

Dorothy Dalglish School

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December 2022

Message from the Principal

Season Greetings to all our 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.

Our school would like to welcome Ms. Destiny Vanderputt to our team. Ms. Vanderputt has a strong background in Early Childhood Education and will be working alongside Miss. Mastel and our Grade 4 students. A special welcome to our student teachers, Miss Urasaki and Miss Smith. We are excited to have you join our team!

December is always an exciting time for our students! We are so grateful to live and work in such a supportive community. As the snow falls and the winter holidays approach, it is the perfect time to teach our children about being helpful, grateful, generous and kind.

Bake Sale

As you are aware, we are organizing a bake sale fundraiser on Tuesday, December 6th. All proceeds from the bake sale will go towards purchasing wishlist items for the residents of Piyami Lodge and Piyami Place. Please consider donating some baking to our school for our sale! Students will have an opportunity to purchase some treats during the school day on the 6th. Parents wishing to purchase baked goods can do so from 3:00pm - 3:30pm on Tuesday, December 6th.

CANstruction!

Our annual Food Drive campaign officially started this week and will run until December 12th. Students and staff are encouraged to bring in non-perishable food items. Each class will have the opportunity to build a structure out of their collected items for a chance to win a class prize!

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 week of school before the Winter Break, from December 19 - December 23! Our Home and School Council will be treating all students and staff to a delicious turkey lunch on December 20th. We can wait!

Little Caesars Pizza Kit Fundraiser

Our pizza kit fundraiser was a hit, bringing in \$1506.00 for outdoor equipment! Thank you to those families who contributed to this fundraiser. Pizza kit pick up is scheduled for the week of December 12th. More details will follow next week.

Winter Concert

We hope you will join us on Tuesday, December 20th for our annual holiday concert. Staff and students are hard at work preparing for this year's performance, "Stuck at School". Doors will open at 6 p.m.; the performance will begin at 6:30 p.m. More details to come as we get closer to the date.

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

Sincerely,

Mrs. McGregor

December 2022



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				1 HOT DOG LUNCH 	2 NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS PD DAY	3 
4	5	6 DDS Bake Sale Parents can shop from 3:00 –3:30PM	7	8 Hot Lunch Pasta & Meat Sauce Sponsored by 6A Cattle Co.	9 Kindergarten Friday ASSEMBLY	10
11	12 Little Caesars Pizza order pick-up - week Date TBA	13	14	15 Hot Lunch Hamburger Soup Sponsored by Schoolen & Sons Can Construction Judging	16 Kindergarten Friday	17
18	19	20 DDS CHRISTMAS CONCERT Dress Rehearsal 1:00PM Evening Performance 6:30PM Doors open at 6:15PM	21	22 DDS TURKEY DINNER 	23 DDS SPIRIT DAY "PJ DAY" ASSEMBLY	24
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School Council News

We had our November meeting on Tuesday the 21st and were joined by Audrey Kluin, the Associate Superintendent HR from Palliser. We discussed a few items including the successful grades 4-6 dance and NED'S Mindset Mission. There are a lot of upcoming events happening here at DDS this month that we are all excited for! Lists were sent home last week asking for contributions towards our Christmas dinner on Thursday, December 22. In the past, the staff and students have joined together in the gym over lunch hour to enjoy a turkey dinner with all the fixings and we are so excited that they'll be able to do that again this year. Thank you for donating food items as this meal wouldn't be possible without you or the help of our volunteers cooking that day. It is one of the highlights of the year for the kids.



Hot lunch continues to run smoothly. Thank you to those parents who are coming in on Thursdays to cook, serve and clean, we all appreciate it! If you have any questions about this program or would like to help in any way, please contact Roxane at rsdrake@gmail.com



Our next school council meeting will be later in January, date to be decided. Contact Michelle at jmmarti@shaw.ca if you have any questions.

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!

DDS Word of the Month

GENEROSITY



Thank you to Shane & Kristin Schooten for their donation of books to our library.

Our students have been enjoying them!



