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A Few Things

by Jay Slade, Superintendent



Hello everyone and welcome to November;

November is the month of giving thanks, pretending you like your mother-in-law's beet Jello, and trying not to blow up the garage while deep frying a turkey. Much like deep frying a turkey, the upside of working hard in November can be an extremely rewarding month where you take positive steps towards the end of the semester, or you can be sitting on the curb watching your garage burn down because you overfilled the pot with 450-degree oil.

For my 1st topic this month, I would like to discuss the parent teacher conferences we recently held. For years, I have been harping about getting bigger numbers in the doors and how we can improve the process so we can make conferences more convenient for our stakeholders. As a result, the DP Admin team came up with an inventive way to get more contact with parents and make conferences less cumbersome. For our parent teacher conferences, we conducted the conferences in each building, had no classes that day, and made the schedule available to meet with teachers between the hours of 8am to 6pm. Additionally, we gave two more options if that date or those times would not work. Parents could zoom in with any specific teacher or call in with any specific teacher. We are still compiling our numbers, but from the eye test of walking around each building, this year's conferences were a success. If you would like to complete a survey giving feedback about how the changes impacted you, please contact Mr. Johnson, Dr. Bye or myself. To close this topic, thank you to all who participated in our experiment, thank you to those who completed the survey. We will try it again in the Spring and see how it goes again.

Another thing we are "seeing how it is going" is NDCDE High School Science classes. Truthfully, we did not have much of a choice in conducting this experiment, but so far, it has been going quite well. A reminder about NDCDE classes, the school, the student, and the guardian, should receive a weekly email explaining progress in the class. If you are not getting these emails, please reach out to myself, or Lori T. Another difficult aspect of NDCDE classes is timing. Being that is only online classes, NDCDE uses only one timeline to determine completion of a course. The emails will indicate if the student is behind and specify how many assignments they are missing. However, a student's overall grade is only affected when the course completion date comes around. This means if a student is missing 35 assignments, but the few assignments that have been turned in have all been "A" level work, that student's grade will be an A until completion of the course – and then poof, you dropped the turkey in the boiling oil. Students, please make sure you are up to date with your assignments. Guardians, please look at the weekly emails to see your

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students' progress in the course. Lastly, big thank you to Mrs. Karen Retzlaff and Ms. Jayden Bondy for helping us out, I know proctoring these courses can be difficult.

For my third topic, I would like to discuss 2027 Prom. Like my other topics in this memo, we are trying something different with this year's prom. Simply put, we are having this year's prom on Friday, April 2nd, 2027, instead of the traditional Saturday. The reason for this is because no other Saturday in March, April, or May would work. Either we would be competing with Lakota's prom, which they scheduled first, or we would be asking teenagers to go from post prom directly to the airport to fly to Washington D.C. Those are just two examples of the many conflicts we came across as we planned this year's prom. The biggest drawback to this decision is the fact we will not be having school districtwide on April 2nd. I am not a fan of this option, but I feel this is the best option for all of our kids to enjoy and experience prom. This was a difficult decision that we did not come to lightly. If you have any questions or comments, please contact me at jay.slade@k12.nd.us.

Lastly, I would like to end on activities. Our football season is over and even though it wasn't the year any of us hoped for, those team members learned a ton and made lifelong memories. Our volleyball team is starting the post-season run, and I look forward to seeing what this group can do. The One Act Play is moving along nicely, and their event season is coming up. Please pay attention to the DP website for updated OAP information. Congrats to our DPE Girls Basketball team as they also recently finished their season. I hope you all take away lessons bigger than sports as you move on to what is next for you. For our upcoming winter activities, we have a plethora of events. Starting from Speech to E-Sports to Basketball, winter is our busiest event season. Good luck to all of our student participants.

Go Chargers! Go Knights!!

LIBRARY NEWS

At the elementary school, we swapped the state books on display for Who Would Win and similar animal battles. For Native American Heritage Month, I also added some titles on various Native American tribes, histories, and cultural traditions for the month of November. The third grade is going to help me decide what to display for December.

Library books checked out in the first 3 months of school were **due on October 14th,** at the end of the first quarter. I've emailed classroom teachers with any missing book information and will have them communicate on my behalf. I'll wait until after Veterans Day to send out overdue notices in the mail. Please help your student look for their library book.

Lastly, a quick calendar update: the Scholastic Book Fair is going to be November 30-December 4th. (The BOGO is in May.) Events and shopping times to be announced. I'll send home flyers with the details when it gets closer and have it posted on social media.

Keep reading!

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NELSON COUNTY MUSIC DATES 2026-2027

November

Barnes County Music Festival

13 UJ Honor Band

December

1 Winter Concert Petersburg

January

22-24 UND Honor

February

VCSU Vocal day

March

10 Large Group Carrington

12-15 Music trip

April

8 Solo/Ensemble UJ

May

1 State Music Minot

4 Spring Concert

Congratulations to our hardworking musicians.

