



Dorothy Dalglish School

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GREETINGS DDS FAMILIES!

It was great to meet with so many parents during parent-teacher interviews last month. What a wonderful opportunity for us to work together for ongoing student success and achievement.

As December unfolds and the winter holidays draw near, this season presents a golden opportunity to teach our children the profound virtues of kindness, gratitude, generosity, and helpfulness. Throughout this month, students will engage in activities such as creating food hampers, wrapping stocking stuffers for seniors, and delivering student-made ornaments to community residents, fostering moments of joy and connection.

In the spirit of gratitude, we would like to extend a sincere thank you to the remarkable donors whose generosity brought our sensory room to life. Your contributions have enabled us to create a haven equipped with comfortable seating, calming sounds, and relaxing lights. There's even an array of sensory items available for students to interact with, including a marble wall, gear wall, interactive UV whiteboard, and fiber optic bendable lights. We are incredibly grateful for our community's unwavering support.

Food Drive!

Our annual Food Drive is set to kick off on December 4th, running until December 15th. Students are encouraged to bring in non-perishable food items. Thank you for helping us brighten the holidays for others in our community!

Spirit Days & Turkey Lunch

We are looking to create some joy and will be having DDS Spirit Days the last 12 days before the Winter Break, from December 7 - December 22! Our Home and School Council will be treating all students and staff to a delicious turkey lunch on December 21th. We can wait!

Little Caesars Pizza Kit Fundraiser

A round of applause to everyone who participated in our Little Caesars Pizza Kit Fundraiser, raising an impressive \$1890.00. Your support has been invaluable. Please mark your calendars for the pizza kit pick up scheduled for Wednesday, December 6th from 3:30 - 5:30pm.

Winter Concert

Join us on Thursday, December 14th, for our annual winter concert, "The Bremen Town Musicians". Our dedicated staff and students have been diligently preparing for this delightful performance. Doors will open at 6:15pm and the concert will commence at 6:30pm.

On behalf of Dorothy Dalglish School staff, I wish everyone a warm and restful winter break.

Sincerely,

Mrs. McGregor



Student of the Week

November 3, 2023

- Grade 1 Oakley
- Grade 1 Apoyahkii
- Grade 3 Ava
- Grade 4 Evelyn
- Grade 5 Gael
- Grade 5 Jenine-Monique
- Grade 6 Mia



Grade 5 class hosting the assembly



NORTH COUNTY INTERFAITH OUTREACH SOCIETY

It's almost that time of year again.... Christmas Hamper Time!

We recognize that the Christmas season can be an extra stressful time of year for many families in our surrounding communities. With colder weather comes increased utility bills, additional needed clothing to survive the colder weather and trying to squeeze out a little bit extra for Christmas celebrations is sometimes not possible. The North County Interfaith Outreach Society would like to ensure that families in our area are aware that we provide food hampers to help with this. We ask that families requesting a hamper please stop in at the North County Office at 326 Highway Avenue in Picture Butte (beside ATB Financial) Tuesday or Thursday morning between 10:00 AM and 12:00 PM noon to register for this program or call the office at 587-787-4022.

Deadline for Christmas Hamper Registration is Thursday, December 7, 2023. Hamper pickup will be on Saturday, December 16, 2023.



Student of the Week

November 17, 2023

Kindergarten	Antonio
Grade 1	Jill
Grade 1	Eizher
Grade 2	Isaiah
Grade 3	Brianne
Grade 3	Zara
Grade 4	Xander
Grade 4	Tavish
Grade 5	Chase
Grade 6	Zoey



DDS SENSORY ROOM



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REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE AT PBHS



DOROTHY DALGLIESH SCHOOL CHOIR



KINDERGARTEN NEWS

It is hard to believe that our first term of school has come and gone. As I was compiling report cards, it was so great to see all the growth our Kindergarten students were already showing!