North County Interfaith Outreach Society

Families requesting a hamper, please stop in at the North County Office
(326 Highway Avenue Picture Butte)
on Tuesday or Thursday mornings, between 10:00AM and 12:00PM noon
to register for this program. Or call: 587-787-4022

Deadline for Christmas Hamper Registration is December 08, 2022

Hampers delivery will be on December 17, 2022

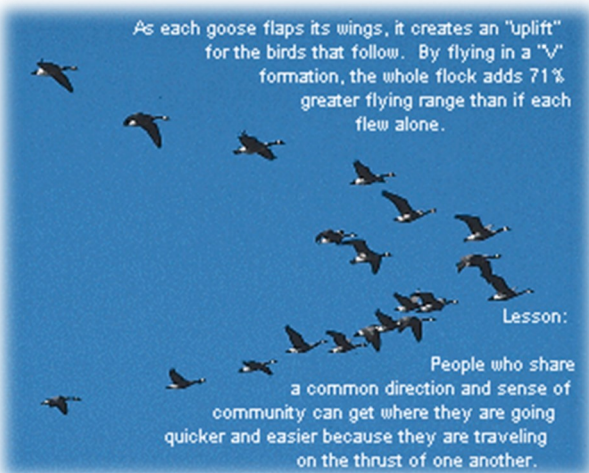


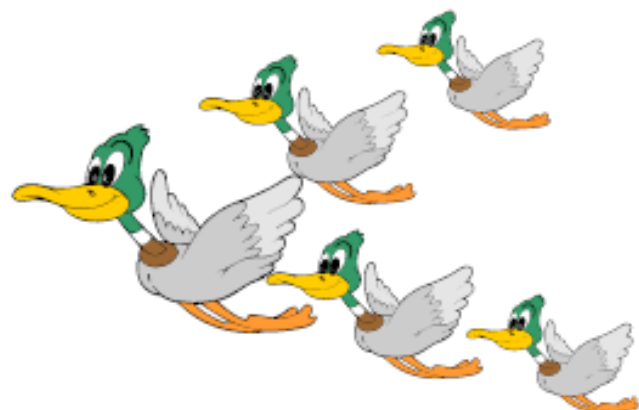
Congratulations
Grade 1!
Grade 1 students
and teachers won
the "Spirit Cup" for
"Plaid Day"





"DDS Family Groups" work together on an activity that focused on "Responsibility" and "Teamwork"





A Sense of a Goose

A story of teamwork

When you see geese flying along in "V" formation, you might consider what science has discovered as to why they fly in that way. As each bird flaps its wings, it creates uplift for the bird immediately following. By flying in the "V" formation, the whole flock adds at least 71 percent greater flying range than if the bird in front flew on its own.

LESSON:

People who share a common direction and sense of community can get where they are going more quickly and easily because they're travelling on the thrust of another.

Whenver a goose falls out of formation, it suddenly feels the drag and resistance of trying to fly alone, and quickly gets back in formation to take advantage of the "lifting power" of the bird immediately in front.

LESSON:

If we have as much sense as a goose, we will stay in formation with those who are headed where we want to go, and be willing to accept their help as well as give ours to others.

When the lead goose gets tired, it rotates back into formation and another goose flies at the point position.

LESSON:

It pays to take turns doing the tasks and sharing leadership.

The geese in formation honk from behind to encourage those up front to keep up their speed.

LESSON:

We need to make sure our honking from behind is encouraging and not something else.

When a goose gets sick or wounded, two geese drop out of formation and follow it down to protect it. They stay with it until it is able to fly again or dies. Then they launch out on their own starting another formation, or catch up with the flock.

LESSON:

If we have as much sense as geese, we will stand by each other in difficult times as well as when we are strong.





DDS recently participated in an active workshop with artist Joel Matthew Warkentin. Joel is the featured artist for the travelling exhibit program (Trex) in partnership with the Alberta Society of Artists.

Students worked to create representation of the feelings associated with a particular memory. Whether literal or conceptual, the students were asked to dedicate their time in the workshop to creating pieces of significance. Following the workshop, the student's pieces were hung on a hoop which will be displayed in the school as a collective project.



Student of the Week

Grade 6	Tyler
Grade 5	George
Grade 4	Berkley
Grade 4	Gael
Grade 3	Ryker
Grade 2	Jonathan
Grade 1	Avery

GOOD JOB!



Music Class News

I was listening to the radio the other day on my way to work and they were talking about the concept of the “Christmas Creep” in the retail world. As I’m sure many of you have noticed, Christmas themed items appear on shelves just a little earlier each year. Well, I have certainly noticed, but the store shelves, snow, and colder temperatures have all contributed to a festive spirit in the classroom where we have already begun preparations for our Winter Concert!



