



PIEDMONT VALLEY ELEMENTARY STALLION NEWS



March Newsletter 2021

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 3/5: Spring Pictures
- 3/11: Hearing Bus
- 3/19: Spring Break, No School
- 4/2 - 4/5: Easter Break, No School
- 4/6: Kindergarten Screening, 7:00 am - 3:00 pm
- 4/7: Kindergarten screening, 11:00 am - 6:00 pm

Principal's Corner

Dear Parents,

There are a number of things that I want you to be aware of as we begin the final three months of the school year.

1. Cold Weather:

We are still dealing with inconsistent weather and will probably continue to through the month of March. It is extremely important to make sure you dress your child appropriately. Coats, gloves, boots, and wind resistant pants may be necessary items out in the elements.

2. No Kindergarten classes on April 6 & 7:

Due to Kindergarten screening on April 6 & 7 there will be NO classes for Kindergarten and Junior Kindergarten students on these days.

3. Smarter Balanced Assessment:

It is important to keep in mind that the South Dakota Spring Assessment is quickly approaching. The Smarter Balanced Assessment for 3rd-4th graders will occur during the months of March and April. It's important that your child continue to be in a consistent routine both at home and at school during this time. I appreciate all of your support during the assessment time.

4. Covid 19 Cases:

Covid 19 cases continue to fall both locally and at the state level. This is good news! However, we aren't out of the woods yet. We have had a few cases associated with our building recently which serves as a reminder that we need to continue to be diligent of maintaining a healthy lifestyle. Through various mitigation procedures we have been able to keep our building open all year and we want to continue this! Please support our efforts by continuing to practice good hygiene.

gearing up for **Kindergarten**

Piedmont Valley Elementary will be holding Kindergarten Screenings for next year's kindergartners! Your child must turn 5 by September 1, 2021 to be eligible for the 2021-22 school year. We will only be screening kindergarten eligible kids at this time.

WHEN: TUESDAY, APRIL 6, 2021: 7AM-3PM

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 7, 2021: 11AM-6PM

WHERE: PIEDMONT VALLEY ELEMENTARY

16159 2ND STREET

PIEDMONT, SD 57769

WHAT TO BRING: BIRTH CERTIFICATE AND PROOF OF IMMUNIZATIONS

WHO: WE ASK THAT ONLY ONE PARENT AND THE STUDENT BEING SCREENED ATTEND DUE TO SOCIAL DISTANCING GUIDELINES

Please call the school office at 605-787-5295 to schedule your appointment. You must have an appointment to be screened.

*****Face masks will be required upon entry*****



March Nurse News



Kindergarten screening is coming up!

We would like to remind you that the South Dakota State Department of Health requires your child to have the following immunizations prior to the first day of kindergarten:

4 DOSES DIPHTHERIA, PERTUSSIS, TETANUS VACCINE (DTaP/DTP)

→ WITH ONE DOSE ON OR AFTER FOURTH BIRTHDAY

4 DOSES POLIO VACCINE (IPV)

→ WITH ONE DOSE ON OR AFTER FOURTH BIRTHDAY

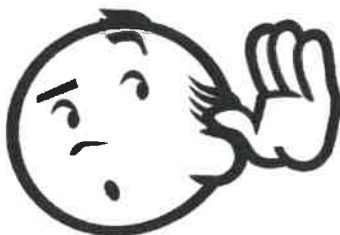
2 DOSES MMR

→ WITH THE FIRST DOSE ON OR AFTER FIRST BIRTHDAY

2 DOSES VARICELLA

→ WITH THE FIRST DOSE ON OR AFTER FIRST BIRTHDAY

Proof of these immunizations is required prior to your child's first day of Kindergarten. Please bring shot records to the office. We would encourage a visit with your physician's office now to make sure these will be completed in time.



The Mobile Hearing Bus will be at Piedmont Elementary and Stagebarn Middle School on March 11th. Consent forms have been sent out to all PVE Kindergarteners, PVE 3rd graders, SMS 5th graders & SMS 6th graders. If a signed consent form is not returned to the SMS or PVE offices on or before March 8th, your student cannot be seen for audiological services provided by the Mobile Hearing Bus.

