

# Dover-Eyota Elementary School

# NEWS & NOTES

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## Principal's News by Dr. Jeanne Svobodny

Whew! I'm sure your family calendars are as full as our school calendar is for the month of May. It does get a bit crazy doesn't it? With that being said, please try to keep your children on a schedule that is as close to "normal" as possible. Students are expected to keep learning during the month.

With the hectic pace of the end-of-school, please double check your calendars with the dates listed in our Upcoming Events.

**Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week:** May 6th—10th. I want to encourage you and your child to say "Thank You" to the wonderful teachers and staff we have at Dover-Eyota Elementary School.

### **End-of-the-Year Highlights**

Elementary Choir & 5th Grade Band Performance: **May 10th at 2:00** in the elementary gym.

The 5th Grade Musical is Thursday, May 16th at 7:00 PM in the elementary gym. Students are busy practicing for "Go West".

Special Olympics, K-2 Activities Day, and 5th grade field trip to Forestville are Friday, May 17th.

3rd—5th Grade Track and Field will be held on Friday morning, May 24th with Try Something New for 4th & 5th in the afternoon of the 24th. At approximately 12:15 PM on the 24th, the seniors will come to the elementary for the annual "Senior Walk" through the elementary. It is a nice opportunity to honor the seniors and for the seniors to stroll down memory lane and be role models for the elementary students.

4th & 5th Grade Awards will be in the elementary gym on **Monday, June 3 at 12:45 pm**. You will be notified by the teachers if your child is receiving an award.

5th Grade Graduation will be on **Monday, June 3 beginning at 1:30 pm in the elementary gym**.

Last day of school is Tuesday, June 4th. Our kitchen staff will be treating us to a luau lunch as a final summer send off meal. Parents are welcome to come join us for a picnic lunch with your child. K—2 students will **dismiss at 12:45 and 3-5 at 12:55**.

This school year went by so fast! From my perspective, it was a great year. I hope it was for your child and family as well.

Thank you so much for all the support you have given to your children throughout the school year. You are the best!!

Enjoy summer!



## May Music Performances...Mrs. Kabes and Mrs. Monson



The 5th Grade Band and Elementary Choir would like to invite you to their spring concert on **Friday, May 10th at 2:00 PM in the elementary gym.** The

choir will wear black and white. Band students should dress nicely as if for school pictures—no t-shirts, sweat-shirts or jeans. It is always amazing to hear a beginning band play their first concert! To think that six months ago, they didn't know how to hold an instrument or play a note! The last day of choir practice will be **Tuesday, May 14th.**

Fifth grade band will continue to the end of the school year.

The 5th grade band's final performance of the year will be at Fifth Grade Graduation on **Thursday, June 3 at 1:30 PM in the elementary gym.**

Thank you for all your support throughout the year. We couldn't run our music programs without you!

As you probably know, our school has a reputation for putting on a wonderful fifth grade musical. Students often share that it is one of the highlights of their time at the elementary school.

Don't miss, "Go West" which will be performed by the fifth graders on **Thursday, May 16th at 7:00 PM** in the elementary gym.

Come and enjoy the show!

## Bike to School Day...May 8th



Wednesday, May 8th is National Bike to School Day. Dover-Eyota students can participate by riding their bike to school, if there is a safe route, wearing their helmets of course.

Students, bike to school if you can, but if you can't, just bring your helmet to school. Take your helmet to the gym on the morning of May 8th and show it to Mr. A and YOU get a chance to win a prize! Protect your noggin and earn a chance at winning a prize.

It's a win-win!!

Prizes are provided as a result of our partnership with SHIP (Statewide Heath Improvement Program) in our combined effort to make Minnesota a healthier place to live!

See you there with helmet hair!

P.E. Teachers



## Summer Art Camp

Summer Art Camp will be held at the elementary school during Eyota Days July 15—19 from 9:00—11:30. Students enjoy this week using their artistic abilities very much. The projects that they make are amazing! Special thanks to all the guest artists who are teaching the classes.



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## Lost and Found

Time to check the lost and found one last time before things are given away at the end of the school year. Our lost and found is overflowing with mittens, hats, jackets, sweatshirts, shirts, etc. When you come to school for the end-of-the-year school events, please take time to look through the assortment of items. Our Lost and Found is located at the west end of the building. Items not claimed will be donated to local needs the first week in June.

