

# DASSEL ELEMENTARY NEWSLETTER

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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK...

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by Debbie Morris



Dassel Elementary has been a buzz of activity since starting on September 6<sup>th</sup>. Students and staff kicked off the Character Education Themes of Understanding Diversity and Resiliency. Coming in October will be the opening lyceum for the Olweus – Anti Bullying theme of the year. We will be asking students to have the COURAGE to STEP UP against bullying. Critter's & Company visited Dassel Elementary on September 12<sup>th</sup> to help students deal with teasing and harassment. What an AWESOME program!

The School Patrol has been officially recognized for the 2011 – 2012 school year. School Patrol members are anxious to keep your child safe. The East side of the building is designated as the Pick Up & Drop off Zone. Please remember to use the cross walks with your children when picking them up after school on the EAST side of the building. Reminder: Students are not allowed to cross the street on their own without adult supervision. Thank you for your cooperation in making the before school and after school time a safe transition for everyone.

PLEASE, PLEASE, do not drop your child off in the front of the building before or after school. We have designated this the bus loading and unloading zone. Student safety is very important to us, and we feel this plan will prevent student accidents.

I sure enjoyed meeting so many families at the September 1<sup>st</sup> Open House. Thanks for taking the time to complete the *Principal's Trivia Challenge*.

Here are the answers for those of you that were wondering.

1. Dassel Elementary currently serves grades K – 4. In 1936 how many grade levels were served?

**1<sup>st</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>**

2. Time to think about the past.....How many floors do you think this building had at one time?

**3 floors – not counting the basement**

3. What do you think is the oldest part of the building – see maps to find the answer.

**The gym & Auditorium**

4. Our motto is Home of Kids who CARE. What do the letters CARE represent?

**Care and Responsibility Everyday**

5. Our custodians take good care of the building and help us whenever they can. What are their names – first names are OK?

**Charlie and Art**

6. Good thing our secretary and health assistant helps us in the office area. What are their names – first names are OK?

**Marlyce & Barb**

7. Hmmmm.....About how many students attend Dassel Elementary?

**350**

8. Most grade levels have 3 sections, which grade level has 4 sections?

**Third Grade**

I look forward to working with students, parents, and staff during the school year. If you ever have any questions feel free to call me at 1-320-286-4100.



**VERY IMPORTANT MESSAGE  
ABOUT ABSENCES**



All students are expected to be in school regularly and on time unless 1) prevented by illness, or 2) excused by the principal. Absences of any

type are subject to the 8 days per trimester limitation which is part of school board policy. For safety and accountability reasons we **MUST** get a phone call at school from you to let us know when your child is absent (**320-286-4100 ext. 1500**). We **MUST** have that call by 8:15 a.m. A parent or guardian written excuse **MUST** accompany the child upon returning from each absence. Please include the child's first and last name, date(s) of absence, the reason, and your signature.

**FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITIES  
FOR DASSEL ELEMENTARY**



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

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

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



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

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



[boxtops4education.com](http://boxtops4education.com) for online shopping and saving.

Campbell Soup Labels still count! Please trim the UPC code and logo part of the label and send in. (If easier, send in the whole label.) The labels

collected will be used to purchase equipment for the media center, music and physical education.

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

**Kemps** cows have an exciting program! Just look for the milk caps with the official Kemps Give 'em Five Sticker. They are found on the cap of gallons



and half gallons of white and chocolate milk and on the side panel of paper half-gallons of white milk. Each cap is worth 5 cents. Just **rinse** the cap and send it to school.

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




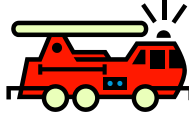

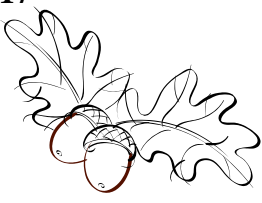


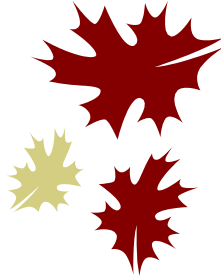



**NO SCHOOL**

**October 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>**

**MEA Conference**

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2011		OCTOBER			2011	
MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI		
<p><b>Please refer to the “11-12 School Calendar” which is included in this newsletter. Some dates have changed and have been up-dated since the Parent Handbook was printed.</b></p>						
3 	4	5	6 <b>Step-Up Day</b> Wear a blue or Step-Up shirts  PTA Meeting at the High School Media Center 6:30-8:00	7  Homecoming Pep Fest		
10	11 	12	13 Grade 2 Fire Hall Visit 	14 Grandparents' Day 10:00  Fire Prevention Program 1:00		
17 	18	19 Children's Theater Grade 1 8:20-2:40	20 Education Convention  <b>NO SCHOOL</b>	21 Education Convention  <b>NO SCHOOL</b>		
24	25 	26	27	28  Gr. K-3 Vision &/or Hearing Re-Screening		
31						

## NOTES PLEASE . . .



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

An example of the information we need are:

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

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

**Dassel-Cokato**  
**PTA**  
*everychild.one voice.®*



Mark your calendars to join us for the next PTA meeting, Thursday, October 6th, 6:30-8:00 in the high school media center. Our guest presenter will be, Deb Griffiths, Director of

Communications and Community Outreach for Schools for Equity in Education. Deb is a parent of three boys in the Centennial school district. Frustrated with the loss of educational opportunity for her children, she spent time researching why our schools continue to struggle financially. She soon became a parent advocate and chair of Centennial Legislation Action Committee, a community group that advocates at the state capitol on educational issues. She has a passion for assisting parents and community members to advocate for their children and their schools. She will answer our questions about school funding and help clarify Minnesota's

complex system of funding K-12 education. All community members are welcome!

