



# PIEDMONT VALLEY ELEMENTARY STALLION NEWS



## February 2021

### UPCOMING EVENTS

- 2/4-2/25: Scholastic Online Book Fair
- 2/8-2/12: Dental Bus
- 2/15: No School, Presidents' Day
- 2/22-26: Parent/Teacher Conferences
- 2/26: No School, Inservice
- 3/5: Spring Pictures

### Principal's Corner

Dear Parents,

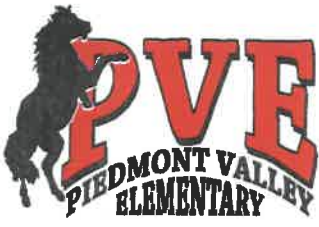
I am happy to see all of our students getting back into the swing of school after the nice relaxing Christmas Vacation. The students seem to be adjusting to the school schedule and we are off to an exciting start to the winter months of the school year. With Covid protocol we will continue to have to limit activities but I am hopeful that some of these restrictions will be lifted in the near future.

A parent focused activity that will occur in the near future is Parent /Teacher Conferences. Conferences will be addressed much like they were in the fall. During the week of February 22-26 you will either receive a phone call from your students teacher or you will meet via zoom. You will receive notification prior to conference week for your time and meeting details. Even though conferences are better in person and we would prefer it this way..... you have our word that we will do the best to communicate your child's successes and challenges.

As we continue to navigate the challenges of the 2020-2021 school year, I just want to say thank you for all that you have done to make this past year a success. I look forward to more "normal" years in the future!

Yours in Education,

Ethan



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Jan. 28, 2021

Dear Parents,

As spring approaches we will begin the process of preparing for the 2021-2022 school year. During the months of April and May our staff will begin the process of determining the best educational setting for your child. Teachers who have spent months with your child in the educational setting are often times the most adept at determining educational needs and the best fit in terms of instructor for your student. Because of this, we don't accept "teacher requests" but we absolutely want your input in terms of who you think would be a good fit for your child. So if you are inclined you may contact the office and visit with Mr. Dschaak about your thoughts for your student and his or her needs for the 2021-2022 school year. I am asking that you give me your input prior to March 31<sup>st</sup>.

Below I have listed five areas that we consider when determining the placement of your child:

1. Student to Teacher Ratio.
2. Boy to Girl Ratio.
3. Student Behaviors.
4. Student-Teacher Learning Style.
5. Parent Input.

If you have any questions about the process of student placement you are welcome to call my office anytime. You can reach me at 605.787.5295 between the hours of 7:15 AM and 3:30 PM. As always, I look forward to hearing from you and I hope I can be of assistance if you need anything.

Sincerely,

Ethan Dschaak  
Principal

# MUSIC ROOM NEWS



## Spreading the Joy of Music:

Thank you to all of those who donated to my first Donors Choose project called *Spreading the Joy of Music*! Because of your donations, my project of \$590 was fully funded! Now, I will be able to replace many instruments that are falling apart and I can also add these instruments to my classroom! Examples of instruments that are included are a handbell set, sand blocks, and jingle bells. I am so excited for students to experience these new instruments and to continue to spread the joy and excitement that music can bring!



## Concerts:

This year, there will be no in-person concerts to attend. However, each class in each trimester will be learning a different song that will be recorded. After that, they will be uploaded to the PTA Facebook page and the PVE school website for you to watch and enjoy at any time! Students have been working very hard and have been doing a great job!

## MUSIC STANDARDS:

- Singing alone and with others, a varied repertoire of music.
- Performing on instruments, alone and with others, a varied repertoire of music.
- Improvising melodies, variations, and accompaniments.
- Composing and arranging music within specified guidelines.
- Reading and notating music.
- Listening to, analyzing, and describing music.
- Evaluating music and music performances.
- Understanding relationships between music, the other arts, and disciplines outside the arts.
- Understanding music in relation to history and culture.



# Speech-Language Pathology Is...

Articulation • Problem Solving • Expressive Language  
Phonology • Traumatic Brain Injury • Early Intervention  
Receptive Language • Executive Functioning • Inferences  
Vocabulary • WH Questions • Mean Length of Utterance  
Augmentative and Alternative Communication • Syntax  
Voice • Life Skills • Grammar • Autism • Semantics  
Auditory Memory • Basic Concepts • Hearing Loss  
Sequencing • Word Retrieval • Social Skills • Stuttering  
Pragmatics • Apraxia • Voice • Phonetics • Associations  
Object Function • Sequencing • Sign Language

**If you have any concerns about your child's speech and language development, please don't hesitate to contact us to complete a comprehensive screening and gain further information!**

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# Nurse News



## DELTA DENTAL BUS

The Delta Dental Mobile Program is coming to Piedmont Valley Elementary February 8-12. They provide dental exams, preventive services, cleanings, and cavity fillings at no charge for students who have not seen a local dentist in over 2 years, or those who live more than 85 miles from the nearest dentist.

