

# PIEDMONT VALLEY ELEMENTARY STALLION NEWS

DECEMBER 2019



## UPCOMING EVENTS

- 12/2/19: Geography Bee at 1:15 pm
- 12/13/19: PVE Winter Concert Kindergarten & 1st Grade
- 12/16/19: Alternate Winter Concert for Inclement Weather
- **Morning Concert**  
8:45-9:00 am: Honor Choir  
9:00-9:30 am: Kindergarten  
9:30-10:00 am: 1st Grade
- **Afternoon Concert**  
1:15-1:30 pm: Honor Choir  
1:30-2:00 pm: Kindergarten  
2:00-2:30 pm: 1st Grade
- 12/17/19: Student of the Month Assembly at 1:30 pm
- 12/23-1/3: Christmas break
- 1/6/20: School resumes

## Principal's Corner

Dear Parents,

It has been a very busy fall with many activities occurring. As we enter the holiday season our school will continue with its busy schedule and many activities.

On December 13th we will host our annual Holiday Concert. Students in Kindergarten – 1<sup>st</sup> Grade and Honor Choir will have the opportunity to perform for you and I would encourage you to attend this great event. I am confident that Ms. Pickford will put on a great show and I am certain you will not be disappointed.

On November 22nd you should have received your child's report card. If you didn't please contact the office. This is an exciting time as you will be given some insight on your child's academic progress. I would ask that you contact your child's teacher if you have any questions regarding what is on the report card. This is an opportunity for us to communicate to you, your child's progress, and we take that very seriously.

As December comes and goes the weather continues to get colder. Your child's safety and well being is important to us so we ask that you dress your child appropriately. Within this newsletter you will find some "cold weather expectations" in regards to what your child should be wearing when they are outside in the elements. We want your child to have the opportunity to play so we do encourage the kids to get outside as often as possible. Please review these expectations carefully and respect these guidelines.

I want to thank you one more time for entrusting your kids to us. We take our responsibility very seriously here and work hard to give your child a safe and quality education.

Yours in Education,  
Ethan Dschaak

# WEATHER GUIDELINES:

If the temperature is above 55, the children may wear short sleeve shirts.

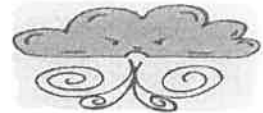
If the temperature is 45-55 the children



must wear sweatshirts or  
or light jackets.

If the temperature is below 45 the children must wear a winter coat.

If the temperature is below 0



(including wind chill) the children will  
stay inside.

Please also wear the necessary shoes for  
the weather!



You are invited to:  
**Piedmont Valley Elementary's  
Winter Concerts**

**Featuring: Our very own *PVE Honor Choir*  
AND  
*Kindergarten & 1<sup>st</sup> Grade!***

Where: PVE Gym

When: Friday, December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2019

**8:45 – 9:00 PVE Honor Choir  
9:00 – 9:30 Kindergarten  
9:30 – 10:00 1<sup>st</sup> Grade**

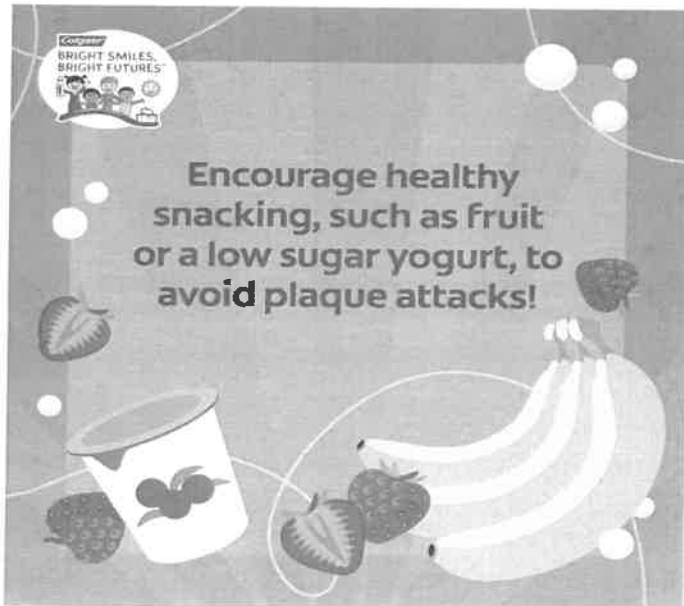
**1:15 – 1:30 PVE Honor Choir  
1:30 – 2:00 Kindergarten  
2:00 – 2:30 1<sup>st</sup> Grade**



# NURSE NEWS

## NURSE NEWS for DECEMBER

From your school nurses: Julie Dobler, RN Heidi Komes, RN Natasha Geigle, RN



### IMPORTANT FACTS ON DENTAL HYGIENE

The Dental Bus for Piedmont Valley Elementary will be onsite February 10th-14th.