If you have any questions about this meeting or the PTA please email [chargerpta@yahoo.com](mailto:chargerpta@yahoo.com).

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

## PATROL INSTALLATION AT DASSEL ELEMENTARY

Deputy Gordy swore in 30 new 4<sup>th</sup> graders who are excited and eager to help Dassel Elementary students safely cross the streets before and after school. They are true leaders in our building! We are grateful for their time, effort, and great attitudes all year long.



## NUTRITIOUS SNACKS FOR CARE GROUP

Each day your child has CARE Time. During that morning activity the students have the opportunity for a snack/beverage. Please make sure your child brings a healthy snack such as fruit, cheese crackers, granola bar, etc. These healthy snacks will help provide the energy necessary for a productive day. We strive to have fit students as much as you do, so your cooperation is appreciated.

Free milk or juice for snack is provided for each student by the district.

## FROM THE VOLUNTEER CORNER...

by *Mary Neu*



Welcome to the 2011-2012 school year! The staff at Dassel Elementary is very excited to see your smiling faces and to get started on a year of fun and learning!

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

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

Dassel Elementary will be participating in various fundraising opportunities. Please see the article in this newsletter for further information. We will need volunteers for these programs, so contact me if you are willing to help and some of these are projects that could be done at home! And keep watching for new fun opportunities!

Again, welcome to the school year. I am looking forward to working with you as we support our children, staff and community by being a part of the lives of these students. Check your schedule and give me a call! 320-286-4100 ext. 1518

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

## DASSEL ELEMENTARY EXTENSIONS

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

Allen, Beth	1510
Caron, Steph	1540
Conely, Alison	1526
Davis, Karla	1541
Erickson, Marlyce	1500
Erickson, Patti Jo	1534
Ganser, Gail	1520
Grochow, Shelly	1522
Hall, JoAnna	1529
Halvorson, Carla	1531
Holly, Barb	1506
Holm, Becky	1530
Karlgaard, Luke	1528
Kitchen	1505
Krause, Dan	1534/1468
Krueger, Kelly	1519
Lingl, Mark	1514
Little, Heidi	1516
Luhrs, Sarah	1535
Lynk, Laura	1512
Madsen, Nancy	1537
Morris, Debbie	1504
Neu, Mary	1518
Opsahl, Melissa	1527
Pitchford, Mechele	1515
Redman, Julie	1524
Renkes, Julie	1536
Silverberg, Karley	1525
Smoldt, Charlie	1508
Tschida, Carmen	1507
Whittaker, Matt	1511

## KIDS NIGHT AT THE LOCAL DAIRY QUEEN



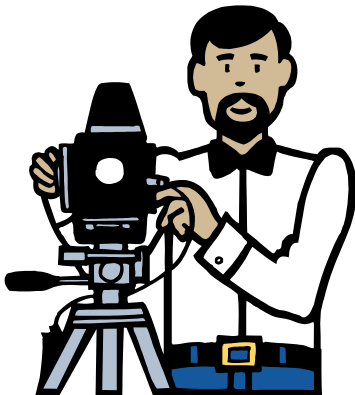
Every Wednesday evening between 5:00 and 8:00 p.m. the Cokato Dairy Queen is supporting our elementary schools with a 15% contribution of the total of sales!

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

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



## PICTURE RETAKE DAY

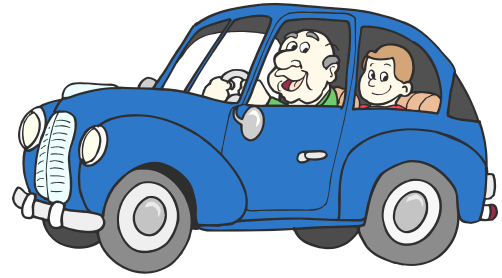


during this hour.

Students who were absent or forgot their money on September 27<sup>th</sup>, whose portraits need to be retaken, or who wish to purchase another package, may do this on November 4<sup>th</sup>. Afternoon kindergartners would need to come between 8:30–9:00 a.m. Students desiring retakes must return their complete original package to the photographer on retake day. All checks must be made payable to **ZAhLER**.

Friday, November 4<sup>th</sup> will be picture retake day at Dassel Elementary between 8:30 a.m.– 9:00 a.m. If your child missed picture day or you weren't satisfied with the picture taken, please bring him/her to the small gym

## PARENTS WHO PICK UP & DROP OFF THEIR CHILDREN



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

## GRANDPARENTS' DAY OCTOBER 14<sup>th</sup>

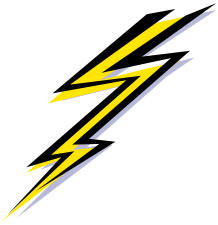


This year we will be hosting Grandparents' Day at Dassel Elementary on Friday, October 14<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. This is a special day for us as we welcome the grandparents to enjoy a program, visit the classroom, and then join their grandchildren for a delicious school lunch.