November was a fantastic time to remember all the people that sacrificed so much so that we can enjoy the freedoms that we have in Canada. Each grade sang or listened to songs about peace and the choir also did a fantastic job of performing “This Remembrance Day” at the Remembrance Day Ceremony at Picture Butte High School. They are pictured below.

As December is a month filled with many activities, please mark your calendars for our Winter Concert on December 20 (with a storm date of December 22) and watch for further class details to be coming out in the next couple of weeks. Again, I hope you have all had an opportunity to sing or share a musical experience with your child as this is so vital to brain development and learning.

Also, a big thank you to all of the assistants that help in our classes each and every day. Your work is very much appreciated!

Keep singing!

Mrs. Neufeld





Kindergarten News

December is sure to be an exciting month in our classroom. The children are already thinking about Christmas and sharing their experiences.

Our Themes for December are **Christmas** and **Gingerbread stories**.

In **Language Arts** we will be reading The Gingerbread Man, The Gingerbread Girl, The Gingerbread Baby and numerous other Gingerbread stories. The boys and girls will be participating in literacy activities that revolve around these stories.



In **Math** we will be learning how to **subitize**. This is when you can look at a group of objects and tell the quantity without counting them. We will also be **building patterns** and looking for patterns in our environment. Christmas decorations have great examples of patterns.

In **Science** we will be exploring our five senses.

Our **EXTRA FRIDAYS** for Kindergarten are Friday, **December 9** and Friday, **December 16**.

Thank you to all the parents for joining me for parent/teacher interviews.

I just wanted to say that it has been great talking to everyone and being able to celebrate your child's accomplishments and set goals for their future learning with you.

Thank you to all the wonderful people who help make Dorothy Dalglish a great place to be: All the staff, The Parent Council, The Hot Lunch Moms, All the Parents, and of course All the Awesome Students from Early Learning all the way to Grade Six!!



I hope you all have a wonderful, safe Christmas!

See if you can find some patterns this month with your family!

Hugs,
Mrs. Grandmont



Grade 1 News



And there went November!

I cannot believe how fast this year is going. We enjoyed watching "Ned's Mindset Mission" presentation with the rest of the school, and we really enjoyed watching all of the amazing yo-yo tricks that were shown.

I really enjoyed meeting with parents to discuss your child's academic progress and successes. We have an amazing group of students in Grade 1 and they are working exceptionally hard each and every day.

We would like to thank all the incredible moms who have been helping out with our Hot Lunches, as well as Miss Mohrmann, who made our November Hot Dog Lunch possible.



We are so lucky that we have Miss Urasaki joining us in Grade 1. She is in her first Professional Semester of Education at the University of Lethbridge. She started with us on November 15th and will be with us until December 15th. She is showing great strengths as a young teacher, and our students and I absolutely adore her!



We would like to send out a HUGE thank you to Mrs. Pittman and Mrs. Takeda for being amazing assistants in our room. We could not make it without them. As well, we would like to thank Miss Mohrmann and our Grade 5 Buddies for always coming to help us out just when we need it. We love reading with them again!

We are really looking forward to all that December has to offer us, with things like the Food Drive CanStruction competition, our Christmas Concert, and our 12 Days of Holiday Spirit coming up!

Have a wonderful rest of November, and here is to an amazing December at DDS.

Mrs. Nish



Grade 2 News



November was a fantastic month in Grade 2! I enjoyed meeting with families during Parent Teacher interviews - thanks for coming! The school enjoyed a great presentation from Ned's Mindset Mission (thank you to Mrs. McGregor and Mrs. Mohrmann for organizing it!). We had a moving and respectful Remembrance Day ceremony at PBHS and the cenotaph (thank you to PBHS for hosting us!). We recently started bringing in non-perishable goods for our school food drive - you can bring in your items from Nov 28-Dec 15. This coming month in December we are looking forward to our Holiday Bake Sale, theme days and activities, our school Christmas concert, and winter break! Our classroom may look a little different this month...

