

Piedmont Valley Elementary Stallion News

November 2018

Upcoming Events

- **11/02/18: Inservice, No school**
- **11/15/18: Cookie Dough Delivery, pick up orders 2-6 p.m., old PVE gym**
- **11/9/18: Picture Retakes**
- **11/12/18: Veterans Day Program at 9:00 am**
- **11/14/18: Moms Breakfast at 7:00 am**
- **11/21/18-11/23/18: Thanksgiving Day, No School**
- **11/27/18: Student of the Month assembly at 1:30 pm**
- **12/14/18 Holiday Concert for 2-4 grade**

Principal's Corner



Cookie Dough Delivery:

On November 8th Great American Fundraisers will be delivering product for our 2017 fundraiser activity. This is a HUGE endeavor and very important to us. Please make sure you take the time to allow your family to pick up your child's cookie dough orders. It's important that the product is delivered in a timely manner to all of those who have ordered from the fundraiser. Pick-up will occur from 2:00 PM until 6:00 PM in the old gym. We look forward to seeing you on the day of the delivery and thank you for supporting our school!

ALICE Drill:

On October 29th we completed our first ALICE Drill. ALICE is an acronym for Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, and Evacuate. We completed this drill in cooperation with the Meade County Sheriff's Department, Summerset Police Department and the Meade School District Buildings and Grounds. The opportunity to practice and prepare for the unthinkable is an invaluable opportunity. I am proud to say that our teachers showed great leadership during the drill, our students were astute to what they needed to do, and administration and police force had the opportunity to debrief and learn from the exercise.

Science & Robotics Night:

On October 25th Piedmont Valley Elementary hosted the 2nd Annual Science & Robotics Night. The event was supported by an unprecedented number of parents and students. The event was a great success and a special thanks needs to be extended to our staff for volunteering their time at this great event.

MUSIC ROOM NEWS



WHAT'S NEW THIS YEAR?

This school year, I am happy to introduce you to the Piedmont Valley Fourth Grade Honor Choir. This is an auditioned choir and is specifically made for the students who love both music and singing. Students will rehearse twice a week for 30 minutes. The students who will be representing this Honor Choir include Carson Hautala, Brett Spear, Nevaeh Heid, Brooke Montgomery, Rylee Heminger, Brinna Sheldon, Mia Smith, Abbigail Stietz, Joslyn Page, Calleigh Hagemann, Charlie Knutson, Paige Phillips, Elizabeth Kile, Mackyala Dryden, Kaylynn Paule, Skyelynn Taylor, Adalin Jonson, and Destiny Ownbey.

2018 SOUTH DAKOTA HONOR CHOIR





Charlie Knutson is our one and only student who will be representing Piedmont Valley Elementary School in the annual Honor Choir event that is held in Rapid City this year. He is busy preparing five contrasting pieces of choral literature. He will perform from memory at the SDMEA sponsored concert on Saturday, October 27, 2018. Many thanks to the parents/guardians of Charlie and also the staff at PVE, specifically Mrs. Bernhagen, for their support in this effort.

MUSIC STANDARDS

- Sing alone and with others, a varied repertoire of music.
- Perform 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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Here are the upcoming concert events. I hope to see you all there!

- **Veteran's Day Program: November 12th**
 - Featuring all grade levels
 - **Winter Concert: December 14th**
 - Featuring grades 2 – 4
 - **Spring concert: March 8th**
 - Featuring grades K – 1 and Piedmont Valley Honor Choir
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The ABC's of Kindergarten

Alphabet-We will learn to identify all 26 letters of the alphabet.

Books-We love to read and listen to books!

Counting-We have been working hard in math on counting up to 12 objects.

Dreambox-Dreambox is a technology based math program that we use daily.

Excited-We are excited to learn!

Friends-We have made many new friends this year already.

Geometry-We will learn about 2D and 3D shapes this year.

Hands on Learning-We love to integrate hands on activities.

Independence-We encourage the students to do as much as they can on their own.

Jobs-Each room has special classroom jobs.

Kindness-We love to see kindness in our classrooms.

Lexia-Lexia is a technology based reading program that we use.

Measuring-We are learning about measurement.

Name-Our children have been working hard on writing their names.

Organized-Each child is responsible for keeping their supplies organized.

Phonics-We are working on letter sounds and blending words together.

Questions-We are working on raising our hand to ask questions.

Recess-We have three recesses during the school day.

Sight Words-We will learn 40 different sight words this year.

Taking Turns-We are practicing how to take turns with our friends.

Unique-Each child has a unique learning style. We provide many different ways to learn.

Verbs-We are learning about verbs.

Writing-We have been writing words, numbers, and letters.