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

You **DO NOT** need to call in for a meal reservation. The meal cost is \$3.15. (Please try to have the correct amount to make the line for buying meal tickets go faster.)

## FRIDAY IS CHARGER DAY



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

### DC CHARGER SONG LYRICS

Here come the DC Chargers,  
fighting to keep our honor;  
Cheer for the DC Chargers,  
We'll win this game! (Rah, Rah, Rah!)  
Here's to the blue and white;  
with all our might we'll fight.  
Onward to victory,  
we'll win this game tonight! (Fight!)

**GO CHARGERS!!!**

## PICKING UP YOUR CHILD EARLY FROM SCHOOL



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

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

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

## CARLA HALVORSON WINS LEEA AWARD (LEADER IN EDUCATION OF EXCELLENCE AWARD)



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

This year the Dassel Elementary teachers chose Carla Halvorson, media center specialist, to receive that award. Ms. Halvorson models excellence in her assignment everyday, and we want to thank her for her dedication and service.

Ms. Halvorson will be recognized at the LEEA banquet on Wednesday, October 26<sup>th</sup>, in St. Cloud.



## NEW PARENT PORTAL



Our school district has implemented a software program, Infinite Campus, that will be used to maintain all our student and family information. An exciting component of this software is a

Parent Portal, which will allow parents better access to their children's lunch account. We invite you to go to the office to register for a new account. If you have more than one child in our schools, you will still only need to activate your portal account one time.

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



I can't believe it is already October! We have gotten off to a great start in the new year. I wanted to take this opportunity to share the National Standards for Physical Education.

Standard 1: Demonstrates competency in motor skills and movement patterns needed to perform a variety of physical activities.

Standard 2: Demonstrates understanding of movement concepts, principles, strategies, and tactics as they apply to the learning and performance of physical activities.

Standard 3: Participates regularly in physical activity.

Standard 4: Achieves and maintains a health-enhancing level of physical fitness.

Standard 5: Exhibits responsible personal and social behavior that respects self and others in physical activity settings.

Standard 6: Values physical activity for health, enjoyment, challenge, self-expression, and/or social interaction.

We work hard in our physical education classes to address these standards. However, building life-long habits require motivation outside of the physical education setting. Please encourage your child to be active at home and give their best effort in class. Have a wonderful fall.

When one door closes, another opens  
but we often look so long and so regretfully  
upon the closed door that we do not see the one  
which has opened for us.

Alexander Graham Bell

**NOTICE TO PARENTS FROM THE  
TRANSPORTATION OFFICE...**



We will soon be transitioning to the new transportation coordinator, Kevin Miller. He will not recognize voices or know which bus students ride; so when leaving a message, to be relayed to drivers, be sure to leave detailed

information. We need the students first and last names and the bus number they ride. If it's a common name to this community, please say "The Sam Johnson family will not be riding bus # \_\_ this morning...or today". . . not just "the Johnson's".

Thanks for your help.



**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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2			3		7	4		1
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## MRS. NORD



We welcome Mrs. Cheri Nord to our Dassel Elementary family! She and her husband

David, who teaches ceramics at the high school, recently moved to Dassel from St. Cloud. She is originally from Aitkin, Minnesota. She has 2 grown children and 2 grandchildren.

Mrs. Nord is one of almost 800 Minnesota Reading Corps members serving in Minnesota. The Minnesota Reading Corps is an Americorps program which is a national service program. The goal of Reading Corps is to help every child in Minnesota become a successful reader by the end of third grade. Research shows that students that perform at or above target levels in third grade will continue to succeed in learning.

Mrs. Nord will be working with students in grades 1-3 in the areas of phonemic awareness, phonics, and fluency. She wants to help make the good readers “better” and the better “best”.

Mrs. Nord has over 15 years of experience helping average or above average students overcome learning obstacles. She has taught in Kenosha, Wisconsin and Quito, Ecuador of South America.

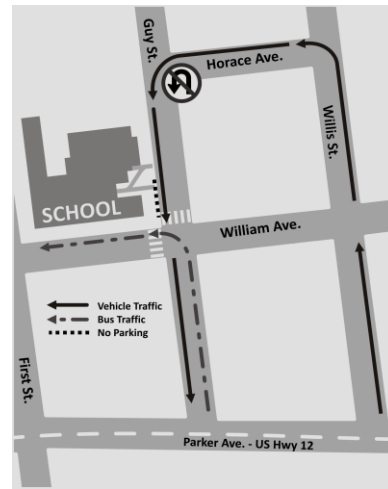
In her spare time, Mrs. Nord likes to read, bike, ride horses, and camp. Mr. and Mrs. Nord have a pet schnauzer named “Socrates”. Mrs. Nord says, “I already love this school and I hope to help many students discover that reading is a key to making a difference in life!”

