



Happy Holidays

Dear Parents/Guardians,

As we close out this year and move into the holiday season, I would like to take the opportunity to share my thanks and gratitude to our amazing DES faculty and staff. I am lucky to work with individuals who come to work every day wanting to make a difference. We have educators willing to share data and talk about ways in which we can improve and enhance the education provided to our students. Although some in our society feel that teachers work only 7 hours a day and have their summers off, we all know and have witnessed our staff coming in over the weekends, staying late, and volunteering their time after contractual hours.

May your family have a great holiday. I hope you are afforded time to spend with your loved ones and friends. For those of you who will be traveling during our holiday break, may your journey be a safe one. Maybe you will start a new tradition of a family game night or visit the local library to select a book to read together at bedtime.

Happy Holidays and Happy New Year!



Fun in Fourth!

Reading & Literacy

Our reading unit this month is Patterns in Nature. This week we'll be reading about hurricanes and tornados, and discussing how weather patterns affect our lives. We are practicing reading with fluency, and understanding past, future and present tenses.

We had our first book projects this month! Our presentations began Friday, December 18th, and continued Monday and Tuesday. Please assist us in the future by having us practice our presentations with you at home, aloud. We will also be choose our January book before the holiday break.

Math

The past two weeks we have been learning about decimals. We've used our base ten blocks and money to help us understand using decimals in the real world. This week we will be studying measurements; meters, inches, centimeters, decimeters and millimeters. You may see us walking around the school measuring different things.

We have almost mastered our math facts 1-10, and are now working on saying them with automaticity. Please quiz us on our facts and let us amaze you! Also, it's so important we continue to practice our facts, so let this be something we can do over the long break.

Dojo

Our dojo monsters continue to remind us how well we're doing throughout the day, staying on task, and helping our classmates.

Reminders to parents of Fourth Graders;

**On Fridays we pass out all of our papers/newsletters from the whole week, in our Friday folders. Please check bags every Friday and look over and celebrate all of the great work your student is doing. Putting a spelling test with a sticker on the fridge is a very big deal, and reminds students that their hard work is something to celebrate.*

**Also, your students should be reading every night for a minimum of 15 minutes. Making this a nightly habit will greatly improve their reading skills.*

Have a wonderful holiday!

Fun Fact...

This will be the last full moon on a Christmas for the next 19 years!

Newfound Nutrition

Lunch Menu Week of Jan 4-8, 2016

Monday

BHOP Pizza
Carrots
Garden Salad
Assorted Fruit

Tuesday

Breaded Chicken Patty
Whole Wheat Roll
Spinach
Garden Salad

Wednesday

Mac N Cheese
Broccoli
Garden Salad
Assorted Fruit

Thursday

Pork Carnitas
Spanish Rice
Corn
Garden Salad
Assorted Fruit

Friday

Beef Burger
Whole Wheat Roll
Oven Fries
Garden Salad

Breakfast \$1.25
(reduced \$0.30)
Lunch \$2.50
(reduced \$0.40)
Milk \$0.35

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Danbury Elementary



JANUARY 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Happy New Year!	2
3	4 Back to School!	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18 MLK Day No School	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28 Prize Speaking Preliminary 8pm	29 Teacher Workshop No School	30
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