

DASSEL ELEMENTARY NEWSLETTER

Debbie Morris, Principal

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK...

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by Debbie Morris



November – A time to reflect on all the things we are thankful for..... I am thankful that each morning I get to greet the children, maybe not always in person, but I leave a message on my MORNING MESSAGE BOARD. The message board covers many

topics: Dassel Elementary FUN days, celebrations, trivia questions, poetry, riddles, points-to-ponder, etc. Every Monday I try to post a MONDAY MANNER. Students and staff appreciate being reminded about common courtesy items. I was thinking about the posting – ‘Say “please” and “thank you” often. These words show respect and appreciation.’ I think the students do a good job of showing respect and appreciation for things they like, want, and enjoy doing. My hope is that we will help them continue to appreciate and show respect for things that aren’t just for them personally. We work on showing respect and appreciation for: friends, parents/guardians, Dassel Elementary staff members, special people in their lives, the environment, a clean building, a community that cares about them, and a school that cares about helping each individual succeed!!

Here is a poem that especially inspires me by its simplicity:

What I Am Thankful For?

by Peter DeJesse

Things that work out for the best
People that make my life soar
Events that make me smile
These are the things I am thankful for

Colors of the leaves on the trees
Clouds and a clear blue sky
Birds that sing in the morning
And a love that makes you sigh

Family and friends above all
Have always been there it seems
Through the good and bad times
They've helped me follow my dreams

You may ask, What am I thankful for?
The only answer I can give
I am thankful every day
For the wonderful life I live.

Additional things to be thankful for.....

- Grandparents who were able to celebrate with us Grandparent’s Day on Friday, October 14th. This year was the 31st annual event. Sure was wonderful seeing the children interact & appreciating very special people in their lives.
- The Dassel Community Fire Department! The students loved seeing the fireman in action. Thank you for keeping our community safe!
- The WONDERFUL Dassel Elementary volunteers!!

I look forward to seeing you in the building for fall conferences. Students are doing AMAZING things and we love to share the progress they are making!

CONFERENCE DATES

Friday, Nov. 11 – Kindergarten Only
Tuesday, Nov. 15 – 4:00–7:00 PM
Thursday, Nov. 17 – 4:00-7:00 PM
Friday, Nov. 18 – 12:30-3:30 PM



In October the PTA hosted Deb Griffiths, Director of Communications and Community Outreach for Schools for Equity in Education, at our monthly meeting. Deb and her organization advocate at the state capitol for equitable funding for all Minnesota school districts. Deb explained the school funding process and offered ways in which DC parents and community members can influence funding decisions for our district. A link to her presentation can be found at the PTA website, www.chargerpta.com.

The PTA also voted to approve up to a \$300 donation for curriculum materials for the “All Pro Dads” program at Cokato Elementary. “All Pro Dads” is the fatherhood program of Family First. “All Pro Dads” gives men the tools they need to make a difference in the lives of their children and families through facilitating one-hour monthly meetings where fathers and their children team up with other dads to have discussions on topics such as understanding their children, having a positive attitude, overcoming fear and much more.

November is National PTA Healthy Lifestyles month. Eating healthy does not have to be hard. Making these small substitutions can help to have your child eating healthier great tasting foods:

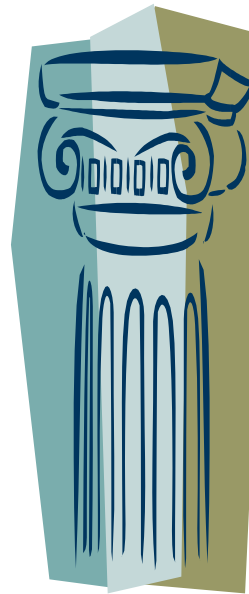
- Choose baked sweet potato fries instead of French fries
- Try 2% milk or skim milk instead of whole milk
- Chew sugar free gum instead of candy
- Eat chocolate dipped frozen banana popsicles instead of ice cream

Our next PTA meeting will be Thursday, December 1st, 6:30-8 pm in the high school media center. In conjunction with National PTA Healthy Lifestyles Month the PTA will be hosting Bernie Reinke, Food Service Director for the DC, Hutchinson, and Litchfield districts. Mrs. Reinke will present information regarding the guidelines and process

our school district follows to purchase nutritious meal offerings for our children. School Board members and the Superintendent will also be present to provide input and answer questions. If you have any questions about this meeting or the PTA, please email chargerpta@yahoo.com.