If you are interested in having your child visit the dental bus, please contact the office at 787-5295. Paperwork must be completed and given to the school nurse to schedule your child.

Stagebarn Middle School students can be seen during this time, IF THEY ARE TRANSPORTED TO PVE. SMS parents will need to transport their students to PVE for dental services.

\* SERVICES are No Cost to Families\*

Paperwork will go out with the PVE and 5th grade SMS students in January.

**PVE:** The initial "Give Your Child A Healthy Smile" form is to be completed and returned to PVE **as soon as possible**. Then, the "Delta Dental Mobile Program Patient Information" (green) form and a Silver Diamine Consent (white) form will be sent home. These forms are to be returned to PVE **BY FEB 1, 2021** for your child to receive services.

**SMS:** The initial "Give Your Child a Health Smile" will be sent home with 5th graders only and will need to be completed and returned to SMS **as soon as possible**. Then, the "Delta Dental Mobile Program Patient Information" (green) form and a Silver Diamine Consent (white) form will be sent home. The remaining 6th, 7th and 8th grade middle school students can access the "Delta Dental Mobile Program Patient Information" form and Silver Diamine Form at the SMS office or on the Daily Announcements. These form is also **due by February 1, 2021** for your student to receive services.

## News from PTA

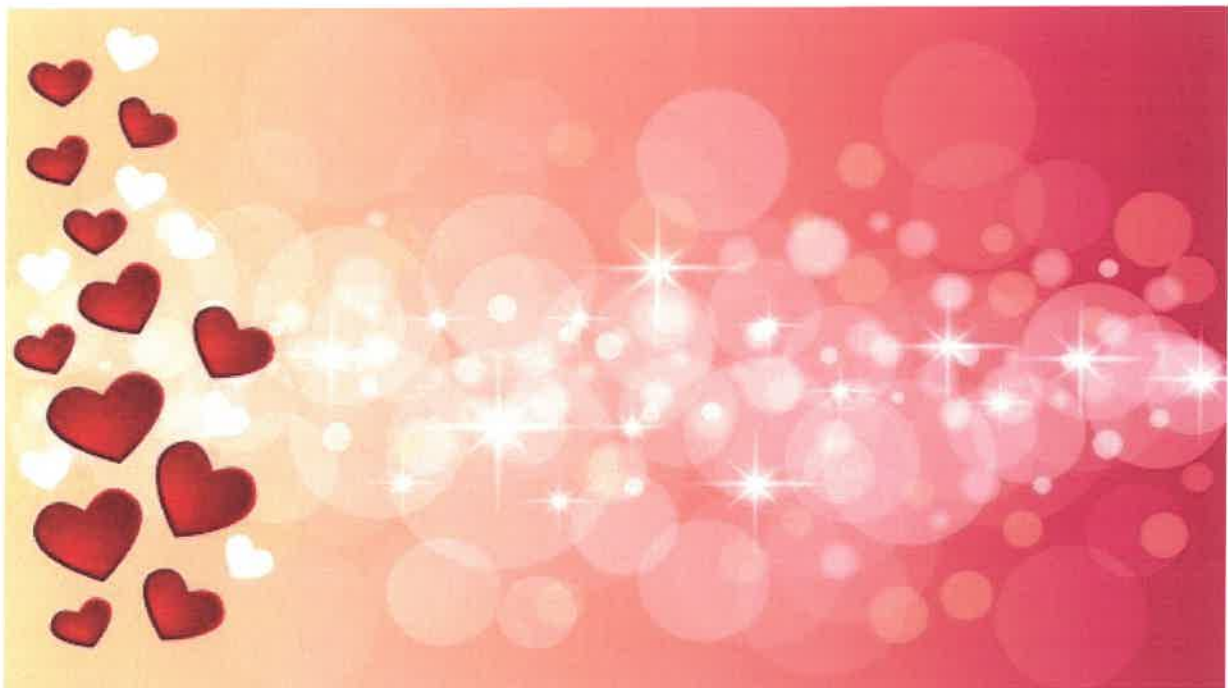
You're invited to our Scholastic  
**BOOK FAIR!**



PVE PTA will be hosting  
an Online Book fair  
2/4/21 – 2/25/21.  
Scan the QR code to go  
directly to the fairs  
page.



