

# DASSEL ELEMENTARY NEWSLETTER

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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK...

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by Debbie Morris



The puzzle is almost complete, which means the school year is coming to a close. THANK YOU to everyone who has helped me put the 'pieces together' during my first year at Dassel Elementary. I have enjoyed getting to know everyone. There have been many

celebrations along the way for students, parents, staff, and community supporters! Dassel Elementary is a very special place that truly lives up to the motto: **Home of Kids (and supporters) that CARE!**

### Here is a Summer Puzzle Challenge for you!

Create your own puzzle and put the pieces together.

**Step One:** Brainstorm 30+ summer fun activities to do as a family or with a caring adult.

Ideas: Visit a local art exhibit; paint pictures of nature; prepare a simple summer meal for family and friends – plan a menu, look up recipes, make out a shopping list, & create a theme; take out a dusty game or two that hasn't been played in awhile; attend a local music concert; organize a picnic or hiking trip; go to the public library, read a book to a neighbor; attend a Red Rooster Reading Rocker summer event; set up a bird feeder; write a play and perform for the neighborhood; plan an activity that you've never done before; spend quality time with the ones you love; etc.

**Step Two:** Write the ideas down on a giant poster board.

**Step Three:** Cut the poster board in to puzzle pieces and store in a plastic bag.

**Step Four:** Take out a puzzle piece as often as you can to have some fun, and as a commitment to doing the things you said you wanted to do over the summer!

**Step Five:** Proudly display your completed puzzle at the end of the summer. You did it!!

### Summer Reading Challenge Puzzle

Oh, and don't forget, reading is sooooo important over the summer. Consider this quote - "Assessment scores show that most students make progress all year and in the fall their scores drop significantly with the three summer months off." I call this the summer slide.....To prevent this from happening to you, follow the steps listed above. This time for Step One make a list of books you would like to read, write, create, or publish. The possibilities are endless. The adventures await!!!

Have a fun-filled summer 'putting the pieces together'!!!



### Noteworthy Items:

Teacher Appreciation Week - May 2<sup>nd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup>  
Take a moment to share a special memory or two with a special teacher.

Last Day of School - June 6<sup>th</sup> – Report cards will be sent home on this day.

**SPRING PROGRAM**  
 Monday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2011  
 Performing Arts Center  
 1:30 P.M. - Matinee  
 6:30 P.M. - Third Grade only  
 7:30 P.M. - Fourth Grade only

**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!



**DO YOU EVER HAVE TO DECIDE  
 BETWEEN FOOD AND OTHER  
 NECESSITIES?  
 You shouldn't have to choose!**

Food Support puts money in your pocket for groceries. Food Support (also known as SNAP and formally known as Food Stamps) is a nutrition assistance program that helps people buy food. With recent changes in the Food Support Program more Minnesotans are now eligible!

Second Harvest Heartland can help you find out if you and your family are eligible for food support benefits. To be screened for eligibility and help with applications call:

**Carrie Lindquist**  
**SNAP/Food Support Outreach Specialist**  
**(612)247-1446**  
[clindquist@2harvest.org](mailto:clindquist@2harvest.org)

**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 29th, your child was introduced to the Saints Reading Challenge. The DC Saints are presenting a 4-week spring reading program that will start on Monday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> and will go through Monday, May 30th. 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 3rd DC Saints home game against Maple Plain 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 June 1st. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact your child’s teacher. Hopefully we will see you at the ball park!



**COMING SOON TO DASSEL ELEMENTARY**

















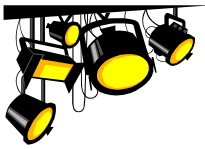


Reading is an important piece of the learning puzzle! The Dassel Ambassadors, Kristen Haider and Lauren Menke, are bringing some fun and exciting books to Dassel Elementary!

The ambassadors have chosen books by a Minnesota author, Doug Woods, to read and donate to our classrooms. They will spend some time this spring reading to the various classrooms and then will donate that book, along with another copy for our media center.

We look forward to having the Ambassadors here and for the wonderful opportunity for reading books from a local writer!

