



PIEDMONT VALLEY ELEMENTARY STALLION NEWS



UPCOMING EVENTS

12/14/18: PVE Winter
Concert 2nd - 4th Grade

Morning Concert

8:15-8:30: Piedmont Valley
Honor Choir

8:30-9:00: 2nd Grade

9:00-9:30: 3rd Grade

9:30-10:00: 4th Grade

Afternoon Concert

1:00-1:30: 2nd Grade

1:30-2:00: 3rd Grade

2:00-2:30: 4th Grade

- 12/6/18: Spelling Bee at 1:15 pm (4th grade)
- 12/17/18: Geography Bee at 1:15 pm
- 12/18/18: Student of the Month Assembly at 1:30 pm
- 12/20-1/1: Christmas break
- 1/2/18: 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 14th we will host our annual Holiday Concert. Students in 2nd-4th 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 30th you will be receiving your child's report card. 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



DECEMBER



	31 No School	1	2 PASTA DAY Choices: Chicken Alfredo Spaghetti & Meatballs, Toss Salad, Carrots, Breadstick GNG: Egg Salad Sandwich	3 A: Beef Sticks B: Chicken Strips, Fries, Broccoli, T-Roll GNG: Chicken Chef Salad	4 A: Meatball Sub B: Chicken Drumstick Potato Smiles Green Beans GNG: Tuna Sandwich	Lunch- Middle/Elem only Student—\$2.85 Adult—\$3.65
	24	25	26	27	28	Meal Prices: Breakfast— Student—\$1.90 Adult—\$2.15
	17 Cheeseburger Deluxe Baked Beans, Smiles GNG: Tuna Sandwich	18 French Toast, Sausage Patty Hash browns, Baby Carrots, GNG: Ham Chef Salad	19 SACK LUNCH: Ham & Cheese Sandwich Carrots & Celery Apple Chips & Cookie GNG: CHEFS CHOICE	20 No School	21 No School	
Free & Reduced Applications are available at all school offices	10 A: Rib Patty B: Hot Dog Hot Dog Bun, Fries, Mashed Sweet Potato GNG: Egg Salad Sandwich	11 A: Pulled Pork B: Hamburger Deluxe Baked Beans, Steam Peas, GNG: Chicken Chef Salad	12 A: Tater Tot Casserole B: PIZZA Toss Salad, Baby Carrots, Garlic Breadstick GNG: Tuna Sandwich	13 A: Country Fried Steak B: Popcorn Chicken Mashed Potato, Gravy Steam Broccoli, T-Roll GNG: Ham Chef Salad	14 A: Corn Dog B: Chicken Drumstick Potato Smiles, Green Beans T-Roll GNG: Seven Layer Salad	
3 A: Corn Dog B: Chicken Wings Fries, Steam Carrots, T-Roll, GNG: Tuna Sandwich	4 A: Chicken Nugget B: Fish Nugget Mashed Potato, Gravy, Steam Broccoli, T-Roll, GNG: Chicken Chef Salad	5 A: Chicken Noodle Soup B: Pizza Toss Salad, Cucumbers, GNG: Turkey Cheese Sandwich	6 A: Hamburger/Bun B: Chicken Patty/Bun Tater Tots, Baked Beans GNG: Ham Chef Salad	7 PASTA DAY Choices: Chicken Alfredo Spaghetti & Meatballs Toss Salad, Carrots GNG: Egg Salad Sandwich	30 A: Hot Dog/Bun B: Pulled Pork/Bun Mac & Cheese Baby Carrots & Celery GNG: Ham Chef Salad	Breakfast In- cludes: Half-pint Milk Fruit or Juice

News from the Library

Oh the weather outside is frightful... which is fine, because we have plenty of books.



