

PIEDMONT VALLEY ELEMENTARY STALLION NEWS



January 2020

•UPCOMING EVENTS

- 1/13: PTA Meeting, 3:00pm in the library
- 1/20: No school, Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- 1/21: S.O.M., at 1:30 pm
- 2/25 & 2/27: Parent/Teacher conferences, 4-7 pm
- 2/10-2/14: Dental Bus
- 3/13: Spring Concert for grades 2-4

Principal's Corner

Dear Parents,

It has been a very busy fall with many activities occurring. As we move past the holiday season and prepare for winter we will continue to have many activities happening.

On January 18-20 the kids will enjoy a three day weekend. On January 20th students will have the day off from school in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

On January 21st we will have our student of the month assembly. The 1st grade team will be presenting on "Courtesy." These life lessons are always valuable to our students and make our assemblies great.

On February 25th and 27th Piedmont Valley Elementary will be hosting Parent/Teacher Conferences. This is a wonderful opportunity to share with parents their child's successes and challenges. We look forward to seeing you on this day!

On another note I want to remind all parents of the importance to have their students properly dressed. January is often times a frigid month. We keep a close eye on the thermometer and try to make the best decision possible for students and recess. With that being said, it is important that you assume your kids will be going outside and dress them accordingly.

Sincerely,

Ethan

Nurse News



DELTA DENTAL BUS

-The Delta Dental Mobile Program provides oral health services to children in need. The program includes 2 buses that serve as mobile clinics to provide preventive, diagnostic & restorative care to kids across the state who do not have a regular dentist. Services are focused on preventive care through education, cleanings, sealants, & fluoride treatments.

-Delta Dental manages, operates & staffs the mobile trucks, & works with local community site partners to identify children most in need of care who can least afford it.

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

Stagebarn Middle School students can be seen during this time, IF THEY ARE TRANSPORTED TO PVE.

SMS parents can sign a permission form so that their student can be driven by a staff member/ volunteer OR parents can transport during or after school. The dental bus will also provide services after school.

* SERVICES are No Cost to Families*

Paperwork will go home with the PVE students in January. Paperwork will be available on the Daily Announcements for SMS students in January.

PVE: The initial "Give Your Child A Healthy Smile" (gold) form is to be completed and returned to PVE **as soon as possible**. Then, the "Delta Dental Mobile Program Patient Information" (green) form will be sent home. This form is to be returned to PVE **BY FEB 5, 2020** for your child to receive services.

SMS: Middle school students will only need to complete the "Delta Dental Mobile Program Patient Information" form. This form is also due **by February 5, 2020**.

Technology Tidbits from Ms. Scandrett

I have a little poster in the computer lab that asks: "Can what I learn in computer class make me a success in life?" and I would like to explain a bit about how that works as I teach students about technology use in school and in life.

I have all students Kindergarten through 4th grade coming through the computer lab at least twice a week. I enjoy getting to know the students and teaching them about technology. The purpose of class is to help students learn how to be comfortable using and understanding technology with the computer being emphasized.

Kindergarten classes learn how to log in using simple log ins, how to manipulate the mouse, use the keyboard to some extent, follow directions and learn about how the computer works.

First grade gets to discuss the definition of tools, the difference between natural, man-made and technology tools as well as the difference between school, community and home tools. They also learn more about how the computer works, including creating their own passwords by the end of the year.

Second grade works first on creating pictures for a slide show about themselves and putting it together, learning about the difference between fact, opinion and fiction, being safe on line, and then learning and practicing keyboarding skills.

Third grade's primary goal is to learn how to properly use the keyboard and practice, practice, practice. Once they have that down, I introduce them to how changes can be made to fonts as they work on documents. We also practice testing and work on internet safety as well.