X-tra help-We LOVE having Miss Becky (Our paraprofessional) around to help in each classroom.

Yes we love school!

Zippering-Many students are able to zip their coats on their own.

Junior Kindergarten

Mrs. Small

Junior kindergarten is a new class at PVE this year. It is a stepping stone for young five-year-olds who need an extra year to get ready for Kindergarten. We work on our fine motor skills, alphabet and number knowledge, and social skills. Our schedule is the same as the rest of the students.

There are 15 kiddos in my class who are eager to learn. They have discovered how much fun nursery rhymes can be. Everyone is learning to cut or trace exactly on a line by using a variety of different writing utensils! The JK kids know all about patterns and are learning about the numbers. We have finished a unit on measurement. We have started learning about the letters and their sounds. Everyone will get a chance to be a "letter expert" by finding things at home to share with their friends at school.

We are so excited to have the opportunity to be on this adventure together!

New Staff

Ms. Rundell - Kindergarten


Hello! My name is Sara Rundell. I grew up in Sturgis, SD. I also graduated from High School in Sturgis. I attended Black Hill State University and graduated in May of 2018. I live in the Black Hills with my husband and our 2 dogs and cat. I love being outdoors in the hills. I enjoy hiking, baking and reading. I am excited to be teaching Kindergarten here at PVE!

Mr. Bradford - First Grade

A little about me... I am a first-year teacher that grew up in Rapid City. I graduated from St. Thomas More High school in 2013, and I perused my teaching degree from Black Hills State. I love sports, growing up I was a varsity wrestler since 7th grade, varsity baseball from 8th grade, and cross country captain my last two years of High School. I also love to build many different things. My wife and I have two wonderful black labs, that require us to go out and hike on the weekends in order to burn off some of that energy. The last thing I will leave you with is a thank you; thank you for welcoming me into the Piedmont Valley Elementary family. I could not ask for a better school to start my career in and I am very proud to be a Stallion.

NURSE NEWS

From your school Nurses: Julie Dobler, R.N., Jennifer Oedekeoven, R.N., Heidi Komes, R.N.




BRAIN INJURY IN KIDS

ALMOST half A MILLION KIDS are treated in an emergency department each year for traumatic brain injury*, including concussion.

* alone or along with other injuries or conditions.

THAT'S MORE THAN 5,000 OF THE NATION'S LARGEST SCHOOL BUSES FILLED TO CAPACITY.




SOME BRAIN INJURY SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS

- Headache
- Dizziness
- Blurred Vision
- Difficulty Thinking Clearly
- Sensitivity to Noise & Light

LEARN MORE SYMPTOMS @

www.cdc.gov/TraumaticBrainInjury




50%

of BRAIN INJURIES AMONG KIDS


ARE DUE TO FALLS

WHAT TO DO if you think a child has A BRAIN INJURY


- ▲ ASSESS THE SITUATION
- BE ALERT FOR BRAIN INJURY SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS
- Ⓒ CONTACT A HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONAL




HELP KEEP KIDS SAFE from BRAIN INJURY




Use gates at the top and bottom of stairs to prevent serious falls among infants and toddlers.




Use child safety seats and booster seats that are correct for a child's age and weight. Make sure they are properly installed.



Make sure your child always wears the right helmet for their activity and that it fits correctly.



Use playgrounds with a soft landing surface (such as sand or wood chips, not dirt or grass).



U. S. Department of Health and Human Services
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

LEARN more AT:
www.cdc.gov/TraumaticBrainInjury



November:

Matilda Bergstrom, Cameron Borries, Constance Cranmer, Angelene Cranmore, Madison Diehl, Lilliana Fees, Waylon Fitzgerald, Graham Griffith, Taylor Grover, Vernon Halter, Finn Harrington, Ethan Heisinger, Angela Holzer, Jamine Jackson, Thomas Jacobsen, Parker Lehi, Mason Matthew, Bridger Mes, Bode Montgomery, Brooke Montgomery, Ethan Mutter, Riley Mutter, Sarah Pittman, Ian Ray Holbrooks, Miranda Rude, Reese Sheperd, Sawyer Tschakert, Danica Turnbow, Noah Wagner, Grace Walburg, Austin Walker



The Character trait for November is "Citizenship" - Loyal, Patriotic, Leadership, Public Spirit, Volunteerism, Respect, Authority, Obey

October Students of the Month: Character trait for October is "Responsibility."

