

DASSEL ELEMENTARY NEWSLETTER

Rob Nudell, Principal

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK...

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by Rob Nudell



Another school year has flown by. I can't believe it is May already. You can definitely feel the energy in the building with all of the activities taking place at Dassel Elementary. The last month of school will go by quickly. I know it's difficult for students to be

inside when the weather is so nice, please help us finish the school year on a strong note by making sure your child continues to come to school each day ready to learn.

Thank you for sending your wonderful children to us each day. We do our best to provide your children an outstanding education. Together, we have done a great job helping these children grow!

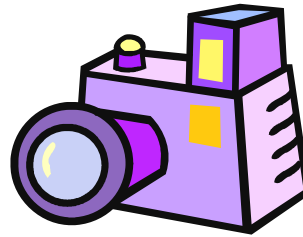
I hope you have a fantastic summer and enjoy time with your friends and family. Thank you for a great school year. It has been a pleasure to work with you and your children. Your support has been greatly appreciated. I hope you have a relaxing and enjoyable summer.

I know we are fortunate to have such an excellent staff at Dassel Elementary. In honor of our outstanding staff, we will be celebrating Staff Appreciation week May 3-7th.

The last day of school for this year will be Friday, June 4th. Student Report Cards will be sent home that day.

This will be the last newsletter for the 2009-10 School Year.

MEMORY BOOKS ARE HERE!



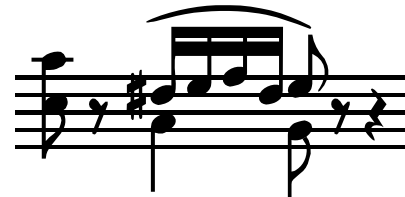
Get your memory book soon; there are only a few left. The memory books have pictures of all students and staff members. There are many action shots and room for

students to sign each other's books. It's a nice remembrance from the 2009-2010 school year. You may send \$7.75 or a check made out to "**Dassel Elementary**". When our supply is gone, we will be unable to get any more copies printed, so get your copy now!

Name _____

Grade _____ Teacher _____

Number of Books _____ Amount _____



SPRING PROGRAM AMERICAN FOLK SONGS!

Tuesday, May 4th, 2010

Performing Arts Center

1:30 P.M. - Matinee

6:30 P.M. - Third Grade only

7:30 P.M. - Fourth Grade only

**FROM THE PHYSICAL EDUCATION
TEACHER...** *by Patti Jo Erickson*

GUMMY BEAR DAY



The 16th annual Gummy Bear Day is fast approaching. On Friday, May 28th, students in grades 1-4 will showcase the skills they have learned in physical education throughout the year. At each of the 20 events, students are awarded 1, 2, or 3 points based on a set standard. At the end of the day, points are exchanged for gummy bears.

Indoor events are jump rope, bean bag toss, ball catches, paddle taps, softball pitch to target, "javelin" throw, basketball shooting, bowling, standing long jump, and wall climbing.

Outdoor events are the 50 yard dash, hurdles, distance throw, soccer goal kick, kick for distance, batting, foxtail throw, football target throw, pole climb, and horseshoe pitching.

The day begins at 10:00 with grades 1 and 2 at the outdoor events and grades 3 and 4 at the indoor events. Activity resumes at 1:00 with grades 1 and 2 inside and grades 3 and 4 outside. We hope you can join us for one or both sessions. Perhaps you'd like to take this opportunity to join your son or daughter for lunch. There is a special hot dog cookout planned to make the day even more special. Adult meal tickets are \$3.00. Please purchase your lunch ticket in the office.

Many volunteers are needed in order to make the day run smoothly. Contact Mary Neu or use the volunteer form below if you would be willing to help in the morning, afternoon, or both sessions.

In case of inclement weather, Gummy Bear Day will be rescheduled for Tuesday, June 1st.



HELP WANTED FOR GUMMY BEAR DAY

Yes! I can help with Gummy Bear Day, on Friday, May 28th.

_____ I can help in the morning (9:45 a.m. please report to the gym)

_____ I can help in the afternoon (12:45 p.m. please report to the gym)

_____ I can help both morning and afternoon

Name _____

Phone _____

Grade/Class _____



**An Open House
Luncheon Invitation**



for our Volunteers
at Dassel Elementary
in the Staff Lounge
Thursday, May 13th,
10:30 a.m. – 1:30p.m.
"Cheers
to our Volunteers!"

DASSEL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FUNDRAISERS



Thank you to all who contributed to the various fundraisers we participate in at Dassel Elementary! We have had a successful year. The Target Guest card, Take Charge of

Education Program has been a huge success. We have received over \$1,000.00 from Target! This money is used to help supplement the budgets for the media center, physical education department and supporting our volunteers and students. Thanks!

Campbell's Soup labels are still being collected and will be sent in to the company the end of May. Remember the new cutting guidelines. Look at the example shown below to see where to cut the label. The UPC code bar must not be cut through. Call if you have any questions.

