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KRISPY KREME DONUT SALE

Donut order forms go home on Thursday, October 1. Orders and money are due Wednesday, October 21. Order pick up will be Wednesday, October 28 at the Latta Recreation Center from **6:30 to 8:00 a.m.** Funds raised through the donut sale will be used to support field trips and purchase classroom materials.

Fundraiser Incentives: The top selling students will be invited to ride on the LES Christmas Parade float in December. The top selling classes will also receive a prize! The top 2 individual sellers will take a trip to Wal-mart with Officer Trent and Mrs. Dollie for a \$100 shopping spree!

FALL PICTURES/YEARBOOK

Fall pictures were taken in September, and we have a make-up day. You can view September's picture at www.LegacyFindMyCode.com or by scanning your child's QR code that went home on picture day. If you weren't happy with your child's pictures or your child missed picture day, please plan to have their picture taken on Friday, October 16. These pictures will be used for our 26-27 yearbook. If you would like to purchase a yearbook for \$35, please send your payment to school in an envelope labeled with your child's name, homeroom teacher, and the word "yearbook". You may also purchase online at www.jostens.com. If purchasing online, you are able to personalize your child's yearbook. The price of the yearbook will go up to \$40 in January.

PARENT CONFERENCES

Report cards will go home on October 20th. Parent conferences were held on October 29th from 4:00-6:00 P.M. If you would like to conference, please send a note to your child's teacher. She will contact you to set up a time. Thank you for being involved in your child's education.

TESTING

All second graders will participate in state testing in October. Please make sure your child gets a good night's rest the night before tests, arrives on time for school, has eaten a healthy breakfast at home or has time to do so at school, and early dismissals are completely avoided. Please make note of the following test dates and how they may apply to your child.

2nd grade CogAT Test: October 13-15

2nd grade ITBS: October 20-21

RED RIBBON WEEK

Red Ribbon Week will be observed Oct 26-29. The week promotes a drug-free environment, and our theme is "Make a Difference. Be a Hero. Stay Drug Free". The theme emphasizes that choosing to live drug-free is an act of leadership and courage, and that everyday decisions can positively influence peers, families, and communities. All students will be learning about how to make positive, healthy choices that keep us free from the harmful effects of drugs. Students may also participate by following the schedule below:

- **Mon. Oct. 26: Be a Hero-dress up to represent your favorite superhero**
- **Tues. Oct. 27: Throw Shade and Put a Cap on Drugs-wear your hats and shades**
- **Wed. Oct. 28: Viking Strong Green and Gold Day**
- **Thurs. Oct 29: Dress as your favorite book character – "Don't let drugs ruin your character!"**
- **Fri.: No School for Students**

FALL FESTIVAL

We are excited about our Fall Festival on Thursday, October 22 from 6:00-8:00! Our teachers are busy preparing for their classroom games and collecting items for their class basket! We are in need of some donations, so please make sure you are checking your child's folder daily for specific announcements for their class. We plan to have games, face painting, picture booths, food, and much more! There will be a separate flyer coming home with more details, so you can prepare to join us on this fun night!

BREAKFAST WITH A BUDDY

This year, we invite our parents to attend Breakfast with a Buddy. We are serving muffins and water for our guests each day! On your assigned day, please park in the main parking lot and enter the cafeteria with your child. If you have more than one child at LES, you may choose a day to eat with all of them at one time. We can accommodate ONE adult guest per student.

Nov 3: All 4k/5k Classes

Nov 4: 1st & 2nd Grade

Nov 5: Sarah Duprel & 3rd Grade

Nov 6: All 4th and 5th Grade Classes

WALK-A-THON

It's almost time for our annual International Walk to School Day. This year, it is celebrated on October 6th. This observance started as a way of creating awareness for walkable communities and has grown to become a series of international events taking place in more than 40 countries! It is a great form of exercise that helps reduce the risk of obesity and heart disease. It's fun and it improves your mood! It is also planet friendly as it helps reduce CO2 emissions. We will be participating by having a walkathon at school during regular PE classes. Please make sure your child is dressed appropriately wearing their tennis shoes.

LES Celebrates Attendance

Awareness Month in September

Attendance Spirit Week was September 14–18, reminding our Vik-Kids that Every Day Counts! With 745 students, LES achieved an impressive 95.4% average daily attendance rate during Spirit Week. Even more exciting, 619 students had perfect attendance for the entire week! Students with perfect attendance for the month of September will receive a prize of their choice! We are incredibly proud of our students for showing up each day ready to learn, grow, and make the most of every opportunity. Thank you to our students, families, teachers, and staff for helping us build a culture where being present matters! Way to show up, Vik-Kids!

TITLE 1 PARENT COMPACT

A draft copy of the Dillon School District 3 Compact was sent home by text message this week. This compact describes how parents, children, and the school will work together to support the child's learning. A final copy will be sent home next week for you to sign. Please take a moment to review this important information, sign, and return to school.

LATTA SCHOOLS CHILD FIND SCREENINGS

For Children Not Attending Public School

Under Federal law, all children with disabilities, birth through twenty-one years of age must be identified and evaluated using specific "Child Find" activities to locate any child with a disability who is not currently receiving services.

Dillon District Three (Latta Schools) provides specialized services to children who live within the school attendance zone and meet eligibility requirements set forth by the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act and Dillon District Three (Latta Schools). These requirements may differ from those of institutions providing similar services (i.e. private therapy).

The disabilities eligible for services in our district are developmental delay, intellectual disability, specific learning disability, emotional disability, speech or language impairment, deaf and hard of hearing, deaf-blindness, visual impairment, orthopedic impairment, other health impairment, traumatic brain injury, autism, and multiple disabilities.

If you are aware of any child with disabilities not attending public school or any pre-school child who might be disabled, you may contact Kelly Sellers, Director of Exceptional Children or Heather Causey, School Psychologist, at Dillon School District Three (Latta Schools) at 843-752-7101 ext. 1022. All referral sources will remain confidential.

The next formal "Child Find" screenings will be held Friday, October 23, 2026, from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at Latta Elementary School. To schedule an appointment for this screening date, please contact Heather Causey at 843-752-7101 ext. 1022.

Coming up.....

Oct 1	Doughnut Sale Begins
Oct 5-6	Intersession Break (No School)
Oct 8	45 th Day of School
Oct 13-15	CoGAT testing (2 nd grade)
Oct 16	Fall Make-up Pictures
Oct 20	Report Cards
Oct 20-21	IOWA testing (2 nd grade)
Oct 21	FCA @ 7:30 & Doughnut Money Due
Oct 22	Fall Festival 6:00-8:00
Oct 26-30	Red Ribbon Week
Oct 28	Doughnut Pickup
Oct 29	Parent Teacher Conferences 4:00-6:00
Oct 30	Teacher Workday (No School for Students)
Nov 2-17	Canned Food Drive: Student Council
Nov 3-6	Breakfast with a Buddy
Nov 11	Veteran's Day Program 9:30 EPAC (4 th)
Nov 16-20	American Education Week
Nov 23-27	Thanksgiving Break