## Principal for a Day



After winning the highest bid at the D-E Eagles Foundation Silent Auction, **Leila Curry** spent some time during the morning of March 21 serving as our elementary principal. Leila is a fifth grade student who did a wonderful job as principal. She came to the job with many cool ideas. She worked hard during the morning and said time flew by!

After taking a tour of the building checking on the physical condition of the building, Leila visited several classes to help me monitor what students were learning.

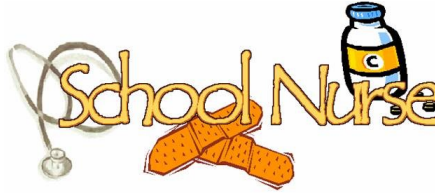
Leila attended a Health and Safety meeting with me in the district office.

When talking about the lead levels in the sinks, Leila reminded me and committee members that students fill up their water bottles with the sink water so we do need to be concerned about lead levels in the sinks. She was absolutely right! When we returned to the elementary school, Leila put up signs at the "at-risk" sinks to warn students not to drink the sink water.

Thank you Leila for all your help! It was a fun time for both of us.

*Dr. Svobodny*

## Notes from the Nurses



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Just a reminder that parents need to pick up student's meds from school at the end of the year. Medications will not be monitored or stored over the summer, so any meds, inhalers or epi-pens will be properly disposed of after June 6<sup>th</sup>.

Looking towards next year: Keep in mind that new Doctor's Authorization Forms for prescription medicines, and Parent's Authorization Forms for over the counter medicines will be required. The forms can be found on the health page of the school website if you need them before your doctors' visits over the summer.

High Schoolers, grades 9-12 will be able to self-carry over the counter pain medications such as acetaminophen, ibuprofen and naproxen, if it is taken as stated on the label and a permission to self-carry form is signed by parents and kept on file at school. They are the only medications that are going to be allowed for students to have in their possession besides emergency drugs such as epi-pens and inhalers. The forms will be available in the high school health office.

Speaking of inhalers, be sure your child has an updated asthma action plan on file next fall. The plans are obtained from your provider, and are good for one year before they need to be reviewed again. There are places for parents to sign if they give students permission to self-carry their inhalers, so be sure to sign this if you would like them to be able to carry one in their purse or backpack. It is most beneficial to have 2 inhalers in use: One to be kept in the health office and one to be used as needed by the student. If only one inhaler is provided, and it is locked in their locker, it can not be accessed quickly in case of emergency.

Anaphylaxis (or epi pen) plans also need to be updated yearly and a doctor's signature is required. Again, it is beneficial for one or two pens to be stored in the health office, in case the student is unable to access theirs in an emergency. (Also note: our policy states that 911 will ALWAYS be called after an epi-pen has been used.)

Food allergy required form packets will be mailed by our food service director. Please let us know if you need one or didn't receive it.

Be sure that your child is getting all of the required immunizations over the summer, as we will be again screening and updating our records first thing next fall. Children without their immunizations or proper paperwork, may be excluded from school next year.

You will be asked to fill out another health history form at the beginning of next year. Please take the time to fill these out completely, as they are sometimes our only way of identifying or updating any health needs our students might have.

Have a great summer. Stay safe and have fun.

Chris Eck RN, LSN, Joyce Peterson RN, and Nicole Pochran, LPN  
D-E School Nurses

## Eagle Awards

Congratulations to the following classrooms who won the Eagle Awards this month!



Kindergarten:  
First Grade:  
Second Grade:  
Third Grade:  
Fourth Grade:  
Fifth Grade:

### 4/1—4/12

Mrs. Rowen  
Mrs. Keller  
Ms. Brinkman  
Mr. Matejka  
Mrs. Doschadis  
Mr. Asper

### 4/15—4/26

Mrs. Braun  
Mrs. Clark  
Mrs. Ahern  
Mrs. Thompson  
Mrs. Benike  
Mr. Zars

***Thank you Mrs. Bestor for faithfully counting the Eagle Awards each month and taking class pictures to post in the hallway!***

## Word of the Week Class Winners

4/1	Word—Fairness	Mrs. Kobs' 1st Grade
4/8	Word—Honesty	Mrs. Braun's 1st Grade
4/15	Word—Responsibility	Mrs. Ahern's 2nd Grade
4/22	Word—Self-Control	Mrs. Bushman's 4th Grade

Students earn an Eagle Gram monthly if they did not receive a pink slip or bus report during that month. Hopefully you have displayed your child's Eagle Grams in a prominent spot in your home to acknowledge their accomplishment of following the school and bus rules. Students work hard and are very proud when they earn these monthly awards. Please be sure and praise them for doing so.

