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Happy Thanksgiving!

I am thankful for my health, shelter, family, friends, and a rewarding job mentoring staff and inspiring students. As we prepare for Thanksgiving, here is what our wonderful DES students are thankful for...

- I am thankful for my mom and dad. -Connor P.
- I am thankful for my friends. -Brooklyn
- I am thankful for my family. -Madison
- I am thankful for water. -Tessa
- I am thankful for my family. -Connor O.
- I am thankful for my daddy. -Ashton
- I am thankful for my family. -Maggie
- I am thankful for my brother. -Hailey
- I am thankful for my friends. -Farrah
- I am thankful for food. -Greta
- I am thankful for my friends. -Alyssa
- I am thankful for the people that live. -Russell
- I am thankful for my family. -James
- I am thankful for people keeping us safe. -Amelia
- I am thankful for my mommy. -Sophia
- I am thankful for my mom and my kittens. -Michael
- I am thankful for my horses at home. -Finn
- I am thankful for the trees. -Liam
- I am thankful for my family. -Jacob
- I am thankful for my brother. -Maxwell
- I am thankful for my growing family, my husband, my parents, and my wonderful students. -Mrs. Seavey
- I am thankful for my family and my health. -Mrs. M.
- I am thankful for all the wonderful people in my life. - Mrs. Simard

- I am thankful for the veterans that fight for our country. -David
- I am thankful for my family. -Dominick
- I am thankful for my dog. -Hayden
- I am thankful for the U.S.A. -Jillian
- I am thankful for my horse. -Dayvanee
- I am thankful for my dad and my uncle because they are both veterans. - Iris
- I am thankful for my cats. - Tucker
- I am thankful for my family. - Curtis
- I am thankful for my grandpa. - Averi
- I am thankful for my family. - Peter
- I am thankful for my great grandpa because he was in the air force. - Matthew
- I am thankful for my Mam. – Helena
- I am thankful for spending the holidays with my husband this year, last year he was deployed. –Mrs. B



I am thankful for my freedom. - David
 I am thankful for those who served in the Navy. -Kason
 I am thankful for the Army protecting us. -Trey
 I am thankful for my family because they keep me safe. -Acelynn
 I am thankful for my family, my life, my sister, and my country. -Madison
 I am thankful for the people who serve in the Coast Guard. -Janet
 I am thankful for turkey and my big brother. -Ellen
 I am thankful for potatoes and stuffing on Thanksgiving. - Noah
 I am thankful for my mom and dad and the food we eat on Thanksgiving. - Sarah
 I am thankful for my two dogs because they are really playful. - Devon
 I am thankful for our Veterans. - Emma
 I am thankful for my cool school. I am also thankful for my family and my cousins. - Abigale
 I am thankful for my house because it protects me. - Tess
 I am thankful for my parents because they care for me. - Hayden
 I am thankful for books and libraries. - Maddie
 I am thankful for my home, my house, my country, and my food. - William
 I am thankful for police officers and my life. - Anabelle
 I am thankful for the food that is provided for Thanksgiving. - Nicky
 I am thankful for my family, my health, and the possibility each new day brings. - Mrs. Sterner

I am thankful for my amazing family. -Trent
 I am thankful for a good life. -Braelyn
 I am thankful for having a wonderful family and wonderful friends. -Brian
 I am thankful for a loving family. -Wyatt
 I am grateful for a roof over my head, food on the table, and a family that loves me. -Makenna
 I am thankful for my amazing friends and my loving family. -Brenna
 I am appreciative for the roof over my head, my family, my friends, and people in search of a cure for cancer. -William
 I am thankful for my caring family and my fluffy kittens. -Gavin
 I am grateful for an awesome life! -Brandon
 I am grateful for my stunning life and other people's lives, too, and veterans that fought for us. -Abby
 I am thankful for being able to help people. -Caleb
 I am thankful for my healthy family and the DES community. -Mrs. Roberts

I am thankful for my family. -Mrs. Shaffer
 I am thankful for the most amazing person in my life. -Ms. Abbey
 I am thankful for our upcoming adoption of 2 more daughters. -Mrs. Farrell
 I am thankful for my friends and growing family. -Mrs. Paquette
 I am thankful for the constant support and good humor of my fiancé and family. -Ms. Bennett
 I am thankful for music and dogs, two things that give me great peace and enjoyment. -Ms. Anderson
 I am thankful for family on the holidays. -Mr. B