GOLDEN RULERS OF THE MONTH FOR NOVEMBER



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 understanding diversity and resiliency. 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”.



**CHARGER KIDS CLUB
2011-2012**



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

Hours

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

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

Non-school days: Mon.-Fri., 6:00 AM 6:00 PM

Location

Cokato Elementary – Cafeteria (Small Gym)
Dassel & Middle School students are also welcome.
Transportation is available before and after-school, to and from Cokato Elementary. Call for more information.

2011-12 School Year Fees	1 st Child	2 nd Child
Registration Fee	\$25	\$35 Family
Before School (6:00 - 8:00 AM)		
Daily	\$4.50	\$4.00
Full Time (5 days a week)	\$20.00	\$17.50
After School (3:00 - 6:00 PM)		
Daily	\$8.00	\$7.50
Full Time (5 days a week)	\$36.00	\$32.50
After School until 4:30 PM (3:00 - 4:30 PM)		
Daily	\$5.00	\$4.50
Full Time (5 days a week)	\$22.50	\$20.00
Non-School days (6:00 AM – 6:00 PM)		
Full day	\$25.00	\$24.00
Half Day (5 hours or less)	\$15.00	\$15.00
Drop In Rate		
Before School	\$6.50	\$6.50
After School	\$10.00	\$10.00

Contact Information

To register or get more information contact:

Site Supervisor: Jennifer Todnem

320-286-4100 ext. 1334

Jennifer.Todnem@dc.k12.mn.us

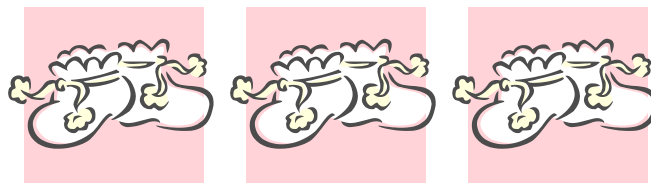


**MEET
FINNEGAN JAMES CONELY**



Congratulations to our second grade teacher, Alison Conely and her husband James, who are the proud parents of a beautiful baby boy born on Tuesday, October 4th at 2:46 p.m. His name is Finnegan James and weighs 8 lbs. 9 oz and 21 inches long. He joins his sister, Addie.

We are so excited and happy for them.



TRIBUTE TO MILEKA HALL



You may have noticed a very special memorial on the east side of Dassel Elementary. We remember our friend Mileka Hall who passed away this last May. The students visited the memorial with their teachers and were asked to be respectful to the memorial by not climbing on it.

We want to thank all the people who made this memorial possible. When you get a chance, stop by to remember Mileka, her family, and friends.



FROM THE VOLUNTEER CORNER...

by Mary Neu



The month of November is here already!

At Dassel Elementary, we *are thankful* for a strong foundation of parental support. There are many ways to be involved in your child's education, and volunteering is one of many ways to show your support of the students, teachers, and staff. It is fun to see the smiling faces of the children as they continue their journey in learning. Please consider volunteering with us at Dassel Elementary!

Thanks to the volunteers that made our Grandparent's Day a huge success!

Upcoming Volunteer Needs:

- Decorating for the K-2 Christmas Program
- Special projects (copying, book binding, etc.)
- Help with the Book Fair at conference times
- Help with projects at home

Again, *thank you* to the volunteers for your many contributions so far this school year. Many more opportunities are available and will be throughout the year. Please feel free to contact me with questions or requests. I look forward to having you be involved in the learning environment here at Dassel Elementary! (286-4100 ext.1518)



"We make a living by what we do,
but we make a life by what we give."

Winston Churchill

FROM THE MEDIA CENTER . . .

by Carla Halvorson



You are invited to our Annual Book Fair, which will take place during conference week. Please join us in the media center before or after your parent-teacher conferences - We will be open on Tuesday (November 15) and Thursday (November 17) evenings from 4 - 7 PM and Friday afternoon (November 18) from 12 - 3 PM.

Our Book Fair theme - To the Book Fair... And Beyond... Reading is Out of this World! - is part of an out-of-this-world reading event that brings to school a wonderful selection of fun, engaging, and affordable books kids want to read. Giving kids access to good books and the opportunity to choose their own books will motivate them to read more. And like most acquired skills, the more kids practice reading, the better they'll get.