## Summer Retention of Skills

Tired of hassling with homework, packing backpacks, getting the kids bathed and to bed early? Well, relief is here—summer break!! Enjoy the slightly more relaxed months of summer!

Don't take a total break from schoolwork though! Please encourage your child to continue to read and solve math problems daily throughout the summer. Even ten minutes a day makes a big difference in the retention of previously learned information. Research shows that student access to books over the summer is key in reversing the "summer slide" and in continued learning. Children who do not read in the summer generally lose 2-3 months of reading development each year while those who do read tend to gain a month of reading proficiency. By the time students reach the end of 5th grade, this gap can be as much as 1 1/2 years difference between students who read over the summer and those who don't.



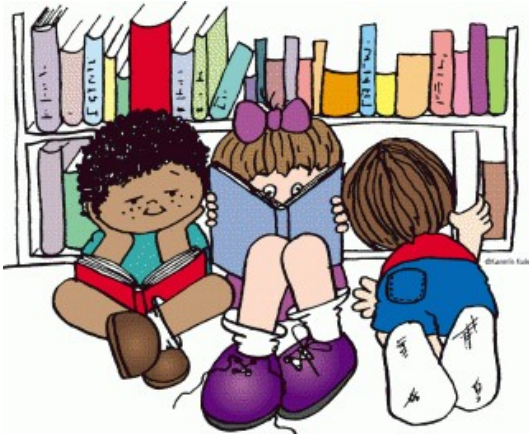
What can you do to promote summer reading?

- \* Visit a library—Rochester, St. Charles, the Book Mobile, and/or D-E Elementary library
- \* Keep extra books or magazines around—leave some in the car for unexpected stops
- \* Participate in a reading incentive program—The Rochester Public Library and Barnes & Noble have such a program
- \* Set a goal as a family—How many total pages can the family read over the summer or How many minutes of reading each week can the family do...highest # of minutes?

Encourage each other and work together to accomplish your goal.



## D-E Elementary Summer Library Hours



Great News! Back by popular demand our school library will be open at designated times during the summer for students to come check out books. We have made our school library available for book check-out the past two summers which has helped students to keep throughout the summer.

Barb Kingsley, our media center assistant, will be in the media center to help students check out books. What a wonderful way to keep reading skills on track during the summer months! We are excited that our students will have continued access to books throughout the summer. Send them to check out books or come with them and sit and read with them in our cozy library.

### JUNE

<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>
June 18	June 20
June 25	June 27

### JULY

<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>
July 9	July 11
July 16	July 18
July 23	July 25
July 30	

### AUGUST

<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>
	August 1

## Spirit Day

Our last Spirit Day will be the Wednesday, May 29. Student Council members voted to have students dress in 1980's & 1990's. (They refer to it as the "olden" days!)



Also, don't forget students can dress up for our end of the year food service lieu too which will be on the last day of school Tuesday, June 4th.



## Spring Clothing

Just a reminder that girls are not to wear blouses with thin straps because the straps constantly fall off the shoulders. Boys can wear shirts without sleeves but not muscle shirts (shirts with very large armholes).

Please continue to send your child to school in tennis shoes. We know that sandals and flip-flops are cute and stylish, but tennis shoes are much more practical for school and much safer. Thank you!



## Early Childhood News

Please help spread the word that registration for next year's classes are currently open on-line on our district website for all classes including Footsteps. Many of the classes are filling up quickly so early registration is recommended. Go to [www.deschs.org](http://www.deschs.org) and follow the early childhood registration link under the early childhood section.