For more information about Minnesota Reading Corps, visit the website [www.MNReadingcorps.org](http://www.MNReadingcorps.org)



## THE FOUR W's OF STUDENT SAFETY

**Who:** Parents/Guardians driving students to and/or picking students up at the Dassel Elementary School.



**What:** We need your help to keep Dassel Elementary students safe during loading and unloading times. AM – Students should enter the building at the east door. Please do not drop students off in the front of the building as this area is designated

as a bus loading and unloading zone. PM - Students will be dismissed on the east side of Dassel Elementary. Students will cross the street to walk home or meet parents, with school patrol assistance, at Guy Street and William Avenue. (See map above) At no time will students be allowed to cross at any location other than a marked crosswalk, unless accompanied by an adult. Parents/Guardians are encouraged to pick students up at the door to safely escort them to a vehicle. Reminder: Please do not park and wait in the middle of the street. Do not park in the new **Pick Up Zone** during the designated hours.

### **When: Pick Up Zone**

Loading & Unloading Times (7:00 A.M. to 8:00 A.M.) and (2:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.)

**Where:** In order to safely manage traffic during loading and unloading times we are requesting that parents travel north on Willis Street – West on Horace Avenue – South on Guy Street. This will create a continuous flow of traffic that can utilize the **Pick Up Zone** (No Parking – dotted line on map) to ease congestion and concerns regarding **student safety**.

Thank you for your cooperation regarding this important safety concern! Thank you to the Dassel City Council for their assistance and commitment to the children attending Dassel Elementary School!

## FROM COOK'S CORNER...

by Doris Kyllonen, Lead Cook



Welcome back, everyone, from the rockin' lunch ladies.

Wow! Where did the summer go? I can't believe we already have been in school for a month! Some classes have been on field trips, and we are gearing up for Grandparents' Day.

The kindergarteners have been having lunch at school for three weeks, and have been doing very well remembering their numbers and getting through the line on time. We welcome the new faces and the friendly greetings.

You will be seeing some changes in the lunchroom this year; we will be serving different foods and promoting [ChooseMyPlate.gov](http://ChooseMyPlate.gov) instead of the traditional food pyramid. Here are the [ChooseMyPlate.gov](http://ChooseMyPlate.gov) guidelines:

- A. Make half your plate fruit and vegetables.
- B. Make at least half of your grain products whole-grain.
- C. Switch to skim or 1% milk.
- D. Vary your protein choices.
- E. Cut back on foods high in solid fats, added sugars, and salt.
- F. Eat the right amount of calories for you.
- G. Be physically active your way, at least 10 minutes at a time.

We do hope parents will encourage and help promote these tips at home, trying new foods and getting children to be more active in their daily routines.

The cooks always welcome parents to come for lunch or breakfast any time with their children. National School Lunch Week is October 10th-14th. We reserve Grandparents' Day, October

14, for just grandparents, since we usually have a big turnout that day. The kids look forward so much to inviting Grandma and Grandpa for lunch. It's such a special day for all of them.

We are all so glad to be back, serving you each day with healthy food and a smile.

We will chat soon. If you have any questions, feel free to call me at the school (extension 1505).

Doris Kyllonen, Lead Cook



## MEET A NEW STAFF MEMBER

Nancy Madsen



Hi, my name is Nancy Madsen! I am so excited to be a third grade teacher at Dassel Elementary! What a wonderful school! Everyone has been so friendly and helpful. It's no wonder I look forward to coming to work every day!

Although I am new to Dassel Elementary, I am not new to the teaching profession. I have taught in Idaho (4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> grade) for 6 years, and I have substituted in various districts in both Minnesota and Idaho for many years!

I currently live in Litchfield with my husband, Steve, and my four children: Sarah (19), Jake (15), Josh (14), and Kaylee (8.) I also have a Border Collie named Sashie and a kitten named Chase! Yes, it is very busy at my house, but I love it! We do lots of fun activities together like camping, fishing, and canoeing! I also like reading, knitting, and digital scrapbooking! (I am not very good at knitting, but I think it is very fun!)

I am very excited to be part of the DC School District, and I am looking forward to a GREAT year!

## CONGRATULATIONS



Mr. & Mrs. Vince DePatto

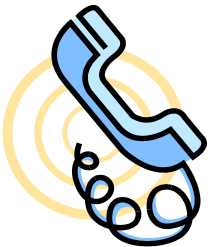
Our first grade teacher, Karley Silverberg got married on Saturday, September 24<sup>th</sup> to Vince DePatto. The wedding took place at Karley's parents' home, by the lake, in Cumberland, WI.

Karley's husband has a degree in business management and he is employed by NorthMarq Capital in Bloomington. They are making their home in Delano, MN.

Mrs. DePatto wants to thank everyone for their support, prayers, and excitement for this special time in their life..

