

# PIEDMONT VALLEY ELEMENTARY NEWS

October 2019



## UPCOMING EVENTS

- 10/8-10/10: PTA Book Fair, during conferences 3:30 p.m. –7:00 p.m.
- 10/8/19: Parent Teacher Conferences 4-7 p.m.
- 10/10/19: Parent Teacher Conferences 4-7 p.m.
- 10/11/19: Inservice, No School
- 10/14/19: Native American Day, No School
- 10/22/19: Student of the Month Assembly at 1:30 p.m.
- 10/24/19: Family Science & Robotics Night
- 11/8/19: Picture Retakes

## Principal's Corner

Dear Parents,

Fall has certainly arrived! I want to remind you that even though it may seem warm outside the temperatures can fall quickly. Please be sure that your student is dressed appropriately for school so we can minimize illness and maximize comfort! There are a few things that I want you to be aware of as October approaches.

### Orange Flag Days:

When the weather is cold or if it is wet and rainy we may put our orange flags up. This means that students will be housed in the old gym before school. This doesn't necessarily mean that the kids will be inside all day, it just means that the morning weather is too poor to be outside.

### Family Science & Robotics Night:

On Thursday, Oct. 24th we will be hosting family science & robotics night. This will be an evening of food, fellowship and learning. Dinner will start at 6:00 PM and fun activities involving science and robotics will follow.

### Parent / Teacher Conferences & Book Fair:

Parent / Teacher Conferences are quickly approaching. These are scheduled for Oct.8 and Oct.10. In addition we will be having our PTA Book Fair during conferences. We are excited to meet with you and to talk about your child's successes and the things they can work on. If you have any questions regarding conferences please feel to call your child's teacher or myself at 605.787.5295.

Yours in Education, Ethan



The CHARACTER TRAIT  
FOR OCTOBER IS  
"RESPONSIBILITY"

ACCOUNTABILITY, THINK-  
ING BEFORE ACTING, DO  
WHAT YOU ARE SUPPOSED  
TO DO



## Try Being a Leader at Piedmont Valley Elementary

Say "hello" to someone new before they say "hello" to you.

Do your homework over again because you know you can do it better!

Keep reading a book just because you like to read!

Say to yourself, today is going to be the BEST day ever and make your friends feel that way too!

Help someone and not expect that they will help you in return.

Find something that isn't yours and return it to its owner or the lost and found.

Pick a piece of paper/trash off the ground even though you did not throw it there!

Hold the door for someone behind you or who has their hands full.

Play a game and say to the other team, "Nice going!" when you lose.

Let someone else go first!

What else can you do to become a leader?

## New Staff

### Mrs. Simmons (KB)

My name is Michelle Simmons and I am so excited to be a part of PVE! I have been in the field of education for 26 years. I have had experience in special education and general ed., and have taught in TX and several towns in S.D. My passion is teaching and the "littles" hold a special place in my heart. Jeff and I have been married for 29 years and have 2 amazing children. Jacob, who graduated from USD in May, and will be pursuing a Juris Doctorate degree and Gwyneth, who is a Freshman at BHSU pursuing a degree in the medical field. I am thrilled that we were able to move back to the beautiful Black Hills and that I have been given an opportunity to teach with Meade 46-1, again. I enjoy anything that has to do with design and I love spending time with my family.

### Mrs. Weber (3C)

Hello,

My name is Rebecca Weber. I'm from Rapid City. I have taught for 30 years and this is my first year in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade. I have two adult children. I have a daughter who is 26 and has graduated from Northwestern University with her masters and my son Brook is currently a senior at the University of Minnesota. I am married and have been for 31 years. I enjoy fishing, walking my dog, and bike riding. I love teaching and am looking forward to many great years ahead at PVE.

### Mrs. Johnson (Dreambox/Lexia Paraprofessional)

Hello all!! My name is Wendy Johnson. I am super excited to be working with your student(s) on DreamBox and Lexia. I will also be working with the 1<sup>st</sup> grade team in the afternoons. I have been married to my husband Quenten for 16 years and we have 2 wonderful kids. My daughter, Hannah, is 11 and in the 6<sup>th</sup> grade at Stagebarn Middle School and my son, Carter, is 7 and in the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade here at Piedmont Valley. I was born and raised in Yankton and moved out to the Rapid City area 8 years ago. When I am not working I enjoy spending time with my family camping, being outside, reading a good book, watching Disney Movies and supporting my kids doing their activities. I am looking forward to spending time with your student(s) and watching them grow.