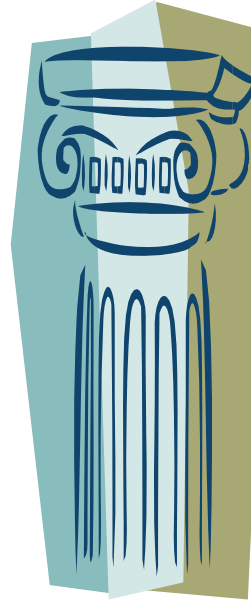


Our Kemp's Milk Caps and Land O Lakes milk caps will be sent to Kemp's in May, also. We continue to collect the used ink cartridges and old cellular phones. These program proceeds also go to the media center and physical education departments and any other area as needed. We will send in the final spring collection of General Mills Box Tops for Education, too.

We cannot thank you enough for your generous support of our elementary school through supporting these programs. Please continue to collect all of the above items this summer! We'll be participating in these programs again next year!

THANK YOU!

GOLDEN RULERS OF THE MONTH FOR APRIL



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 respect and responsibility. 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 April were:
Back Row: Wyatt Niemela, Joel Brummond, Elizabeth Montgomery, Mileka Hall, Tara Wuollet

Front Row: Chad Dischinger, Kyle Little, Collin Krick, Sara Cronk

Take the attitude of a student...
never know too much
to learn something new.
Og Mandino

FROM THE CAFETERIA...

by Doris Kyllonen, Lead Cook



The lunch ladies are really enjoying the fine days of spring. It is so hard to believe this is the last chat for the school year--time has a way of slipping away. We want to say a special thank you and goodbye to all the 4th graders; we have enjoyed all of you and your

enthusiasm in the lunchroom. Good luck in the 5th grade, and keep up the great manners and healthy eating.

Here is a poem for our student customers:

As Lunch Ladies, we try so hard,
Our hearts are in our work.
We are never cross or serious
When you forget to use your fork.

When you come down to have your lunch,
Be it from home or made by us,
We'll always treat you kindly,
Your comfort is a must.

You're here at school to learn all day,
Your brains are getting fed.
At lunch time, things are different,
We feed your tummy, not your head.

The lunchroom is a place to come
To eat and to relax.
Your body will be fueled up,
All set to learn new facts.

Sometimes when you've had a bad day,
Your smile has left your face,
Just think about the lunchroom,
'Cause it's a warm and friendly place.

Enjoy the sun, have fun, relax, and eat healthy. See you next year.



MUFFINS FOR MOMS

Beth Allen & Becky Holm

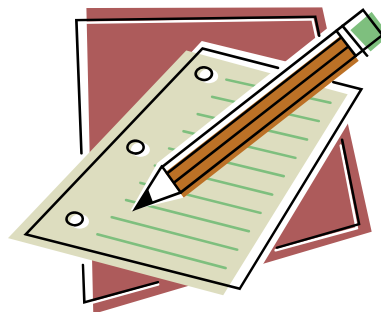


Dassel Elementary kindergartners will be hosting a "Muffins for Moms" party in their kindergarten rooms on Wednesday, May 5th, for the Monday/Wednesday class and Thursday, May 6th, for the Tuesday/Thursday class, from 8:00 a.m. to 8:30 a.m.

All kindergarten moms are welcome to come and have a muffin and coffee or juice with their kindergartner. The kindergartners will show their moms around their classroom and give them something that they have made for them. We will have some "moms" available to help out in case some moms are unable to attend. This will be a very special day for our kindergartners and their moms.

**In partnership with our communities,
Dassel-Cokato Public Schools
will provide all learners opportunities
designed to maximize their potential
and promote lifelong learning.**

EMERGENCY CARDS



Parents, please remember to up-date your child's emergency card.

There have been many changes this year, including jobs and addresses.

PLEASE notify school of any changes so we can get a hold of you when your child needs you!

FROM THE VOLUNTEER CORNER . . .

by *Mary Neu*



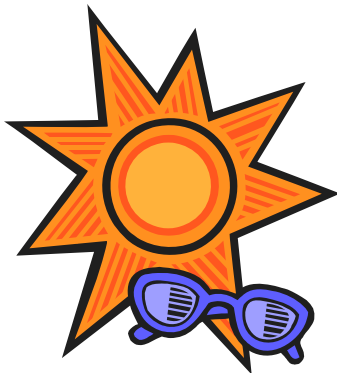
Hard to believe, but it is May and the school year is coming to a close and the summer is before us! The month of May brings a full calendar of events for all grade levels! We have field trips, the 3rd and 4th grade Spring program, volunteer recognition and the

wonderful event of Gummy Bear Day, just to name a few of the fun events!

I invite all volunteers to the Volunteer Appreciation that is scheduled for Thursday, May 13th. I extend a *heartfelt thank you* to all of the people that have supported our kids this year! We truly appreciate your time and talents! (Please see the invitation in this newsletter)

Gummy Bear Day is coming on Friday, May 28th! We need many volunteers to keep the day flowing smoothly. Let me know if you can help, with either a half day or the full day. Come and be a part of the excitement as our students strive to be their best in each event! What a fun day!