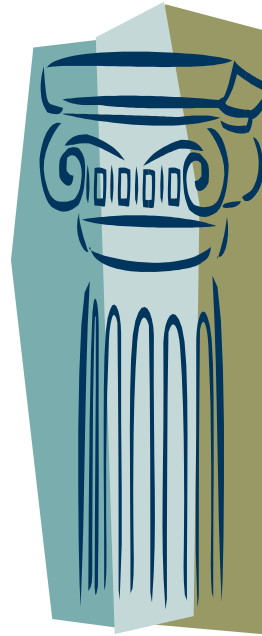


### PLEASE CALL SCHOOL TODAY:



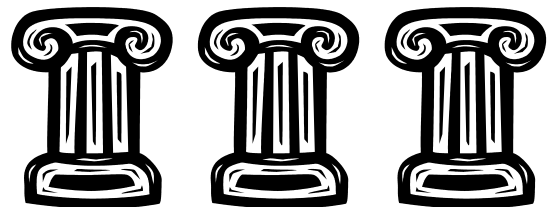
1. with change of address or daytime telephone number, or
2. with information regarding your child's special health conditions.

## GOLDEN RULERS OF THE MONTH FOR OCTOBER



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".



## HEADLINES IN SCHOOL HEALTH ...

*by Kelly Krueger, LSN*



Vision and hearing screening began the end of September. Screening guidelines from the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) are followed. MDH recommends screening kindergarten and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade students for hearing, and 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> graders for both vision and hearing. We will also include children in which a vision or hearing concern is brought to our attention by parents, teachers or students. A re-screening will be held for those students who do not pass the initial screening. If, at this point your child does not pass, you will receive a referral letter recommending your child be seen by his/her health care provider. If you do not receive a letter by the end of November, your child has passed and no follow up is necessary.

Good vision and hearing is an essential key to learning. It is very important to conduct screening so that any problems can be detected at an early age. The screening is not diagnostic; only an indication to whether a possible problem may be present. Further evaluation by your health care provider will be needed to determine if a problem exists. If you have specific concerns regarding your child, please call me at x1804.

We are always in need of volunteers to help with this process! If you would like to help, please call me and I will add you to the volunteer list. Thank you in advance!



## ATTENTION NURSES,

### EMTs, and TMAs:

The health office is looking for caring people to substitute in all schools. If you have medical training and would like more information on this opportunity, please contact Kelly Krueger at x1804.

Thank you!

## ATTENTION PARENTS...



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

## FROM THE MEDIA CENTER. . .

*by Carla Halvorson*

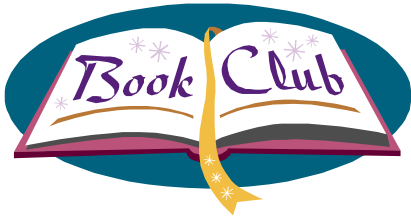


*Students in Mr. Lingl's fourth grade class enjoy their first books of the school year!*

Come read "S'more" books! Our media center has a new look – we are on a camping trip! We have some new decorations and some camping books on display!

Each classroom has a weekly scheduled check-out time. During this time students are introduced to various types of children's literature and learn how to access materials for recreation and information. The weekly visit to the Media Center is much more enjoyable for students if they return their books on time as they are not allowed to check out our books until their books are returned. Students in kindergarten are allowed 1 book, grades 1 and 2 are allowed two books, and 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade students are allowed 3 books. One exception to this is when students are working on a project; they are welcome to check out additional books. Students are also invited to stop in and exchange books throughout the week if they finish their books early -- We want them to have books in their hands!

## 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> GRADE BOOK CLUB



Attention all third and fourth graders!!! We'd like to invite you to join us for book celebrations that will again be held

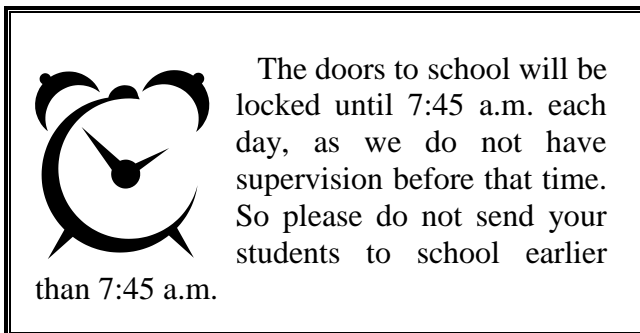
throughout this school year. We want to include as many students as possible, and the first books will be announced soon.

Following are some details for this year's book clubs:

- Book clubs will meet over the noon hour.
- Students who participate should be prepared to read the books on time and to participate in a small group discussion.
- Students must pass a Reading Counts test or complete a story map by the required due date as proof that the book has been read.
- Discussions, activities, and snacks are often a part of our book clubs!

We are looking forward to celebrating good books with all who are interested!

Hope to see you there!



## 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 11<sup>th</sup> 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!