## New Staff Continued...

Nurse Natasha

I am 37. I have been a registered nurse for 15 years. I am married and have 2 kids. My husband's name is Adam and he is the supervisor for Game Fish and Parks for the Rapid City region. He also works for the Summerset police dept on occasion. My son is Gabriel. He is 5 years old and is in Mrs. Rundell's K class. My daughter is Remington "Remi" and is 23 months old. We live in Black Hawk and have 2 dogs and 1 cat. Quality family time is very important to me. I am the type of person who really strives to do the best I can in every situation. I am thrilled to be working at PVE! I learn something new every day.

Mrs. Hunsaker (Special Services)

I have two kids, 4 dogs, and 2 cats. We love to go camping and boating in the summer. We love to bake all sorts of goodies. We also ride a lot of dirt bikes, Harley's, and 4 wheelers in the summer along with snowboarding and skiing in the winter!

Mrs. Skovlund (Special Services)

Hello! I am originally from Brookings, SD. I graduated with an Early Childhood degree from SDSU and later went on to get my special education endorsement from BHSU. I am married and have 2 grown daughters. In my spare time I like to explore the black hills with our labs, watch SDSU sports and cook.

# NURSE NEWS

From your school Nurses  
Julie Dobler R.N, Heidi Komes R.N, Natasha Geigle R.N

It's back to school time! Which also means it's time to make sure your child is current on their immunizations! Just a friendly reminder, the state required Kindergarten vaccines are: 5 doses of DTAP (diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis,) 4 doses of Polio (IPV,) 2 doses of MMR (measles, mumps and rubella) and 2 doses of varicella (chickenpox.) The state required vaccines for 6<sup>th</sup> grade are TDAP (tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis) and Meningococcal (meningitis.) If you have any questions about these immunizations, please contact your primary care provider or one of the school nurses at 605-347-2610.



## Parents and Guardians

### You can take advantage of our Text Messaging Service

Our school utilizes the SchoolMessenger system to deliver text messages, straight to your mobile phone with important information about events, school closings, safety alerts and more.

You can participate in this free service\* just by sending a text message of “Y” or “Yes” to our school’s short code number, **67587**.

You can also opt out of these messages at any time by simply replying to one of our messages with “**Stop**”.

SchoolMessenger is compliant with the Student Privacy Pledge™, so you can rest assured that your information is safe and will never be given or sold to anyone.



**Opt-In from  
your mobile  
phone now!**



**Just send  
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**i** Information on SMS text messaging and Short Codes:

SMS stands for Short Message Service and is commonly referred to as a “text message”. Most cell phones support this type of text messaging. Our notification provider, SchoolMessenger, uses a true SMS protocol developed by the telecommunications industry specifically for mass text messaging, referred to as “short code” texting. This method is fast, secure and highly reliable because it is strictly regulated by the wireless carriers and only allows access to approved providers. If you’ve ever sent a text vote for a TV show to a number like 46999, you have used short code texting.

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# PTA Happenings

October:

8th & 10th - Book Fair (during conference times only)

17<sup>th</sup> - Final day to turn in Box Tops for contest

November:

11th - Breakfast with a buddy

18th - PTA Meeting 3pm PVE Library

How you can help...

**Box Top Collections**

Can be placed in the Minion trash can in the school lobby or given to the teacher

**Haggar's Receipts**

Can be placed in the Haggar's Receipts tote in the lobby or left at the store

**Pop Tabs**

These can be placed in the white collection can in the lobby that has the Ronald McDonald House logo on it.

## Happy Birthday!

### September:

William Adiar,  
Teagan  
Blankenfeld, Joshua  
Brown, Tripp  
Burruss, Evan  
Carrasco, Aleah  
Cassens, Layla  
Cox, Rylee Dolney,  
Brogan Ewing, Jace  
Gingras, Madyson  
Granum, Chase  
Green, Hamish  
Haakenson, Lucas  
Hamm, Isaac  
Hoiten, Conner  
Huling, Beck  
Johnston, Colter  
Jundt, Owen Kahler,  
Rowan Kaiser,  
Dayden Krebs,  
Kylee Kruse,  
Leonard Lame,  
Alexa Langstraat,  
Logan Lockhart,  
Finn McDonnell,  
Brayden Moeller,  
Leighton Moore,  
Jazzell Morton,

Atticus Pauling, Kaia  
Pederson, Tyler  
Pekron, Sylvia  
Pieper, Lorelei  
Porter, Christian  
Rath, Gage  
Remington, Slade  
Schroding, Brooklyn  
Shuman, Patrick  
Shyne, Hadley  
Siemonsma, Kabri  
Smith, Kylie  
Swanson, Brielle  
Taylor, Heidi  
Tibbetts, Kara  
Tibbetts, Eleanor  
Torno, Elisheva  
Torpey, Rhema  
Torpey, Faith  
VanderPol,  
Benjamin Waider,  
James Welch,  
Hayden Williamson,  
Tyra Williamson,  
Carson Wood