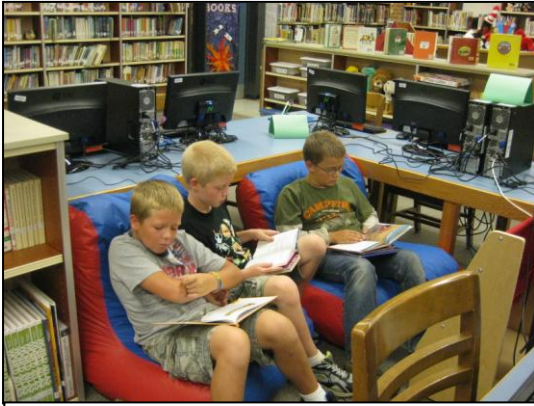
Any purchases made at the Book Fair helps us with the purchase of new books and supplies for the media center! If you would like to preview some of the items featured at this year's Book Fair, check them out at

<http://bookfairs.scholastic.com/homepage/dassel>.

At this site, you will also be able to order books online. There is an expanded book selection and all orders will ship to our school with no shipping fee. Come on in and get some of your holiday shopping done -Books are gifts that are opened again and again!



The Black CAREgroup listens to a chapter book about bullying: Jake Drake, Bully Buster. This book was purchased for each CAREgroup with funds from last year's book fair.



Students from Mrs. Lingl's 4th grade class are enjoying their library books on new beanbags purchased with funds from last year's bookfair!



REFLECTIVE TAPE



Student safety is a top priority at Dassel Elementary. I know it is dark in the morning when many kids come to school as well as when they return home. I have noticed that some parents have put reflective tape on their child's

backpack or jacket, which makes it much easier for bus drivers to see the children. Help us see your children!



TARGET

"TAKE CHARGE OF EDUCATION"



In August, Target sent us a check for \$1000.00! We received these funds as people have used their Target charge card to make purchases and have listed Dassel Elementary to receive 1% of their purchase

amount. We currently have **70** REDcard holders that have designated Dassel Elementary as their school of choice!

Thank you for helping Dassel Elementary school; your continued support is truly appreciated! If you have questions about this program, please ask or check out the Target website.

39th annual dassel-cokato



craft fair

Saturday, November 5th 9:00 am – 2:00 pm

D-C High & Middle Schools FREE ADMISSION

Sponsored by the
DC Early Childhood Advisory Council
Proceeds to benefit "Dollars for Preschool Scholars"
Questions? Call 320-434-1663



BOX TOPS



Boxtops for Education is a great way to earn additional funds for our school. Look for products with the Box Tops for Education coupon and remember to clip and save. Each coupon is worth 10 cents. Another terrific

way to earn money for our school AND yourself is to check boxtops4education.com for coupons and other special offers. If you like to shop on-line, go to the Box Tops Marketplace located at boxtops4education.com. Check it out! More than 60 popular stores donate up to 8% of each qualifying purchase to the school of your choice.

The next time you come to our building, please take a minute to look at the wonderful collection containers in the small gym. The students are separating our recycling/collection coupons for box tops, soup labels and milk caps! Thanks for sending these products with your students.

CHRISTMAS PRESENTS/FOOD



The holiday season is fast approaching. This season is meant to be a happy and festive time for families; however, it can also be a stressful and difficult

time because of the financial strain. Often, due to life circumstances and personal hardships, parents are faced with not being able to buy Christmas gifts for their children.

Through Heartland Community Action Agency, families are able to receive donations to help with the Christmas expenses. If you are interested in a referral form for this Holiday Project – please contact Carmen Tschida at Dassel Elementary. Wright County families can call Wright County Human Services at 1-800-362-3667. Often parents find it difficult to call, yet we encourage you to make a contact, and we can help facilitate this process.



MEET A NEW STAFF MEMBER



Connie Hendrickson

Hi, my name is Connie Hendrickson and I work as a paraprofessional with second grade students at Dassel Elementary. You may also have seen me in one of the kitchens in the district or driving one of the vans. This is my fourth year as a van driver, transporting students to and from school.

I live north of Dassel with my husband John and four of our eight children. Brad is attending St. Cloud State, Todd is in 10th grade, Carl is in 7th grade and Molly is in 3rd grade here at Dassel.