Please turn in your SDSD hearing bus consent forms as soon as possible.

Physical Education Newsletter

It has been a crazy but successful year so far at PVE! As a third-year teacher, I thought I had a plan for just about any circumstance. I was wrong! This year has tested all staff, and I believe we as a staff have passed the test with flying colors. Part of the reason staff has done an excellent job is because we teach a great group of students here at PVE!

So far K-1 has learned many basic locomotor movements and exercises (skipping, galloping, hopping, jumping, sliding, high-knees, cherry-pickers, burpees and many more). I really enjoy seeing their progress. I can easily see the progress from the beginning of a trimester to the end of the trimester. In many classes, I can see the improvement of skills from the beginning of a class to the end of a class. Due to COVID, most Kindergarten classes were outside or in their classroom. The students did a great job adjusting as needed!

The 2nd- 4th grades have learned quite a few vocab words that they will use as they get older. Most of the vocab words are the basic muscles and bones of the body. These grade levels get to work more on team and sport-based games. They have done a great job following directions and playing with each other.

In the coming weeks, we will be finishing our *FitnessGram* testing for the second trimester of students. The tests measure strength, endurance, flexibility and lung-capacity. I'm sure we will see great improvement in many areas.

I miss seeing the students in the first trimester, I enjoy having the students in the second trimester, and I look forward to seeing the students who have Physical Education class in the third-trimester!

GO STALLIONS!

Mr. Gatzke



Happy Birthday!

March: Talyn Aker, Ayla Bestgen, Cambree Blakeman, Tristan Borries, Lochlan Calvert, Landon Cramer, Caden Crisman, Camden Davis, Olivia Dawson, Aiden Dolney, Garrett Erickson, Wyatt Gaeta, Chloe Goff, Elias Graham, Kitt Harrington, Gavin Harvey-Delong, Ella Hatzenbuhler, Nolan Hautala, Addison Heid, Gianna Heid, Carter Hirschert-Wellman, Taylor Hodina, Eleanor Houdek, Bryce Hough, Jaycee Hunsaker, Jade Johnston, Lucas Krenn, Cali Kuyper, Zoey Larson, Emma Meinen, Shane Millim, Brianna Morehead, Drea Morton, Brayan Musgrave, Lincoln Odegaard, Brooke Ozuna, Emery Perez, Jaina Plunkett, Kaleb Roth, Wyatt Rundell, Jazmyn Shattuck, Emma Sheldon, Gabriella Sisneros, Johannah Storm, Brayden Swane, Xavier Tree Top— Emery, Axel Williams, Dannen Williamson, Kyson Williamson, Lily Yorba, Adalea Young



“THE CHARACTER TRAIT FOR MARCH IS “COOPERATION” HELPFULNESS, SUPPORT, TEAMWORK, WORKING TOGETHER.”

School Board Policies

File: IKE
PROMOTION AND RETENTION OF STUDENTS

Promotion or retention in Meade School District 46-1 shall be based upon the individual needs of the students, taking into consideration all conditions affecting each student.

Considerations for promotion (including acceleration) or retention shall include the following:

- **A. MASTERY OF SKILLS**
- **B. ATTENDANCE**

- **C. PHYSICAL MATURITY**
- **D. EMOTIONAL MATURITY**
- **E. SOCIAL MATURITY**
- **F. POTENTIAL FOR GROWTH**

Problems of promotion or retention shall be addressed by those most knowledgeable about the students—the teacher(s), the principal, the parent (s), and other available school and community services or agencies.

If conflicts concerning promotion and retention cannot be resolved otherwise, the Board has the authority to make the final determination.