The month of May is full of special days, field trips and fun, but lots of learning is on the calendar, too. Contact me if you would like to be a part of our day—any day! And again, I thank you for your support this year. Our volunteer program is as good as the parents and community members that give of their time and talents. We appreciate you being here and we'll see you next year!



MAY MUSIC NOTES...

by *Sarah Luhrs*



Remember the third and fourth grade music program is Tuesday May 4, 2010.

Performances are as follows:

- ◆ 1:30 pm – School Matinee, both third and fourth grade perform
- ◆ 6:30 pm – Third Grade only
- ◆ 7:30 pm – Fourth Grade only

All performances are open to the public! Hope to see you there as we share some fun American Folk songs.



A SPECIAL THANKS

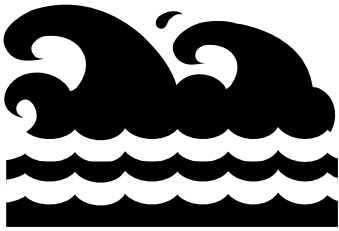


A very special thank you to a wonderful group of volunteers! The Dassel Lakeside Apartment group that trimmed and counted soup labels and box tops for Dassel Elementary are a wonderful group that gave many hours of volunteer time. We thank you and Peggy Smith for organizing the soup label and box tops process for this school year. We hope your hands will have a rest over the summer and we can “count” on your help again next school year! Thank you!

If you see any of these volunteers, make sure to say thanks!

MAKE A SPLASH AT YOUR PUBLIC LIBRARY . . .

by Doni Adams



“Reading skills grow by reading.” One great way to keep your children reading is to have them join the *Make a Splash-READ* at the summer reading program at the

Dassel Public Library. It helps children maintain and improve reading skills.

This summer’s theme will be filled with a lot of excitement. Join us for some fun activities, crafts, great prizes and lots of good reading. The sign up date for the program is June 7th and it runs through July 31st. At that time, they will receive a cool book bag, bookmark and reading log. Children between the ages of 5 and 12 are encouraged to come in to the library to register. Don’t forget to check out some good books too, so you can SPLASH into reading!

Dassel Public Library Hours

Monday – Thursday: 3:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Friday: 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Saturday: 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

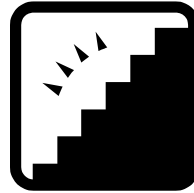


NOTES FROM COMMUNITY EDUCATION Summer Brochure Coming Soon!

The summer Community Education brochures will be mailed the first week of May. There are a variety of fun summer activities planned, including: T-ball/kinderball, swim lessons & clubs, softball, gymnastics, basketball, volleyball, tennis, soccer, golf, football, wrestling, track, LEGOS, scrap booking, arts & crafts, Spanish, music lessons, private tutoring, Prairie Fire Children's Theater production of “Tom Sawyer” (August 2-7), trips to Summerland and Pump It Up, a Sprint Triathlon and MORE!!

Watch for your brochure in the mail!

OLWEUS BULLYING PREVENTION PROGRAM



What can we, as parents, do to help our children understand that bullying is not okay?

We need to “Step Up” and guide our kids. Here are a few strategies we can try with our children at home.

- ◆ Bullying is wrong and is against our school rules. Find an adult and get help by talking with them about the situation.
- ◆ Encourage your child to include the target of the bullying in their activities at recess and lunch times. Ask your friends to help you support the target and get away from the bully.
- ◆ Let the bully know that what they are doing is not okay. Talk to your own child about how to do this. Role play the situation if that is a good way of learning for your child.
- ◆ Spend time with your child. Find out how their day is going at school and what can you do as their parent to make it better.

Explain to your child that the strategies take time and practice. We can work together at school and home and offer a wonderful environment of learning.

ARE YOU READY FOR SOME COOL TREATS AND GOOD EATS?



SOMETHING DIFFERENT

The Dassel Elementary students will be proudly displaying some of their artwork at the local Cokato Dairy Queen on Wednesdays, May 5th and 19th. 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!

Dassel-Cokato

PTA

everychild.one voice.

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.

Please join us for the PTA meeting on Thursday, May 6th at 6:30 p.m. in the High School Media Center. Mari Pokornowski, state PTA president and past president of Dassel-Cokato PTA, will join us to talk about how PTA can make schools stronger. Parent involvement, communication and current issues are all important aspects of all PTA. Come with questions and any discussion topics you may have encountered throughout the year. Hope to see you there!

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

If you know of a new family,
please have them register
as soon as possible at the
Dassel Elementary Office.



MEDICATION PICKUP . . .

*by Chistine Lawyer, RN, PHN
Licensed School Nurse*



Attention parents: Please make arrangements to pick up any medication that has been stored in the Health Office this year. For the safety of all students, the district will not send any medication home directly with students without a signed consent from a parent/guardian. You will be receiving the consent form by mail in early May.