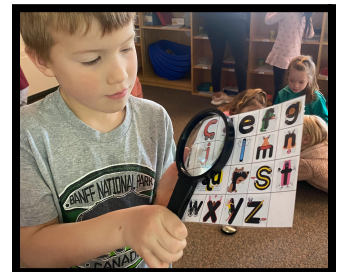
Here's a quick glance at what we have been learning:

- In our morning meeting, we have been practicing printing the numbers we see on a calendar. We also took this time to explore our Social Studies curriculum, by talking about and creating plans to pass kindness to others and to improve our classroom community. We made kindness cards for the school's staff and implemented classroom jobs.
- We have learned the letters o, m, n, l, r, u, s, z, and w—we have *almost* made it through the whole alphabet! Students will continue to bring home a coloring page for each letter, so that families are able to learn the letter characters and actions, as well. As I discussed with many at parent-teacher conferences, if you are choosing to practice the alphabet at home please make sure you are starting with the lowercase letters!
- In Math, we have practiced subitizing and comparing numbers. We know that when we compare numbers, we should use our "Math Talk" by using words like "more", "less", or "equal".
- In Social Studies, we learned all about "community". We know that a community is "a place where people live and work together". As well, in a community, there are many community helpers that ensure "cooperation". Test your students on this vocabulary—you'll be surprised with what they know!
- For some Art activities, we practiced our fine motor skills by making our names with paint and q-tips! We also did some self-portrait drawings and watercolor painting.

Special Notes & Reminders:

- In the coming weeks, look for a few items to be coming home with your student:
 - Newsletters about all our December activities
 - Printing practice: this was something many parents requested at parent-teacher conferences. I will be sending home some papers for you to work on. Please know that it is NOT homework, just extra practice if you choose to do it!

Thanks so much,
Mrs. Becker



GRADE 1 NEWS

We cannot believe how fast time is flying by! Where did November go? We had a great month celebrating our classmates at our two assemblies for the month. We also took part in observing this year's Remembrance Day Ceremony at PBHS. We loved hearing our amazing choir perform. We also really enjoyed meeting with parents during Parent/Teacher interviews. It is always nice to be able to meet face to face and celebrate your children.



We have completed our first story in Grade 1, and the students did outstanding work! We are now back to working on our daily literacy and learning new "secrets". We are also busy learning about blends at the beginnings of words. This language they call "English" is so tricky! In Numeracy, we are well into our unit on Number. In this unit we learn about all things "Number Sense" related. So far we are busy learning about all the different ways to represent numbers, using number lines, counting sets, partitioning sets, and conservation of numbers. This is such a major unit to the success in Numeracy for Grade 1 students.

The students are starting to get very busy practicing with Mrs. Neufeld in Music for the Winter Concert. This will be held on December 14th at 1pm and 6:30pm. It is going to be a great show!

We would like to thank Miss Jessa Groenenboom, our University of Lethbridge Professional Semester One student who has been in Mrs. Nish's class. She has been teaching lessons in Literacy, Numeracy, Science, Social Studies, Physical Education and Art. She is doing a fantastic job, and we really appreciate her help in our classroom. We also want to thank Mrs. Pittman for providing us with the very best library books to read. Grade 1 has been loving our Hot Lunches and our Hot Dog days! A HUGE thank you to our amazing moms that help with making us incredible hot lunches and to Miss Elaschuk for heading up our hot dog days! We are such a fortunate school to have so many wonderful people making our days even better.

Mrs. McLeod and I would like to wish you all the most amazing December and Christmas holiday season! We hope your families are able to enjoy all the wonderful things that this holiday season will bring. Thank you for sharing your children with us!

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays!

Mrs. McLeod & Mrs. Nish



GRADE 2 NEWS

November has been an awesome month. I am really starting to see our students' reading taking off! In November, we were really proud of our choir students and their moving Remembrance Day song at PBHS. We took part in a day at 'Math Hospital'. Thank you to parents for coming to Parent Teacher Interviews - I love getting to share your child's accomplishments. Thank you to Mrs. Pittman for running another excellent book fair. Thanks to everyone who contributed in the Little Caesars fundraiser! Thanks Grade 4 for doing poppy art with us!

In December, Miss MacKenzie leaves us, and we are SO sad to see her go. We wish her a successful and fulfilling future teaching career. We also have our Christmas concert and the 12 Days of Christmas spirit days this coming month.

Math

Our place value unit is quickly coming to an end. Students had a great time working as doctors in our 'Math Hospital'. We have also started our candy shop project.

Writing

Students have been learning about character traits and problem and solution this month. We have been practicing adding a hook into our story, using adjectives and adverbs, and adding dialogue. We have written our Santa letters and I will send a copy home to parents in the first few days of the month.

Wellness

Miss MacKenzie finished our volleyball unit with students and has started floor hockey with them! The class is practicing stick handling and hand-eye coordination. In health, we are learning about healthy eating and nutrition.