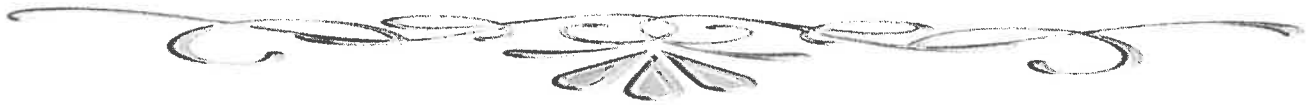
Fourth grade's primary goal is to understand how to use different programs on their computer. They learn how to put together documents using Word, Pages and Google Docs. They will also be introduced to creating charts and power point slide shows. Keeping safe online is a big part of their curriculum as well. Fourth grade also gets to follow the Iditarod Dog Sled race in Alaska by choosing a musher for follow and creating a chart to keep track of that musher.

All in all, students should come to the realization that being comfortable with a variety of programs and technology will help them be successful in life, especially as they go through their schooling and into a job.

Notes from the Special Education Staff

The holiday season can often be a stressful time of year. South Dakota Division of Developmental Disabilities through the Department of Human Services has created new informational brochures concerning services and supports available for families. The following link will give you access to all of the available services: <https://dhs.sd.gov/developmentaldisabilities/default.aspx>

We hope that this valuable information will help alleviate some of the stress and anxiety that many feel during the holiday season. We wish you all a safe, relaxing, and worry-free holiday with family and friends.



THE CHARACTER TRAIT FOR JANUARY IS "RESPECT"

HONOR, TOLERANCE CONSIDERATION, SELF RESPECT, RESPECT FOR OTHERS RESPECT FOR PROPERTY

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.



*Birthdays
of the Month*

Happy Birthday!

January

MaKinlyn Aker,
Jackson Merwin,
Burke Bernhagen,
Evan Bierman, David
Bouza, Baylee
Cammack, Cecilia
Cowan, Jordy Davis,
Brinkley Frame,
Kinlee Gossel, Aubree
Hanson, Tayler
Hauer, Carson
Hodina, Hailey Huck,
Hayes Hufty, Kinsley
Hufty, Kenleigh
Johnson,

Hailey Kamppinen,
Payton Keller, Ethan
Krenn, Maisie Kroger,
Elijah Kunza, Alivia
Leidholt, Cannon Mez,
Kynleigh Miller, Kaitlyn
Morehead, Jackson
Morgan, Maddoc
Nehl, Aydan Rhodes,
Caleb Rogers,
Autumn Sautner,
Cienna Sheldon,
Cambridge Sheperd,
Carson Shull, Carter
Shull, Dominick
Sisneros, Jais
Teamer, Hudson

Tobin, Luke Tryon,
Oliver Wade, Casey
West, Ellesye
Williams, River Zahler
-Canepa

Congratulations!

Geography Bee Finalists

1st-Cole Seidl
2nd-Cash Small
3rd Garrett Rohloff

TAKE THE TIME TO
READ THE STUDENT-
PARENT HANDBOOK

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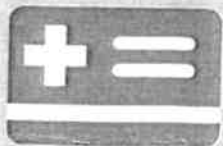
Outreach Clinic

for Children with Bone, Muscle, or Joint Problems

**Please remember
to bring the
following to
your child's
appointment:**



**Shorts, a
T-shirt, and
tennis shoes for
your child**



**Your insurance
card**

Rapid City, South Dakota

Thursday, January 9th, 2020

Black Hills Orthopedic & Spine Center

7220 Mt. Rushmore Rd | Rapid City, SD

Your child might benefit from seeing a pediatric orthopaedic specialist if they have the following signs:

- In-toeing, toe walking, flat feet
- Bowed legs or knocked knees
- Sore, painful, or stiff joints
- Limb deficiency
- Limb length discrepancy
- Curved spine indicating possible scoliosis

Appointment Scheduling:

(612) 596-6105

or

(888) 293-2832

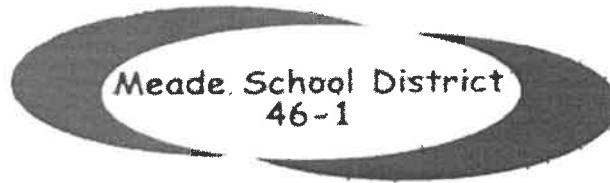


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for Children™ — Twin Cities**

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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."

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