## Dassel-Cokato Community Education

Register online at  
[www.dc.k12.mn.us/commed](http://www.dc.k12.mn.us/commed) or call  
Community Ed. at 320-286-4120.  
Youth Opportunities

### SPOOKY CRAFTS (Grades 1-4)

Jennifer Todnem, Instructor

Just in time for Halloween! Create some fun crafts including a spooky hanging spider, monster magnets and a creepy hand! All supplies and an after school snack will be provided. Maximum 15

#### Activity #2214

Tuesday, October 25 - 3:15-4:30 pm

Cokato El. Cafeteria (pick up at East door & ring bell)

Early Bird Fee: \$12, Fee after October 18: \$17



### CLAY CAMP (Grades K-5)

Nikki Jo Black, Instructor

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

#### Activity #2205

Monday, October 24 - 3:15-4:45 pm

Dassel Elem, Room #121, Door A

Early Bird Fee: \$29, Fee after October 17: \$34



### MESSY & GROSS FUN (Grades 1-4)

Jennifer Todnem, Instructor

Calling all boys and girls who like things that are goeey and sloppy! You'll have a chance to create and experiment with goeey 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 pm  
Cokato El. Cafeteria (pick up at East door & ring bell)  
Early Bird Fee: \$12, Fee after November 8: \$17



### LATE NIGHT WITH THE CHARGES VOLLEYBALL TEAM (Grades 2-6)

SCHS Volleyball Staff and Players

Join us for a Friday night of fun volleyball activities! Hang out with the varsity volleyball players and coaches and learn the basic fundamentals of the game, including setting, passing, serving, and hitting. You will also get a chance to play some games! The evening will also include other activities like a team photo scavenger hunt and some fun team-building activities. You will enjoy a pizza party while you watch a slide show of the past season's pictures. Wear comfortable clothes such as shorts and t-shirt. All participants will receive a volleyball t-shirt which you can ask the varsity girls to "autograph," if you want! Fee includes pizza, beverage and a shirt. Come and make new friends while you experience the great game of volleyball! *Please include shirt size at time of registration.*

Activity #5117

Friday, October 28 - 6:30-9:30 pm

HS East Gym, PAC Door

Fee: \$25

*Registration Deadline: Wednesday, October 12*



### BASKETBALL-BOYS & GIRLS TRAVELING LEAGUE (Grades 4-6)

This is competitive play for those 4th and 6th graders who wish to play traveling basketball later this fall. The season will run from November through February. Teams will practice during the week. League and/or tournament play will be decided upon and organized by coaches. Games will be played at various locations and it is the responsibility of parents to transport their child to/from all games and practices. These ball players

will also have the opportunity to perform during the half-time of a home varsity basketball game and also get a chance to sit with the varsity players as honorary water boy/girl at home games. Maximum 15 participants per grade/gender \*If more than the maximum register, a second team will be considered if feasible.

Practice Schedule: Practices will begin the week of November 7, dates and times will depend on gym availability. A schedule will be sent out 2 weeks before the start of practice.  
Game Schedule: Saturdays-TBD with games beginning in December.

Uniform Deposit: \$25, due at time of registration. A separate check must be made payable to DCYBA. Deposits will be given back at the end of the season once uniforms are returned in good condition.

Register Early!: Fees increase \$20 after deadline.

**Activity #5148 - Grade 4 Girls**

**Activity #5149 - Grade 4 Boys**

Early Bird Fee: \$55; Fee after October 21: \$75

Please note: there is another opportunity for Gr. 4 to play a more recreational program in Jan. and Feb. instead of the traveling option listed above.

**Activity #5135 - Grade 5 Girls**

**Activity #5136 - Grade 6 Girls**

**Activity #5137 - Grade 5 Boys**

**Activity #5138 - Grade 6 Boys**

Early Bird Fee: \$85; Fee after October 7: \$105



### ADULT OPPORTUNITIES

#### HOWARD LAKE STARWATCH PARTY

Mike Lynch

Come out and make the stars your old friends! Catch the wonderful, family friendly celestial show in the skies over Howard Lake. After a brief indoor orientation we'll go outside and get close and personal with our universe. Get to know the constellations like The Big Bear, Cassiopeia the Queen, Cygnus the Swan, Pegasus the Winged Horse and many of the great stories about how they wound up among the stars. These are special features of the fall sky.

We'll use Mike's large reflecting telescopes, including a giant 20" reflector, one of the biggest mobile telescopes in the upper Midwest for close up views of the planet Jupiter, star clusters, nebulae, galaxies, and other wonders in our skies. What's more, you'll get spectacular views of our more distant universe through a brand new state of the art astronomical camera-telescope system that will amaze you!

You'll get a great handout package with user-friendly star maps and constellation charts, websites, a telescope-buying guide and more! You are invited to bring lawn chairs to make yourself comfy.

*Dress for the weather, most of this class is held outside 2½ miles from Howard Lake. Directions to star viewing site location will be given at the class.*

**Activity #1702A - Adults**

**Activity #1702S - Students**

Tuesday, October 18 - 7:00-9:00 pm

Howard Lake Middle School, Art Room

Fee: \$20-Adult, \$8-Student

**Registration Deadline: Monday, October 3**



**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 pm

HS Team Planning Room #501, Door C

Fee: \$35



**BEGINNING YOGA**

Irene Genelin, Instructor

These classes are designed with the beginner in mind. Come and learn about the basic philosophy of yoga. Learn key asanas (postures) and move into them using our breath, which is an extremely powerful tool that is too often ignored. Yoga helps you learn to be present, while also offering stress reduction, more flexibility, and strength. Register soon as the class size is limited to 10 so that the instructor may work one-on-one with each student to address their specific needs. Wear comfortable clothing and please bring a mat, towel or small blanket.