Dagan Slade for being accepted into the VCSU "Ployhar Honor Band"

Donovan, Dori, Dagan and Royce for being accepted into the University of Jamestown Honor Band.

Petersburg Fall Blood Drive will be held on November 11th at the Petersburg Community Center

Register to donate today!

https://donors.vitalant.org/dwp/portal/dwp

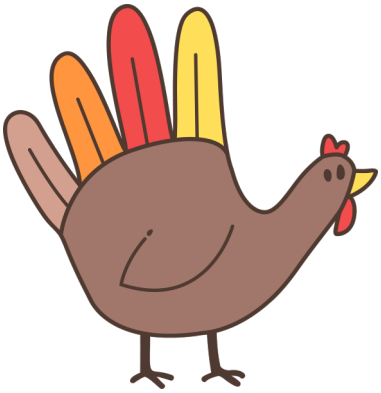


NO SCHOOL

NOVEMBER 11

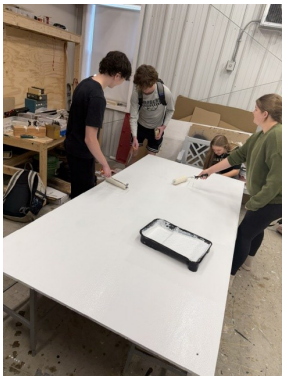
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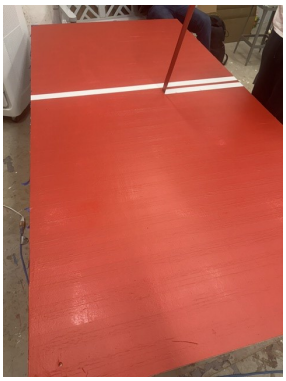
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HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

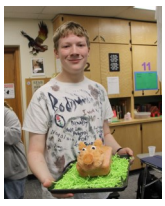






The 10A 7 Mindsets group project for Passion First focused on revamping our Veterans Honor Wall. Students dedicated countless hours to this project, demonstrating tremendous commitment, teamwork, and attention to detail. The process involved multiple layers of paint, hours of careful taping, and a great deal of detailed work to bring the vision to life. With the goal of completing the project before Veterans Day, students went above and beyond by working before and after school, during Knight Time, and even during their Study Hall. Their hard work and dedication reflect the true meaning of Passion First, and we are incredibly proud of their efforts to create a meaningful tribute to our veterans.

After the ninth graders finished reading Animal Farm, they had a project with a number of options to choose from. Students made posters, shirts, models, origami, presentations, and, everyone's favorite, animal-themed food.





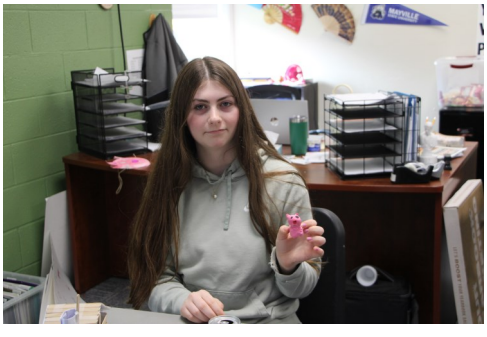












~ UNOFFICIAL MINUTES~

DAKOTA PRAIRIE PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1

OCTOBER 7, 2026 REGULAR BOARD MEETING

7:00 P.M. DAKOTA PRAIRIE HIGH SCHOOL CONFERENCE ROOM

OR ZOOM

School Board Members

- Mr. David Blasey—President
- Mr. Charlie Stein
- Mrs. Jennifer Rusten
- Mrs. Nikki Ohnstad
- Mrs. Anna Halvorson

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Dave Blasey with members Charlie Stein, Jennifer Rusten and Nikki Ohnstad present, Anna Halverson was on Zoom. Also present were Superintendent Jay Slade, Principals Jackie Bye and Clay Johnson, Lori Dahl Business Manager and Hunter Sand Athletic Director.

The agenda was approved as presented and there was no public comment

Athletic Director Report: Girls Golf had a good year; the Junior High Football team had an undefeated season and the senior high team had senior night this last Friday. Volleyball has been improving, there were two students who reached milestones, senior night will be October 20th. The winter schedules are being finalized, there will be 5 boys basketball teams, girls' teams are still being established.

High School Principal Report: Mr. Johnson reported on Mrs. Forde day, field trips, student recognition, parent teacher conferences, community projects. He also addressed parent concerns with computers and students being able to access certain sites we have the state filter, as well as another filter through DRN, and the students are finding ways around them. We are working on additional ways to keep sites blocked. There was a request to use personal computers, and this would be a violation of the new state law, as well as not allowed by the State IT Department who supply our internet.