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2011		M A Y					2011
SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT	
1	2 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	3	4 Kindergarten Muffins for Moms 8:00-8:30 (M/W Group) 	5 Kindergarten Muffins for Moms 8:00-8:30 (T/Th Group) 	6	7	
8	9   Final Night of STARS (Parent Night) 4:30-5:30	10 3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade go to Ergot Building 	11 DQ Art Work Mrs. Pitchford's 3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade Class 	12 Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon 10:30-1:30 	13 4 <sup>th</sup> Grade visit the Middle School   Kindergarten Graduation Pictures	14	
15	16	17 Title I Parent Advisory Meeting 6:30-7:30 p.m. Dassel Elementary Media Center	18 	19	20 4 <sup>th</sup> Grade go to MN History Center 8:20-2:30  Grade 1 Bike Rally	21 Feet Don't Fail Me Now 7:30 PAC Building Feet 	
22 Auditions for Sound Of Music 1:00 H.S. Choir Rm & Monday, May 23, 6:30	23   Grade 1 Bike Rally Rain Date	24	25 2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade go to MN Zoo  4 <sup>th</sup> Grade Patrol go to Twins Game	26	27 Track & Sports Day 9:45-11:30 School Picnic 11:30-1:00 Track & Sports Day 1:00-2:30  Kindergarten go to Como Zoo	28	
29	30 NO SCHOOL Memorial Day 	31 Alternative Track & Sports Day 	June 1 Baccalaureate  DQ Art Work Ms. Silverberg's 1 <sup>st</sup> Grade Class 	June 2 1 <sup>st</sup> Grade go to Children's Museum & Baker Park Reserve  4 <sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation Dinner	June 3 Reading Challenge Night 7:30 Saints vs Maple Plain 	June 4	
June 5 Graduation 2:00	June 6 9:00 Awards  Last Day of School			JULY: Sound of Music at the PAC Building	Thursday, July 21, 7:00 p.m. Friday, July 22, 7:00 p.m. Saturday, July 30, 7:00 p.m. Sunday, July 31, 2:00 p.m.		

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

**TRACK & SPORTS DAY**



The 17<sup>th</sup> annual Track & Sports Day is fast approaching. On Friday, May 27<sup>th</sup>, 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 include jump rope, bean bag toss, ball catches, paddle taps, softball pitch to target, “javelin” throw, basketball shooting, bowling, standing long jump, and shuttle run.

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

The day begins at 9:45 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 \$3.05. 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, Track & Sports Day will be rescheduled for Tuesday, May 31<sup>st</sup>.



**HELP WANTED FOR TRACK & SPORTS DAY**

Yes! I can help with Track & Sports Day, on Friday, May 27<sup>th</sup>.

\_\_\_\_\_ I can help in the morning (9:30 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  
Volunteer  
Luncheon Invitation**



for our Volunteers  
at Dassel Elementary  
in the Staff Lounge  
Thursday, May 12<sup>th</sup>,  
10:30 a.m. – 1:30p.m.  
We “take note” of all  
you do for us!

## 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.

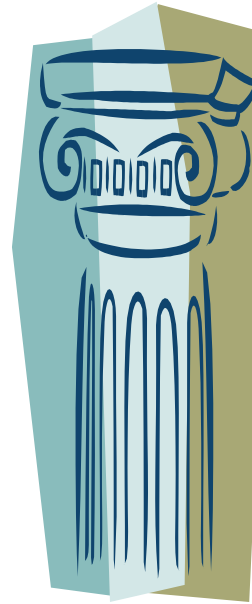


Our Kemp's Milk Caps and Land O Lakes milk caps will be sent to Kemp's in May, also. We continue to collect the used ink cartridges and old cellular phones. These program proceeds also go to the media center and physical education departments and any other area as needed. We will send in the final spring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



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 compassion and integrity. 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 were:

**Back Row:** Noah Halonen, Daniel Bjork, Joslyn Parks, Dakota Bullivant, Chloe Terpstra

**Front Row:** Gina Raisanen, Megan Rokala, Jana Tolkkinen, Isabella Swendra

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 rockin' lunch ladies want to say Happy May Day to everyone!

The spring has really sprung, and we are already almost at the end of the school year and the last time we will be chatting until next year. April and May are always busy with many special days, like pre-kindergarteners coming to lunch with their parents, Track & Sports Day, class trips, and the 4th grade graduation dinner.