Adopted



MEAL PRICES

LUNCH:

Student - \$3.00

Adult - \$3.85

ALA CARTE:

Milk/Juice \$.50



Elementary 2021 Lunch

STURGIS, WHITEWOOD, PIEDMONT ELEMENTARY

TO MAKE DEPOSITS, SEE STUDENT TRANSACTIONS AND BALANCE, AND SIGN UP FOR LOW BALANCE NOTICES AT WWW.MYSCHOOLBUCKS.COM

1 Rib Patty Sandwich Smiles Steamed Peas Fruit & Milk Choices	2 Asian Orange Chicken Brown Rice Stir-Fry Vegetables Mandarin Oranges Milk Choices Fortune Cookie	3 Mini Corn Dogs Steamed Broccoli Mashed Potatoes & Country Gravy Fruit & Milk Choices	4 Walking Taco w/Beef Doritos Refried Beans Corn Salsa Fruit & Milk Choices	5 Cheese Omelet Waffle Sticks & Syrup Potato Roundabouts Dragon Punch Juice Fruit & Milk Choices
8 Burger Crinkle French Fries Baked Beans Fruit & Milk Choices	9 Chicken Nuggets Mashed Potatoes & Country Gravy Corn T-Roll & Butter Fruit & Milk Choices	10 Meatball Sub Steamed Broccoli Potato Smiles Fruit & Milk Choices	11 Chicken Drumstick Mac & Cheese Steamed Peas Fruit & Milk Choices	12 Cheese Pizza Green Beans Fruit & Milk Choices Rice Krispie Treat
15 Lasagna Garlic Breadstick Steamed Peas Fruit & Milk Choices	16 Cheese Omelet & Sausage Patty Biscuit & Country Gravy Baby Carrots Dragon Punch Juice Oranges Milk Choices	17 Walking Taco w/Beef Doritos Refried Beans Corn Salsa Fruit & Milk Choices	18 Popcorn Chicken Steamed Broccoli Mashed Potatoes & Country Gravy T-Roll & Butter Fruit & Milk Choices	19
22 Chicken Patty Sandwich Baked Beans Crinkle French Fries Fruit & Milk Choices	23 Hot Dog w/Bun Steamed Peas Jo-Jo Potato Wedges Fruit & Milk Choices	24 Spaghetti & Meatballs Breadstick Steamed Broccoli Fruit & Milk Choices	25 Chicken Tender Strips T-Roll & Butter Mashed Potatoes & Country Gravy Green Beans Milk Choices	26 Cinnamon French Toast & Syrup Sausage Patty Potato Roundabouts Dragon Punch Juice Oranges Milk Choices
29 Chicken Nuggets T-Roll & Butter Crinkle French Fries Steamed Carrots Fruit & Milk Choices	30 Corn Dog Mac & Cheese Steamed Peas Fruit & Milk Choices	31 Super Nachos w/Beef Corn Chips Cheese Sauce Refried Beans Corn Salsa Fruit & Milk Choices	1 Italian Dunkers 3 Meatballs & Mozzarella Stuffed Bread Stick Spaghetti Sauce Carrots & Celery w/Ranch Dressing Fruit & Milk Choices Mini Cinnamon Roll	2

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Menu items subject to change

MEAL PRICES

Breakfast:

Student - \$1.90

Adult - \$2.35

ALA CARTE:

Milk/Juice \$.50



Elementary 2021 Breakfast
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1 Chocolate Chip Muffin	2 Mini Pancakes	3 Chocolate Chip Oatmeal Bar	4 Breakfast Burrito	5 Strawberry Bar
8 Cinnamon Bread	9 French Toast & Syrup	10 Biscuit & Sausage Gravy	11 Yogurt Parfait	12 Long John
15 Mini Pancakes	16 Strawberry Bar	17 Banana Bread	18 Chocolate Chip Oatmeal Bar	19 
22 Breakfast Pizza	23 Sausage, Egg & Cheese Biscuit	24 Muffin	25 Smoothie & Granola	26 Banana Bread
29 Sausage, Egg & Cheese Biscuit	30 Cinnamon Bread	31 Yogurt Parfait	1 French Toast & Syrup	2 

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Annual SD Mines and Community
Cultural Expo (Virtual)

Celebrating our Cultural and
International Diversity

Thursday, March 25
(Schools day)

9:00 AM—2:00 PM

Virtual on Zoom

RSVP by March 17

go to: www.sdsmt.edu/CulturalExpo

Email international@sdsmt.edu or call 605-394-6884

and

Saturday, March 27

11:00 AM—1:00 PM

LIVE STREAMING

For more information and
other fun pre-recorded videos:

www.sdsmt.edu/CulturalExpo