2nd Grade: Kannon Page, Easton Stahl, Ava Tobin, Emma Sheldon, Gunner Bennett, Nash Wilston

3rd Grade: Seth Carter, Grace Wilson, Garrett Rohloff, Cassidy Shouldis, Reegan Turnquist, Alexandria Burdick, Aydan Rhodes, Audrina Blankenfeld

4th Grade: Logan Huling, Katie Miller, Charlie Knutson, E.J. Brant, Mackyala Dryden, Brinna Sheldon, Dane Wilston







November



2018 Lunch Sturgis/WhiteWood/Piedmont/Middle School

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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	28 A: Rib Patty/Bun B: Hot Dog/Bun Baked Beans, Mashed Sweet Potato GNG: Egg Salad Sandwich	29 A: Pulled Pork/Bun B: Hamburger/Bun Fries, Steam Peas GNG: Chicken Chef	30 A: Lasagna B: Pizza Toss Salad, Baby Carrots, Garlic Breadstick GNG: Chicken Salad on Ciabatta Bread	1 A: Popcorn Chicken B: Steak Sticks Mashed Potato, White Gravy Steam Broccoli, T-Roll GNG: Seven Layer Salad	2 In-Service NO SCHOOL	Breakfast Includes: Half-pint Milk Fruit or Juice
Free & Reduced Applications are available at all school offices	5 A: Meatloaf B: Chicken Nuggets Mashed Potato, Gravy, Slice Bread, Green Beans GNG: Chef Salad w/Cheese	6 A: Tomato Soup, B: Chicken Noodle Soup Grilled Cheese Sandwich Carrots & Celery GNG: Chicken Salad on Ciabatta Bread	7 Walking Taco Chicken or Beef Lettuce, Cheese, Tomato, Refried Beans, Cinnamon Bread Stick GNG: Seven Layer Salad	8 A: Crispy Chicken Sandwich B: Egg, Sausage Cheese Bisquit Hash Browns, Carrots GNG: Turkey Cheese Sandwich	9 A: Pocket Pizza B: Lasagna Toss Salad, Breadstick Fresh Broccoli GNG: Ham Chef Salad	Lunch Includes: Half-pint Milk
	12 PASTA DAY Choices: Chicken Alfredo Spaghetti & Meatballs Toss Salad, Carrots GNG: Egg Salad Sandwich	13 A: Chicken Strips B: Fish Nuggets Fries, Broccoli, T-Roll GNG: Chicken Chef Salad	14 A: Tater Tot Casserole & Breadstick B: Meatball Sub & Potato Roasters Green Beans GNG: Tuna Sandwich	15 A: Country Fried Steak B: Chicken Patty Mashed Potato, White Gravy, Carrots T-Roll GNG: Ham Chef Salad	16 Beef or Chicken Quesadilla Lettuce, Tomato's Refried Beans, Cookie GNG: Turkey Cheese Sandwich	Seasonal fruit offered daily
	19 A: Super Nacho Lettuce, Tomato, Nacho Cheese, Fiesta Beans, Cinnamon Breadstick GNG: CHEFS CHOICE	20 A: Chicken Drumstick B: Turkey Roast Mashed Potato/Gravy, T-Roll, Steam Broccoli Cookie GNG: CHEFS CHOICE	21  NO SCHOOL	22  Happy Thanksgiving	23 NO SCHOOL	Meal Prices: Breakfast— Student—\$1.90 Adult—\$2.15
	26 A: Chicken Strips B: Country Fried Steak Mashed Potato/Gravy, Broccoli, T-Roll GNG: Chicken Chef Salad	27 A: Terr. Chicken B: Orange Chicken Stir Fry Vegetables, Baby Carrots, Rice Fortune Cookie GNG: Turkey Cheese Sandwich	28 Beef Tacos *Choose: Chips or Tortilla, Lettuce, Cheese, Tomato, Refried Beans, Cinnamon Bread Stick GNG: Tuna Sandwich	29 A: Hamburger/Bun B: Mini Corn Dog Green Beans, Fries GNG: Chicken Salad on Ciabatta Bread	30 A: Hot Dog/Bun B: Pulled Pork/Bun Mac & Cheese, Baby Carrots & Celery GNG: Ham Chef Salad	Lunch- Middle/Elem only Student—\$2.85 Adult—\$3.65 Juice—\$.50 Ala Cart

• GNG = Grab and Go Boxes



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."

School Board Policies

File: IICC

SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS

The Board encourages the use of volunteers to support instructional programs, extracurricular activities, and administrative functions.

A volunteer is a person who works on an occasional or regular basis at school sites or other educational facilities to support the efforts of professional personnel. Such an adult volunteer worker will serve in that capacity without compensation or employee benefits of any type, except for workers' compensation. Volunteers will work with students under the immediate supervision and direction of a certificated employee. Volunteers are expected to comply with all policies and administrative regulations of the District.

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