Speaking of books, our online card catalog is accessible through our newly redesigned website. It houses not only our catalog, but links to additional educational content, the SD State Library's content, our public libraries, and information about the staff at our school libraries. You can access it by selecting Piedmont Valley Elementary on the Meade 46-1 website and then "School Information." It's a short scroll down to the School Library Information section and the link to our site. Access it more easily, through our Facebook page: Meade Elementary Libraries or @MeadeElemReads. Please like and follow us while you're there! We share great information on literacy, new books in our libraries, and educational content. Find us on Twitter at @MeadeElemReads.

As the first half of the year comes to a close, our youngest students have been introduced to a string of new books 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're 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're 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.

I'm excited to be one of the librarians from across the Dakotas and Wyoming to receive TIE's Reaching Out Grant. This includes a series of courses and training opportunities on content standards and digital literacy. We'll be meeting several times a year over the next three years and taking a series of online courses. Great stuff to bring back to the District and our students.

In November, I took on a new role as a board member of the South Dakota Humanities Council. Their mission is to "celebrate literature, promote civil conversation, and tell the stories that define our state." I'm honored to represent and advocate for our students in this new way.

Finally, I'm writing this the week before Thanksgiving. In the spirit of gratitude, I want to take a moment to thank you and our Piedmont Valley PTA. Each time you purchase at one of their book fairs throughout the year, we're able to add new books to our library. This is such a vital part of keeping our collection fresh and our students engaged. Thank you for that and all you do to make this such a wonderful place to work.

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THE CHARACTER

TRAIT FOR

DECEMBER IS

"COMPASSION"

CARING, CHARITY,

SHARING,

CONCERN,

KINDNESS,

ACCEPTING

UNDERSTANDING

PE News

Physical Education Progress

It has been a great year so far at PVE! As a first-year teacher, each day is very exciting and challenging. I would say my favorite part of each day is when I get to watch students run in the gym showing their excitement for P.E. class to start.

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.

2nd grade through 4th 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 using *FitnessGram* to 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. As of right now, I am working on signing students up to use the website. Once all the information is in, I will be sending out a username and password in order for all students and parents to follow the progress as well!

We are currently starting our basketball unit and will be starting many other team-based games in the future.

I am excited to see the 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 26, 2018

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

November 26-30: any nonperishable boxed dry food

December 3-7: canned meat or other canned food

December 10-14: paper towels & toilet paper

"Compassion Starts with Me"



December



Lanna Argiz, Emma Benson, Ivan Bonrud, Katelyn Brant, Charlotte Bult, Alexandria Burdick, Kaelee Chayka, Timothy Cortier, Bentley Cox, Amber Dowden, Griffin Ewing, Jackson Gaeta, Riley Jacobsen, Leyton Jones, Raeya Jones, Sean LaFramboise, Dylan Larsen, Grady Mason, Emmett Matthew, Annabella McKeown, Izzabella McKeown, Gage Miller, Tucker Millhouse, Turner Montgomery, Orion Nelson, Beau Odegaard, Nolan Oliver, Destiny Ownbey, Kannon Page, Kaylynn Paule, Jazmin Shaw, Louis Two Eagle, Tucker Waddell, Eli Whitlock, Josefine Woldt



TAKE THE TIME TO
READ THE STUDENT-
PARENT HANDBOOK



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.

NURSE NEWS

From your School Nurses: Julie Dobler, R.N, Jennifer Oedekoven, R.N, Heidi Komes, R.N

Is it a cold or flu? 

Signs and Symptoms	Influenza	Cold
Symptom onset	Abrupt	Gradual
Fever	Usual	Rare
Aches	Usual	Slight
Chills	Fairly common	Uncommon
Fatigue, weakness	Usual	Sometimes
Sneezing	Sometimes	Common
Stuffy nose	Sometimes	Common
Sore throat	Sometimes	Common
Chest discomfort, cough	Common	Mild to moderate
Headache	Common	Rare

Facts on the Flu and the Flu Vaccine

~The flu season is from November to April with most cases occurring between late December and early March.

Flu vaccines that are in injection form contain killed flu viruses that will not cause the flu, but will prepare the body to fight off infection by the live flu virus.

~The flu vaccine must be given every year due to the ability of the virus 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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