It has been a good year, and I thank all of our customers who came for breakfast and lunch each and every day (or even just some days!). We have enjoyed all of your smiling faces, all the great conversations we've had, and your laughter at our jokes (and for sharing your own). We have always been so proud of the great manners you all show all year, and we thank you! We brag about you to all of our cook friends. I also would like to take this time to wish the 4th graders good luck next year in the 5th grade, and thank you for being such faithful customers and for helping us in the kitchen when we needed you. We will miss you. Enjoy the different school, keep up your healthy eating habits, and take your happy smiles and great manners to the 5th grade!

I'll leave you this year with the poem from nutrition professionals in the state of Washington, written for their students who were moving on to middle school.

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 in 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  
And your smile has left your face,  
Just think about the lunchroom,  
'Cause it's a warm and friendly place.

Have a safe and happy summer vacation. Eat right!  
Stay bright! We'll talk again next fall.



### MUFFINS FOR MOMS

Beth Allen & Becky Holm

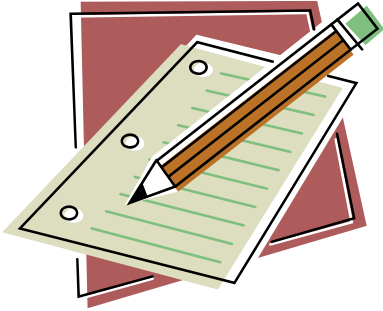


Dassel Elementary kindergartners will be hosting a "Muffins for Moms" party in their kindergarten rooms on Wednesday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, for the Monday/Wednesday class and Thursday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, for the Tuesday/Thursday class, from 8:00 a.m. to 8:30 a.m.

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

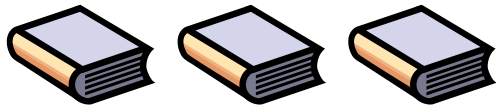


Parents, please remember to up-date your child's emergency card.

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!

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



### 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. 1	Open House
Sept. 6	School begins
Sept. 26	Picture Day for Kindergarten
Sept. 27	Picture Day for all students
Oct. 7	Grandparents' Day
Dec. 23-Jan. 2	Winter Break
Mar. 26-30	Spring Break
June 1	Last day of school (unless there are snow days)

## FROM THE VOLUNTEER CORNER . . .

by *Mary Neu*



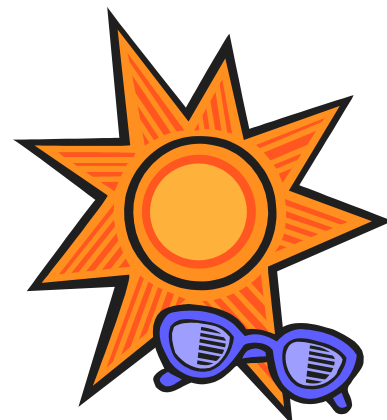
Hard to believe, but it is May and the school year is coming to a close and the summer is before us! The month of May brings a full calendar of events for all grade levels! We have field trips, the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade Spring program, volunteer recognition and the

wonderful event of Track & Sports Day, just to name a few of the fun events!

I invite all volunteers to the Volunteer Appreciation that is scheduled for Thursday, May 12<sup>th</sup>. 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*)

Track & Sports Day is coming on Friday, May 27<sup>th</sup>! 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 feel 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!



## FROM THE DASSEL LIBRARY...

by Doni Adams

### One World, Many Stories



Reading is a family affair. One great way to keep your children reading is to have them join the “One World, Many Stories” summer reading program at the Dassel Public Library. The summer reading program

is a fun way to bring reading into your children’s summer vacation, keep their brains active, and help them enter school in the fall ready to learn.

This summer’s theme will explore countries and cultures from around the globe. Join us for some fun activities, crafts, great prizes, and plenty of good reading. Kids between the ages of 3 and 12 can participate. Registration for the program begins June 9<sup>th</sup> and runs through August 5<sup>th</sup>. At the time they sign up, each child will receive a cool book bag, a bookmark, and a reading log sheet with stickers. When they bring back completed reading logs, they’ll earn prizes!

We will be hosting a kickoff event Thursday, June 9<sup>th</sup>, from 3-4 p.m., with folk musician Dennis Warner performing a family concert in the community room. Dennis sings and plays guitar at concerts and festivals all over the country, and he has even performed at the Kennedy Center for the Arts in Washington, D.C. You can stick around after the show to sign up for summer reading. Don’t forget to check out some good books, so you can get started on your reading log!