Kristen and her husband Joe live in Michigan. Karen is a nurse and lives in Dassel. She is getting married in December. Heidi is a student at Northern Michigan University and Keith lives and goes to school in Redwood Falls.

I enjoy many activities outside of school such as; spending time with family and friends, traveling, camping, knitting and playing and watching a variety of sports.

The staff has been so welcoming and helpful and I am excited to be a part of this great team that strives to make a difference in the lives in the lives of each student!



SUDOKU

Each Sudoku has a unique solution that can be reached logically without guessing. Enter digits from 1 to 9 into the blank spaces. Every row must contain one of each digit. So must every column, as must every 3x3 square.

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NOTICE PLEASE



Please call the office at extension 1500, NOT the classroom, if your child's dismissal plans change throughout the day. We are asking that the office be notified of these changes before 12:00. The ideal request is that your child brings a note that is given to the teacher in the morning, which helps to eliminate interruptions into the classroom.

The teachers check phone and e-mail messages during prep times, if time permits, or after dismissal to assure that structured learning times are not interrupted. In addition, our substitute teachers do not have access to phone or e-mail messages.

Our dismissal time is 3:15. Please do not request that your child be excused prior to that time. A safe and orderly dismissal process is a high priority that is shared jointly by all of us.



STARS STUDENTS AT DASSEL ELEMENTARY

The Dassel Elementary STARS students in grades 1-4 showed teamwork by volunteering during the week of Oct. 10, 2011. Due to rain, the students were unable to rake and clean up the playground, so they spent their time cleaning desks, tables, and other areas at Dassel Elementary. They realized work can be fun and rewarding when everybody does their part of the project.



GIVE THANKS, FROM THE COOK'S CORNER...

Doris Kyllonen, Lead Cook



Happy Turkey Day, everyone!

We had a good October with National School Lunch Week, Grandparents' Day, and what I hope was a happy, safe, fun Halloween day and evening for everyone.

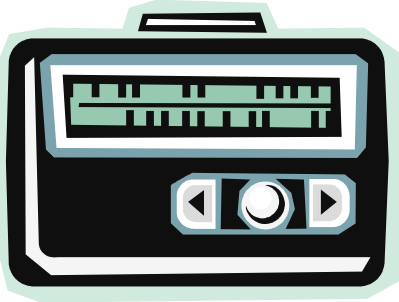
There has been a lot of talk lately in and outside of schools about the pros and cons of serving chocolate milk in school cafeterias. Why keep chocolate milk in schools? When flavored milk leaves, so do nutrients. Moms and school nutritionists agree that milk is an important part of students' diets. Lowfat chocolate milk provides the same nine essential nutrients as unflavored milk, including calcium, vitamin D, and potassium, three nutrients of concern. Data show that students choose flavored milk 70% of the time, yet some schools are eliminating these choices. A recent study revealed that when schools removed or limited flavored milk, milk consumption dropped 35% on average. This drop equates to a substantial loss in nutrients that could be replaced by a single beverage. When students do not drink milk, they must eat three to four food items to match milk's nutrient contribution, often adding back more calories and fat than were reduced by not drinking the milk. Surprisingly, if kids skipped a serving of milk at school, they were not likely to replace it at home--only 29% of moms serve milk to their children at dinner. Schools need to build a strong case for keeping flavored milk available. So go ahead and enjoy a glass of flavored milk, and know you are drinking something healthy.

I hope you all have a wonderful Thanksgiving and enjoy good food and good friends.

We will chat again next month.



SCHOOL CLOSING INFORMATION



It is that time of year again when we need to start watching the weather! I would like to remind you that if there is any doubt about school closing or starting

late, please tune in one of the following radio or T.V. stations: WCCO (830 AM), KRWC (1360 AM), KDUZ (1260 AM), KLFD (1410 AM), Channel 4 WCCO TV, Channel 5 KSTP TV, Channel 9 (KMSP), and Channel 11 KARE TV. It is also important for your child to know where they should go if school closes early because of bad weather. Can they get in the house if you are at work? Should they wait to be picked up? Should they go to a neighbor's house? These are common questions that need answering when early closings happen. If you have not filled out a form from your child's classroom teacher, please ask for one.

When sending a note with your student giving them permission to get off the bus at a point other than home, please give the name and address where they are to be dropped off – not "Grandma's." Most drivers do not know who the student's grandma is, or where she may live.