Charlie Stein also requested some information on items that were disposed of and if they were not working, out of date, or why they were discarded. They were old out dated smart boards that were not supported by software anymore and did not work, and the air purifiers were given to the school a few years ago and the cost of the filters is more than the machines themselves.

Elementary Principal Report: Dr. Bye reported on the elementary girl's basketball season that just finished, the boys have begun their practice. Student activities and programs, training for the ND Math and Reading, the science curriculum committee is looking for new material, current enrollment, community engagement and professional development activities.

Superintendent Items: Superintendent Slade gave the board updates for the supplemental material for policy DE

Items for Decision: NDIEF policy adjustments were discussed, we have been in contact with our insurance agent regarding updates to our current policies. The adjustments were for the elementary and high school replacement costs, adjustments to the values of the Petersburg Fitness Center, Elementary tennis court fence, elementary outdoor backboards, bus garage and Petersburg shop shed. After some discussion, a decision will be tabled until additional information is gathered.

Policies DDC, DGAA, DGHA, DKA, FGCC, IDB AND JBA were presented for 2nd reading. Motion by Nikki Ohnstad, second by Charlie Stein to approve the 2nd reading of the above policies. All in favor, motion carried.

The minutes, bills and financial reports were presented.

Motion by Charlie Stein, second by Nikki Ohnstad to approve the minutes as printed, bills for payment and the financial reports as presented. All in favor, motion carried.

The final budget was presented with $6,408,101 in revenue and $6,555,930 in expenditures for the 26-27 fiscal year. Motion by Charlie Stein, second by Nikki Ohnstad to approve the final budget. All in favor, motion carried.

The next meeting will be November 18, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.

Motion by Anna Halvorson, second by Charlie Stein to adjourn. All in favor, motion carried.

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Lori Dahl, Business Manager Dave Blasey, Chairperson

HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

A rep from Bismarck State College presented their ranch management program to two interested students. It's becoming more common for admission reps to meet students virtually rather than visit schools like they once did.

If your teen is interested in a college, I'd be happy to help them set up a teams virtual visit.
- Ms. Beckstrom



The mayor of Petersburg reached out for help with raking leaves around town, and our students were ready to jump in! They got right to work and put in a great effort.





HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

KT Pumpkin Challenge



Our Knight Time groups went head-to-head in this year's Pumpkin Knight Time Challenge! Due to allergies, students got creative with paint and decorations instead of carving pumpkins. We had so many fun, unique, and creative designs! Congratulations to our winning groups! The winners got to enjoy delicious root beer and orange floats!





Most Detailed: Resource Room (Popcorn Bucket)

Most Unique: Ms. Johnson (Granny)

Best Overall: Ms. Hurst (Dolly Parton)

Great work, everyone! We loved seeing all the creativity and effort that went into this year's pumpkins!







Eight seniors met with a rep from Job Service ND to find out what programs their career goals qualify them for. Over the last few years, we've had several graduating seniors participate in the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) program that pays up to $16,000 to students majoring in high demand careers.

Currently only two-year tech degrees and some outlying programs, like CDL and pilot licensing, qualify. Talk to Ms. Beckstrom if you have questions or google WIOA ND.

Here is a really nice layout of all the majors/programs that WIOA will help pay students to go into. The list changes every July based on the needs of the state.



DP has seen several students take advantage of this. Please have your teen schedule a meeting with Ms. Beckstrom or contact Job Service yourself. Thanks!

HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

Dakota Prairie Cross Country Returns with a Season to Celebrate



After many years without a cross country team, Dakota Prairie began this season with some uncertainty about what to expect. By the end of the year, Amaya Brueckner and Hadley Strand had provided plenty of reasons to celebrate, including personal bests and a trip to the state meet.

The girls competed in nine meets throughout the season. Wind, rain, and the terrain of each course meant their times varied from race to race, but their effort remained consistent. Regardless of the conditions, both girls worked hard and represented Dakota Prairie well.

That same work ethic carried over to practice. Some days meant a straight five-mile run, while others involved weightlifting and hill sprints. After a little grumbling, the girls always got to work. Their improvement became noticeable as the season progressed, with Amaya recording a personal best of 25 minutes, 12 seconds and Hadley finishing with a personal best of 22 minutes, 24 seconds.

Their season culminated at the state cross country meet in Jamestown on Friday, October 23. On a challenging course, both girls displayed the grit and determination they had shown all season.

Cross country is a demanding sport, and Amaya and Hadley met its challenges with grace and a willingness to keep improving. Their accomplishments showed what hard work and consistency can produce while helping lay a foundation for the program's future.