In math, we have been working on even or odd, comparing numbers, rounding, and estimating. Students had a fun homework assignment of bringing in an Estimation Jar - up to 100 items to estimate and skip count - we ended up getting some really close guesses! In writing, we have been writing friendly letters! We wrote letters to classmates, teachers, and Santa! I have sent the letters off to the North Pole for students and we hope to get a reply soon! A copy of your child's Santa letter went home in agendas. We have practiced creating a greeting, body, closing, and signature for our letters. We have even been experimenting with indenting paragraphs. We continued to do reading rotations as a class. Our centers are: number of the day, printing, word work game, partner read, computer read, independent read, flashlight read, and puzzles. We look forward to different activities depending on the day! In printing, we are focusing on attic, floor, and basement letters.

We just started our first social unit on Canada's Dynamic communities. We are learning about what a community is and throughout this year we will focus on three communities; Iqualuit, Saskatoon, and Meteghan. We are starting with characteristics of communities like language, culture, geography, transportation, and landscape.

In the gym, we had lots of fun with floor hockey and kickball. In health this past month we focused on Empathy. We learned that empathy is putting yourself in someone's shoes and learning their point of view. We learned the three steps to empathy; reading facial expressions and body language, asking them their point of view, and then saying or doing something kind. When we act on empathy, we show compassion!

In art we are using watercolours to make landscapes, such as our field of poppies and snowmen at night paintings. We are going to do lots of crafts for Christmas this month!

If you have any questions, please send me a message on Class Dojo, email me, or phone the school. I cannot wait for a wintry, fun-filled, and learning-packed December!



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. Our next unit will be patterns.

We started our new science unit on hearing and sound. Students are learning that sound is made through vibrations, it travels in waves, different sounds have different pitches and we need to protect our ears over the course of our lives. We will be working on this unit for the next couple of months.

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!



-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.

-Thanks to Miss Smith for joining our class from November 15 to December 15. We are having so much fun with her!

-Thank you to Mrs. Takeda for everything she does in the Grade 3 classroom!

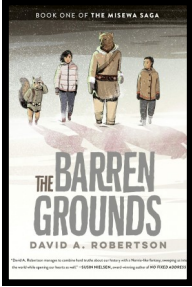
I wish you all a safe and healthy Christmas break!

Mrs. Gurr



Grade 4 News

The countdown to Winter Break is on!



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

- Student's wrapped up their realistic fiction stories and shared their work during the writing celebration. We have an awesome group of writers in our class!
- We began a new class novel called The Barren Grounds by Canadian author David Robertson
- In Math, we have been working on adding and subtracting numbers to 10 000. Also, identifying increasing/decreasing patterns and recording them in tables or graphs.
- We have continued our studies on the regions of Alberta. Ask your student what they know about the regions of Alberta!
- Took some time to reflect on Remembrance Day and created Art and posters to show our appreciation for those who have and continue to fight for our country.
- We have continued working our way through the "Second Step" lessons and began talking about how to deal with strong emotions, and what steps we can take to calm down.



Special Notes & Reminders:

- Thank you to PBHS for inviting us to participate in their school's Remembrance Day ceremony. It was an excellent opportunity to go for a walk across town and reflect on the importance of the day. It was also so fun and touching to see/hear our DDS Choir's Remembrance Day song.
- Thank you to the staff and Parent Council members for making our November school dance such a success! It was so much fun, and I am excited to plan and continue these types of events in the future!
- Continued thanks to the Grade 4 parents for their communication and support. I appreciated getting to meet some of you at parent-teacher conferences, and look forward to crossing paths with everyone over the next few weeks with our holiday events.



**Thanks so much,
Miss Mastel**



Grade Five 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 almost completed our realistic fiction stories inspired by true moments from our lives. The class learned about planning the arc of the story with an emphasis on the heart of the story, as well as believable characters and settings. We worked on writing different leads and endings to our stories in order to make them more powerful. Throughout this unit we learned about 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.

Moving into December we will complete our study of decimals by adding and subtracting decimals to the thousandths place. There's a fun song we use to remember the trick for adding and subtracting decimals that says, "line up the dot, and give it all you've got" - which is just a playful way to remember the importance of place value in operations. We'll be reviewing basic addition and subtraction skills before moving into decimals. We will also continue with our daily number talks focusing on looking for patterns, similarities, and differences between four different numbers or images.

Notes:

- A big thank you to Miss Wiebe 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 .