Sign-up forms will be sent out after Christmas break.

Laminated tooth brushing charts will be sent home for your child to help reinforce brushing twice a day! Use stickers or a dry erase marker to keep track!

# News from the Library

*Oh the weather outside is frightful...  
which is fine, because we have plenty of books to keep us entertained.*

As the first half of the year comes to a close, our youngest students have been introduced to a string of new authors and are learning the basics of libraries and how they serve our schools and communities.

Those who are a little older have followed authors and illustrators through online interviews discussing the artistic process, the book industry, and where ideas come from. My goal is to make these professionals accessible to students and their work tangible examples of dedication, practice, and success. We are also exploring new ways to access stories and content, most recently with an introduction to podcasts.



At least once each month our lessons explore the STEAM skills (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math.) We are not alone in adding this to our library curriculum. Historically, libraries have always been on the forefront of connecting people to the information they need or want. That mission extends beyond books, and there is incredible content available online for students on these topics.

This year each of my three schools (Sturgis Elem, Piedmont Elem, and Whitewood Elem) welcomed authors through the SD Festival of Books. Third graders received copies of *Tatanka and other Legends of the Lakota People* by Donald F. Montileaux. During the Festival, students from Sturgis and Piedmont visited the beautiful and historic Homestake Opera House in Lead for a presentation by the author and an opportunity to have their books signed.

In other free book news, first graders all received a copy of *Porter the Hoarder and the Ransacked Room* by Rebecca Swift and Sean Covel. It's a delightful and engaging read made possible by Black Hills Reads.

Finally, I'm writing this just before Thanksgiving. In the spirit of gratitude, I want to take a moment to thank you. Each time you purchase at one of our book fairs throughout the year, we're able to add new books to our library and/or classrooms. This is such a vital part of keeping our collection fresh and our students engaged.

Also, thank you for all you do to support and encourage a love of reading for your child at home. Those quick stories before bed make such a huge difference in their days and in their life.

Thank you for that and all you do to make this such a wonderful place to teach.

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THE CHARACTER

TRAIT FOR

DECEMBER IS

“COMPASSION”

CARING, CHARITY,

SHARING,

CONCERN,

KINDNESS,

ACCEPTING

UNDERSTANDING

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# PE News

## Physical Education Progress

It has been a great year so far at PVE! As a second-year teacher, each day is very rewarding and challenging. I enjoy watching students enter the gym with a smile on their faces. I would say my favorite part of each day is watching students have the moment where they “get it”.

So far K-2 have worked on and learned many basic locomotor movements and exercises (skipping, galloping, hopping, jumping, sliding, high knees, cherry pickers, burpees and many more). It is very easy to see their progress not only from the beginning of the year to now, but from the beginning of one class to the end of one class.

2<sup>nd</sup> grade through 4<sup>th</sup> grade have also learned many new vocabulary words throughout the year such as: reaction, endurance, strength, coordination, balance and various muscles (calf, hamstring, quadricep and deltoid).

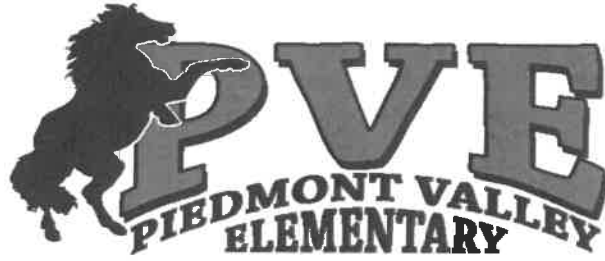
In the coming month or so, we will be completing numerous tests that measure our progress throughout the year. The tests will measure strength, endurance, flexibility and lung capacity. Near the end of the year, those same students will be tested again to determine their progress. If you want to know more, ask the students how the PACER test went.