Overall, it was a season to be proud of. The hope is to build on this year's success, welcome more runners, and grow Dakota Prairie cross country into a program that can compete as a full team.

Congratulations, Amaya and Hadley, on a great season and for setting a strong example for future Dakota Prairie runners!



Sheriff Schwind and Chief Deputy Madche came in to talk to the 9th grade Civics class about law enforcement and their rights. Focus was on the 4th, 5th, 6th, and 8th amendment. They recently learned about the Bill of Rights.

Complete the FAFSA

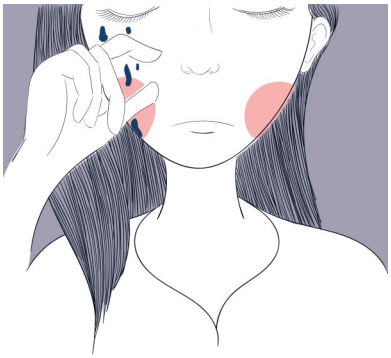
Join BND virtually to learn about what to expect, the types of aid available and next steps.

Nov. 4, 2026 | 6:30-7:30 p.m. CT

Register Today!

HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

The November "Meh" Is Real



Ever feel like your motivation disappears when the days get shorter? You're not imagining it! Seasonal Affective Disorder (SAD) is real depressive disorder that starts when the days shorten in October and lifts when the days get longer in the spring.

According to the American Academy of Pediatrics, between 10-20% of people feel the effects of SAD every year. However in the northern US where we live, this number can be quite a bit higher due to our inability to be outside when the temps drop.

Typically depression can start around ages 13-14 years old. There are biological components to both depression and SAD so if it's in your family, your children will be more susceptible to SAD.

Teens experiencing SAD may appear grumpy or have an inability to enjoy happy memories or look forward to things. These are the hallmarks of depression.

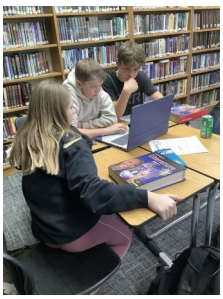
<u>Here are a few ideas to combat SAD:</u>

- -GO OUTSIDE: hunting, ice skating, working cattle, have a bonfire, walking the dog, snowmobiling
- -MOVE YOUR BODY: playing sports, joining gym class, lifting weights, YOGA or Pilates (free videos online)
- -START A PROJECT: embroidery, taxidermy, ice fishing, woodworking, Legos
- -Light Therapy Box and/or Supplements
- -Talk to your doctor for possible prescription medication

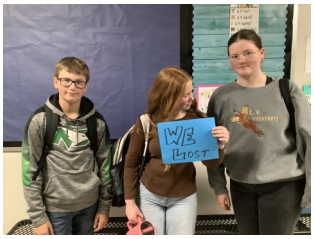
If the "meh" is getting worse, and it's getting harder to get out of bed, take a shower, hang out with friends or enjoy things like TV, sports, or video games like you used to, then it's time to talk with a trusted adult or your doctor. You don't have to tough it out until spring!



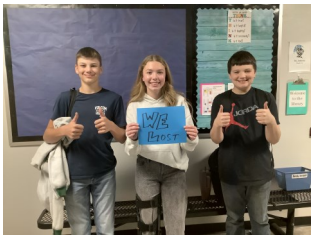




The eighth graders concluded their suspense short story unit with an escape room! The last story they read was the classic gothic story "The Monkey's Paw" by W.W. Jacobs. They had to solve five riddles to escape.









From the Desk of Dr. Jackie Bye, Elementary Principal



Happy November! We have had a wonderful start to our school year. And, this time of year is always a good time to reflect on the year so far and share what our students have been doing, and what is coming up. At Dakota Prairie Elementary there are many activities and engaging learning going on in classrooms every day. Students and staff have also been involved in activities outside of the classroom such as attending field trips, reading and singing at the Care Center, participating in basketball and football games, and running in a cross-county event. Learning about 4-H, making cards for numerous community members, and becoming artists as well. I consider myself very lucky when I get to see so many smiling, enthusiastic, helpful students coming to school each morning ready to begin the day with their friends, classmates, and teachers.

In the month of November, there are many reasons to be thankful. I am very thankful for the hard work and dedication of our teachers and staff at Dakota Prairie Elementary. They each put in hours of time finding the best way to help students learn and grow. It is always a goal at Dakota Prairie Elementary for our students to show growth from the fall ND A+ Interim Assessments in grades K-6 to the spring ND A+ Interim Assessment for K-2 and ND A+ Summative for grades 3-6. The ND State Assessment for grades 3-6 is now called the ND A+ Summative, since the spring of 2025. When we received our elementary state results this fall for reading and math *I was thrilled and proud* of the accomplishments of our students and our staff. Our ND A+ Summative score in math showed that 70% of our students in grades 3-6 are proficient in math, and in reading-language arts 72% are proficient! This is an amazing accomplishment for our teachers and our students.