Shantel Mohrmann

Grade 6 News

December already!? Students have had a busy fall! Our November Snowflake Dance was a fun filled event. Students also enjoyed the chance to participate in the TREX art workshop with artist Joel Warkentin. We continue to partner with Picture Butte High School, and attended their Remembrance Day ceremony and their 1A Girls' Volleyball Provincials opening ceremonies. A number of our students volunteered as helpers during the Provincials and really enjoyed their leadership experience.



In **Language Arts**, students are beginning an essay unit and will experiment with writing biographies. We will be researching the life and accomplishments of famous primatologist and anthropologist, Jane Goodall. As students learn to write a biography as a class, they will then individually select a brilliant, inspiring and renowned person upon which to base their second biographical essay.

In **Mathematics**, we are seeing many students who are growing in mental math during our Number Talk segments. In our current Number Sense unit, students are working to master long division, prime factorization and exponent usage.

In **Science**, we will begin our Air & Aerodynamics unit in the next week or so. Students will learn about the properties of air and the interactions of air with objects in flight. Concepts such as air taking up space, Bernoulli's Principle, and air fluidity, pressure and drag. Students will be participating in a number of hands-on experiments, and will design a parachute.



In **Social Studies**, students continue to discuss the Canadian judicial system, the rule of law, levels of government, collective rights, and democratic participation.

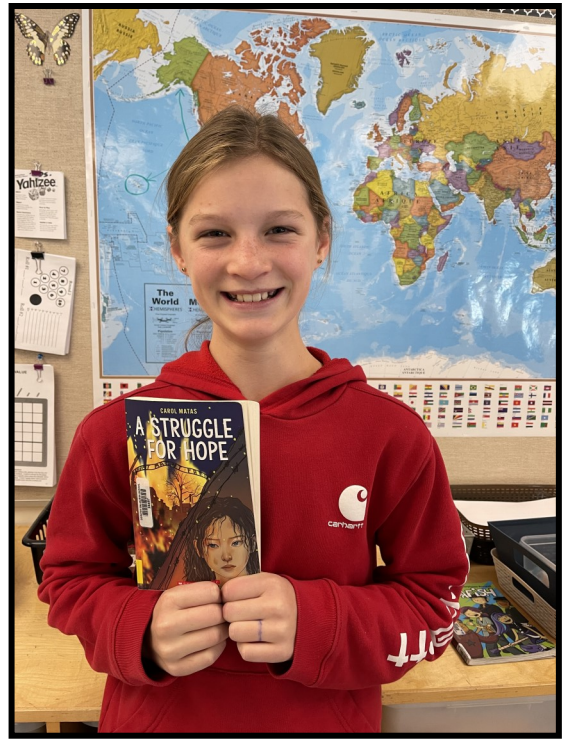
Please double check your child's winter gear. A number of students are not dressing for the weather making recess unpleasant for some. Coats, toques, scarves, mitts, snow pants and boots are required.

- *Encourage your child to read at home for 30 minutes every evening:)*
- *If you haven't already joined Remind, jump on this app for updates. Use the following link: rmd.at/68kg2a*

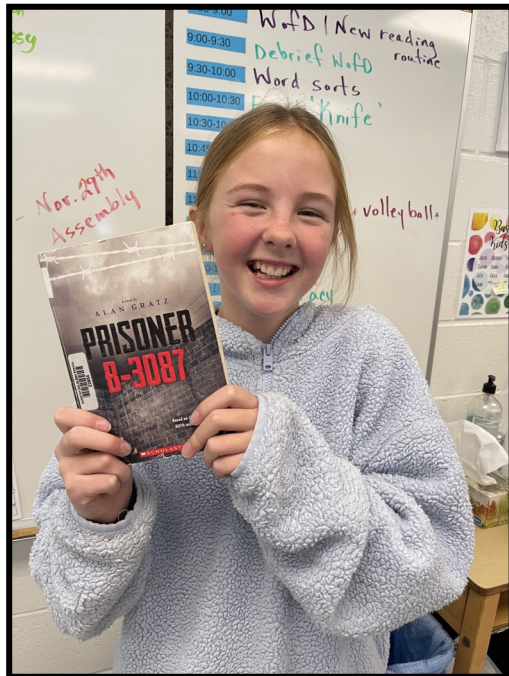
"They say that there can never be two snowflakes that are exactly alike, but has anyone checked lately?" – Terry Pratchett

Ms. Milne





Grade 6



Picture Butte Youth Drop-In Centre

WHO?