WINTER CLOTHING



During the cold winter weather, please be sure that your child has a warm coat, gloves or mittens, some type of head gear, boots, and snow pants. We do want children to go outside during recess,

so dressing for the weather is vital. If it is raining, or if the wind chill factor is about 10 below, we do not allow anyone to go outside. The students remain in the gym during noon recess. If you have problems getting the necessary winter gear for your

children, please let us know and we will try to provide some assistance.

WINTER SCHOOL BUS SAFETY TIPS FOR STUDENTS



Winter time presents additional safety concerns for student transportation. It is important for students to understand their role in ensuring their safety. Following are some

safety tips you may wish to review with them:

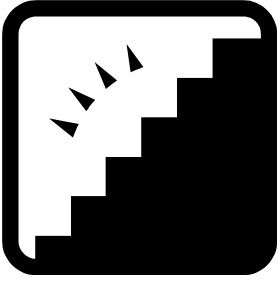
1. Wait for the bus several feet further off the road in winter weather. Passing vehicles may slide, hitting students standing in the street.
2. Don't slide or play on snowpiles at the bus stop. Students may slide into the street in the path of oncoming traffic.
3. Don't push or shove when getting on and off the bus – a student may slide underneath the school bus.
4. If a student drops something around or underneath the bus, wait until the bus pulls away before attempting to retrieve the item.
5. Use the handrail when boarding or exiting the school bus to prevent slipping on the icy steps.
6. Don't throw snowballs at passing vehicles – a window may be shattered, injuring the occupants inside or possibly causing an accident.



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

OLWEUS BULLYING PREVENTION PROGRAM STEP UP

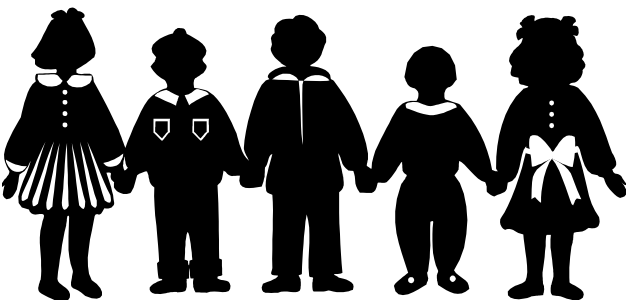
by Carmen Tschida



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

C-O-U-R-A-G-E to STEP-UP

This year we will continue to incorporate the “Protective Strategies” of TALK, WALK, GO in our lessons with an emphasis on “**COURAGE**”. All students participated in a lyceum focusing on “Stepping Up with **COURAGE**”. Students watched staff role-play a “targeted” person being teased and then with courage stood up to get the teasing to stop. We all agreed that teasing and bullying hurts feelings and that everyone has a responsibility to help stop it from happening. It takes courage to stand up for ourselves and for others who are being bullied. Other courage statements were described and the children ended the lyceum with a **COURAGE** chant. We encourage you to share a time when you stood up for someone who was being teased or bullied, or someone stood up for you. Also, ask your child to share courage statements with you from the lyceum.



MAKE NEW FRIENDS



*Make new friends but keep the old
One is silver and the other is gold.*

One of our focuses this school year is to make new friends. Ask your child to sing the song with you and tell you what they are doing to “make a new friend” at Dassel Elementary. We also encourage you to share a story with them about a time when you made a new friend. Celebrate with your child if they reach out to other children and if they are struggling with making new friends, brainstorm ideas and role – play different situations.



VETERAN’S DAY PROGRAM



We would like to extend an invitation to all of our local veterans to join us for a short program on Friday, November 11th at 9:45 a.m. We will be honoring veterans for all of the sacrifices they have made. Following the program we will have refreshments in the Dassel media center. Some of our students will be there for refreshments and conversations too! Hope you can join us!

DAIRY QUEEN NIGHTS



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

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

November 2nd
Mrs. Ganser’s 3rd Grade Classroom
November 16th
Mrs. Little’s 3rd Grade Classroom
November 30th
Mrs. Madsen’s 3rd Grade Classroom

DASSEL-COKATO

COMMUNITY EDUCATION

Register online at www.dc.k12.mn.us/commed or
call Community Ed. at 320-286-4120.