Please call the Health Office to let us know when you plan to pick up the medication. If we have not heard from you by Friday, June 4nd, medication that has not been picked up will be destroyed. Please call the Health Office at x1305 if you have any questions!

Thank you and have a great summer!



LITTLE RED WAGON



Some days we skip along, pulling our wagons with great confidence – so full of energy that the load seems light.

Some days the load seems heavy as we need someone to help us pull our wagons over the bumps in the road.

Some days we are just tired. We sit in our wagons and let someone else pull us along for a while.

And some days it's kind of nice to share our little red wagons with a friend.

As you think about yesterday, and make plans for tomorrow, keep in mind that there will be times when you can help pull someone's little red wagon for awhile.

After all, helping pull each other's little red wagon is what makes it possible to face the challenges the day brings.

- Margaret Katter

FROM THE MEDIA CENTER...

by Pam Dille

During this school year, over 75 fourth graders participated in a series of "Book Celebrations" in the Media Center. The last celebration featured the book, *Flood*, from the **Survival** series by Kathleen Duey.



Fourth graders Mila Hanson, Sara Cronk, and Kalena Swendra exchange "Rescue Dog Trading Cards."



Natalia Marttinen, Carlie Young, Emily Monson, Isabelle Lehto proudly display their finished rafts constructed of almond bark "mud" and pretzel "logs."



Naturalist, author, and storyteller, Kevin Strauss, presented at Dassel Elementary on April 9, 2010.

He entertained students telling "tales with tails" about the animals that share our world.

In Elementary School It's All About the Books

There has been an explosion of late in e-readers or mechanical devices that display books electronically. Some trade names include the iPad, Kindle, Alex, and Nook. Will they ever completely replace the book?

No matter what the format, reading is a social activity. Readers often choose their books upon recommendation from others. It warms the heart to hear students enthusiastically recommend books to their friends.

Books are a basis for the sharing of information and ideas. As students mature, they may highlight passages of reading materials for themselves, and to share with others. The contents of these books can become catalysts for discussion.

At the primary elementary level, books are an early tool enabling students to learn to read and explore their world. Fiction books also provide entertainment, adventure, or even escape through the talents of gifted authors. It is well documented that pre-readers and emerging readers will long associate pleasure with reading if caring adults share their earliest reading experiences with them.

Whatever the future of how books are read, reading is the foundation of learning and discovery. Students who have access to books and other reading material at home or in libraries will achieve at higher levels. Finally, reading can provide some of the most pleasurable leisure hours in a lifetime.

Happy reading!

DC SAINTS READING CHALLENGE



“Take me out to the ballgame...” Baseball season is in full swing and it has provided Dassel Elementary with a great opportunity to read and enjoy America’s favorite pastime.

On April 30th, your child will be introduced to the Saints Reading Challenge. The DC Saints are presenting a 4-week spring reading program that starts on Monday, May 3rd and will go through Monday, May 28th. This incentive based program challenges students to read a set number of minutes per week. At the end of the 4 weeks, students who reached their reading goal and turn in their calendars for all 4 weeks will earn a free FAMILY PASS and treat coupon for the June 4th DC Saints home game against Clear Lake at 7:30! This game will be designated as the “DC Saints Reading Challenge” night. Students who reach their weekly goal and turn in their calendar each Monday will qualify for a weekly drawing for a DC Saints prize. Game tickets and treat vouchers will come home the week of May 31st. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact your child’s teacher. Hopefully we will see you at the ball park!



FIRST GRADE 3rd ANNUAL BIKE RALLY

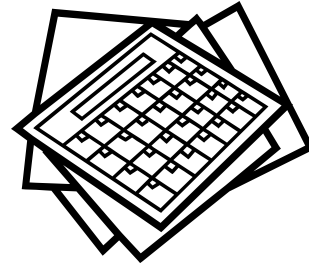


The 4th Annual First Grade Bike Rally will be held on Friday, May 21st. Once again we are very excited to use the day to teach our students about the importance of bike

safety. The day will be filled with many great

opportunities for our students. There will be guest speakers, an obstacle course and bicycle safety inspections. All first graders will receive a free bike helmet, and have the opportunity to purchase a t-shirt. New bikes will also be given away in a drawing.

As a reminder, parents will need to drop their child’s bike off in the teacher parking lot before school on May 21st. Please mark your child’s bike with their name. Students will be using their bikes throughout the day. We will conclude the day with a bike ride from 1:30-2:30 on the trail along Hwy 12. Parents of first graders are invited to join us for the bike ride. All bikes need to be picked up by 2:45. Dassel Elementary will not store bikes that are not picked up. With your help, this will be a FANTASTIC day for your first grader!!