**Lunch Menu
 Nov 28-Dec 2, 2016**

Monday
 Grilled Cheese Sandwich
 Tomato Soup
 Garden Salad
 Fresh Fruit

Tuesday
 Breakfast Sandwich
 Tator Tots
 Garden Salad
 Fresh Fruit

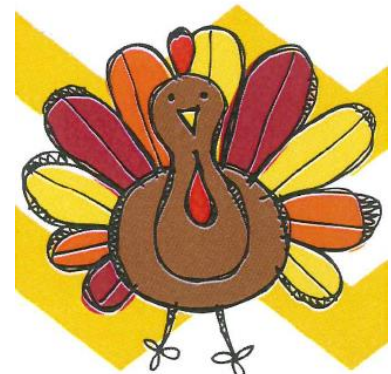
Wednesday
 Beef Burrito
 Mexican Corn/Refried Beans
 Garden Salad
 Fresh Fruit

Thursday
 Rib a Que Sandwich
 Oven Fries
 Garden Salad
 Fresh Fruit

Friday
 Nachos
 Chili con Carne
 Garden Salad
 Fresh Fruit

Breakfast \$1.25 (reduced \$.30)
 Lunch \$2.75 (reduced \$.40)
 Milk \$.35

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Looking for an icon sized clipart image of a purple sunset? The 5th grade class recently worked on refining an image search. Using the special “search tool” feature they were able narrow a search to find a certain size image, type of image (clip art, line drawing, animation), time created, and even a specific color. And of course they remembered to cite the source. Many are starting to make this a habit. *That* is an important part of being a good Digital Citizen!

Have you heard about the Tree Octopus that lives in Washington state? Neither had Mrs. Sterner’s class, until I showed it to them on a website! They thought it was pretty cool...until I revealed that the site was a HOAX. Some students said they were a bit doubtful, but of course trusted Mrs. Plankey! We looked at some other sites that were deliberate attempts to trick people. They saw proof of how important to remember, especially when doing research, that not everything on the internet is true. We will continue to work on ways to evaluate websites to help us find CREDIBLE information.



One of the ICT Standards is, students will use a variety of digital tools to express themselves creatively. Students in Mrs. Barbour’s class accomplished this using a basic draw and paint program on the internet (abcya- Draw and Paint) to create self-portraits. Most of the class would agree it was a challenge, but they had a great growth mindset working hard to do their best! And referencing one of our favorite books, *ISH!*, it just needed to look “David-ish” or “Helena-ish” ! In the end they were very pleased with their finished portraits. Look soon for some of their work on the DES ICT website!

After reading the creepy story, *Creepy Carrots!* By Aaron Reynolds and Illustrated by Peter Brown, the class watched a video hosted by the illustrator of the book. Mr. Brown talked about how he came up his ideas for the pictures and showed the many steps involved in creating illustrations. After some inspiration from the illustrator, it was the kids turn to be the illustrator and create their own Creepy Carrots. See the DES ICT page for more creepiness!



Fantastic 3rd & 4th Grade!

As we wrap up our first Module in Eureka Math, the third and fourth graders are excited to see where we are headed in Module two. Third grade will begin with understanding time as measurement. And Fourth grade will begin with problem solving with metric measurement. Eureka has challenged us, but our growth mindset is to accept that challenge, and work even harder.

In Literacy, we are beginning Unit 2, week 4. We will do our second benchmark that week. As a group, both 3rd and 4th graders have been working on plural/singular possessive nouns, main idea, and Author’s purpose. In writing, we’ve invited 7 people to our fictitious Thanksgiving dinner and wrote about why we would invite them.

We are completing our Science Unit on water and will be moving on to the Human Body. We loved creating our own water cycles and developed a better understanding of how important water is in our lives and for our planet.

Some things we can practice outside of school to better assist our class: Spellingcity.com, Zearn.com, xtramath.com and Khanacademy.org.

I hope you have a fantastic Thanksgiving weekend and reflect on what you’re thankful for. I feel truly thankful to spend my day with each of your children here in the 3rd and 4th grade.