Science

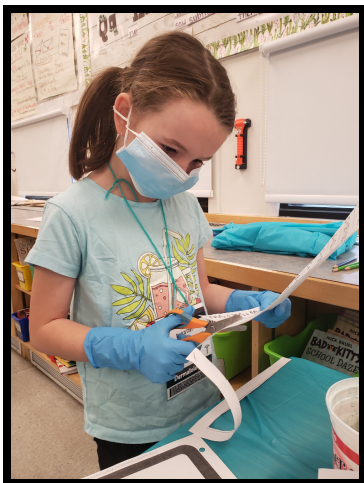
We started our new unit on Matter! We are learning about building materials and their properties.

Social

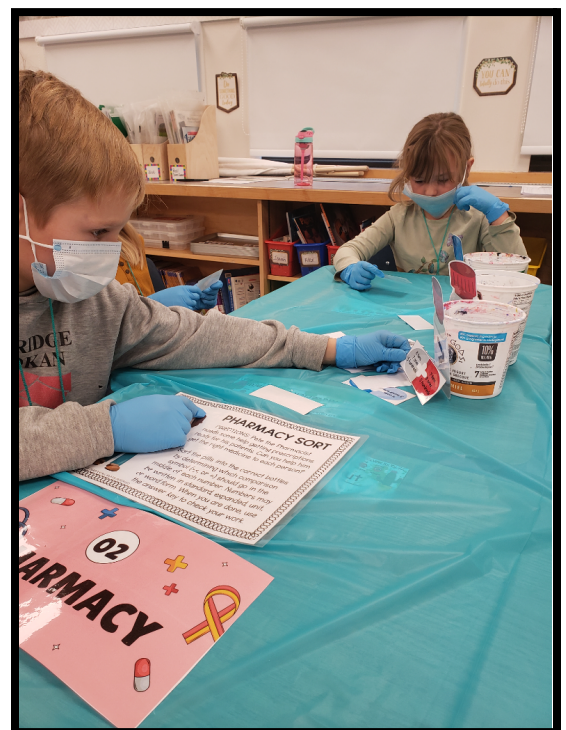
We have been learning about the Inuit! We made Northern Lights and Inukshuk artwork, and have been comparing life in Iqaluit to life here.

You rock Grade 2! I am so proud of you! Keep pushing on - Christmas break is almost here!

Miss Giesbrecht



Math Hospital Day



GRADE 3 NEWS

Can you believe we're heading into December? The time sure flies by (especially the older I get!)

In Language Learning students continue to work on practicing reading skills and strategies that they can use when reading each day. We are just in the middle of a unit with the book Stone Fox, where we are learning about summarizing (which we fondly call "Previously Ons..."), doing comprehension check-ins, and having grit to challenge ourselves to become better readers!



We have finished our personal narrative story writing unit, where students shared their final products in class. It has been a fun unit and I really appreciate how students have been willing to try new things in their writing. In December we will be keeping a daily journal of the adventures of Ruby Reader, our mischievous Elf on a Shelf who visits DDS each year. Students will be writing in first person with a focus on including details as well as capital letters and periods as they write.

In Math we are working on adding and subtracting equations, both with and without regrouping. Students have been sharing their strategies for finding "friendly numbers" to make the process easier and more efficient, and it has been so interesting to hear how students think in math! We will also be estimating numbers as well as working on some problem solving in this unit. In the afternoons we are also learning about 2D and 3D shapes. Our next units will be patterns and statistics.

We started our new science unit on computer science and we will be researching some Canadian inventions. Our next unit will be states of matter.

In Social Studies we are learning about Peru and we have been discussing the geography as well as the climate. Students will be working on their own or in small groups to create a weather forecast for their chosen geographical region in Peru. We will video all of the forecasts and share them with parents to enjoy!

-Congratulations to Hailee and Blayde for getting 100% five times in a row on their spelling tests! Hailee got to choose a new colour name for her group (teal) and Blayde is choosing black. Excellent work, Hailee and Blayde!



-Thank you to all parents who took part in parent - teacher interviews! I truly appreciate your support!

-Thanks to families who are sending in some Flat Stanley pictures for us to share.

-Thank you to Mrs. Pittman and Ms. Wiebe for everything they do in the Grade 3 classroom!

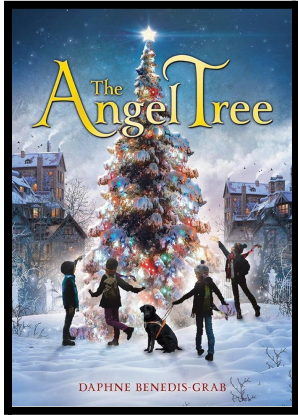
I wish you all a safe and healthy Christmas break!