When I received our scores, I wanted to be able to celebrate that success and we celebrated with the students and staff enjoying a “70’s’ dress up day to share how well they did. Pictures from this day were featured in the October Knight Reader also. The students in grades K-2, in the spring were also over 70% proficient in both math and reading-language arts in their own ND A+ Interim Assessments. We are not going to stop here, if you are in the lunchroom at the elementary school you will notice the *“Growing Tree”* with leaves and flowers. These leaves and flowers represent each students growth from this fall’s assessment to their winter assessment to their spring assessment. Our teachers and staff work hard every day helping all students grow and learn so they can be the best they can be. I am so proud of the staff we have at Dakota Prairie Elementary, and you as parents, grandparents, and community members, can be proud also!

~ Elementary News ~

These are the results for the elementary and compared to the 2024-2025 school year. This shows the percent of students who are proficient in the ND standards in each subject area for the elementary grades 3-6.

NDSA – ND A+ SUMMATIVE SPRING SCORES

MATH: **2024-2025:** DPE: Grades 3-6: **65%** **2025-2026** DPE: Grades 3-6: **70%**

ELA (READING): **2024-2025**: DPE Grades 3-6: **52%** **2025-2026**: DPE Grades 3-6: **72%**

The 5th and 6th grade boys' basketball season has begun and they have had a couple of games. I can see that they too will have a good season with lots of teamwork, hustle and play with good sportsmanship. The 5th grade even had a double overtime and ended with a tie. There are six 5th grade boys and five 6th grade boys. Good Luck Coach Beglau and players on the rest of your season. Come out and watch a game if you can. Their schedule is included in the Knight Reader. The 5th grade players are: Arlo Arneson: Judd O'Connor: Karsen Harding: Barrett Ng: Ryder Vough: Isaac Ohnstad. The 6th grade players are: Hendrix Dahl: Crosby Hendrickson: Oliver Gordon: Zayden Rance: Preston Hilliard.



The first concert of the year will be held on **Tuesday, November 10, at 1:00** in the big gym at the elementary school. **Grades Preschool-6th grade** will be performing in honor of our Veterans in a Veteran's Day Concert. Please join us for what will surely be a great afternoon of singing, as Ms. Bina always has the students ready to show their musical talents.

The elementary student council members have been busy in October with a food drive for the Michigan Food Pantry. They began by developing a calendar of Tuesday dress up days in return for donating a specific food item. The student council members meet with me once a month, or more, depending on activities going on. They are always a helpful group. This year's members are from the 6th grade: Lily Walter, Gracie Schneider, Elijah Nail, Oliver Gordon, and from the 5th grade: Gracie Flom, Elsa Reinhart, Isaac Ohnstad, and Judd O'Connor. Other responsibilities they have are to help with the monthly celebrations, morning announcements, filling the vending machine, fundraising ideas, Easter Egg Hunt and filling bags, Christmas Baskets for the Elderly in Nelson County, and other events as they come up. *I am thankful for all of their help!*

I am very thankful **to all of you** for letting me be an important part of your child's life. If you ever have questions or concerns, please reach out to me. You can call (322-4771), email me Jackie.bye@k12.nd.us or stop by!

AR AWARDS – SEPTEMBER 2026

25 Points
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Kaleb Landeis
Hadley Lundeby

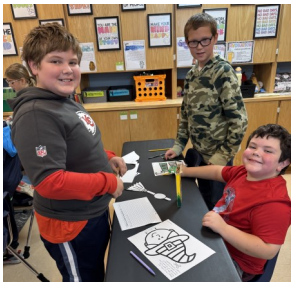
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Sawyer Aguirre
Daria Ciubotareanu
Eleanor Gordon

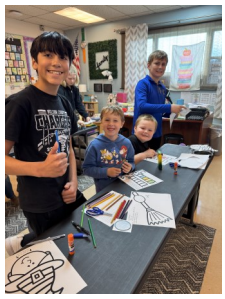
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Arlo Arneson
Elsa Reinhart
Hadlee Johnson

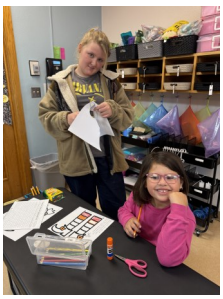
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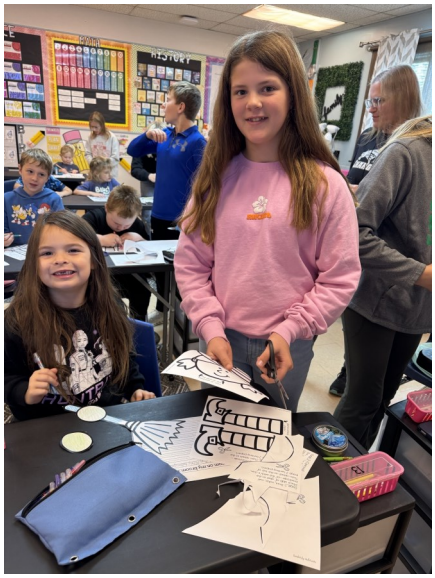
400 Points
Zadyn Rance

Kindergarten and 6th grade met for our monthly "buddy time."
We read *Room on the Broom* and did a writing activity and craft together.
Their art is on display in the hallway!