Important dates to mark for the end of the year are:

Thursday, May 2: Footsteps Field Trip to La Crosse Children's Museum  
Tuesday, May 7: 5:00—7:00 PM Muffins with Moms  
Thursday, May 9: Preschool Field Trip to Air Insanity  
Monday, May 13: Last Monday evening Footsteps class  
Thursday, May 16: Last Thursday morning Footsteps  
Thursday, May 23: 9:15 Morning LRP Graduation  
Thursday, May 23: 1:15 PM LRP & Transition Graduations  
Thursday, May 23: Last LRP & Transition Classes  
Friday, May 24: Last Look at Me-I'm 3 Classes



## Educational Websites

[www.teachersfirst.com](http://www.teachersfirst.com) kindergarten—second grade  
[www.janbrett.com](http://www.janbrett.com) kindergarten—fifth grade  
[www.starfall.com](http://www.starfall.com) kindergarten—second grade  
<http://pbskids.org> third—fifth grade  
[www.weeklyreader.com](http://www.weeklyreader.com) third—fifth grade  
[www.kidsreads.com](http://www.kidsreads.com) kindergarten—fifth grade  
[www.spellingcity.com](http://www.spellingcity.com)  
[www.learningplanet.com](http://www.learningplanet.com)  
[www.funbrain.com](http://www.funbrain.com)  
[www.aaamath.com](http://www.aaamath.com)  
[www.studyisland.com](http://www.studyisland.com)



For additional ideas and book lists for various age groups, go to a search engine like Google and search for “summer reading elementary children”. You will see an array of resources to explore. Also, check out Mr. Flaig's & Mrs. Magnuson's webpages from our elementary webpage for additional math & reading games/activities.

## Library Books

All library books will be due by Friday, May 24th. If you child has a missing book after this date, the office will hold their report card until the book is returned or paid for. Please contact Barb Kingsley at [barbkingsley@deschools.org](mailto:barbkingsley@deschools.org) or 545-2632 ext.148 if you have any questions or concerns about a missing book. Thank you!

## Track and Field Day

Elementary Track & Field Day - Friday, May 24th for 3rd, 4th & 5th grades from 8:30-11:30 AM.

The new track and field provides optimal conditions for the track and field events. Parents, wear tennis shoes so you can challenge your child to the obstacle course. Come cheer everyone on to the finish line!





## SUMMER SCHOOL

Letters have been sent home to students recommended for summer school participation. If you received a letter, please return it as soon as possible so we can have accurate records on expected participation. There is a waiting list so if your child isn't able to attend, please return the letter indicating they aren't able to participate this year. Summer School will be at the elementary school June 17—20, June 24—27, July 22—25, July 29—August 1. (Monday-Thursdays, mornings only from 8:30 AM to 12:00PM).

## Volunteers

Thank you to the many, many parents, grandparents, and community members who volunteered at school during this year. According to our records we had 294 volunteers (that we know of!). This is phenomenal! It means so much to your children to have you come and help! Special thanks to those who came faithfully every week to help. For those who helped at the Fall Carnival, Try Something New Day, Field Trips, Classroom Parties, Activities Day, Book Fairs, etc. Thank you so much for helping to make these events so successful! We couldn't do it without all of your help!

Heartfelt   
**THANKS**  
**TO OUR VOLUNTEERS!**

## Back-to-School Conference-Assessment Days

Back by popular demand, the Back-to-School Conference/Assessment Days will be September 3rd & 4th. The conference schedule will be 40 minute sessions—25 minutes for teacher-student reading assessments and 15 minutes for parent-teacher-student conferences.

In late July, you will be sent your child's teacher assignment along with the information you will need to log into the on-line software program to sign-up for a conference time.

In addition to talking with the teacher, you will have the opportunity to do the following on these days:

- \* Have your child's individual school picture taken
- \* Make a food service payment
- \* Have your child's vision and hearing checked if in grades
- \* Turn in health records & speak with school nurses
- \* Verify information in JMC, our student information system
- \* Purchase P.A.T.T. spirit wear & merchandise
- \* Learn information about Girl Scouts & Boy Scouts,





## Buy One, Get One Free Book Fair

Tuesday & Wed. May 7 & 8: 10:00 AM—4:00 PM  
Thursday May 9 9:00 AM—5:00 PM

Be sure to stop by and check out all the great books available for purchase to promote reading. A variety of reading levels will be available. Volunteers are needed to help staff the book fair. If you are able to help, please contact Misty Solem at [mistysolem@yahoo.com](mailto:mistysolem@yahoo.com).