We will begin our baseball/batting unit soon. I also plan to teach many activities to improve hand-eye coordination. I hope the students have enjoyed the year as much as I have so far.

I am excited to see their progress throughout the year!

Mr. Gatzke





The Piedmont Valley Elementary Student Council is sponsoring a project to emphasize our December Character trait, Compassion. The project will benefit the Piedmont-Black Hawk-Summerset Food Pantry. We would like to collect the food and paper products listed below to help families in our area.

**Kick-off is Monday, November 18, 2019**

**Please send the following items to school with your child/  
children during these weeks:**

**November 18-22: Any nonperishable boxed dry food**

**Examples:** (Hamburger Helper, mac-n-cheese, pasta/rice sides, ramen  
noodles, oatmeal, pancake mixes, crackers, dessert)

**November 25-December 6: Any canned/jarred food**

**Examples:** (Canned meats, soups, peanut butter, jelly, spaghetti sauce, dressing,  
gravy, fruit, vegetables)

**December 9-13: Paper towels, toilet paper, laundry/bar soap**

**Thank you for supporting families in our community!**



## 1st Trimester Perfect Attendance

**Kindergarten:** Jude Bergstrom, Joshua Brown, Tripp Burress, Layla Cox, Wyatt Farley, Oliver Hartung, Tresler Hauck, Jenson Hollearn, Bryce Hough, Anna Jimenez, Maxwell Kruger, Kinley Marler, Neveah McKeown, Cooper Mez, Kynleigh Miller, Lincoln Odegaard, Paxton Patterson, Vander Relf, Ben Waider, Killian Worthington

**1st Grade:** Emma Archambeau, Lochlan Calvert, Tate Campnell, Rylee Dolney, Alexandria Hall, Taylor Hodina, Madison James, Alexa Langstraat, Mason Maendel, Emma Seidl, Theodore Wade, Noah Wagner, Hudson Williamson

**2nd Grade:** Owen Bickett, Charlotte Bult, Riley Burdick, Brooklyn Burgner, Nathan Goethals, Aliyah Harris, Nolan Hautala, Addison Heid, Carson Hodina, Thomas Jacobsen, Maya Jimenez, William Kunza, Terry Mann, Nathan Maxwell, Brayden Moeller, Turner Montgomery, Jazzell Morton, Brooke Ozuna, Zakariah Schweitzer, Rylan Torno, Eleanor Waider, Sage Whitman, Damian Wolber

**3rd Grade:** Jace Andersen, Sydney Andrzejewski, Kinlee Bryant, Finn Harrington, Lane Holzer, Hailey Kamppinen, MeKenna Leidholt, Paisley Patterson, Jacob Paule Easton Stahl, Tyra Williamson, Sonnie Yotter

**4th Grade:** Tylee Bestgen, Audrina Blankenfeld, Peyton Foster, Angela Holzer, Colter Jundt, Clara Kruger, Riley McKeown, Beau Odegaard, Caleb Rogers, Frederick Weishaar, Ellesye Williams

# PIEDMONT CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING



PIEDMONT PARK, PIEDMONT SD

DECEMBER 1, 2019  
3:00PM - 5:00PM







TAKE THE TIME TO  
READ THE STUDENT-  
PARENT HANDBOOK



## December

Lanna Argiz, Leyton Beck, Ivan Bonrud, Katelyn Brant, Charlotte Bult, Alexandria Burdick, Kaelee Chayka, Timothy Cortier, Kennadee Delaney, Griffin Ewing, Cruz Frame, Owen Hanson, Eloise Harwood, Josselin Hunt, Leyton Jones, Dylan Larsen, Grady Mason, Emmett Matthew, Annabella McKeown, Izzabella McKeown, Gage Miller, Turner Montgomery, Orion Nelson, Beau Odegaard, Nolan Oliver, Kannon Page, Carter Raterman, Evan Samarin, Paxton Skinner, Acaia Teeters, Louis Two Eagle, Tucker Waddell, Josefine Woidt

Congratulations to the PVE Spelling Bee Finalists:

1st-Leighton Moore

2nd-Cole Seidl

3rd-Kassidy Shouldis

**File: JED**

### ATTENDANCE POLICY

#### Elementary Schools and Middle School:

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

**Ala Carte:**








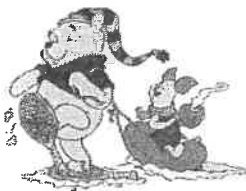

Milk/Juice \$.50

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

**Grab'N'Go Sandwich and Salad Choices offered Daily, along with Milk and Fruit.**

2 Hamburger Deluxe or Chicken Patty Sandwich with Lettuce, Tomato, Assorted Vegetables Baked Beans	3 Cheese Steak Sandwich or Cheesy Hot Dog With Jo-Jo Potato's and Steamed Carrots	4 <b>PASTA DAY</b> Choices: Chicken Alfredo or Meatballs and Marinara over Pasta With Toss Salad, Carrots, and a Breadstick	5 Chicken Drumstick or Corn Dog With Macaroni and Cheese and Steamed Peas	6 French Toast and Sausage Patty Hash Brown Rounds, Baby Carrots and Oranges
9 Potato Crunch Fish Nuggets or Chicken Nuggets with Fries, T-Roll, Fresh Spinach Salad, and a Sugar Cookie	10 <b>SUPER NACHOS</b> BEEF or CHICKEN With Chips, Lettuce, Tomato, Refried Beans, Nacho Cheese, Salsa, and a Cinnamon Sugar Breadstick	11 Popcorn Chicken or Country-Fried Steak with Mashed Potatoes, Country Gravy, Steamed Broccoli, T-Roll and Butter	12 Teriyaki Chicken or Tangerine Chicken with Stir Fry Vegetables over Steamed Rice, Baby Carrots & Oranges, and a Fortune Cookie	13 Cheese Pizza or Calzone with Marinara Sauce With Tossed Salad and Fresh Veggies, Ranch, and a Fruit Slushie <b>PVE CONCERT DAY MENU</b> Grab Bag: Ham or Wowbutter Sandwich, String Cheese, Finger Veggies and Ranch, Applesauce Cup, Rice Krispie Treat
16 Mr. Rib Sandwich or Chicken Patty Sandwich with Potato Smiles and Cheesy Broccoli	17 <b>PASTA DAY</b> Choices: Chicken Alfredo or Meatballs and Marinara over Pasta With Fresh Spinach Salad, Carrots, and a Breadstick	18 Mini Corn Dogs or Chicken Strips With Mashed Potatoes and Gravy, Steamed Carrots and a T-Roll and Butter	19 <b>WALKING TACO</b> BEEF or CHICKEN with Chips, Lettuce, Cheese, Tomato, Refried Beans, Salsa, and a Cinnamon Bread Stick	20 Bacon Cheeseburger with Lettuce and Tomato, Fries, and Green Beans
23 	24 	25 	26 <b>CHRISTMAS BREAK</b> 	
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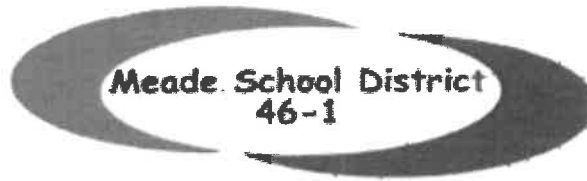
## 2019 BREAKFAST STURGIS/WHITEWOOD/PIEDMONT/MIDDLE SCHOOL

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

2 A: Egg & Cheese Biscuit  B: Banana Bread	3 A: Cheese Omelet, Sausage & Toast  B: Mini Pancakes	4 A: Cinnamon & Sugar Toast  B: Pancake on a Stick	5 A: Cinnamon Roll  B: Breakfast Pizza	6 A: Cheesy Eggs & Toast  B: Cinnamon Bread
9 A: Waffles  B: Egg & Cheese Biscuit	10 A: Cheesy Eggs & Toast  B: Long John	11 A: Flavored Muffin  B: Cheese Omelet & Toast	12 A: Yogurt Parfait  B: Choc. Chip Oatmeal Breakfast Bar	13 A: Smoothie  B: Scones
16 A: Cinnamon Sugar Toast  B: Scrambled Eggs & Toast	17 A: Cheese Omelet & Toast  B: Banana Bread	18 A: Cinnamon Bread  B: Yogurt Banana Split	19 A: Egg & Cheese Biscuit  B: Long John	20 A: Waffles  B: Breakfast Wrap
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**"THIS INSTITUTION IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY PROVIDER"**

Menu items subject to change.



### 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."

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