**Activity #7721**

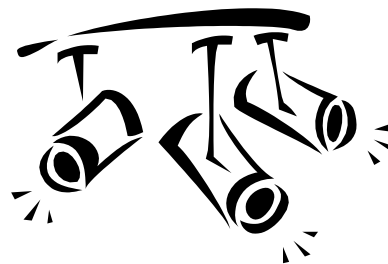
6 Mondays, October 17 - November 28 (No class 10/31) - 4:30-5:30 pm

Centennial Room, Cokato Library

Fee: \$50



**UPCOMING ARTS ASSN. EVENTS:**



**Comedy Cabaret**  
with **Jason**  
**Schommer,**  
**Comedian**  
**Local Group: Salty**  
**Doggs to also**  
**perform**

**Tickets: \$15**

**Location: Dassel History Center**

**General Admission Tickets Now on Sale**

**Information and Ticket Purchases: D-C**  
Community Education, 286-4120

# DASSEL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CALENDAR 2011-2012

OCTOBER	7	9:45 Olweus Lyceum
	7	9:25 Pepfest
	13	Grade 2 go to Fire Hall
	14	Grandparents' Day
	14	P.M. Fire Prevention Program
	19	Grade 1 go to Children's Theater
	20-21	NO SCHOOL - Education Convention
	28	Gr. K-3 Vision &/or Hearing Rescreening

NOVEMBER	4	Picture Retakes
	11	9:45 Veteran's Day Program
	11	Conferences for Kindergarten only
	15	4:00-7:00 Elementary Conference
	17	4:00-7:00 Elementary Conference
	18	No School - A.M. Teacher Planning/P.M. Parent-Teacher Conferences
	23	Grade 1 Thanksgiving Feast
	24-25	Thanksgiving Vacation

DECEMBER	1	End of 1 <sup>st</sup> Trimester
	2	NO SCHOOL - Staff Development Day
	7	Volunteer Christmas Tea
	15	1:30 Music Program Matinee (Gr. K-2)
	15	7:00 Evening Music Program (Gr. K-2)
	21	Grade 2 goes to Cokato Museum
	23-Jan. 2	No School - Winter Break

JANUARY	3	Classes Resume
	5	AAA Kick-Off for Grades 3 & 4
	6	AAA Kick-Off for Grades 1 & 2
	13	AAA Camp at Care Group
	16	No School - Staff Development
	18	AAA Contracts Due
	24	5:00-7:00 Bingo for Books

FEBRUARY	8	AAA Performance Judging
	14	Jump Rope for Heart
	14	9:45 AAA 1 <sup>st</sup> half of program
	15	9:45 AAA 2 <sup>nd</sup> half of program
	15	AAA Projects due
	16	AAA Project Judging & Performance
	20	No School - Presidents' Day

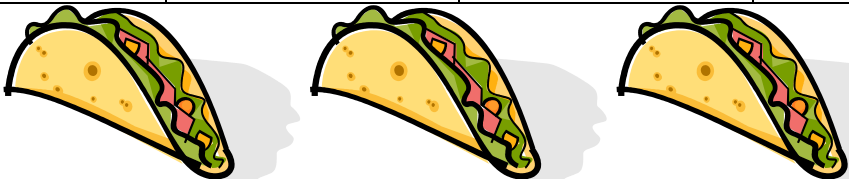
MARCH	2	End of 2 <sup>nd</sup> Trimester
	5	NO SCHOOL - Staff Development Day
	6	Conferences for Kindergarten only
	12	4:00-7:00 Elementary Conferences
	15	4:00-7:00 Elementary Conferences
	16	No School - A.M. Teacher Planning/P.M. Parent-Teacher Conferences
	20	3:30-5:30 Kindergarten Round-Up
	26-30	NO SCHOOL - Spring Break

APRIL	4	8:00-8:30 Kindergarten "Donuts for Dads" (M & W Class)
	5	8:00-8:30 Kindergarten "Donuts for Dads" (T & Th Class)
	6	NO SCHOOL - Good Friday
	11	1:30-2:10 Climb Theater
	17-18	MCA Testing for Grade 3 & 4 (Reading)
	24-25	MCA Testing for Grade 3 & 4 (Math)
	27	Kindergarten Graduation Pictures
	30	1:30 Spring Music Matinee (Gr. 3 & 4)
	30	6:30 Spring Music Concert (Gr. 3)
	30	7:30 Spring Music Concert (Gr. 4)

MAY	2	8:00-8:30 Kindergarten "Muffins for Moms" (M & W Class)
	3	8:00-8:30 Kindergarten "Muffins for Moms" (T & Th Class)
	10	Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon
	18	Grade 1 - Bike Rally
	25	9:45-11:30 Track & Sports Day
		11:30-1:00 School Picnic
		1:00-2:30 Track & Sports Day
	25	Kindergarten go to Como Zoo
	28	NO SCHOOL - Memorial Day
	30	8:15-4:15 Grade 2 go to MN Zoo
30	Baccalaureate	