~ Elementary News ~

Betsy Ross Visits First Grade

First-grade students recently had a special visit from Betsy Ross, portrayed by American Legion Auxiliary member Judy Twete, who brought a piece of American history to life in the classroom!

Students learned about the history of our nation's flag and the important traditions and etiquette associated with displaying and respecting the American flag. Through Betsy's visit, students gained an appreciation for the meaning behind our flag and the pride it represents in our country.

The excitement continued as each student received a flag to take home, thanks to the generous sponsorship of the American Legion of McVille. They were also delighted to enjoy a patriotic treat (cookies with red, white, and blue sprinkles) made by another Legion Auxiliary member, Sandy Dalburg.

We are grateful to Judy Twete, Sandy Dalburg, and the American Legion Auxiliary for taking the time to share this meaningful lesson with our young learners, and to Judy Sateren and the American Legion of McVille for making the flags possible.

It is our hope that **"Flags for 1st Graders"** will become an annual tradition, helping each new group of first graders learn about our nation's flag, understand the importance of showing it respect, and develop a lasting sense of patriotism.













~ Elementary News ~

The 2nd graders started off October with painting pumpkins they got from their field trip to the Nelson Pumpkin Patch! They had fun coming up with different ideas to paint their pumpkins!



On Thursday, October 8th during Fire Prevention Week (October 4th -10th) the 2nd graders learned about the history of Smokey Bear, listened to the story of Smokey Bear, learned the importance of fire prevention, and received some fun goodies of Smokey Bear from the North Dakota Forestry Service. A saying they heard often throughout the presentation is that “only YOU can prevent wildfires!” It was a fun afternoon learning all about how to prevent wildfires!



In Social Studies we are studying about the different landforms! We got to make a physical map using graham crackers, colored frosting, and different kind of candy! It was a YUMMY lesson!





















DPE Staff decorated pumpkins which 19 lucky students took home. There were so many dumplings this year! 1st Place—Mrs. Taylor Sand (shark), 2nd place—Mrs. Teri Huso (Cheshire cat). 3rd place—Ms. Amy Olson (multicolored highland cow)

~ Elementary News ~

Fourth Grade honoring every single child by wearing orange to remind everyone that Every Child Matters. Orange Shirt Day is a special day on September 30th when people wear orange shirts to remember and honor Indigenous children who were forced to go to residential or boarding schools.

- Every Child Matters.
- Every Child Belongs.
- Every Child Deserves Kindness and Respect.

Today was a reminder of the importance of honoring Indigenous children and the history of residential schools while continuing to build a school where everyone feels safe, valued, and included.



First Graders enjoyed a visit from volunteer members of the McVille Fire Department on Wednesday, October 7th. Students were excited to ask tons of questions and explore the equipment. We even got to try on some of the gear!







VIRTUAL LEARNING SCHEDULE 2026-2027

DAKOTA PRAIRIE ELEMENTARY

TO JOIN ZOOM: Go to **your classroom teacher's webpage** on the school website (https://www.dakota-prairie.k12.nd.us). You will see directions and a link for your classroom teacher. The links for other teachers you have classes with in a school day will also be **on your classroom teacher's webpage**.

PK: SARA CORBY
K: TAYLOR SAND
1ST : COURTNEY STEIN
1st : HALEY KLEFSTAD
2nd: COURTNEY LOFSTROM
3RD : CELESTE HAMRE
4th : KAYTE AVDEM
5th: JASON BEGLAU
6th : AMY OLSON
2S: HUNTER SAND
4S: TRACI SAND
5A: ALLISON AALAND
5K: MELISSA KUEBER
6A: ALLISON AALAND
6K: MELISSA KUEBER
SPECIAL EDUCATION: LAURA WALTER
SPEECH LANGUAGE: KRISTIN BRODELL

8:00-8:30: TEACHER OFFICE HOURS

Parents, please contact the teacher via REMIND, or email before 8:30 if your child cannot ZOOM for the day. Attendance is taken for Virtual Learning days. Your child will be counted absent if you do not contact the teacher and they do not complete the assigned work for the day.