#### 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

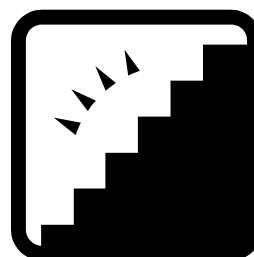
### Summer Brochure Coming Soon!

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, softball, gymnastics, basketball, volleyball, tennis, golf, football, wrestling, onland hockey, strength and conditioning, cross country, LEGOS, Spanish, clay camp, music lessons, Prairie Fire Children’s Theater production of “Peter Pan” (August 1-6), trips to Summerland, Pump It Up and Cosmic Bowling, 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.

- ◆ 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. Tell them to ask their friends to help them 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 to offer a wonderful environment of learning.

## FROM THE MEDIA CENTER...

by Carla Halvorson

### Screen Free Week



Did your family participate in Screen Free Week? This yearly event includes kids and families around

the United States and encourages them to experience a week without television, computers, or video games.

At Dassel Elementary, the students who were "screen free" joined us in the media center for a special celebration of games and their names were put into a drawing for six special "screen free" activity boxes. The themes for our boxes this year included "Baseball", "Horses", "Nascar", "Beach Fun", "Jewelry Making", and "Pets".

The Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) is an official endorser of Screen-Free Week. According to the MDH, "Children spend far too much time with screens: an average of 32 hours a week for preschoolers and even more for older children. Excessive screen time is linked to childhood obesity and other health and social issues. Instead of relying on screens for entertainment, participants read, daydream, explore, enjoy nature, and enjoy spending time with family and friends."

Check out the site <http://www.commercialfreechildhood.org/screenfree/week/index.html> for a variety of resources.

### Remember to Read this Summer!



According to the research, if we can encourage our students to read 5-8 books

over the summer that:

1. they are interested in
2. are on their Lexile level

the effects will be the same as going to summer school. Encourage your student to use the public library this summer...

The "Find a Book" website on the Lexile webpage can help parents and students find books that meet the two criteria above.

<http://www.lexile.com/findabook/>

It is helpful to have your child's Lexile score, but the Lexile number is not required.

Your child can choose areas of interest and the Lexile website will suggest books and even tell you (based on your IP computer address) the nearest public library where you can find the books.

Happy Summer and Happy Reading!



### FIRST GRADE ANNUAL BIKE RALLY



The 5<sup>th</sup> Annual First Grade Bike Rally will be held on Friday, May 20<sup>th</sup>. 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 20<sup>th</sup>. 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!!

**FROM THE SPEECH/LANGUAGE  
SPECIALIST . . .**

*by Karla Davis*



An estimated 28 million Americans have hearing loss. This May, and every May since 1927, the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA) has used the 'May is Better Hearing and Speech Month (BHSM) celebration' as a time to encourage Americans to get their hearing tested and determine if they have a hearing loss.

**You or a loved one may have a hearing loss if you:**

- Frequently ask people to repeat themselves
- Often turn your ear toward a sound to hear it better
- Understand people better when you wear your glasses or look directly at their faces
- Lose your place in group conversations
- Keep the volume on your radio or TV at a level that others say is too loud
- Have pain or ringing in your ears
- Notice that some sounds remain clear (often low-pitched sounds such as the bass line in music) while others may seem fuzzy (frequently women's and children's high-pitched voices).

**ASHA recommends that children at risk for hearing loss, such as chronic ear infections or family history of hearing loss, be screened as frequently as needed to ensure they are hearing well. Otherwise, for children ages 5-18, hearing screenings should occur on initial entry into school and annually in kindergarten through 3rd grade as well as in the 7th and 11th grades. Also, an annual hearing checkup is a good idea for people from age 45 and older.**

**Effects of Hearing Loss on Development**

It is well recognized that hearing is critical to speech and language development, communication, and learning. Children with listening difficulties due to hearing loss or auditory processing problems continue to be an under identified and underserved population. The earlier hearing loss occurs in a child's life, the more serious the effects on the child's development. Similarly, the earlier the problem is identified and intervention begun, the less serious the ultimate impact.

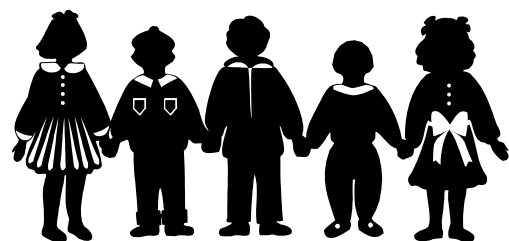
**There are four major ways in which hearing loss affects children--**

1. It causes delay in the development of receptive and expressive communication skills (speech and language).
2. The language deficit causes learning problems that result in reduced academic achievement.
3. Communication difficulties often lead to social isolation and poor self-concept.
4. It may have an impact on vocational choices.

