Fruit | 7 | |
| 8 | 9 Breakfast Pizza Fruit Sauce | 10 Cereal Toast Fruit Sauce | 11 Pancakes Sausage Link Fruit Juice | 12 Cereal Cinnamon Toast Fruit Sauce | 13 Breakfast on a Stick Cheese Sticks Fruit Sauce | 14 | |
| 15 | 16 NO SCHOOL Presidents' Day | 17 Cereal Toast Fruit Juice | 19 Cinnamon Roll Cheese Slice Fresh Fruit | 19 Breakfast in a Bag Pop Tart Yogurt Fruit | 20 Cereal Granola Bar Fruit Juice | 21 | |
| 22 | 23 Apple Strudel Sticks Cheese Stick Fruit Juice | 24 Cereal Muffin Fresh Fruit | 25 French Toast Sticks Smokies Fruit Juice | 26 Break Cereal Toast with Jelly Fresh Fruit | 27 Cereal Bar Yogurt Fruit Sauce | 28 | |

½ pint milk served with each meal

ANTICIPATED FAMILY FOOD COST FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY, 2009.



Grades K-4:

Breakfasts: 19 days x \$ 1.00 = \$19.00
 Regular Lunches: 19 days x \$ 1.50 = \$28.50
 Reduced Lunches: 19 days x \$.40 = \$ 7.60
 Extra milks = 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!

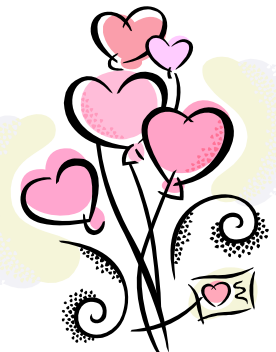
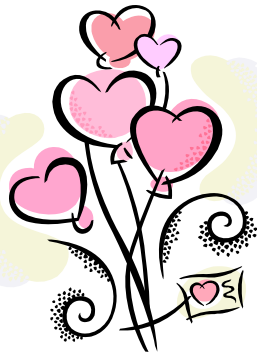
LUNCH MENU

| 2009 | | FEBRUARY | | | | | 2009 | |
|---|---|--|---|---|---|-----|------|--|
| SUN | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SAT | | |
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| 1 | 2 Pizza Seasoned Corn Fruit Sauce | 3 Country Fried Steak Mashed Potatoes Country Gravy Seasoned Carrots Tea Biscuits Fruit Sauce | 4 Chow Mein with Rice & Noodles Cole Slaw Apple/Mandarin Oranges Fortune Cookie | 5 Grilled Chicken Breast Alfredo Noodles Green Beans Bread Choice Fresh Fruit | 6 Meat & Gravy Mashed Potatoes Mixed Vegetables Dinner Roll Fresh Fruit Ice Cream Treat | 7 | | |
| 8 | 9 French Toast Sticks Sausage Links Tri Tater Orange Slices Juice Choice | 10 Hamburger with Fixings Oven Fries Vegetable Choice Fresh Fruit | 11 Taco in a Bag with Fixings Corn Bread Choice Fruit Sauce | 12 Grilled Cheese or Tuna Sandwich Tomato Soup Crackers Vegetable Relishes Fruit Sauce Choice | 13 Riblet on a Bun Potato Rounds Fresh Carrots Heart Pretzel Fresh Fruit | 14 | | |
| 15 | 16 NO SCHOOL Presidents' Day | 17 Popcorn Chicken Scalloped Potatoes Seasoned Peas Bread Choice Fruit Sauce | 18 Mini Corn Dogs Oven French Fries Broccoli with Cheese Bread Choice Fresh Fruit | 19 Bag Lunch Turkey Sandwich Chips Vegetables Yogurt Fresh Fruit | 20 Pizza Corn Bread Choice Fruit Sauce Choice Vanilla Pudding | 21 | | |
| 22 | 23 Hot Dog/Bun Oven Fries Baked Beans Sauerkraut Fruit Sauce | 24 Hot Ham & Cheese Sandwich Batter Bites Carrot Sticks Fruit Sauce Choice | 25 Cheese Sticks with Pizza Sauce Lettuce Salad Fresh Fruit Gelatin | 26 Chicken Fajita with Fixings Rice Pilaf Seasoned Peas Fresh Fruit | 28 Shrimp Poppers Oven Fries Green Beans Bread Choice Fruit Sauce Choice | 29 | | |

½ pint milk will be served with each meal --- An additional bread item will be offered with each meal.

VEGGIE VALENTINE

You may not "carrot" all for me
 The way I care for you.
 You may "turnip" your nose
 When I plead with you
 But if your "heart" should "beet" with mine
 Forever "lettuce" hope
 There is no reason in the world
 Why we two "cantaloupe."



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