YOUTH OPPORTUNITIES

WRESTLING (Grades K-6)

Dean Jennissen, DC Coaching Staff & Alumni

Whether you've been in wrestling or not, this is a great opportunity for boys and girls to learn! Charger wrestling techniques, skills, drills and games will be emphasized. **Meeting & Registration: Monday, November 28, 6:00 pm, HS Commons, Door H.** Registrations are encouraged prior to the meeting, however, you still need to attend meeting. Season 2 is for those wrestlers who wish to continue practicing and competing. Wrestlers may participate in the advanced practices and Season 2 at no additional charge.

Activity #5120 - Grades K-2

Season 1: Tuesdays, Nov. 29-Feb. 21 (No class 12/27)
6:00-7:00 p.m. - HS West Gym South Mezzanine,
Door H

Early Bird Fee: \$20 each or \$35 family cap
Fee after November 28: \$25 each or \$40 family cap

Activity #5122 - Grades 3-6

Season 1: Tuesdays, Nov. 29-Feb. 21 (No class 12/27)
7:00-8:30 p.m. - HS West Gym South Mezzanine,
Door H

Early Bird Fee: \$20 each or \$35 family cap
Fee after November 28: \$25 each or \$40 family cap

Optional Advanced Practices

(Gr. K-6): Thurs., Dec. 1-Feb. 23 (No class 12/29)
at 6:00-7:30 pm

Season 2 (Gr. K-6): Tuesdays & Thursdays, Mar. 6-
27 at 6:00-7:30 pm



MESSY & GROSS FUN (Grades 1-4)

Jennifer Todnem, Instructor

Calling all boys and girls who like things that are gooey and sloppy! You'll have a chance to create and experiment with gooey and slimy mixtures up to your elbows. You'll learn why mixtures act the way they do. Be sure to dress so you can get messy. An after school snack and all supplies will be provided. Maximum 10

Activity #2215

Monday, November 14 (New Date!)

3:15-4:30 p.m. - Cokato Elem. Cafeteria
(pick up at East door & ring bell)

Early Bird Fee: \$12, Fee after November 8: \$17



CHRISTMAS SURPRISE (Grades 1-4)

Amy Kaiser, Instructor

Just in time for Christmas! Make a special gift for that special person in your life. You'll have lots of fun making and wrapping it and they'll love receiving it! Shh...don't tell - it's a surprise! Fee includes an after-school snack and supplies. Maximum 8

Activity #2065D - Dassel

Tuesday, December 13

3:15-4:30 p.m. in Dassel Elem. Room #121, Door A
Early Bird Fee: \$12; Fee after December 6: \$17

Activity #2065C - Cokato

Thursday, December 15

3:15-4:30 p.m. in Cokato Elem. Room #139,
Pick up at West Door

Early Bird Fee: \$12; Fee after December 6: \$17



“CINDERELLA” AT THE OLD LOG THEATER (Gr. K and up)

Hop on the bus with us for a fun day at the Old Log Theater in Excelsior! Friday, December 2, is a workshop day so there is no school. What a better way to spend the day than enjoying the Old Log's Holiday Children's Show, "Cinderella!" This funny and enchanting re-telling of Charles Perrault's classic fairy tale is a great way to introduce youngsters from Kindergarten on up to the fun and magic of live theater - complete with music, colorful costumes, marvelous sets and professional actors. Bring a bag lunch which we will enjoy in the Old Log dining room before the 12:30 performance. Parents and grandparents you are welcome to register for the same price. What a fun way to spend the day with your little one!

Activity #3019-Friday, December 2 (workshop day)

Departure: Dassel Elem. Door A - 10:00 a.m.
Cokato Elem. Door D - 10:15 a.m.

Return: Cokato Elem. Door D - 3:00 p.m.
Dassel Elem. Door A - 3:15 p.m.

Early Bird Fee: \$19
Fee after November 22: \$24
Registration Deadline: Tuesday, November 22

ADULT OPPORTUNITIES

BUILDING AN OUTDOOR ROOM

Joel Karstens, Instructor

Spend an evening with an experienced landscape design specialist learning how to turn your backyard into the dream space you have always envisioned. Create an extension of your home, a new “room” where you can get away, relax, entertain guests and dine al fresco. You will learn dozens of design ideas and fundamental principles to make your do-it-yourself project (or your project installation by professionals) successful and to get the results you really want. We will discuss plans for creating outdoor focal points including fireplaces, water features, specialty lighting, art and sculpture applications. It’s not necessary to spend more money; learn to spend it more effectively and your new outdoor room will make your neighbors green with envy. Participants will have the option to buy a 30-40 page workbook for \$5, payable to the instructor, which will allow you to take action with your own project immediately.