**What You Can Do**

Recent research indicates that children identified with a hearing loss who begin services early may be able to develop language (spoken and/or signed) on par with their hearing peers. If a hearing loss is detected in your child, early family-centered intervention is recommended to promote language (speech and/or signed depending on family choices) and cognitive development. An audiologist, as part of an interdisciplinary team of professionals, will evaluate your child and suggest the most appropriate audiologic intervention program. Please contact your school's speech/language pathologist or audiologist with questions or concerns.

Information provided by [www.asha.org](http://www.asha.org)



## 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, May 11<sup>th</sup> and June 1<sup>st</sup>. 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!



## MEDICATION PICKUP . . .

*by Kelly Krueger, 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, medication will not be sent home with students unless we

have received written consent from a parent/guardian. A consent form will be mailed to you by the end of May.

Medication that has not been picked up by 3:30 pm on Monday, June 6<sup>th</sup> will be destroyed. Please call the Health Office at if you have any questions.

Thank you and have a great summer!



## UPCOMING 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](http://www.dc.k12.mn.us)

## SPRING SOFTBALL CLINIC (Grades 3-8)

Let's get ready for summer ball! This clinic will be a complete review of fundamentals, including: basics of hitting, proper fielding techniques, aggressive base running, and the technique of throwing and catching a softball. Time will be spent working with pitchers and catchers on proper mechanics and techniques for fast-pitch softball.

### Activity #5507 - Grades 3-8

Saturday, May 7

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

HS Quad Fields #5 & 6, (West Gym if rain)

Fee: \$25



## UPCOMING ARTS ASSOCIATION EVENTS:

### RHYTHMIC CIRCUS PRODUCTION:

#### Feet Don't Fail Me Now

A talented quartet of tap dancers team up with seven musicians/vocalists: drums, trumpet, guitars, keyboard, saxophone, and human beatbox, for an evening of nonstop percussion madness! Visit [www.robinlingerentertainment.com](http://www.robinlingerentertainment.com) for a sampling of this amazing show.

**Saturday, May 21, 7:30 pm**

**Tickets:** Adults - \$15, Youth - \$5

**Location:** D-C Performing Arts Center

**Reserved Seating at the PAC**

Tickets on sale now!

**Information and Ticket Purchases:**

D-C Community Education, 286-4120



## D-C COMMUNITY THEATRE SUMMER MUSICAL:

### Sound of Music

Directed by: Randy Wilson

**Thursday, July 21, 7:00 pm**

**Friday, July 22, 7:00 pm**

**Saturday, July 30, 7:00 pm**

**Sunday, July 31, 2:00 pm**

**Tickets:** Adult - \$15, Youth - \$5

Location: D-C Performing Arts Center

Reserved Seating at the PAC

Ticket sales begin June 1  
 Information and Ticket Purchases: D-C Community  
 Education, 286-4120

**Sound of Music Auditions!**

Sun., May 22, 1:00 pm *or* Mon., May 23, 6:30 pm  
 High School Choir Room

**Cast Requirements:**

7 women, 8 men, 7 children ages 6-16, a chorus of  
 20 nuns, 16 German soldiers, neighbors, and  
 festival contestants

**Auditions Preparation:**

Bring a vocal range song. An accompanist will be  
 available.

Everyone: Bring your conflict schedule (vacations,  
 weddings, etc.)

**Rehearsals begin after Memorial Day.**

**Questions:**

Production Assistance: Deborah Moen: 612-236-  
 5137

Director: Randy Wilson: 320-296-4274

Producer: Colleen Compton, Community Ed-  
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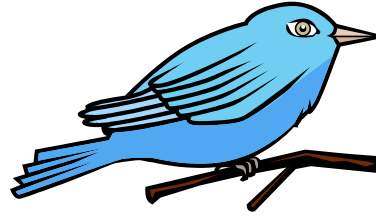


**FAMILY FUN**

**S U D O K U**

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**Bird Watching**

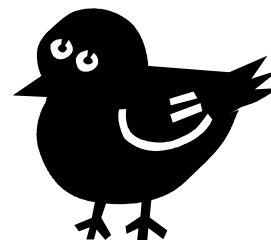


Eighteen birds are  
 hidden in these  
 nonsense sentences.  
 To find them, search  
 between two or more  
 words. Underline

each bird when you find it. OWL is nesting in the  
 first sentence.