**Stock up for summer reading.**



## SPRING PLANT SALE

Thursday May 9  
7:45 AM—4:45 PM

*Just in time for Mother's Day!*

*Plants are provided by Viola Nursery*

## HUGE THANK YOU

To Misty Solem and Laura Woutila who have been members and officers of P.A.T.T. for the past 8 and 6 years respectively. Misty has been P.A.T.T.'s Treasurer and P.A.T.T.'s President during her time serving PATT and Laura has been the P.A.T.T. secretary during her years assisting with PATT's organization. Both of these women will be greatly missed as their children move over to the middle school. Thank you to both of you!



## Golden Apple Award

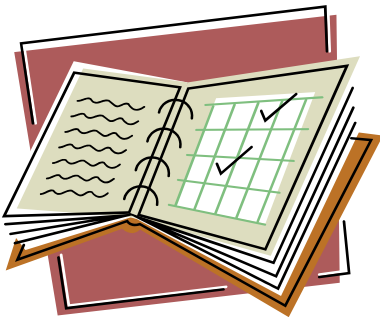


Congratulations to **Mr. Dan Lecheler**, Dover-Eyota Elementary School's Social Worker, for being awarded the Golden Apple Award this year. Each year, PATT honors someone who has contributed significantly in some way to the school. Dan's never-ending hard work, calm demeanor, contagious smile and love for students does not go unnoticed! Thanks for all you do for us Dan!



## May/June Important Events & Dates

Check us out on the  
web! [www.desch.org](http://www.desch.org)



Wednesday, May 1	5th MCA Science
Thursday, May 2	Footsteps Field Trip all day; 1:00 Rowen & Braun Music Open House
Friday, May 3	1:00 Bushman & Tuohy Music Open House
Monday, May 6	8:30-10:30 AM Brinkman & Wolf classes to Planetarium
Tuesday, May 7	8:30–10:30 AM Ahern & Eisenman to Planetarium 10:00–4:00 PATT BOGO Book Fair 10:00–4:00 5:00–7:00 PM Preschool Muffins with Moms
Wednesday, May 8,	Bike-to-School Day
Thursday, May 9	7:45–4:45 PATT Plant Fair in elementary gym 9:00 –5:00 PATT BOGO Book Fair LRP & Transition Preschool classes field trip all day 12:30-2:30 PM Matejka & Puetz classes - Planetarium
Friday, May 10	2:00 PM Elementary Choir and 5th Grade Band Concert
Monday, May 13	12:30-2:30 Anderson & Thompson to Planetarium 6:00 PM School Board Meeting at MSHS
Wednesday, May 15	Young Writers' Conference during the day
Thursday, May 16	8:20–11:30 Third Grade Field Trip 7:00 PM 5th Grade Musical in elementary gym
Friday, May 17	5th Grade to Forestville & Mystery Cave Special Olympics in Winona K-2 Activities Day
Monday, May 20	8:30–2:30 3rd Grade Field Trip Student Council/School Patrol Field Trip all day 6:00 PM Mini-School Board Meeting at MSHS
Thursday, May 23	9:00 LRP Graduation in cafeteria 1:15 PM LRP & Transition Graduation in cafeteria
Friday, May 24	3rd–5th Track and Field in the AM Rice & Kobs field trip all day Kindergarten field trip to Quarry Hill & Chester Woods 12:15 Senior Walk Through Elementary School Try Something New in PM
Monday, May 27	NO SCHOOL MEMORIAL DAY
Wednesday, May 29	80s-90s Spirit Day
Thursday, May 30	10:00–1:40 4th Grade Field Trip
Friday, May 31	5th Grade field trip roller skating all day Clark & Keller field trip all day
Monday, June 3	4th & 5th Grade Awards 12:45 Fifth Grade Graduation 1:30
Tuesday June 4	<b>EARLY DISMISSAL at 12:55...</b> Students last day Luau Lunch