Mrs. Gurr



GRADE 4 NEWS

Where did the month of November go?! I have said this every month of the school year, but I can hardly believe how fast the year has gone so far.



In Language Arts, grade 4's continued writing "personal narrative" stories and we will be wrapping these up in the coming weeks. Students have also continued their writing in "Home and School Journals" and I hope that parents are able to see growth in their child's writing since the beginning of September. We have continued learning different morphemes in word study and continued reviewing parts of speech. We finished our class read-aloud 'Out Of My Mind' by Sharon M. Draper and students absolutely loved the book! Our newest read-aloud book to take us into December and the Winter Break is called 'The Angel Tree' by Daphne Benedis-Grab.

In November, we continued our unit on addition and subtraction which includes decimal numbers as well. Students are encouraged to continue to work on their basic addition and subtraction facts up to 20. Having a quick recall of these facts will make math quicker and less cumbersome. Students also have access to *Boddle* at home and are welcome to play to continue working on math concepts and facts.

In Science, we wrapped up our Waste and Our World unit and began our unit on Light and Shadows. We are learning about sources of light, how light travels, why we see colours, as well as shadows. This Science unit is very hands-on and students have enjoyed the learning activities we have done so far and are looking forward to the many learning activities to come.

Lastly, in Social Studies we have concluded our learning about the regions of Alberta and are now learning about sources of energy, provincial parks, and rocks and fossils within the province. Students were excited to be able to do some research on a specific provincial park.



Volleyball has been our focus in PE and students have been enjoying putting their skills to use in mini and full court volleyball games.

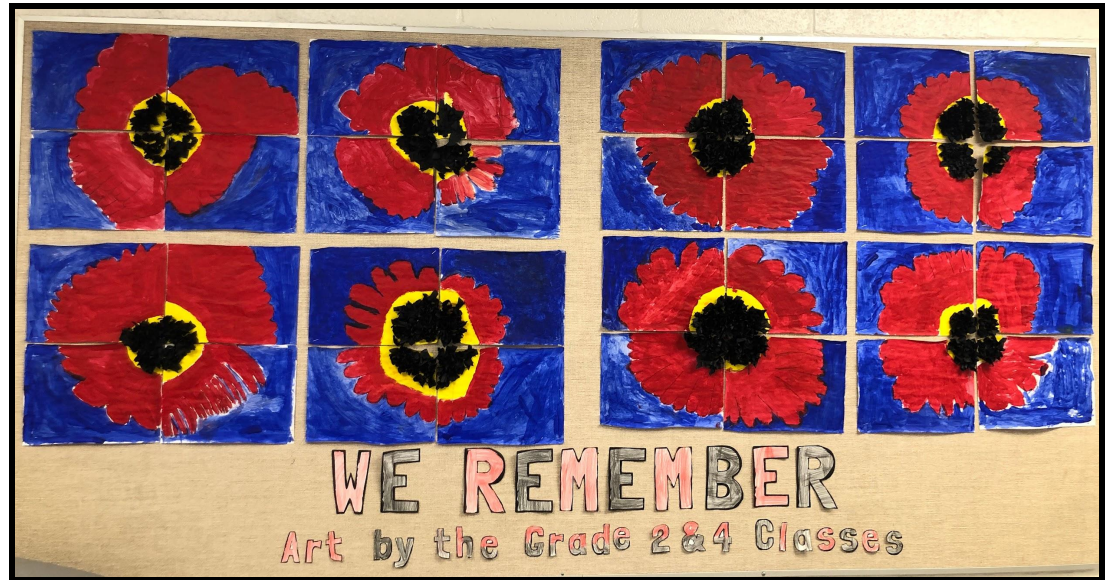
Students also got to work together with the grade 2 students to create a collaborative art project for Remembrance Day.

It has been a wonderful month and it has been so great to see student's learning taking off and independence increasing. I look forward to seeing what December and the New Year will bring.



All the best!
Mrs. Angenent

Grade 2 & 4 Art



GRADE 5 NEWS

In reading we are learning about a new comprehension strategy - analyzing. The analyzing strategy pushes students to 'find the facts' that the author has explicitly stated, and to organize that information by sorting and categorizing. We launched this reading unit with a shared reading of the nonfiction book "Spiders" by Seymour Simon which allowed us to first recall our background knowledge, then examine our misconceptions while learning new facts. For December we will continue to practice with this strategy, using a variety of different types of texts including short films, paintings, and informational articles. To wrap up the month we will look at how text structures can help us to better understand what we read.