1. How lovely you look!
2. Please send over that picture.
3. The ship's spar rotated easily.
4. That fellow rented a car.
5. They found the lost riches.
6. Drive fast or keep to the right.
7. Say hello once more.
8. Give me a dollar Kelly.
9. Here's the chapel I can attend.
10. A fabric like lycra needs very little care.
11. Can a rye bread be made at home?
12. Put your business card in Albert's hand.
13. She's wandering away.
14. They crave new foods.
15. Drink the tea Glenda brought.
16. He grew one half inch.
17. The chef Al contacted is cooking dinner.
18. Unthaw Kim's supper.

Please bring your answers to the office and  
 receive a prize for completing the "Family  
 Fun".



**FROM THE SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKER...**

*Carmen Tschida*

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

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**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** \_\_\_\_\_

<b>Child's Name</b>	<b>Date of Birth</b>	<b>Gr. Entering</b>
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
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**Parent / Guardian Signature** \_\_\_\_\_

*Please return by May 13 to School Social Worker or Meeker County Social Services, 114 N. Holcombe Ave., Suite 180, Litchfield, MN 55355*

# SUPPLIES FOR DASSEL ELEMENTARY 2011-2012

## 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 - 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 folder
- 1 - school box (not a zipper bag)
- 1 - box of 24 color crayons
- 1 - 1 subject spiral notebook
- 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 - box crayola washable markers
- 2 - low odor Expo Dry erase markers
- 1 - Fiskar scissor
- 1 - deck of playing cards
- \$5.00 cash for journal & everyday folder
- NEW - headphone (3.5 mm cable connection) for use in the computer lab. Send in a Ziplock bag with students name on it. Will be returned.

## GRADE 2

- 1 - box of crayons (24 pack)
- 2 - large glue stick (each trimester)
- 1 - white glue (large)
- 1 - pair Fiskar scissor
- 12 - pencils #2 (sharpened - each trimester)
- 1 - big eraser & pencil top erasers
- 2 - sturdy pocket folders
- 2 - spiral notebooks (wide lined)
- 1 - small school supply box (5 ½ X 8)
- 1 - box of Kleenex (200 count)
- 1 - box color pencils
- 1 - 4 pack low odor expo white board markers (large, not skinny)
- 1 - box quart size Ziplock bags
- NEW - headphone (3.5 mm cable connection) for use in the computer lab. Send in a Ziplock bag with students name on it. Will be returned.

## GRADE 3

- 1 - box fine point markers
- 1 - box of 24 crayons
- 1 - box of colored pencils
- 1 - sturdy pocket folder
- Last Name A-M - 1 box of gallon size Ziplock bags
- Last Name N-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
- 6 - pencil top erasers
- 3 - single subject spiral notebooks (1 blue, 1 green, 1 yellow - wide lined)
- 2 - blue pens
- 2 - box of Kleenex
- 2 - expo low odor dry erase white board marker
- 1 - pencil box
- 1 - pencil sharpener with cover
- \$3.00 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

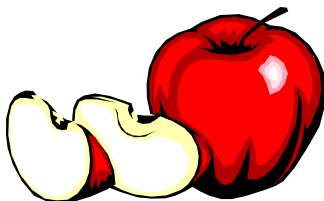
**NO** backpacks on wheels  
**NO** roller shoes