Ages 7-12 / 3:30 PM - 5:00 PM

Ages 13-18 / 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM



WHERE?

Picture Butte
Community Centre

WHEN?

Every first and third Thursday

- October 6 & 20
- November 3 & 17
- December 15

Absolutly **FREE** for youth to attend

Contact Trinity for more information
(403) 394-8101 or trinity.walker@fcss.ca



Hello DDS Families!

This Holiday Season Dorothy Dalglish School will be hosting a food drive with a fun twist for students. Students are encouraged to bring in non-perishable food items to their classrooms starting on Monday, November 28th through to Monday, December 12th.

Starting on December 12th, each class will use the food items they have collected to build a structure or sculpture. We will have special judges from Central Office in to judge the structures on Thursday, December 15th. The winning class will be announced on Friday, December 16th! The class that built the winning structure as well as the class that collects the most items will both win a class prize!

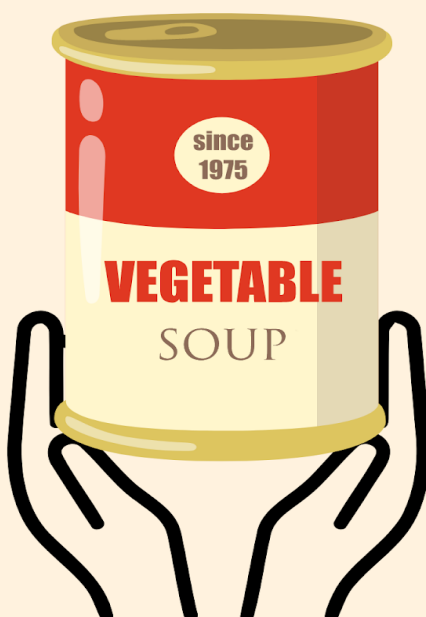
The items collected during this food drive will go to families in need during this holiday season and to the North County Interfaith Food Bank.

If you have any questions, please contact your child's classroom teacher or the school office at 403-732-5636.

DOROTHY DALGLIESH SCHOOL

FOOD DRIVE

THE GIFT OF GIVING



**EACH CLASS WILL
BE COLLECTING
FOOD DONATIONS
FROM
NOV.28 - DEC. 12**

**UNEXPIRED & NON-
PERISHABLE FOOD ONLY**

Each class will get a chance to build a structure out of their collected items for a chance to win a class prize!

Collected items to be donated to the North County
Interfaith Food Bank

Hello DDS Families!

This Holiday Season Dorothy Dalgliesh School will be hosting a Holiday Bake Sale on Tuesday, December 6th.

We are asking parents to donate baking to the school either on Monday, December 5th or the morning of Tuesday, December 6th. If you would like to donate some baking, please either contact the school office or let your child's classroom teacher know.










The prices for items will be 2 for \$1 for smaller items, and \$1 each for large items.

All proceeds raised from the Bake Sale will go towards purchasing wishlist items for the residents at Piyami Lodge and Piyami Place. Items will be placed in their Christmas stockings by the Green Acres Activity Coordinator.

If you have any questions, please contact the school office at 403-732-5636.



DECEMBER

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p>Welcome to DDS' 12 Days of Holiday Spirit! 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 mood! You can participate in one of them, some of them, or all of them—just have fun with it and be creative!</p>			<p>8 - Wear your crazy holiday socks over your pants legs so we can see them!</p> 	<p>9 - Wear a winter or holiday hat!</p> 
<p>12 - You're a mean one, Mr. Grinch! Dress like your favorite <u>Grinch</u> character, or wear toxic green!</p> 	<p>13 - Rockin Around the Christmas Tree: Decorate yourself like a Christmas tree!</p> 	<p>14 - "Santa! I know him!" Dress like an elf!</p> 	<p>15 - Rudolph Red: wear as much red as you can, reindeer antlers, and/or a rudolph nose!</p> 	<p>16 - Wear your winter scarves!</p> 
<p>19 - Dress like a beautifully wrapped present!</p> 	<p>20 - Formal Day: dress in your holiday best!</p> 	<p>21 - Winter Wonderland: wear white and blue</p> 	<p>22 - "Ugly" holiday sweater party!...at school</p> 	<p>23 - Cozy pajama day!</p> 