Your child's IEP case manager (*Mrs. Walter or Mrs. Brodell*) will contact you about the assigned time to ZOOM for special education & speech minutes.

8:30-9:10 READING – MATH ZOOM CLASSES

PRESCHOOL: READING
KINDERGARTEN: READING1
K: READING
1S: READING
2 L: READING
2S: MATH
3RD GRADE: READING
4A READING
4S READING
5B MATH
5A MATH
6O READING
6K READING

9:10-9:30 BREAK

9:30-10:10 READING – MATH ZOOM CLASSES

PRESCHOOL: MATH
KINDERGARTEN: MATH
1 K: MATH
1S: MATH
2L MATH
2S: READING
3RD GRADE: MATH
4A: MATH
4S: MATH
5B: READING
5K: READING
6O: MATH
6A: MATH

10:10-10:30: BREAK

10:30-11:10 SCIENCE-HEALTH ZOOM CLASSES

11:10-11:30: BREAK

11:30-12:10 SOCIAL STUDIES ZOOM CLASSES

12:10-1:00: DINNER BREAK

1:00-3:30: SEE DIRECTIONS ON NEXT PAGE

1:00-3:30: ZOOM AVAILABLITY & STUDENT V.L. RESPONSIBILITIES

- **WORK ON CLASS ASSIGNMENTS, MUSIC, AND/OR PHY ED ASSIGNMENTS CHOICE BOARDS**
  - Must be completed, signed and returned according to directions to earn the points for your grade.
- **SPECIAL EDUCATION & SPEECH ASSIGNED MEETING TIMES**
- **TEACHER OFFICE HOURS**
  - You can check in with your teacher if you have any questions about assignments and/or to get extra help with work you do not understand.
- **SPECIAL ZOOM TIME ACTIVITIES TO CHOOSE FROM: see below**

SPECIAL ZOOM ACTIVITIES

Ms. Bina will be available at these times for students in the class listed. These times **are optional** for you if you would like to do the activities listed for your class at that time with Ms. Bina.

1:00-1:20: STORYTIME AND/OR FLASHCARDS WITH MS. BINA

PRESCHOOL & KINDERGARTEN

1:25--1:45: READ TO OR FLASHCARDS WITH MS. BINA

1ST GRADE

1:50-2:10: READ TO OR FLASHCARDS WITH MS. BINA

2ND GRADE

2:15-2:35: READ TO OR FLASHCARDS WITH MS. BINA

3RD GRADE

2:40-3:00: READ TO OR FLASHCARDS WITH MS. BINA : OR PRACTICE INSTRUMENT

4TH GRADE

3:05-3:25: READ TO OR FLASHCARDS WITH MS. BINA : OR PRACTICE INSTRUMENT

5th & 6TH GRADE

REMEMBER: WORK ASSIGNED DURING VIRTUAL LEARNING IS DUE WHEN YOU RETURN TO SCHOOL.

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VIRTUAL LEARNING ATTENDANCE EXPECTIONS

To be accountable to state mandates regarding virtual learning laws *(NDCC **15.1-06-04. School calendar - Length… virtual instruction** pursuant to section **15.1-07-25.40)*** schools must develop a way to take attendance on virtual learning days that is comparable to taking attendance on in person school days.

At Dakota Prairie Elementary we will take attendance and students will get credit for a full day of attendance for being on ZOOM for virtual learning days. If a student is unable to be on ZOOM, their attendance can be based on completion of work assigned in replacement of ZOOM. If they do not complete the assignment, or they come back to school without completing the choice boards for phy ed and music, they will be counted absent.

In addition, ALL students may have assignments to complete and turn in to their teacher(s) when they return to school. These assignments may be treated like any other assignment given while school is in session, including the choice boards for phy. Ed and music.

If your child cannot attend virtual learning day, please notify the teacher via REMIND, or email **before 8:30**. Your child will be counted absent if you do not contact the teacher. We do understand it is sometimes difficult for children to ZOOM when parents are at work. Or, if there is more than one child at home, it might be difficult for everyone to ZOOM at the same time. If this is the case, still notify the teacher **before 8:30,** and attendance will be based on completion of any assigned work, including the choice boards for music and phy. Ed. **Again, we need to be accountable to the state to be able to count the hours/days of virtual learning, so we need students to be accountable for school work as well.** Also, if you do not have WIFI, or a way for your child to access the internet, or data, or a hotspot, for virtual learning days please inform your child's teacher of that early in the year so a packet of work can be sent home with your child on virtual learning days to count as attendance.

Thank you all for your support on these days. It is a great option to have, rather than trying to find other times to make up missed days of school. Our students have become very adept at ZOOM and they do a great job with their ZOOM classes on virtual learning days.