# DASSEL ELEMENTARY BREAKFAST MENU

2011		M A Y			2011	
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY		
<b>½ pint milk served with each meal</b> <b>Daily Fruit Choice: canned, fresh or juice</b>						
<b>2</b> Cereal Granola Fruit Choice	<b>3</b> Pancakes / Syrup Sausage Link Fruit Choice	<b>4</b> Cereal Cinnamon Toast Fruit Choice	<b>5</b> Cinnamon Roll Cheese Fruit Choice	<b>6</b> Cereal Muffin Fruit Choice		
<b>9</b> Breakfast Pizza Fruit Choice	<b>10</b> Cereal Teddy Grahams Fruit Choice	<b>11</b> Waffle Sticks Sausage Link Fruit Choice	<b>12</b> Breakfast Bites Fruit Choice	<b>13</b> Cereal Yogurt Fruit Choice		
<b>16</b> Cereal Honey Graham Sticks Fruit Choice	<b>17</b> Breakfast Omelet Toast Fruit Choice	<b>18</b> Cereal Cinnamon Toast Fruit Choice	<b>19</b> Breakfast on a Stick Fruit Choice	<b>20</b> Cereal Muffin Fruit Choice		
<b>23</b> Apple Strudel Sticks Cheese stick Fruit Choice	<b>24</b> Cereal Cinnamon Toast Fruit Choice	<b>25</b> French Toast Sticks Sausage Link Fruit Choice	<b>26</b> Cereal Granola Bar Fruit Choice	<b>27</b> Frudel Bar Yogurt Fruit Choice		
<b>30</b>  <b>NO SCHOOL</b> Memorial Day	<b>31</b> Cereal Granola Bar Fruit Choice	<b>June 1</b> Cereal Cinnamon Toast Fruit Choice	<b>June 2</b> Cinnamon Roll Cheese Fruit Choice	<b>June 3</b> Cereal Muffin Fruit Choice		
<b>June 6</b>  Cook's Choice	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.					

## ANTICIPATED FAMILY FOOD COST FOR THE MONTH OF MAY/JUNE



### Grades K-4:

Breakfasts: 25 days x \$ 1.00 = \$ 25.00  
 Regular Lunches: 25 days x \$ 1.50 = \$ 37.50  
 Reduced Lunches: 25 days x \$ .40 = \$ 10.00  
 Second Entrée for \$1.00  
 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

2011		M A Y			2011	
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY		
<b>2</b> Lunch Around Pizza Corn Fruit Sauce Choice	<b>3</b> Country Fried Steak Mashed Potatoes Seasoned Carrots Biscuits Fresh Fruit	<b>4</b> Chicken Chow Mein Rice Cole Slaw Mandarin Oranges Fortune Cookie	<b>5</b> Chicken Patty / Bun Oven Fries Seasoned Green Beans Fruit Choice	<b>6</b> Pulled Pork Sandwich Potato Rounds Veg. Relishes Fruit Choice		
<b>9</b> French Toast Sticks Smokies Tri Tator Orange Smiles Fruit Assorted Juice	<b>10</b> Hamburger on a Bun French Fries Vegetable Choice Fresh Fruit	<b>11</b> Hard or Soft Shell Taco with fixings Corn Fruit Sauce Choice	<b>12</b> Grilled Cheese or Tuna Sandwich Tomato Soup Fresh Veggies / Dip Fruit Sauce Choice	<b>13</b> Meat & Gravy Mashed Potatoes Mixed Vegetables Fresh Dinner Roll Fruit Sauce		
<b>16</b> Chicken Nuggets Scalloped Potatoes Seasoned Peas Fresh Fruit Bread Choice	<b>17</b> Mini Corn Dogs French Fries Broccoli & Cheese Fruit Sauce Choice Bread Choice	<b>18</b> Lasagna Lettuce Salad Seasoned Gr. Beans Fruit Sauce Choice	<b>19 <i>Bag Lunch</i></b> Turkey Sandwich Chips Carrot Paks Fresh Fruit	<b>20</b> Riblet / Bun Potato Seasoned Carrots Fruit Choice		
<b>23</b> Whole Grain Pizza Seasoned Veg. Fruit Sauce Choie	<b>24</b> Hot Ham & Cheese Batter Bites Fresh Fruit Choice	<b>25</b> Chicken Fajita / Fixings Rice Pilaf Seasoned Peas Fruit Sauce Choice	<b>26</b> Sub Sandwich with fixings Potato Rounds Fresh Veggies / Dip Fresh Fruit	<b>27</b> <b>Track &amp; Sports            Day            Picnic</b>  Hot Dogs		
<b>30</b> <b>NO SCHOOL</b> Memorial Day	<b>31</b> Pizza choice Vegetable Choice Bread Choice	<b>June 1</b> Chicken Choice Potato Choice Vegetable Choice Bread Fresh Fruit	<b>June 2</b>  Cook's Choice	<b>June 3</b>  Cook's Choice		
<b>June 6</b> <b>Bag Lunch</b> Cook's Choice	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.					

**½ pint milk served with each meal**