SOME IMPORTANT DATES AT DASSEL ELEMENTARY TO MARK ON YOUR CALENDAR FOR NEXT YEAR

End of August	Posting of class lists at the front door
Sept. 2	Open House
Sept. 7	School begins
Sept. 13	Picture Day for Kindergarten
Sept. 14	Picture Day for all students
Oct. 5	Picture Retakes
Oct. 8	Grandparents’ Day
Dec. 23-Jan. 2	Winter Break
Mar. 28-Apr. 1	Spring Break
April 12 & 13	MCA Testing - Reading (grades 3 & 4)
April 19 & 20	MCA Testing - Math (grades 3 & 4)
June 3	Last day of school (unless there are snow days)

FROM THE SPEECH/LANGUAGE

SPECIALIST . . .

by Karla Davis



May is **BETTER HEARING AND SPEECH MONTH!**

In recognition of **Better Hearing and Speech Month**, here are some highlights of speech/language services that are provided in the educational setting.

What types of speech and language disorders affect school-age children? Children may experience one or more of the following disorders:

- **Speech sound disorders** - (difficulty pronouncing sounds)
- **Language disorders** - (difficulty understanding what they hear as well as expressing themselves with words)
- **Cognitive-communication disorders** - (difficulty with thinking skills including perception, memory, awareness, reasoning, judgment, intellect and imagination)
- **Stuttering (fluency) disorders** - (interruption of the flow of speech that may include hesitations, repetitions, prolongations of sounds or words)
- **Voice disorders** - (quality of voice that may include hoarseness, nasality, volume (too loud or soft))

Do speech-language disorders affect learning?

Speech and language skills are essential to academic success and learning. Language is the basis of communication. Reading, writing, gesturing, listening, and speaking are all forms of language. Learning takes place through the process of communication. The ability to communicate with peers and adults in the educational setting is essential for a student to succeed in school.

How may a speech-language disorder affect school performance? Children with communication disorders frequently do not perform

at grade level. They may struggle with reading, have difficulty understanding and expressing language, misunderstand social cues, avoid attending school, show poor judgment, and have difficulty with tests.

Difficulty in learning to listen, speak, read, or write can result from problems in language development. Problems can occur in the production, comprehension, and awareness of language sounds, syllables, words, sentences, and conversation. Individuals with reading and writing problems also may have trouble using language to communicate, think, and learn.

Fast facts regarding Communication/Hearing Disorders

Did you know that...

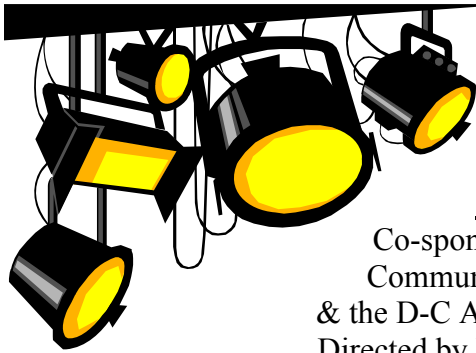
- Approximately 42,000,000 people in the U.S. have a communication disorder.
- Males are more likely to have speech/language and/or hearing difficulties than females.
- Speech and Language disorders can be congenital or caused by injury or illness at any age.
- By 1st grade, about 10% of children have moderate to severe communication disorders.
- More than 3,000,000 people in the U.S. have a fluency or stuttering disorder---males are 3x more likely to be affected than females.
- An estimated 28 million Americans have hearing loss.
- Noise-induced hearing loss is preventable simply by protecting your ears when in noisy environments.

I have questions/concerns/need information, what can I do?

- Contact your school's speech/language pathologist or your child's teacher if you have concerns or questions or would like more information on the developmental milestones for speech/language skills
- Visit the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association's website for more information at <http://www.asha.org/bhsm/>

Take an active role in your child(ren)'s speech/language development by having a conversation with your child-you are the best teacher!

**DC COMMUNITY
THEATRE SUMMER MUSICAL**



**Joseph and
the Amazing
Technicolor®
Dreamcoat**

Co-sponsored by D-C
Community Education
& the D-C Arts Association
Directed by David Metcalf

Dassel-Cokato Performing Arts Center

Auditions:

Sunday, May 23, 2:00 p.m. OR
Monday, May 24, 7:00 p.m.

Performances:

Thursday, July 22, 7:00 p.m.
Friday, July 23, 7:00 p.m.
Saturday, July 24, 7:00 p.m.
Sunday, July 25, 2:00 p.m.

Show Synopsis:

The Biblical saga of Joseph and his coat of many colors comes to vibrant life in this delightful musical parable. Set to an engaging cornucopia of musical styles, from country-western to calypso to bubble-gym pop and rock 'n' roll, this Old Testament tale emerges both timely and timeless. This will be a great activity for the entire family!

Cast Requirements:

17 Men, 2 Women, Chorus of Men and Women & Children's Chorus (check website for audition preparation info)

Performance Dates:

Thursday, July 29, 7:00 p.m.
Friday, July 30, 7:00 p.m.
Saturday, July 31, 7:00 p.m.
Sunday, August 1, 2:00 p.m.