VIRTUAL LEARNING

ONLINE ZOOM EXPECTIONS FOR LEARNING

BE ENGAGED – EMPOWER YOURSELF & YOUR PEERS – BE READY TO EXCEL

1. **Be on Time**: Log in a few minutes early so you're ready when class begins.
2. **Come Prepared**: Have your supplies, homework, and materials nearby.
3. **Use Your Real Name**: Make sure your ZOOM name matches your school name.
4. **Find a Quiet Space**: Choose a spot with as few distractions as possible.
5. **Cameras On**: Keep your camera on so your teacher can see your smiling face.
6. **Microphone Manners**: Keep your microphone muted unless it's your turn to talk.
7. **Raise Your Hand**: Use the "raise hand" button or raise your hand to speak.
8. **Listen When Others Talk**: Give classmates and teachers your full attention.
9. **Use Kind Words**: Speak respectfully in your words and tone.
10. **Stay on Task**: Only use your device for the ZOOM class, not for games or unrelated websites.
11. **No Eating During Class**: Save snacks for break time unless your teacher says otherwise.
12. **Dress for School**: Wear clothes that are school-appropriate.
13. **Follow Class Rules**: All in-person school rules also apply online.
14. **Be Patient with Technology**: If something goes wrong, stay calm and let your teacher know.
15. **End the Meeting Politely**: Wait until the teacher ends the session before logging off.

DAKOTA PRAIRIE KNIGHTS

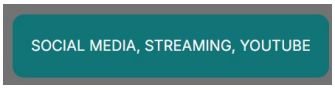
5TH & 6TH GRADE BOYS
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2026-2027

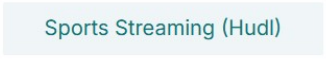
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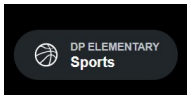
5th Grade Games Begin 4:00, 6th Grade Games After

DATE	OPPONENT	LOCATION	TIME
OCTOBER 2	FIRST PRACTICE	SMALL GYM	3:35
OCTOBER 6	PICTURE DAY	SMALL GYM	11:45
OCTOBER 16	MIDKOTA	BINFORD	4:00
OCTOBER 19	HATTON	MCVILLE	4:00
OCTOBER 20	GRIGGS COUNTY	COOPERSTOWN	4:00
OCTOBER 27	LAKOTA	PETERSBURG	4:00
OCTOBER 29	LARIMORE	PETERSBURG	4:00
NOVEMBER 3	LAKOTA	LAKOTA HIGH SCHOOL	4:00
NOVEMBER 5	NORTHWOOD	NORTHWOOD	4:00
NOVMEBER 10	GRIGGS COUNTY	MCVILLE	4:00
NOVEMBER 12	MIDKOTA	MCVILLE	4:00
NOVEMBER 17	LARIMORE	LARIMORE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	4:00
NOVEMBER 21	6TH JAMBOREE	GRIGGS COUNTY COOPERSTOWN	TBD
TBD	5th JAMBOREE	STILL WAITING TO HEAR	TBD

MCVILLE GAMES ON HUDL: YOU CAN FIND THE STREAM ON THE DAKOTA PRAIRIE SCHOOL WEBSITE. https://www.dakota-prairie.k12.nd.us/







November 2026

Nov 11 - No school: Veterans Day

Nov 18 - School Board Meeting @ 7 pm

Nov 25 - Early out 1:30 pm

November 26-27— No school: Thanksgiving

PLEASE CHECK THE DAKOTA PRAIRIE HOME PAGE FOR THE MOST CURRENT ACTIVITIES SCHEDULES

https://www.dakota-prairie.k12.nd.us

Future Dates of Interest

November 11—No school: Veterans Day

November 25—Early out @ 1:30 pm

November 26th and 27th—No school: Thanksgiving

December 18— Early out @ 1:30 pm

December 21st through January 1st—No school

January 4—School Resumes

January 18—Professional Development

February 12—No school: Winter Break

February 15—No school: Presidents Day

March 5—No school: Spring Break

March 12= No school: PT Conferences 8 am-6 pm

March 19—No school: Spring Break

March 25, 26, and 29—No school: Easter Break

April 2— No school: Prom

April 9—No school: Staff Storm Make up Day PD

May 26—Last Day of School

May 30—Graduation

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Discrimination and Harassment Grievance Procedure

Nondiscrimination and Anti-Harassment Policy

Title IX Sexual Harassment Grievance Procedure

Dakota Prairie Course Descriptions

Dakota Prairie does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, disability, or age, in its programs or activities and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups. The Dakota Prairie Superintendent has been designated to handle inquiries regarding the nondiscrimination policies. (Supt. Jay B. Slade, P.O. Box 37, Petersburg, ND, 58272, 701-345-8233, jay.slade@k12.nd.us).

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