In writing we've begun our personal narratives, inspired by true moments from our lives. The class is learning about planning the arc of the story with an emphasis on the heart (most important) of the story, as well as believable characters and settings. We will also examine writing different leads and endings to our stories in order to make them more powerful. Throughout this unit students will practice using dialogue effectively, showing our details instead of telling about them, and writing our stories just like scenes in a movie. Students will also have the chance to publish their stories and share with an audience before the holidays.

Math continues to be an area of focus as we bridge the gap between the old curriculum and the new. Most of the class is now consistently able to multiply large numbers using the standard algorithm and are getting more fluent with their mental multiplication/division facts. As we move into December we will shift our focus towards long division with single digit divisors and 3-digit dividends. Our goal is to wrap-up our multiplication and division unit before the break.

Notes:

- A big thank you to Mrs. West for everything she does in grade five - we couldn't imagine the class without you!
- Our choir performance for Remembrance Day was beautiful. Thank you to Mrs. Neufeld and the choir students for all their hard work.
- As always a HUGE thank you to our Parent Council and hot lunch parent volunteers ♥
- December is a fun-filled month with lots of engaging activities and spirit days planned, but it can also be a tough time for families. If there's anything we can do to help lighten the load (food hampers, grocery cards, winter clothes) please reach out 🌲

Thank
You

Shantel Mohrmann



GRADE 6 NEWS

I think we're all fairly unconvinced that Christmas is almost here...with the balmy temperatures and lack of snow. In Grade 6, we're having a Secret Santa gift exchange on the last day before the Christmas break. Grade 6 students are memorizing their lines for our winter concert.

In **Language Arts**, we are wrapping our 'Writing About Reading' unit with a storyboarding project. Students will illustrate and summarize key parts of a short story plot. We are reading the classic novel, "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever," and students are starting a drama unit where they will read and dramatize short skits, and learn the conventions of readers' theatre. Students will also write seasonal reader's theatre skits in collaborative groups.

In **Mathematics**, we are studying prime and composite numbers, learning how to find factors, make factor trees and express our prime factorization in exponential form. We are working hard to bridge the gap between the former curriculum and the new curriculum. Our ongoing collaborative approach is giving students the chance to explain their thinking and collaborate with other students in order to solve math problems and equations. We are headed into our fractions unit before the break.

In **Science**, we are learning about yaw, pitch and roll, as well as parts of airplanes. Our next unit is Evidence and Investigation which is a super compelling, hands-on unit.

*Democracy is our central topic in Grade 6 **Social Studies**.* We are investigating historical treaties such as the 1701 Treaty de La Grande Paix de Montreal, and the Magna Carta. We will be focusing on levels of government in the new year.

A few Reminders...

- Please make sure that you are getting enough sleep. The recommended sleep for 12 year old children is 9-10 hours per night:)
- Don't forget your indoor shoes!
- Keep reading at home! This is a calming activity and a healthy habit.

"The bad news is time flies. The good news is you're the pilot."

— Michael Altshuler

Have a cheery, family-filled month:)
Ms. Milne



Music Class News

November always brings time to pause, reflect and celebrate all the people who have sacrificed so much so that we can enjoy the freedoms that we have in Canada. Each grade has been singing, listening, or playing along to songs about peace and it warmed my heart to hear many of them singing "Nothing but Peace" while we walked to PBHS on November 10th. The choir did a beautiful job of performing "Soldier, This Song I Sing for You" at the Remembrance Day Ceremony at Picture Butte High School and I so appreciate the students dedication to give up a lunch recess to come and practice for choir.

November also meant the preparations for our annual Winter Concert have begun in earnest. After the brief blast of early winter, the beautiful weather we have been enjoying does not seem like it is almost December, but the calendar keeps marching on and we are busy rehearsing songs and making preparations.