Birdsall, Kendalyn  
Brant, Rylee Cahill,  
Seth Carter, Kaiden  
Christianson, Ryun  
Eisenbraun, Kylee  
Hamilton, Elaine  
Jez, Raquel  
Johnston, Avery  
Jonas, Roman  
Jubie, Addilynn  
Kraft, Piper Leir,  
Cash Litzen, Sirena  
Mann, Terry Mann,  
Genevieve Matthew,  
Nevaeh Mckeown,  
Elaina Mercier,  
Elijah Miller, Judson  
Milstead, Jacob  
Paule, Emily Peck,  
Katrina Rooks,  
Benjamin Schwartz,  
Jocelyn Scott,  
Isabelle Sprecher,  
Brooke Sudbeck,  
Emma Troxel, Ellisa  
Vallette, Eleanor  
Waider, Adelynn  
Whitman

### October:

Jude Bergstrom,  
Nora Bickett, Eva



"Never let the fear of striking out keep you from playing the game."

~ Babe Ruth

## School Board Policies

### Attendance Policy

In accordance with school law, elementary and middle school students are expected to regularly attend school for the entire term.

Absences other than excused absences shall be considered truancy. Excessive absenteeism shall be defined as exceeding ten (10) days per school year for any reason. If a condition of excessive absenteeism occurs, the principal shall provide the parents/guardians with written notice of the school's concern. If absenteeism continues, legal authorities will be notified, unless it has been determined that the excessive absenteeism is for reasons beyond the control of the parent and/or student. (i.e. Illness and/or hospitalization).

Failure to attend school regularly and failure to make up required work are factors which will be considered in determining the promotion or retention of elementary and middle school students.





**Meal Prices:****Breakfast:**

Student—\$1.90

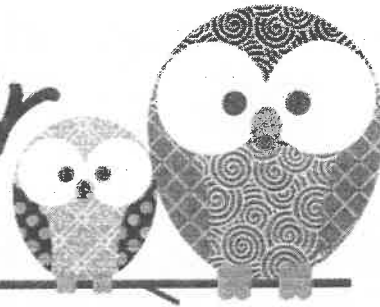
Adult—\$2.25

**Meal Prices:****Lunch:**

Student—\$2.85

Adult—\$3.75

# September



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## 2019 LUNCH STURGIS/WHITEWOOD/PIEDMONT ELEMENTARY/MIDDLE SCHOOLS

Fruit and a variety of milk, grab and go salad and sandwiches will be offered daily