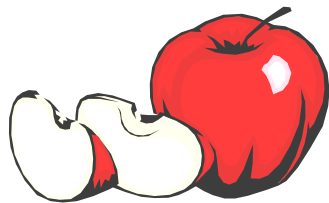
June	1	9:00 Awards Program Last Day of School
	1	8:15-2:50 Grade 1 - Children's Museum
	3	2:00 Graduation

# OCTOBER BREAKFAST 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.				
3 Cereal Trix Cereal Bar Fruit Sauce	4 Mini Pancakes Syrup Smokies Fresh Fruit	5 Cereal Toast with Sugar & Cinnamon Fruit Sauce	6 Cinnamon Roll Chesse Stick Fresh Fruit	7 Cereal Muffin Fruit Sauce
10 Breakfast Pizza Fresh Fruit	11 Cereal Grahamy Bear Fruit Sauce	12 Waffle Sticks Smokies Fresh Fruit	13 Breakfast Bites Fruit Sauce	14 Cereal Trix Yogurt Fruit Juice
17 Cereal Grahamy Bear Fruit Sauce	18 Breakfast Omelet Wheat Toast Fresh Fruit	19 Cereal Toast with Sugar & Cinnamon Fresh Fruit	20  Education Convention  <b>No School</b>	21  Education Convention  <b>No School</b>
24 Frudel Bar Cheese Stick Fresh Fruit	25 Cereal Toast with Sugar & Cinnamon Fruit Sauce	26 French Toast Sticks with Syrup Smokies Fresh Fruit	27 Cereal Trix Cereal Bar Fruit Sauce	28 Frudel Stick Trix Yogurt Fresh Fruit
31 Cereal Trix Cereal Bar Fruit Sauce				

**1/2 pint milk served with each meal**

## ANTICIPATED FAMILY FOOD COST FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER



### Grades K-4:

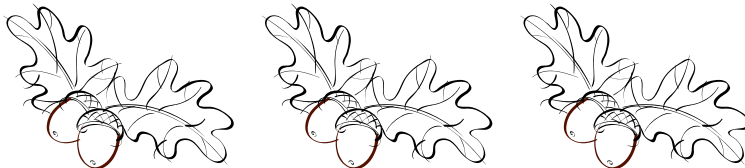
Breakfasts:           19 days x \$ 1.00 = \$19.00  
 Regular Lunches:   19 days x \$ 1.60 = \$30.40  
 Reduced Lunches:   19 days x \$ .40 = \$ 7.60  
 Extra milk = 35 cents

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

# OCTOBER LUNCH MENU

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
3 Whole Grain Pizza Choice Green Beans Pears Bread Choice	4 Country Fried Steak Mashed Potatoes Seasoned Carrots Banana Fresh Dinner Roll	5 Taco in a Bag with fixings Black Bean Salsa Apple slices Wheat Bread	6 Salad with Popcorn Chicken Fresh Salad Relishes Peaches Breadstick	7 Hamburger on a Bun Mac & Cheese Fresh Veggies Kiwi
10 French Toast Sticks with syrup Smokies Tri Tator Orange Slices Fruit Juice	11 Spaghetti with Meat Sauce Lettuce Salad French Bread Watermelon	12 Mini Corn Dog Oven Fries Broccoli with Cheese Apple Bread Choice	13 Chicken Fajita Rice Pilaf Seasoned Peas Peaches	14 <b>Grandparents' Day</b> Turkey & Gravy Mashed Potatoes Mixed Vegetables Cranberries Dinner Roll Ice Cream Treat
17 Chicken Rice Bowl Broccoli Normandy Mandarin Oranges Bread Choice	18 Turkey Wrap Potato rounds Cottage Cheese with Fruit	19 Quesadilla Pizza Seasoned Corn Applesauce	20  Education Convention  <b>No School</b>	21  Education Convention  <b>No School</b>
24 Hot Dog on a Bun Pasta Salad Baked Beans Peaches	25 Hot Ham & Cheese Batter Bites Fresh Veggies with Dip Banana	26 Pasta Hot Dish Seasoned Corn Dinner roll Mandarin Oranges	27 Grilled Chicken Breast Mashed Potatoes Green Beans Pears Ice Cream Treat	28 <i>Bag Lunch</i> Sub Sandwich with Fixings Carrot Paks Chips Apples
31 Lunch Around Pizza Green Beans Pears Bread Choice	<b>NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH WEEK</b> October 10-14 "Let's Grow Health"			

**½ pint milk will be served with each meal**



# YOU ARE INVITED TO GRANDPARENTS' DAY



Calling all  
Grandmas & Grandpas of Dassel Elementary Students

What:  
Grandparents' Day

When:  
Friday, October 14<sup>th</sup>

Where:  
Dassel Elementary School

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

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

## MENU



Turkey & Gravy  
Mashed Potatoes  
Mixed Vegetables  
Cranberries  
Dinner Roll  
Ice Cream Treat

You do not need to call in a reservation, and please do not send money in advance for the meal. You can purchase your meal ticket (**\$3.15**) right when you enter the building. **Please have the correct amount** to make the line for buying meal tickets go faster.

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