Reserved Seat Tickets:

Adults \$13 • Youth \$5

Ticket Sales Begin June 1 at Community Education, 320-286-4120

Questions:

Director David Metcalf: 320-286-5630

Colleen Compton, Community Education: 320-286-4120

For more information visit

www.dc.k12.mn.us/pac



**UPCOMING WINTER
COMMUNITY EDUCATION
ACTIVITIES**

To register or if you have questions call
Community Education at 286-4120
or get more information by visiting us online at
www.dc.k12.mn.us

Tae Kwon Do, Ages 4 to Adult, \$60/mo.

Tae Kwon Do is the world's most widely practiced martial art!

Little Ninjas (Ages 4-6)

Mon. & Thurs., 4:45-5:15 pm

Youth Beginner (Ages 6-14)

Mon., Tues. & Thurs., 5:20-6:20 pm

Adult (Ages 14 & up)

Mon., Tues. & Thurs., 7:40-8:40 pm

Herbs & Natural Healing - \$29

Thursday, May 20 - 7:00-8:30 p.m.

H.S. Team Planning Room #501, Door C

Lap Swimming

Mondays & Wednesdays – 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Tuesdays & Thursdays – 6:00-7:00 a.m.

Open Swimming

Sundays, 2:00-4:00 p.m.

Wednesdays, 7:30-8:30 p.m.

Fees: \$3 for children/students, \$5 for adults and \$12 for families



Hello parents and caregivers,

During this school year, I have had the opportunity to work with many children and families. In talking with people, I am overwhelmed at the resiliency of parents and children as they face and tackle life's events and difficult situations with enormous courage and strength. Often, these events create an additional obstacle -- that being --a lack of funds to cover the basic needs.

Through my involvement with outside resources, I have the chance to access many services for families. One of these resources is the Back to School Supplies Committee. Free school supplies are available for next fall for families through donations of businesses, churches, organizations, and individuals. Below is the release form that would allow families to receive a voucher in August to redeem the school supplies. Although fall seems like a long time away, if you are concerned it may become a financial stress, I encourage you to complete the form and return it to me. I will forward them to the appropriate personnel. If your situation changes, there is no commitment to utilize the voucher in August, it will then be transferred to others in need. Supplies are distributed through a referral only and are only available to Meeker County Families.

Secondly, it is always a great idea to keep kids busy in summer activities, however, work schedules and financial stresses can sometimes make this impossible. As the summer recreation schedule comes out, or if you become aware of an activity that you feel your child could benefit from, but financially it is not feasible, let me know and together we can arrange for some funding.

I have enjoyed the opportunities I have had this year with all the children and families I have met. I have learned a lot from them and continue to admire their courage and resiliency. Please call me if a situation arises where I can provide support to you or your child. (320) 286- 4100 ext. 1507

SCHOOL SUPPLIES PERMISSION

I would like to request school supplies for my children. I give my permission to release the following information to the Back to School Supplies Committee. The Back to School Supplies Committee will be distributing school supplies in August. I understand that the Back to School Supplies Committee will let me know when and where to pick up those supplies in August.

Parent/Guardian _____

Address _____ **Phone** _____

Child's Name	Date of Birth	Gr. Entering
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Parent / Guardian Signature _____

SUPPLIES FOR DASSEL ELEMENTARY 2010-2011

KINDERGARTEN

- 1 - resting mat or rug - must fold up to fit in cubby hole (plastic ones are best)
- 1 - pack of 8 crayons (whatever size your child uses best)
- 1 - pkg. of low odor dry erase markers
- 1 - large school bag (with zipper)
- 1 - pocket folder
- 4 - pencils #2 (sharpened)
- 1 - paint shirt
- 1 - spiral notebook for journal writing (wide lined)
- 1 - school box
- 1 - eraser
- 1 - box of Kleenex
- 1 - Fiskar Scissor

GRADE 1

- 1 - plastic pocket folders
- 1 - school box (not a zipper bag)
- 1 - box of 24 color crayons
- 1 - 1 subject spiral notebook - wide lined (Silverberg only)
- 1 - Mead "Primary Journal"
- 1 - box of Kleenex (to be shared)
- 12 - pencils #2, sharpened
- 1 - large eraser and/or pencil top erasers
- 4 - large glue sticks
- 1 - bottle glue
- 1 - backpack (no wheels)
- 1 - Fiskar scissor
- 1 - deck of playing cards (face cards & pokers removed)

GRADE 2

- 1 - box of crayons
- 1 - large glue stick & 1 bottle of school glue
- 1 - Fiskar scissor
- 12 - pencils #2 (sharpened)
- 1 - large eraser & pencil top erasers
- 2 - sturdy pocket folders
- 2 - spiral notebooks (wide lined)
- 1 - school box (keep in mind limited desk storage space)
- 1 - box of Kleenex
- 1 - colored pencils
- 2 - white board markers with a clean sock for eraser