Activity #1767

Monday, November 7 - 6:30-9:30 p.m.
HS Team Planning Room #501, Door C
Fee: \$35



INTERMEDIATE YOGA

Sandy Wozniak, Instructor

Nurture your mind, body and spirit. Yoga reduces stress and tension through specific poses that increase flexibility and muscular strength and endurance, as well as a feeling of balance and relaxation. This class is geared for students who have participated in at least one prior yoga session or those that have their own yoga practice. Wear comfortable clothing and please bring a mat, towel or small blanket. Handouts will be provided. All ages and abilities are welcome.

Activity #7701B

6 Mondays, November 7-December 12
6:00-7:00 pm in Centennial Room, Cokato Library
Fee: \$36

UPCOMING ARTS ASSN. EVENTS:

TONIC SOL-FA HOLIDAY SHOW

Friday, November 25 at 7:30 P.M.

Dassel-Cokato HS Performing Arts Center



This Emmy-nominated a capella group is coming back to the PAC, this time with their high-energy holiday show! Although they are simply four voices and a tambourine, Tonic Sol-fa has spent considerable time on the road carving their niche as the nation’s top vocal group. In the midst of touring, this quartet has been named one of the top five “must see” groups in America, has been awarded numerous original song and album awards in pop, gospel and holiday genres, appeared on NBC’s Today Show and in the pages of Newsweek magazine. Outings with Jay Leno, Shawn Colvin, and Garrison Keillor have propelled album sales to more than 2,000,000 copies (mostly sold from the back of their trailer!) and have earned the group thousands of intensely loyal fans. Visit their website www.tonicsolfa.com

Tickets: \$25-Adult, \$10-Youth (H.S. Senior and younger), reserved seats

To Purchase Tickets:



(Dassel-Cokato Community Education is contracted by the DCAA to provide ticket-selling services again this season.)

In Person: Community Education Office at the High School Office. Hours are Monday-Friday, 7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.


By Phone: 320-286-4120, with a credit card

At the Door: Room Permitting, beginning at 6:30 p.m.





Thank you for your support of the Dassel-Cokato Arts Association! If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact me.

See you at the PAC on November 25!

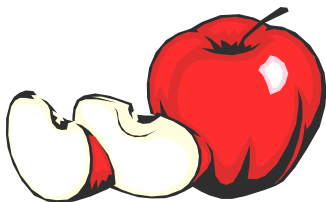
CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2011		NOVEMBER					2011
SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT	
		1 	2  Dairy Queen Night Mrs. Ganser's 3 rd Gr. Class 5:00-8:00 P.M.	3	4  Picture Retakes	5 D-C Craft Fair 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. D-C High & Middle School	
6 	7  STARS Parent Night	8	9 	10	11 Veteran's Day Program 9:45 Kdgn. Parent/Teacher Conference Kdgn. Only No School for Kindergarten	12	
13 	14  Children's Book Week	15  Elementary Conferences 4:00-7:00 Scholastic Book Fair 4:00-7:00	16  Dairy Queen Night Mrs. Little's 3 rd Gr. Class 5:00-8:00 P.M.	17  Elementary Conferences 4:00-7:00 Scholastic Book Fair 4:00-7:00	18  NO SCHOOL Elementary Conferences 12:30-3:30 PM Scholastic Book Fair 12:00-3:00	19	
20 	21	22	23 1 st Grade Thanksgiving Feast 1:45	24 Thanksgiving Vacation  NO SCHOOL	25 Thanksgiving Vacation  NO SCHOOL	26	
27	28	29	30  Dairy Queen Night Mrs. Madsen's 3 rd Gr. Class 5:00-8:00 P.M.	Friday, Nov. 25 Tonic Sol-Fa Holiday Show at Dassel-Cokato H.S. Performing Arts Center			