 SCHOLASTIC



# Happy Birthday!

## February:

**Nathan Alsup, Emma Archambeau, Elayna Bargmann, KayLee Barry, Remington Belt, Reagan Brunmaier, Riley Burdick, Tate Campnell, Cruz Chenoweth, Jolie Fontenot, Aiden Goff, Laken Griemsman, Marshall Holzer, Drew Hoover, Madison James, Carter Johnson, Olivia Markworth, Kinley Marler, Annalise Minor, Russell Minor, Corbin Otto, Dominic Pfister, Samuel Pitsor, Raleigh Ross, Hudson Shull, Cooper Venjohn, Marie Welch, Zayne Whistler, Makenzie Wilson, Taygen Wood**



## “THE CHARACTER

TRAIT FOR

FEBRUARY IS

“COURTESY”

GRACIOUSNESS,

POLITENESS,

CONSIDERATION,

GOOD MANNERS,

APPRECIATION.”



## School Board Policies

### Route Change Requests

1. Any and all requests for route changes or reconsideration must be submitted upon special form provided for same to the superintendent's office by April 1 to be included in the agenda of the regular April school board meeting. The school board will receive requests only at the April meeting, or when increase or decrease in student enrollment dictates. All decisions will be made at the August meeting. The Board may make exceptions to this procedure if unforeseen circumstances arise.
2. Consideration shall be given to the total length of route, the physical condition (safety of roads to be used), safety of pick-up points, age of children, number of families and cost factor. Prior commitments and extreme hardship may be considered.
3. Bad weather routes will be designated when routes are established. These may include alternate routes or deletion of unsafe or impassable portions during inclement weather.
4. Dead-ends and jogs shall be avoided if practical alternative routes are available.
5. All routes established and maintained due to negotiated school closings shall be continued unless more practical arrangements can be agreed upon. Such routes will not be extended unless compelling circumstances dictate.

### Schedules

1. Routes and schedules shall be planned to require a minimum amount of riding time for all students.
2. Every effort shall be made to run each bus route on schedule. A bus route must never be run earlier than the scheduled time.

**MEAL PRICES**

**Breakfast:**

Student - \$1.90

Adult - \$2.35

**ALA CARTE:**

Milk/Juice \$.50

# FEBRUARY

## Elementary 2020 Breakfast STURGIS, WHITEWOOD, PIEDMONT ELEMENTARY

TO MAKE DEPOSITS, SEE STUDENT TRANSACTIONS AND BALANCE, AND SIGN UP FOR LOW BALANCE NOTICES AT [WWW.MYSCHOOLBUCKS.COM](http://WWW.MYSCHOOLBUCKS.COM)

BREAKFAST INCLUDES DAILY: FRUIT, JUICE AND A VARIETY OF MILK \*\*YOGURT, CEREAL, BAGEL, & TOAST OFFERED AS DAILY ENTREES\*\*

|  |                                    |                                     |                                  |  |
|--|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------|--|
| 1<br>Cinnamon Bread  | 2<br>French Toast & Syrup          | 3<br>Biscuit & Sausage Gravy        | 4<br>Yogurt Parfait              | 5<br>Long John   |
| 8<br>Mini Pancakes   | 9<br>Sausage, Egg & Cheese Biscuit | 10<br>Banana Bread                  | 11<br>Chocolate Chip Oatmeal Bar | 12<br>Biscuit & Sausage Gravy  |
| 15<br> | 16<br>Pop Tart                     | 17<br>Muffin                        | 18<br>Smoothie & Granola         | 19<br>Banana Bread   |
| 22<br>Yogurt Parfait   | 23<br>Cinnamon Bread               | 24<br>Sausage, Egg & Cheese Biscuit | 25<br>French Toast & Syrup       | 26<br>No School<br> |
| 1<br>Chocolate Chip Muffin   | 2<br>Mini Pancakes                 | 3<br>Chocolate Chip Oatmeal Bar     | 4<br>Breakfast Burrito           | 5<br>Strawberry Bar  |

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**MEAL PRICES****LUNCH:**

Student - \$3.00

Adult - \$3.85

**ALA CARTE:**

Milk/Juice \$.50

**Elementary 2020 Lunch****STURGIS, WHITEWOOD, PIEDMONT ELEMENTARY**TO MAKE DEPOSITS, SEE STUDENT TRANSACTIONS AND BALANCE, AND SIGN UP FOR LOW BALANCE NOTICES AT [WWW.MYSCHOOLBUCKS.COM](http://WWW.MYSCHOOLBUCKS.COM)