GRADE 3

- 1 - box of 24 crayons
- 1 - box of colored pencils
- 1 - sturdy pocket folder
- Last Name A-J - 1 box of gallon size Ziplock bags
- Last Name K-Z - 1 box of quart size Ziplock bags
- 1 - white liquid glue & 1 large glue stick
- 12 - pencils #2 (sharpened)
- 1 - Fiskar pointed scissor
- 1 - ruler (inches & cm.)
- 1 - large eraser & pencil top erasers
- 3 - single subject spiral notebooks (1 blue, 1 green, 1 yellow - wide lined)
- 2 - blue pens
- 1 - box of Kleenex
- \$5.00 to purchase binder & switch time folder from teacher

GRADE 4

- 2 - spiral notebooks
- 2 - 3 subject notebooks
- 2 - pocket folders
- 2 - red/green pens for correcting
- 2 - glue sticks & 1 bottle of white glue
- 1 - large box of Kleenex
- 1 - Fiskar scissor (sharp point)
- 1 - box colored pencils & markers
- 1 - backpack or school bag
- 12 - pencils (#2 lead)
- 1 - Large eraser and pencil top erasers
- 1 - ruler (inches & cm.)

FOR EACH GRADE













- ◆ A pair of tennis shoes for physical education class which have good support for running, kicking, and jumping

NO backpacks on wheels

NO roller shoes



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2010		M A Y					2010
SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT	
2	3	4  Spring Matinee Grades 3 & 4 1:30 P.M. & Grade 3 only at 6:30 P.M. and Grade 4 only at 7:30 P.M. at Performing Arts Center	5 Kindergarten Muffins for Moms 8:00-8:30 (Mon./Wed. Group)  4 th Grade Patrol go to Twins Game	6 PTA Meeting at the High School Media Center 6:30-8:00 Kindergarten Muffins for Moms 8:00-8:30 (T/Th Group)	7  4 th Grade go to MN History Center 8:20-2:30	1 8	
9  Fine Arts Showcase	10  Final Night of STARS (Parent Night) 4:30-5:30	11	12	13 Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon 10:30-1:30 	14 4 th Grade visit the Middle School 	15	
16	17	18 	19	20  Grade 3 Class Play 1:00-2:20	21  Grade 1 Bike Rally	22	
23	24 1 st Grade go to Children's Museum & Baker Park Reserve 8:15-2:50	25	26  2 nd Grade go to MN Zoo	27  Grade 1 Bike Rally Rain Date	28 Gummy Bear Day 10:00-11:30 School Picnic 11:30-1:00 Gummy Bear Day 1:00-2:30 Kindergarten Go to Como Zoo 8:15-3:00	29	
30	31 NO SCHOOL Memorial Day	June 1 Alternative Gummy Bear Day	June 2 3 rd Grade go to Science Museum 8:00 – 2:45	June 3	June 4 9:00 Awards Last day of School	June 5	

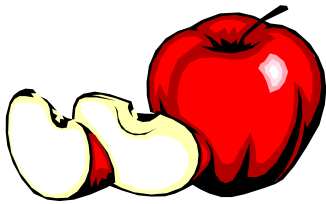
Tuesday, June 1: Alternative Day for Gummy Bear Day in case of rain

Friday, June 4: DC Saints Reading Challenge Night Game at 7:30
Sunday, June 6: 2:00 Graduation

DASSEL ELEMENTARY BREAKFAST MENU

2010		M A Y			2010
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	
½ pint milk served with each meal					
3 Pancakes/Syrup Sausage Link Juice	4 Cereal Graham Sticks Fruit Sauce	5 Breakfast Bites Cheese Slice Fruit Sauce	6 Cereal Yogurt Fruit Juice	7 Fruitel Bar Cheese Stick Fruit Sauce	
10 Cereal Muffin Fruit Juice	11 Omelet Toast Juice	12 Cereal Cheese Slice Fruit Choice	13 Breakfast on a Stick Toast Fruit Sauce	14 Cereal Granola Bar Fruit Juice	
17 Cereal Granola Bar Juice	18 Waffle Sticks Sausage Link Fruit Sauce	19 Cereal Cinnamon Toast Fruit Choice	20 Breakfast Pizza Fruit Juice	21 Cereal Muffin Fresh Fruit	
24 Pancake / Syrup Sausage Link Fruit Juice	25 Cereal Graham Cracker Sticks Fruit Sauce	26 Breakfast Bites Cheese slice Fruit Sauce	27 Cereal Yogurt Fruit Choice	28 Apple Sticks Cheese Stick Fruit Juice	
31 NO SCHOOL Memorial Day	June 1 Cereal Breakfast Bar Choice Fruit Sauce	June 2 Cook's Choice	June 3 Cook's Choice	June 4 Cook's Choice	

ANTICIPATED FAMILY FOOD COST FOR THE MONTH OF MAY/JUNE



Grades K-4:

Breakfasts: 24 days x \$ 1.00 = \$24.00
 Regular Lunches: 24 days x \$ 1.50 = \$36.00
 Reduced Lunches: 24 days x \$.40 = \$ 9.60
 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!