A few things to note for parents:

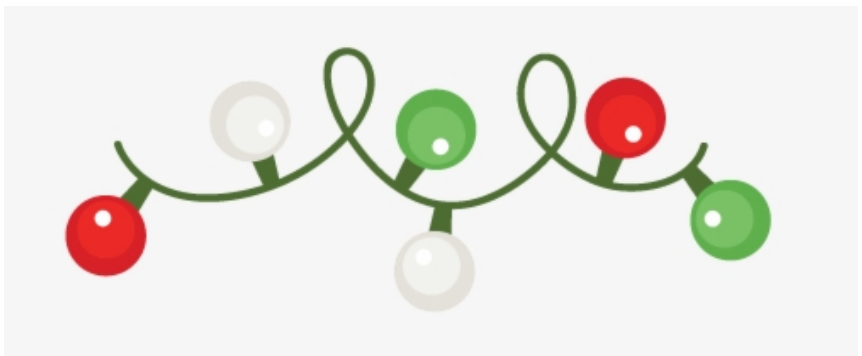
- Concert date is Thursday, December 14th
- Snow date for the concert (if needed) is December 19th
- Dress Rehearsal is Thursday, December 14th at 1:00 PM
- Extended family are encouraged to attend the dress rehearsal as the gym fills up quickly for the evening performance
- Evening performance starts at 6:30 PM (Doors open at 6:15 PM)
- Students will go directly to their classroom when they arrive to get ready
- A note has gone home with each grade to specify any costume requirements

As the year progresses, I have been blown away by how the children's musical abilities are improving. As a special note, any families interested in taking in a phenomenal live music performance should check out the Global Drums concert at the University of Lethbridge on Friday, December 8 at 7:30. Tickets are available at this website:

<https://uleth.universitickets.com/w/default.aspx>

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at the school.

Keep singing!
Mrs. Neufeld



School Council News

We had our November meeting on the 20th and voted on contributing funds to complete the Sensory Room. We were able to look at the room after our meeting and were very impressed with what all is offered to the students. Palliser's board of trustees has reviewed the Student Transportation policy which is on their website (<https://www.pallisersd.ab.ca/board-of-trustees/policy-review>) for those who wish to review it.

We will have a brief meeting on Monday, December 11 at 7pm which will be **virtual only**. You can email Michelle at jmmarti@shaw.ca to be added to the Google Meet link for that evening.



Lists will be sent home soon asking for donations towards the Christmas dinner on Thursday, December 21. For those families who are new to the school, this is where all students and staff come to the gym over lunch hour and sit with their classmates to enjoy a turkey dinner with all the fixings. This is one of the highlights of the year for the kids. Thank you for donating food items as this meal wouldn't be possible without you or the help of our volunteers cooking that day.

Hot lunch will have one other meal on December 7 which will be soft tacos with tater tots. If you have any questions about this program or would like to help in any way, please contact Laurell at laurell.greene@gmail.com

School council would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays and we can't wait to see you in the New Year!



Our school is accepting donations of non-perishable food items for the North County Interfaith Outreach Society (food bank). If you are able, please send your donation to school before December 14, 2023.





DECEMBER

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p>Welcome to DDS' 12 Days of Holidays! Join us in dressing festive! This season goes by so quickly, so we've planned some fun spirit days to get us in the holiday spirit. You can participate in one of them, some of them, or all of them—just have fun with it and be creative!</p>			<p>7  Winter/Holiday Hat! </p>	<p>Winter Scarves! </p>
<p>11  Winter Wonderland: Wear white & blue!</p>	<p>12  Rock your holiday socks!</p>	<p>13  Dress like a Christmas present!</p>	<p>Formal Day: 14 Dress in your holiday best! </p>	<p>Dress like your favorite 15 Christmas Character! </p>
<p>Mr. Grinch: 16  Dress as your favorite Grinch character or wear toxic green!</p>	<p>17  Elf Yourself! </p>	<p>Rudolph Red: 20 Wear red, antlers, and/or a Rudolph nose! </p>	<p>Ugly Christmas Sweater! 21 </p>	<p>22  Comfy Cozy PJ Day! </p>

DDS CHRISTMAS CONCERT

OUR SCHOOL CHRISTMAS CONCERT IS DECEMBER 14, 2023.

DRESS REHEARSAL IS 1:00PM

EVENING PERFORMANCE 6:30 PM (doors open at 6:15 PM)

We encourage any families that can attend the 1:00 PM performance to come then. The evening performance can get quite full in the gym and seating is limited.



If you are able, please bring a donation of a non-perishable food item. We will be collecting items for the North County Interfaith Outreach Society.



This Christmas season our school will be working with the Piyami Lodge to help provide and wrap stocking stuffers for the seniors in our community. Our Making Connections Worker, Miss Nicole, will work students to contribute and give back to the community.



WORD OF THE MONTH: GENEROSITY

“Someone showing generosity is happy to give time, money, food, or kindness to people in need. Generosity is a quality — like honesty and patience — that we all probably wish we had more of. When you show generosity, you might give away things or money or put others before yourself.”