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|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1<br>Burger<br>Crinkle French Fries<br>Baked Beans<br>Fruit & Milk Choices  | 2<br>Chicken Nuggets<br>Mashed Potatoes &<br>Country Gravy<br>Corn<br>T-Roll & Butter<br>Fruit & Milk Choices                     | 3<br>Meatball Sub<br>Steamed Broccoli<br>Potato Smiles<br>Fruit & Milk Choices                                    | 4<br>Chicken Drumstick<br>Mac & Cheese<br>Steamed Peas<br>Fruit & Milk Choices  | 5<br>Pepperoni Pizza Munchable<br>Baby Carrots<br>Fruit & Milk Choices<br>Rice Krispie Treat                                    |
| 8<br>Lasagna<br>Garlic Breadstick<br>Steamed Peas<br>Fruit & Milk Choices   | 9<br>Cheese Omelet & Sausage<br>Patty<br>Biscuit & Country Gravy<br>Baby Carrots<br>Dragon Punch Juice<br>Oranges<br>Milk Choices | 10<br>Walking Taco w/Beef<br>Doritos<br>Refried Beans<br>Corn<br>Salsa<br>Fruit & Milk Choices                    | 11<br>Popcorn Chicken<br>Steamed Broccoli<br>Mashed Potatoes &<br>Country Gravy<br>T-Roll & Butter<br>Fruit & Milk Choices  | 12<br>Cheese Pizza<br>Green Beans<br>Fruit Slushie<br>Milk Choices<br>Cookie  |
| 15<br><br>HAPPY PRESIDENTS DAY! | 16<br>Hot Dog w/Bun<br>Steamed Peas<br>Jo-Jo Potato Wedges<br>Fruit & Milk Choices  | 17<br>Cheesy Pasta w/Marinara<br>Sauce<br>Mozzarella Breadstick<br>Steamed Broccoli<br>Fruit & Milk Choices       | 18<br>Chicken Tender Strips<br>T-Roll & Butter<br>Mashed Potatoes &<br>Country Gravy<br>Green Beans<br>Milk Choices   | 19<br>Cinnamon French Toast &<br>Syrup<br>Sausage Patty<br>Potato Roundabouts<br>Dragon Punch Juice<br>Oranges<br>Milk Choices  |
| 22<br>Chicken Nuggets<br>T-Roll & Butter<br>Crinkle French Fries<br>Steamed Carrots<br>Fruit & Milk Choices       | 23<br>Corn Dog<br>Mac & Cheese<br>Steamed Peas<br>Fruit & Milk Choices  | 24<br>Super Nachos w/Beef<br>Corn Chips<br>Cheese Sauce<br>Refried Beans<br>Corn<br>Salsa<br>Fruit & Milk Choices | 25<br>Italian Dunkers<br>3 Meatballs &<br>Mozzarella Stuffed Bread Stick<br>Spaghetti Sauce<br>Carrots & Celery w/Ranch<br>Dressing<br>Fruit & Milk Choices<br>Mini Cinnamon Roll | 26<br><br>NO SCHOOL<br>Teacher Service Day |
| 1<br>Rib Patty Sandwich<br>Smiles<br>Steamed Peas<br>Fruit & Milk Choices   | 2<br>Asian Orange Chicken<br>Brown Rice<br>Stir-Fry Vegetables<br>Mandarin Oranges<br>Milk Choices<br>Fortune Cookie              | 3<br>Mini Corn Dogs<br>Steamed Broccoli<br>Mashed Potatoes &<br>Country Gravy<br>Fruit & Milk Choices             | 4<br>Walking Taco w/Beef<br>Doritos<br>Refried Beans<br>Corn<br>Salsa<br>Fruit & Milk Choices   | 5<br>Cheese Omelet<br>Waffle Sticks & Syrup<br>Potato Roundabouts<br>Dragon Punch Juice<br>Fruit & Milk Choices                 |

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## District Mission

"To Build Knowledge and Skills for Success Today and Tomorrow"

### Our Vision:

"Meade School District will work in conjunction with its community to provide excellent academics and co-curricular activities that develop life-long learners and productive citizens."

## CONTACTS

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## Don't Forget!

- ◆ Your child must be up to date on his/her immunizations before starting school!
- ◆ Please return all clothes borrowed from the nurse's office.