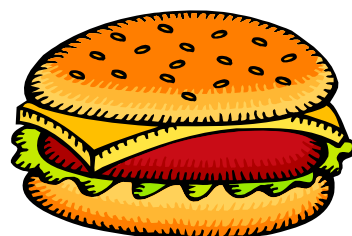
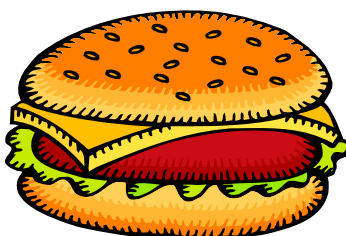
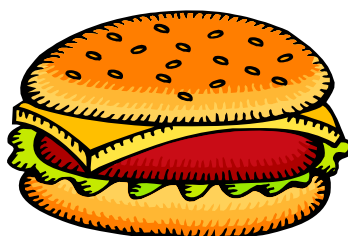


DASSEL ELEMENTARY

LUNCH MENU

2010		M A Y			2010	
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY		
<p>In the operation of child feeding programs, no child will be discriminated against because of race, color, national origin, age or disability. If you believe you have been discriminated against write immediately to Dept. of Agriculture, Washington DC 20250.</p>						
3 Pizza Seasoned corn Bread Choice Fruit Sauce	4 Country Fried Steak Mashed Potatoes / Gravy Seasoned Carrots Tea Biscuit Fresh Fruit	5 Goulash French Bread Cole Slaw Fruit Sauce Cookie	6 Cheese Bread with Pizza Sauce Lettuce Salad Fresh Fruit	7 Turkey Roast Sandwich Potato Rounds Carrots Fresh Fruit		
10 French Toast Sticks Sausage Links Tri Taters Orange Slices Juice	11 Hamburger on a Bun Oven Fries Vegetable Choice Fresh Fruit	12 Taco in a Bag with Fixings Seasoned Corn Bread choice Fruit Sauce	13 Grilled Cheese or Tuna Sandwich Tomato Soup with Crackers Vegetable Relishes Fresh Fruit	14 Meat & Gravy Mashed Potatoes Mixed Vegetables Dinner Roll Fruit Sauce		
17 Popcorn Chicken Au Gratin Potatoes Seasoned Peas Fruit Sauce	18 Lasagna Cole Slaw French Bread Fresh Fruit Cookie	19 Corn Dog Oven French Fries Broccoli Cheese Fresh Fruit	20 Pizza Seasoned Corn Bread Choice Fruit Sauce	21 Bag Lunch Sub Sandwich Chips Carrot Paks Fresh Fruit		
24 <p style="text-align: center;">Cook's Choice</p>	25 Hot Ham & cheese on a Bun Batter Bites Vegetable Choice Fresh Fruit	26 Chicken Strips Mac & Cheese Seasoned Peas Dinner Roll Fresh Fruit	27 Chicken Patty on a Bun Potato Choice Seasoned Green Beans Fresh Fruit	28 <p style="text-align: center;">Gummy Bear Picnic</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Hot Dogs</p>		
31 NO SCHOOL Memorial Day	June 1 <p style="text-align: center;">Cook's Choice</p>	June 2 <p style="text-align: center;">Cook's Choice</p>	June 3 <p style="text-align: center;">Cook's Choice</p>	June 4 <p style="text-align: center;">Cook's Choice</p>		

½ pint milk served with each meal



Charger Kids Club

Summer 2010

Charger Kids Club is a school age childcare program for children in grades K-6th (grade completed in 09-10). Charger Kids Club offers a fun, safe and exciting place for your child to spend their summer. Summer programming includes a variety of scheduled activities and FUN field trips.

Daily activities could include:

- Arts/Crafts
- Outdoor play
- Field Trips
- Swimming
- Games
- Computer Time
- Movie Days
- Quiet Time/Reading
- Free play
- Lunch Bunch
- Mystery Guests

Summerland!



Pool Parties!



Special Guest



	<u>1st child</u>	<u>Additional</u>
Full Week (families contracted all 12 weeks):	\$110	\$105
1-5 days (extra days):	\$25/day	\$24/day
½ day:	\$15/day	\$15/day
Lunch Bunch:	\$3/week	\$3/week
Drop-In full day:	\$30	\$30
Drop-In ½ day:	\$20	\$20
Early Bird Registration fees: \$25/child or \$35 Family		
Registration fee after May 14: \$35/child or \$45 Family		

Location: Community Ed. Center at the HS/MS Complex

Hours: Monday- Friday, 6:00 AM – 6:00 PM

*Drop-in care will ONLY be provided if staff/student ratio's allow room for your child. Payment is to be made at the beginning of the day of drop-in care.

- Students attending CKC 3-5 full days a week for the entire summer will receive a coupon good towards two Community Education programs at ½ price up to \$40 dollars total!
- Fees include: breakfasts, snacks, activity supplies, field trips, pool use and much more!

To register or get more information:
 Contact Jennifer Todnem, Site Supervisor at
 320-286-4100 ext. 1334 – until June 3
 320-286-4100 ext. 1031 – June 4-August 28