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
2 NO SCHOOL  <b>Labor Day</b>	3 PASTA DAY Choices: <b>Chicken Alfredo</b> <b>Spaghetti &amp; Meatballs</b> Toss Salad, Carrots, Breadstick <b>GNG: Seven Layer Salad</b>	4 A: Mini Corn Dogs B: Chicken Strips T-Roll, Mashed Potato, Gravy, Steam Carrots  <b>GNG: Ham &amp; Cheese Sand.</b>	5 <b>Walking Taco</b> <b>Beef or Fajita Chicken</b> Chips, Lettuce, Cheese, Tomato, Refried Beans, Cinnamon Bread Stick  <b>GNG: Chicken Chef Salad</b>	6 Bacon Cheeseburger Bun, Lettuce, Tomato, Fries, Broccoli  <b>GNG: Chefs Choice</b>
9 A: Tomato Soup, B: Chicken Noodle Soup Grilled Cheese Sandwich Toss Salad, Peas  <b>GNG: Chicken Salad Sandwich</b>	10 A: Popcorn Chicken B: Country Fried Steak Mashed Potato, Country Gravy, Steam Broccoli, T-Roll  <b>GNG: Ham &amp; Cheese Sandwich</b>	11 A: Hamburger Deluxe B: Chicken Patty Bun, Lettuce, Tomato, Baked Beans  <b>GNG: Tuna Salad Sandwich</b>	12 Chicken Strips & Waffles Potato Rounds, Carrots  <b>GNG: Egg Salad Sandwich</b>	13 A: Cheese Pizza B: Calzone Toss Salad, Carrots & Celery  <b>GNG: Chefs Choice</b>
16 A: Mini Corn Dogs B: Chicken Strips Cheesy Peas, Potato Smiles, T-Roll  <b>GNG: Chicken Salad Sandwich</b>	17 <b>Taco Salad w/Dressing</b> <b>BEEF or CHICKEN</b> Corn Chips, Lettuce, Tomato, Cheese, Refried Beans, Cinnamon Breadstick  <b>GNG: Seven Layer Salad</b>	18 A: Meatball Sub B: Rib Patty/Bun (Elementary) B: Buffalo Chicken Sub (Middle Schools) Steam Broccoli Sweet Potato Fries  <b>GNG: Chicken Chef Salad</b>	19 A: Lasagna B: Chicken Nuggets Breadstick, Toss Salad, Carrots  <b>GNG: Tuna Salad Sandwich</b>	20 <b>Chili Dog</b> or <b>"Bowl of Chili"</b> <b>w/ Crackers</b> Fries, Corn, Mini Cinnamon Roll  <b>GNG: Chefs Choice</b>
23 A: Hamburger Deluxe B: Chicken Patty Bun, Lettuce, Tomato, Baked Beans  <b>GNG: Chicken Salad Sandwich</b>	24 A: Cheese Hot Dog/Bun B: Cheese Steak/Bun Potato Roasters, Baby Carrots  <b>GNG: Ham &amp; Cheese Sandwich</b>	25 PASTA DAY Choices: <b>Chicken Alfredo</b> <b>Spaghetti &amp; Meatballs</b> Toss Salad, Carrots, Breadstick  <b>GNG: Seven Layer Salad</b>	26 A: Chicken Drumstick B: Corn Dog Mac & Cheese, Steam Peas  <b>GNG: Chicken Chef Salad</b>	27 French Toast, Sausage Links, Potato Rounds, Baby Carrots  <b>GNG: Chefs Choice</b>
30 A: Fish Nuggets B: Chicken Nuggets Fries, T-Roll, Fresh Spinach Salad, Sugar Cookie  <b>GNG: Turkey Sandwich</b>	1 <b>Super Nacho</b> <b>BEEF or CHICKEN</b> Chips, Lettuce, Tomato, Refried Beans, Nacho Cheese, Cinnamon Sugar Breadstick  <b>GNG: Seven Layer Salad</b>	2 A: Popcorn Chicken B: Country Fried Steak Mashed Potato, Country Gravy, Steam Broccoli, T-Roll  <b>GNG: Ham &amp; Cheese Sandwich</b>	3 A: Teriyaki Chicken B: Tangerine Chicken Stir Fry Vegetables, Baby Carrots, Steam Rice  <b>GNG: Chicken Chef Salad</b>	4 A: Cheese Pizza B: Calzone Toss Salad, Carrots & Celery  <b>GNG: Chefs Choice</b>

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### 2019 BREAKFAST STURGIS/WHITEWOOD/PIEDMONT/MIDDLE SCHOOL

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

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
2 NO SCHOOL 	3 A: French Toast Sticks  B: Sausage Egg Omelet (Frittata)	4 A: Scrambled Eggs & Toast  B: Cinnamon Bread	5 A: Biscuit & Gravy  B: "Cinni Minni's"	6 A: Smoothie  B: Scones
9 A: Egg & Cheese Mini John  B: Banana Bread	10 A: Cheese Omelet, Sausage & Toast  B: Mini Pancakes	11 A: Cinn. & Sugar Toast  B: Pancake on a Stick	12 A: Cinnamon Roll  B: Breakfast Pizza	13 A: Cheesy Eggs & Toast  B: Cinnamon Bread
14 A: Waffles  B: Egg & Cheese Mini John	15 A: Cheesy Eggs & Toast  B: Long John	16 A: "Cinni Minni's"  B: Cheese Omelet & Toast	17 A: Yogurt Parfait  B: Choc.Chip Oatmeal Breakfast Bar	18 A: Smoothie  B: Scones
23 A: Cinnamon Sugar Toast  B: Scrambled Eggs & Toast	24 A: Cheese Omelet & Toast  B: Banana Bread	25 A: Cinnamon Bread  B: Yogurt Banana Split	26 A: Egg & Cheese Biscuit  B: Long John	27 A: Waffles  B: Sausage Egg Omelet (Frittata)
30 A: Cheese Omelet & Toast  B: Long John	1 A: French Toast Sticks  B: Sausage Egg Omelet (Frittata)	2 A: Scrambled Eggs & Toast  B: Cinnamon Bread	3 A: Biscuit & Gravy  B: "Cinni Minni's"	4 A: Smoothie  B: Scones

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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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Natasha Geigle

Nurse

## School Hours

KG & 2nd: 7:45 am (tardy after 7:55 am) - 2:40 pm

3rd & 4th: 7:35 am (tardy after 7:45 am) - 2:45 pm