NOVEMBER BREAKFAST MENU

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1/2 pint milk served with each meal	1 Mini Pancakes with Syrup Smokies Fresh Fruit	2 Cereal Toast with sugar & cinnamon Fruit sauce	3 Cinnamon Roll Cheese Stick Fresh Fruit	4 Cereal Muffin Fruit Sauce
7 Cereal Yogurt Fruit Sauce	8 Breakfast Pizza Fresh Fruit	9 Cereal Grahamy Bear Fruit Sauce	10 Waffle Sticks Smokies Fresh Fruit	11 Breakfast Bites Fruit Sauce
14 Cereal Grahamy Bear Fruit Sauce	15 Breakfast Omelet Wheat Toast Fresh Fruit	16 Cereal Toast with sugar & Cinnamon Fresh Fruit	17 Breakfast on a stick Fresh Fruit	18  NO SCHOOL Conferences
21 Frudel Bar Cheese Stick Fresh Fruit	22 Cereal Toast with sugar & cinnamon Fruit Sauce	23 French Toast Sticks with Syrup Smokies Fresh Fruit	24  NO SCHOOL	25  NO SCHOOL
28 Cereal Trix Cereal Bar Fruit Sauce	29 Mini Pancakes with Syrup Smokies Fresh Fruit	30 Cereal Toast with sugar & cinnamon Fruit Sauce		

ANTICIPATED FAMILY FOOD COST FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER





Grades K-4:

Breakfasts: 19 days x \$ 1.00 = \$19.00
 Regular Lunches: 19 days x \$ 1.60 = \$30.40
 Reduced Lunches: 19 days x \$.40 = \$ 7.60
 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!

NOVEMBER LUNCH MENU

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
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	1 Country Fried Steak Mashed Potatoes Seasoned Carrots Apples Fresh Dinner Roll	2 Hard or Soft Shell Taco with fixings Refried Beans Black Bean Salsa Pineapple Chunks Wheat Bread	3 Chicken Nuggets Salad Broccoli Peaches Breadstick	4 Hamburger on a Bun Mac & Cheese Baked Beans Kiwi
7 French Toast Sticks Smokies Tri Taters Applesauce Fruit Juice	8 Lasagna Lettuce Salad French Bread Watermelon	9 Mini Corn Dogs Oven Fries Broccoli & Cheese Apples Bread Choice Fresh Fruit	10 Chicken Fajitas Rice Pilaf Seasoned Peas Peaches	11 Grilled Cheese Sandwich Tomato Soup Crackers Fresh Veggies & Dip Pears
14 Rice Bowl with Popcorn Chicken Broccoli Normandy Peaches Bread Choice	15 <i>Holiday Dinner</i> Turkey & Gravy Mashed Potatoes Mixed Vegetables Dinner Roll Cranberries Dressing Special Dessert	16 Pizza Lunch Around Pepperoni Seasoned Corn Applesauce	17 Chicken Patty on a Bun Oven Fries Seasoned Green Beans Pears	18  NO SCHOOL Elementary Conferences
21 Hot Dog on a Bun Pasta Salad Baked Beans Peaches	22 <i>Bag Lunch</i> Hot Ham/Cheese Chips Carrot Pak Bananas	23 Chicken Chow Mein Rice/Noodles Coleslaw Mandarin Oranges Fortune Cookie	24  NO SCHOOL	25  NO SCHOOL
28 Whole Grain Pizza Green Beans Pears Bread Choice	29 Country Fried Steak Mashed Potatoes Seasoned Carrots Apples Fresh Dinner Roll	30 Super Nachos with Fixings Refried Beans Black Bean Salsa Pineapple Chunks Wheat Bread		

ANNUAL 31st GRANDPARENTS' DAY

Grandparents' Day was a huge success!!! We are so very fortunate to have wonderful grandparents come and spend time with their grandchild! It is great to meet so many grandparents and watch the grandchildren show them around our school. We also had a wonderful program led by our teachers, physical education teachers, and music teacher. Thank you to all the students and teachers for a great show!

We served 354 grandparents with a total of 657 meals served for the whole school. Thanks to the kitchen crew!!!

Again, thank you to all for visiting us on Grandparents' Day! It is great to share our school with you!



FIRE PREVENTION PROGRAM

The Dassel Fire Department was here on October 14th for our Fire Safety Program. This year the students moved to various stations to learn about fire safety. We thank our fire fighters for all they do! We appreciate your hard work.



Come to Our
BOOK FAIR!
Reading Is Out of This World!



Dates/Times/Place

November 14 - 18

Dassel Elementary Media Center

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